



SRTMC OPERATING BOARD MEETING NOTIFICATION

WHEN: Wednesday, March 17, 2020

TIME: 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

February Meeting Minutes

February Activity Reports

February Expenditure Summaries

OPERATING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Call to Order:** 2:30 PM
- 2) **Roll Call / Record of Attendance:** Frank Bezemer (STA), Kathleen Weinand (STA), Jeremy Clark (CoSV), Ryan Kipp (CoSV), Ken Knutson (CoS), Nate Thompson (County), Harley Dobson (County), Ryan Medenwaldt (SRTMC), Steve Milatz (SRTMC), Becky Spangle (SRTMC), Mike Kress (SRTMC), Eve McMenemy (SRTC).
- 3) **Action – Consent Agenda**
 - a) February meeting Minutes
 - b) February Activity Reports
 - c) February Expenditures

Motion to Approve Action items 3a-3c made by Frank Bezemer, seconded by Eve McMenemy. Vote unanimous, carried.

- 4) **SRTMC Staff Updates**

- a) **IT Update** **10 Minutes – Steve & Ryan**

Steve restored a server and its respective services after a critical hardware failure occurred. He worked on deploying a software upgrade for the central traffic signal software. Steve spent time on removal of legacy monitor equipment and replacement at the WSDOT Traffic Office. He worked with the City of Spokane Network team on a new firewall installation effort which modified existing network routing and access to City ITS devices by SRTMC. Steve assisted WSDOT traffic

engineers on coordinating access to ramp meter data in preparation of new systems coming online. He also worked on the final requirements to decommission a legacy domain controller. Lastly, Steve is coordinating with WSP tech support on a new CAD client install for a replacement PC.

Ryan completed an updated configuration of video decoder hardware to move all partner agency CCTV streams to the SRTMC's internal video server to reduce direct camera connections. Ryan is looking into a web player replacement for the SRTMC as the existing player is considered legacy and exhibiting problems with some newer browser versions. Ryan created some new ATMS tickets related to the migration to the Chrome browser. Lastly, Ryan worked on testing and implementing video software for the traffic office to replace the legacy equipment.

The SRTMC has also increased their bandwidth in hopes that this will improve connectivity to the SRTMC website and camera feeds.

b) Operations Update 10 Minutes – Mike

Mike has been out of the office due to a family emergency but continued to help on coordinating information with the TMC and agency counterparts. Mike has been in contact with the building facilities and has been working to assist with re-locating TMC assets into the conference room in preparation for new clients move in date. Mike has been involved in several pre-construction meetings coordinated from WSDOT HQ. Summer will have a bi-annual review of existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) by TMC operators to ensure information is up to date and accurate. Mike has been participating in Pathfinder meetings to coordinate winter weather advisory warnings and associated PSA messaging. Mike has also been assisting with TMC operations shift coverage and has attended meetings for the WSDOT radio replacement committee which is in process of converting to a new digital radio system. Mike worked with Becky to provide Operations incident data which was presented during the Executive Board meeting.

5) Information & Discussion

a) Executive Board Meeting Recap 45 Minutes

(1) Promotional Video Thoughts

Ryan Overton had a cumulative total of 6 hours of footage recorded and hopes to have a draft back to Becky within the next two weeks. Becky hopes to share the video at the next board meeting. The Executive board requested Becky to coordinate with Ryan Overton to connect with the Public Information Officers (PIO) from each respective partner agency to discuss how social media can be utilized to benefit the partnership.

(2) SRTMC Operations Data

As a part of the Executive meeting, Becky presented historical background information related to the forming of the partnership which was largely based on information found in the original inter-local agreement. The document helped describe that one of the major driving factors was tied to new federal grant opportunities made available to the region. This agreement and formation of the SRTMC has led to the extensive infrastructure development across the region and various systems now made possible through this effort. The board believes that through the partnership the SRTMC will continue to grow and improve its capabilities as the agency looks to expand beyond the goals since its inception.

