

Spokane Transportation Commission - Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Hybrid Meeting in City Hall Council Chambers & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Transportation Commission Workshop called to order at 4:00 pm by President Grant Shipley

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Transportation Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- None

Liaison Comments:

- Community Assembly (written comment submitted by Clifford Winger as follows):

“The first comment is the lack of (proper?) ADA curb ramps. (This issue is city-wide.) A person commented about dangerous curb ramps at Jackson and Hamilton. The question is how a neighborhood can ask for the replacement via the Transportation Commission? (That is when there is not a G&O or other major project that would trigger ADA upgrades and is not a "traffic-calming" project.)

Secondly, the Division TOD and BRT needs to make this corridor a safe passage for pedestrians and micromobility. Currently, Division is not safe for micromobility and is not pedestrian friendly. Does Complete Streets ordinance mandate safety upgrades from the river to the Y for these projects? If not, how can Division St. be made safe?

There was a third comment by a citizen that Portland cement concrete may not be environmentally friendly. Has the City considered the environmental impacts of our paving materials? (CM Klitzke is working on improving sidewalks in Spokane, so this is a timely question.)”

Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:

- Board Members Present: President Grant Shipley, Vice President Rhonda Young, Raychel Callary, Joni Harris, Kaylee Jackman, Lauren Pangborn, Mike Bjordahl, Dylan Jouliot
- Board Members Not Present: None
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Non-Voting Members Present: DSP/Downtown PBIA, STA, SRTC, SRHD, NEPDA, S3R3 Solutions, Plan Commission, Community Assembly
- Non-Voting Members Not present: WSDOT, PBIA East Sprague/East Sprague Parking & Business Improvement Area, U District, SPS
- Staff Members Present: Angie McCall, Emily King, Jon Snyder, Clint Harris, Eldon Brown, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Inga Note, Kevin Picanco, Trey George, Nicole White, Brian Brisendine, Kirstin Davis, Marlene Feist, Abbey Martin, Tim Fischer

Minutes: Minutes from 5/21/2025 were approved unanimously with one minor clerical correction.

Briefing Session:

- Commission President Report - Grant Shipley

- Grant shared that all of the commissioners received a list of streets to evaluate and bring thoughts and recommendations to the August meeting. This workshop will be coming up later in the meeting and more will be discussed at that time.
- **Secretary Report - Jon Snyder**
 - Jon had a couple things to discuss:
 - The Complete Streets Ordinance (which was your first hearing item as a newly formed commission) was forwarded to the Plan Commission with your recommended changes, and they approved it unanimously. It has already been briefed at the P.I.E.S. (Public Infrastructure Environment & Sustainability) committee so the next stop is the advanced agenda and then final agenda to go to City Council. There is going to be a skipped council meeting in July, so council's first opportunity to consider this item will likely be in mid-July. When he knows when council finalizes that agenda, he will make sure to let the commission know in case anyone is interested in testifying.
 - He also mentioned that each commissioner received Community Assembly liaison comments in their city email. The liaisons have the opportunity to submit written reports or make an oral report to these meetings. Cliff Winger (CA liaison) felt that it was better to submit a written report this time. He (Jon) wanted to make it clear to the other organization liaisons that they always have this opportunity available to them. They can request time to give an oral report at the meeting itself or give some sort of written comments. Both of these can be accomplished by contacting Jon.
 - The meeting in July will be cancelled as the [Washington State Transportation Commission](#) is using Council Chambers for two days during the TC's regularly scheduled meeting time. Also, during that same time frame the Washington State Transportation Safety Commission will be having its statewide [Traffic Safety Summit](#) at the Convention Center. If anyone is interested in attending the safety summit, the cost is \$150 although Jon would be willing to look into whether he could obtain some sort of discount for the commissioners.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

Workshop(s):

- Sharp Avenue Permeable Pavement
 - Presentation provided by staff member Trey George.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- TBD (Transportation Benefit District) Residential Streets 2026 Project List
 - Presentation provided by staff member Clint Harris.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - There was a time of dividing up the Transportation Commissioners into groups by district to go out and look at the streets slated on the current project list. The commissioners are to bring back their thoughts and recommendations to the August meeting. If they have any suggested changes it was recommended to them to make sure and attempt to find similarly priced projects by district (preferably). The project allotment per district is approximately \$750,000. If they want, they also can take pictures and/or video to present at the August meeting.
 - District 1: Joni Harris, Mike Bjordahl, Rhonda Young
 - District 2: Dylan Jouliot, Grant Shipley
 - District 3: Raychel Callary, Kaylee Jackman, Lauren Pangborn
- 2025 Adaptive Projects & Safe Streets for Spokane Project List
 - Presentation provided by staff member Inga Note.
 - Questions asked and answered.

- Discussion ensued.
- Bicycle Master Plan Amendment
 - Presentation provided by staff member Colin Quinn-Hurst.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Introduction to Street and Public Right-of-Way Vacation Request Process
 - Presentation provided by staff member Eldon Brown.
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:56 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting on July 16, 2025, has been **CANCELLED**.