



SRTMC OPERATING BOARD MEETING NOTIFICATION

WHEN: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

TIME: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WHERE: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

February 2023 Meeting Minutes

February 2023 Activity Reports

February 2023 Expenditure Summaries

OPERATING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Call to Order:** 1:02 PM
- 2) **Roll Call / Record of Attendance:** Nate Thompson (County), Harley Dobson (County), Glenn Wagemann (WSDOT), Jeremy Clark (CoSV), Ryan Kipp (CoSV), Gerald Okihara (CoS), David Fletcher (SRTC), Steve Milatz (SRTMC), Mike Kress (SRTMC), Ryan Medenwaldt (SRTMC).

3) **Public Comments:** No public comments.

4) **Action – Consent Agenda**

- a) February 2022 Meeting Minutes
- b) February 2022 Activity Reports
- c) February 2022 Expenditure Summaries

Motion to approve 4a made by Jeremy seconded by Harley. Vote unanimous, carried. Jeremy asked if partner funds have been issued for the year. Steve worked with Ken to update the letters which are being processed and likely to be sent within the next week. Motion to approve 4b-4c made by Jeremy, seconded by Gerald. Vote unanimous, carried.

5) **SRTMC Staff Updates**

- a) IT Update - Steve/Ryan

Steve coordinated and hosted a tour with City of Spokane Valley's IT Manager to discuss SRTMC operations systems and infrastructure. He worked on configuring switches for new Geiger ramp meter equipment. Provided power and heat distribution loads to WSDOT facilities and contractor to calculate loads for TMC relocation project. Worked with WSDOT financial and program management to move and allocate 2022 partner fund collections to be available for work order



expenditures. Coordinated with City of Spokane IT staff to route fiber optic cable into TMC equipment room. Worked with vendors on licensing purchases and renewals for central signal server software and video management software. Discussion with WSDOT facilities and IT to discuss network and infrastructure needs for new TMC building.

Ryan has been working with WSDOT signal technicians to test ATMS compatibility with a full color and graphic capable VMS demo unit. Currently, color and graphics is not supported in their ATMS which the TMC wants to pursue adding support. He has also been working on the existing SRTMC web server migration which would require a re-write of source code. He has made feature request changes with the ATMS vendor following migrating to WSDOT network to make certain system features such as wiper control more accessible for operations staff.

b) Operations Update – Mike

Mike has been coordinating with Radio support staff to make adjustments to the radio consoles to improve operations workflow. He helped resolve emergency beacon related issues when emergency alarms are issued outside of the region. Mike provided Radio training for the new EoC manager and assisted with re-programming the console to better serve EoC personnel needs. In February, there was a demolition of the I-90 Pedestrian Bridge near Regal St. Involved 2 complete closures of I-90 in both directions taking place on Saturday nights. Mike was involved in the planning process to coordinate between the TMC and the project office. Mike is working on scheduling TIM classes in the spring. Five agencies are currently interested including Fire district's 10, 11, 4, Cheney, and the Spokane County Sheriff Office. The TMC has been in contact with National Weather Service for coordinating pre-warning messages for weather conditions the past month. He is continuing to train the new TMC supervisor as he settles in his new role. Mike has been involved in the TMC relocation project – the layout now finalized, conducted walkthrough with contractor. Worked on providing input for website upgrade project. Attended first statewide TMC managers meeting in 3 ½ years. This included a tour of Southwest Region TMC. He Will be conducting interviews for part-time Operator position.

6) **Information & Discussion**

a) TMC Relocation update

Glenn mentioned that minor changes to layout were made, currently experiencing a delay with PE storage building on RO campus. WSDOT facilities is actively working on obtaining permit, but a contractor has been selected and ready to start work on the new storage facility.

b) Analytic software feedback

(1) Iteris ClearGuide

Trial will be available through March 31st. Nate reviewed the software which appeared to include data such as Speed, Travel Times, historical data, but he was hoping to find estimated volumes for their agency's needs. SRTC planners would like more historical and trend data which the platform seems to only go back to May 2022. They also would like to utilize Origin and Destination data. Glenn believes the lack of historical data may be partly due to limitations of what is made available in the demo.

(2) INRIX analytics



Glenn mentioned that a data sharing agreement must be signed before users (the agency) will be granted access. Origin and Destination currently not available for the demo as it has not been processed for the Spokane area. O&D Sample data is planned to be provided for an alternate City for demonstration purposes. No Board members have been able to access the platform yet. Only Roadway and Trip analytics will be made available as part of the demonstration. Glenn will follow up with Inrex Support to try to extend the demo window due to staff's limited time and complications accessing the platform.

c) Flock system/video distribution

Discussion regarding Flock devices installed throughout some of the agency jurisdictions and spoke to some of the device's capabilities. There are some agreements in place between WSP and WSDOT, but WSDOT is only permitting mounting on right of way. WSDOT does/will not be involved with device usage or data storage. Recently, the TMC had been requested to grant County's Sheriff Office to access traffic camera feeds for the flock system as part of their new operations center being built. Flock's usage of the video feeds saturated the TMC's network capability so access needed to be temporarily blocked so that the SRTMC website will continue to function as expected. Discussions surrounding usage of the feeds will go to the Attorney General's office for further review. At a minimum, the access method will need to be evaluated as the TMC is not currently in a position to provide uninterrupted streaming based on current network limitations. There was also some concerns surrounding usage of the streams when considering funding source of fiber optic cable from transportation (gas tax) dollars. Ultimately, if there is directive to proceed with providing access, Glenn believes the requesting party would be responsible to provide funding instead of SRTMC funds.

d) Agency updates

CoSV – Sullivan south of Sprague to 8th Ave project has gone out to bid. There will be modifications made to the Sullivan signal as well as an additional CCTV added at 4th. The Valley is working with their Parks Department and Sheriff's Office to identify strategic locations where additional CCTV locations can be added. They are seeking a replacement assistant traffic engineer. The position will remain open until filled.

CoS – construction season starting. Coordinating with TMC to schedule pre-warning messaging on VMS related to construction on TJ Menoch as well as Market and Haven at Wellesley. They are seeking to fill two engineer positions.

SRTC – Starting work on congestion management process. The process seeks cost effective solutions to manage and address congestion issues on regionally significant roadway networks.

WSDOT – No updates provided.

County – Bigelow Gulch project going out to bid this week. Signal lead technician will be retiring and the position will be vacant next month. This position as well as several others will be open for application. Seasonal positions have proven difficult to fill last year and this year's trends are looking to be similar.



e) Future agenda items

- Ken is still working to schedule the Executive Board Meeting but it has proven difficult to get a quorum. Goal is to re-establish quarterly meetings.
- Follow up review discussion of INRIX and Clearguide platforms.
- Glenn to provide an update following HQ Traffic Office and Attorney General Discussion on Flock system.
- Re-establish quarterly in-person meetings w/ Teams links for those that cannot attend. Plan to host meeting at new TMC location in June 2024.

f) Adjournment 2:11 PM

Motion made by Harley, seconded by Glenn. Vote unanimous, carried.