(3) **Spokane Traffic Data**

As a part of the Executive meeting packet, Becky provided a breakdown of TMC recorded events to reflect the busiest operating times categorized by various categories. The data suggested the morning commute hours and winter months had the highest hours recorded, but there was still a significant spread of events throughout the remaining hours of the day. As a part of this, Becky also presented the past year's traffic volumes with its lowest recorded level at the beginning of April 2020. Volumes peaked by the end of August 2020 and returned to more consistent pre-COVID-19 volumes by early March 2021. The data also suggested that peak times have extended from 10AM – 2PM, to 10AM-5PM.

b) **Future Expectations**

10 Minutes

The board desires to create a dashboard using SRTMC data to be made available to the public to help with the Board's decision-making process. Due to recent hardware failures, new ATMS servers and the SRTMC website will be included in the equipment replacement project. Becky recapped that the Federal grant application for funding was not awarded, but \$60K still remains in partner funds. All of 2021 partner dues have been received bringing the current partner funds total to \$120K. As a part of the discussion, Becky asked members of the board to consider how well the SRTMC is meeting current goals, and consideration of any areas for growth to meet future regional operational needs. Eve suggested review the TSMO strategies discussed as a part of the TSMO Program Plan Committee. These strategies contain a statewide and federal view of potential action plans that could be implemented for the region. Frank suggested incorporating feedback that will be received as a part of the marketing campaign to help drive this effort.

6) **Agency Updates**

WSDOT - Activation for new ramp meters begins April 13th. WSDOT's PIO Ryan Overton has sent out initial information via Twitter to notify the public. He is preparing a graphic with bulleted information as well as a video demonstration of how each ramp meter will operate. The ramp meters will be activated in the following phased approach: April 13th - EB Walnut and EB Monroe, April 14th - EB Division, April 15th - EB Hamilton, April 21st - WB Division. The meters will run on a set schedule initially for the first week, and then will be run in adaptive mode starting the week after. When in adaptive mode, the meters will only activate when a specific volume threshold is met.

CoSV – Getting prepared for their construction season. The following locations will be affected: Evergreen Rd - Sprague to Broadway which will revise the traffic signal and add new ITS conduit. Mullan Rd - Broadway to Mission will add a new traffic signal. Argonne / Montgomery will eliminate the split phase for East and West. Additionally, a Sullivan Rd bridge project will affect oversized loads as the lanes will be narrowed to 11-12ft. The Valley will be adding new MioVision devices on Sullivan Rd from Sprague to I-90.

CoS – The City has been in contact with Police and Fire depts and trying to gather data to help address complaints concerning blocked railroad crossings exceeding 15 minute intervals. The issue stems from train assembly operations exceeding limited yard space.

County – Continuing construction on the Geiger project and coordinating with WSDOT on Interchange project at Grove Rd which will be closed. Additional funding has been allocated to public works and the County is putting together a list of new projects including: Repaving 57th Ave between Perry and Regal, repaving Appleway Rd east of Liberty Lake.

SRTC – US-195 / I-90 project packages being released to the public including a \$30 million - \$60 million option to add more local access streets in the area. The SRTC Board

approved funding for CoSV's Pines and Mission Project, and the Bigelow Gulch #6 has been allocated funding. CoS was awarded funding for their Discroll sidewalk project.

STA – A draft recommendation has been completed for upcoming service route changes. This will occur next year coinciding the opening of the Spokane City Line. Several service changes will impact the northeast Spokane area. More information can be found at <https://Spokanetransit.com/input>. STA is reviewing a new software platform which now can provide transit trip information. They are seeking if there is any interest in pursuing funding to acquire licenses for use by the partnership. STA had a press release on testing the new electric bus fleet as well as installation of new charging stations at various Park and Ride locations. The new electric fleet will go live with the City Line in May 2022.

7) **Future Agenda Items**

- a) Adaptive Ramp Meter Presentation
- b) Training for iPeMS

8) **Adjournment:** 4:00 PM