

## **October 2018 SRTMC Ops Board Agenda**

Date: October 23, 2018

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

WSDOT – Eastern Region HQ

Whitman County Conference Room

2714 N Mayfair St., Spokane, WA 99207

Call to Order

Roll Call/Record of Attendance

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

- Approval of:
  - a) SRTMC expenses to include grant and partner funds
  - b) SRTMC activity reports
  - c) September meeting minutes

Normal Business

- Status of IT work - 10Minutes-Ryan/Steve
- Operations Update - 10Minutes-Mike

New Business

- Why SRTMC Should Sponsor a Regional Operations Forum – 20 Minutes-Mike
- Regional ITS Architecture Pre-Workshop – 20 Minutes-Becky-All
- Agenda for November Executive Meeting – 20 Minutes-Becky-All

Agency Updates

- 10 minutes – All

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Meeting was called to order at 1304

Roll Call/Record of Attendance: Steve Milatz, Ryan Kipp, Fred Nelson, Sabrina Minshall, Ryan Medenwaldt, Nate Thompson, Ken Knutson, Mike Kress, Glenn Wagemann, Katie Kempel, and Becky Spangle

**Public comment was called for. There was no one in attendance. No public comment.**

### **Consent Agenda**

**a) Approval of SRTMC expenses to include grant and partner funds**

**b) Approval of SRTMC activity reports**

**c) Approval of September meeting minutes**

A motion to approve was made by Glenn, seconded by Nate. No discussion, unanimous approval. Motion carries.

### **Old Business**

- **Status of IT Work**

Steve has continued working with Parsons on OAT issues. He mentioned they are close to closing, the traffic signal integration still needs to be completed and Parsons has sent out an invoice for payment of the original OAT. Steve has also been working with the WSDOT Signals crew on equipment for the ramp meter. Steve, Ryan M, Becky, and Mike; along with the Signal Shop Supervisor and Technician, traveled to Seattle to visit different TMCs' to view their mode of operations and equipment. After viewing SDOT's models, Ryan M has been doing investigative work to see what can be incorporated into our region, but will need to further investigate hardware options. Ryan M has been working on ramp meter servers and is looking into the software that NW TMC uses and how it could work with our current system. He has also been working on issues with video streaming on the TMC's webpage. Fred asked if anything stood out when visiting the other TMC's. Steve shared that they were uncertain if they could continue to provide live streaming to the public due to capacity concerns but have discovered that Seattle has found a way, which would mean that it is possible.

- **Operations Update**

Mike spent time coordinating camera operation with the Secret Service for the Vice President's visit last month. Ryan M assisted to black out all camera viewing by the public and media to conceal the route with exception for viewing capability by the SRTMC, WSDOT and STA. Mike received a letter from the State Patrol for SRTMC, IRT and Maintenances' work in clearing and closing the roadways for the Vice President's visit. He also scheduled and arranged travel to the West Side to visit the TMCs' and King County Transit Control Center.

They visited SDOT, who has figured out solutions to some of the same challenges that the SRTMC is facing. Mike taught one TIM class since last month and has two more scheduled. He mentioned already seeing improvement due to TIM training with a recent accident on I-90 in Spokane Valley. They interviewed candidates for the open operator position and selected Cheryl Lee, who previously worked at a TMC in another region. Mike has begun winter preparations for SRTMC road reports and radio operations and has been communicating with maintenance on options.

## **New Business**

- **Why SRTMC should sponsor a Regional Operations Forum**

Mike touched on attending the Operations Academy last year, where he met a Caltrans employee who had coordinated in a 5-day mini training on operations. Mike is interested in bringing a mini operations academy for managers and leaders to focus on TSMO Strategies and what techniques can be used to improve and maximize operation of transportation systems. It was mentioned that The University in Maryland has a two week intensive course for individuals as well as some online courses on TSMO. Becky added it is also helpful in explaining to the executives to get them a better understanding. Glenn and Sabrina discussed making a few hours for the executives to bring someone in for a similar short training. Glenn suggested getting a meeting with Stacy from SRTC to coordinate. Mike reached out to the consultant that Caltrans hired and created an agenda/menu on a 2 day course. The cost is more than expected, so the group discussed partnering with a few agencies to fund the effort.

- **Regional ITS Architecture Pre-Workshop**

Becky confirmed the date for the workshop for October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 and is hoping all, or someone from each agency can attend. She provided a list of items for the workshop, has sent some revised documents, the previous list of projects as well as the rewritten executive summary to help prepare for the workshop. She explained the workshop will be to capture the reason for why it is required, why it is needed, what it will provide and why it needs to be updated. Becky would like to re-look at the vision/ mission statements and possibly update the objectives. She has also listed the federal requirements for an ITS architecture plan, adding that the old plan does have all of the elements already, they just need to be updated. Becky requested to have updated ITS project lists from each agency by the workshop. Ken asked what the expected outcome is. The response is for all agencies to be on the same page for where we want the ITS to be for the next ten years and what we want to accomplish as a region.

- **Agenda for November Executive Meeting**

The Executive meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. It has been suggested to have the meeting at STA and possibly provide a small tour. The goal will be to have the 2019 work plan and budget completed for executive approval at least one week prior to the meeting. Becky will update and send out to the board members prior to the meeting in November. She mentioned we will most likely not have the ITS and Implementation plan out for approval, but will provide a brief status update and plans of where we are going. We will discuss the collection of partner funds of 15k and request for additional funds to be discussed at a later date. Will need to have a discussion as far as increase of funds to be requested in 2020 or

2021.

### **Agency Updates**

- **WSDOT**- We are 1 year from Amazon opening at which time the on-ramp will need to be metered and will require US2 to be metered as well. Construction of the ramp meter on US195 should be complete in November but the signal will stay dark for 30 days while collecting data. The US 195 ramp meter will most likely be turned on in Spring of 2019.
- **Spokane County** – Continuing current work on Bigelow Gulch and Amazon project.
- **SRTC**- Will be conducting two major corridor studies starting in January. They have partnered with WSDOT, STA and City of Spokane to complete the studies.
- **COSV**- Hired a consultant for the Argonne corridor study and has a baseline completed to present. A meeting is scheduled Thursday, October 25th with WSDOT on the models. Also finishing construction and getting data collection done before winter.
- **COS**- Ken traveled to Knoxville for a conference on video detection which was found to be very helpful. Attended a couple cyber security sessions and learned that a company runs for a week on their backup and is something to look into. They currently have an intersection running Gridsmart, which has streaming video capability and have acquired a test license to run through the end of the year which for SRTMC may be able to test if interested. Ken touched on 5G and how that would work for autonomous vehicles.
- **STA**- Working on Monroe/ Regal corridor, on massive service change. Three major transit centers being built next year and currently working to complete the new center before winter.

### **Future Agenda Items**

#### **Adjournment**

Adjourned 1502