
SRTMC OPERATING BOARD MEETING NOTIFICATION

WHEN: Wednesday, July 20, 2022

TIME: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WHERE: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

May 2022 Meeting Minutes
May and June 2022 Activity Reports
May and June 2022 Expenditure Summaries

OPERATING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Call to Order:** 1:03 PM
- 2) **Roll Call / Record of Attendance:** Mike Hynes (STA), Ken Knutson (CoS), Harley Dobson (County), Nate Thompson (County), Ryan Kipp (CoSV), Glen Wagemann (WSDOT), Eve McMenamy (SRTC), Mike Kress (SRTMC), Steve Milatz (SRTMC).
- 3) **Public Comments:** No public comments were made.
- 4) **Action – Consent Agenda**
 - a) May 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - b) May/June 2022 Activity Reports
 - c) May/June 2022 Expenditure Summaries

Vote to approve action items 4a-4c tabled until August board meeting.

5) **SRTMC Staff Updates**

- a) IT Update - Steve/Ryan

Ryan will be on leave for a cumulative total of 12 weeks. He will temporarily return to work in the mid-August timeframe.

Steve discussed working with the vendor and Valley IT staff to identify effective ATSPM portal options that allow corridor viewing and license management for partner agencies. He also discussed work at the SRTMC including completion of a laptop enclosure, switch port cleanup, TMC relocation and communication hub building location and equipment, SRTMC 20th Anniversary video, and central server upgrade for the highway advisory radio system.

b) Operations Update – Mike

Dave Adams, the current TMC supervisor, retired on July 15. Mike will assist with filling the position and provide an update once more information becomes available. In addition, Mike is helping lead the SRTMC website upgrade and TMC relocation project. The TMC remodel layout was distributed to the TMC staff to incorporate any feedback and finalize the draft. Glenn and Mike shared a video link to the 20 year celebration of the SRTMC.

6) **Information & Discussion**

a) TMC Relocation – Funding was advanced; discuss rough timeline, and preliminary plan layout (Mike K./Glenn)

Mike and Steve have been lending support as part of the TMC relocation project to ensure operational and IT infrastructure needs are met. The 2023-2025 funding has officially been advanced and will now be available for spending, and 2025-2027 funds will be available starting July 1st 2023 for a grand total of \$1.4M. This funding was supplied as a part of WSDOT discretionary funds. Glenn and Mike discussed with the board some of the layout details of the most current draft. One of the largest improves is the new facility will have a higher ceiling allowing for a larger and more visible video wall for future expansion. The new building will be located in an existing facility on the WSDOT ER HQ campus currently used to house P.E. equipment storage. As a part of the project effort, the existing fiber optic infrastructure will need to be relocated from the current TMC location (Intermodal center). The currently proposal is to build a separate communication building as part of the NSC project. The existing TMC lease expires December 2022 and can be extended up to 2 years month-by-month (2024).

- b) Glenn discussed with the board a new product advertised by Iteris (PeMS) ClearGuide. This uses 3rd party probe data and can provide speed and occupancy and travel times; volumes currently not supported but is in development. This platform allows route creation and arterial data reports without the need of on-site sensor installations as is the case with other products currently in use by the SRTMC such as Acyclica, and PeMS. Discussed how this data platform may be useful to the partnership and whether investment in the product would be a worthwhile venture. Eve mentioned the ITS project implementation plan and that SRTC has a congestion management process to identify congestion corridors and would be seeking a data platform to analyze travel time data, travel time index, delay data, etc. A system like Clear Guide could be one potential solution to help fill this need, as well as provide other opportunities such as a means for the TMC to provide travel times to the public to make an informed decision when considering detours. Glenn will pursue hosting a discussion with the vendor at the August board meeting. The partnership thought there could be added benefit, but would like to discuss with their planning departments, as well as request a coverage map to ensure it would be an added benefit for each agency. Glenn asked each board member to come prepared with questions for the discussion. Glenn mentioned that Seattle DOT recently went through a process and chose ClearGuide to be their vendor. As an after action, Steve provided a web link for Seattle DoT's installation (<https://sdot.iteris-clearguide.com>) where staff can request an account and get an overview of the platform's capabilities. Eve mentioned that SRTMC board had developed a short-term priority list for 2019-2021 that included regional transportation data collection and automated traffic signal performance measure and detection enhancements. She said that in 2014 they were able to use INRX data for their congestion management process



for identified corridors and that but that they do not currently have access to that data to make updates and something like this application can be very useful.

7) **Agency Updates**

SRTC – data project ongoing, received the 1.9K household survey responses which will be used for updating transportation models. Ongoing transportation discussion series with upcoming transportation technology which members of the board are encouraged to attend. The meeting will discuss some of the recent success stories in the region such as WSDOT ramp metering, and CoSV’s traffic controller corridor improvements.

CoSV – Completed training for new central signal software, system migration scheduled to be finished by next week. Working through construction projects Sprague / Barker, Sullivan / Wellesley. Havana / Fancher project starting next week, Sprague Ave will be down to one lane each direction for a few weeks.

County – New County Engineer hired and will start in September. Continuing the Bigelow Gulch 6 project and working on the CoSV traffic signal at Wellesley / Sullivan.

STA – Hired a new Principal Liner Service Development taking over for Kathleen Weinand and will likely become the new STA alternate.

WSDOT - Ongoing WSDOT HQ Energy Conservation Project which will remove continuous lighting in certain locations. This will take effect in Spokane through removal of luminaires along I-90 between Sunset Hill (US-2) to US-195 in the EB direction. Glenn still working on SRTMC Manager position, recently hired Ken Knutson as the new WSDOT Traffic Engineer for Operations and begins on August 1st. Preliminary ramp meter data reflects a ~60% reduction in collisions at I-90 / Walnut EB on ramp. Glenn hopes to provide more ramp meter along the corridor and more data becomes available.

CoS – Ken will discuss with the traffic director on seeking a replacement for SRTMC Board positions. The city has continued to have meetings with the railroad companies to try and mitigate ongoing traffic issues Freya, Havana, and Sprague crossings.

8) **Future Agenda Items**

- Discussion on chair rotation with Ken Knutson’s recent position change.
- July consent agenda (for May/June funds/activities) tabled until August meeting.

9) **Adjournment:** 2:33 PM, motioned by Harley Dobson, seconded by Ryan Kipp. Vote unanimous, carried.