

OPERATIONS  
M E M O R A N D U M

December 9, 1998

To: Mayor John Talbott  
Council Member Orville Barnes  
Council Member Rob Higgins

From: Nick Dragisich, Assistant City Manager - Operations

Subject: **Public Works Committee**

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for December 14, 1998 @ 1:30 p.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. An agenda is attached as well as the minutes of the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

c: Bill Pupo  
Molly Myers  
Jim Sloane  
Pete Fortin  
Plan. & Eng. Svcs. Dept. Heads (10)  
Bob Eugene  
Gerry Shrope  
Dick Cook  
Dennis Beringer  
Larry Neil  
Dave Mandyke  
Hope Findley  
Stan Schwartz (memo & agenda)  
Brenda Corbett (memo & agenda)  
Joan Poirier (memo & agenda)  
Alice Pickard (minutes)

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Spokane  
Public  
Works  
Committee

John Talbott, Mayor  
Orville L. Barnes, Council Member  
Rob Higgins, Council Member

*Engineering \* Construction & Building Services \* Water \* Hydroelectric \* Planning  
General Services \* Waste Water \* Solid Waste \* Traffic Engineering \* Streets  
Environmental Programs \* Capital Programs \* Real Estate*

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**A G E N D A**

December 14, 1998  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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| I   | Trent Avenue Realignment                    | Terry Novak, SIRT<br>Jerry Lenzi, WSDOT |
| II  | North/South Freeway                         | Jerry Lenzi, WSDOT                      |
| III | Stormwater Project Management Office        | Gale Olrich                             |
| IV  | Sidewalk Policies ( <i>if time allows</i> ) | John Bjork                              |

- Updates/Reports

## MINUTES

November 23, 1998

### ATTENDEES

#### Committee:

John Talbott, Mayor  
Rob Higgins, Council Member  
Orville Barnes, Council Member

#### Staff:

Nick Dragisich, Asst. City Mgr.-Operations  
Roger Flint, Dir. General Services  
Bruce Steele, Dir. Transportation  
Gale Olrich, Dir. Wastewater Mgmt  
Katy Allen, Dir. Capital Programs  
Brad Blegen, Dir. Water/Hydro Svcs.  
Gerry Shrope, Program Engineer  
Dale Arnold, Dir. Env. Programs/RSWS

Dennis Hein, Dir. Solid Waste Mgmt.  
Laurie DeVarney, Dir. Communications  
Glenn Miles, Transportation Mgr. SRTC  
Lloyd Brewer, Env. Programs  
Don Ramsey, Transportation  
Jan Freese, Operations

The meeting convened at 1:35 p.m.

#### EPA Mandated Water Quality Reporting

Brad Blegen briefed the committee on the Federal Mandates for Water Quality Reporting being enforced by EPA. By April 1999 a report is due to City wholesale customers and by October 19, 1999 a report to all customers is required. The next report to all customers will be due July 1, 2000 and every July 1<sup>st</sup> thereafter. Brad gave some examples they are looking at to use for the reporting and will keep it user friendly and condensed. Effort will be taken to reach as many water users as reasonably possible.

Contents of the report will include: source of water, treatment employed, definition of terms i.e. MCL & MCLG, reporting on contaminants found in system, any violations (none to date), specific language addressing any risks and results of monitoring specific contaminates.

Brad expressed the following concerns they have with water quality: Ray Street Well with nitrates, radon, wells located close to the river and some lead alloy piping. In regard to the lead pipes, the Water Dept. will send out a letter to owners of homes where lead containing pipe was used in connecting the home to the City's drinking water system with some steps they can take to insure lower tap water lead levels.

#### Trent Avenue Realignment

Gerry Shrope informed the committee on the status of the proposed Trent Avenue Realignment which is a State project.

The state is proposing to realign Trent Avenue from Division Street to east of Hamilton Street. They need to either replace the Trent Avenue Bridge west of Hamilton in the next two years or construct a by-pass. The Higher Education Facility is also interested in the realignment. Their interest is to promote Trent Avenue going around the campus instead of through it.

Gerry noted the following concerns with the realignment: Logan Neighborhood is concerned about traffic patterns increasing; there are some CO emission concerns because of congested intersections at Hamilton and Trent; and historical land use contamination has been found in the area on the south side of the river at the Brown Building Supply Site.

Gerry recommended the City obtain a good estimate of the costs for this project from WSDOT and for the State to decide on a final route for the realignment.

Discussion was held on whether the City should participate in this project or let the State build a new bridge and leave Trent Avenue as is.

The committee recommended Terry Novak of SIRTII and Jerry Lenzi of WSDOT be invited to a future Public Works meeting to talk about their vision of the new realignment. The committee would also like to hear about the status of the North/South Freeway from Jerry Lenzi.

#### Regional Transportation Systems Center

Glenn Miles briefed the committee on the Regional Transportation Systems Center that will be housed at the Spokane Intermodal Center. An interlocal agreement to establish a TSC operating board is being completed and the board members will include SRTC, WSDOT, Spokane County, City of Spokane, STA and operating personnel. The TSC Operating Board will begin meeting in December and funding is provided through CMAQ funds and local funds provided by local participating agencies.

Glenn listed the following purpose and need for this center:

1. Congestion on regional facilities needs to be managed during week day peak hours and special events.
2. Growth in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is exceeding our ability to expand the system.
3. Working together as a region saves time, money and effort in creating a seamless delivery system, even though each jurisdiction retains control of improvements, maintenance and operational authority.

Elements of the Centers Functions include operational surveillance using video cameras on major areas, providing for notification of appropriate agencies for timely response, operational use of Variable Message Signs (VMS) for driver information and operational use of Highway Advisory Radio (HAR).

Glenn explained the coordination of the systems will interconnect traffic signal control to address incidences and special events disrupting the transportation systems performance. There will be an internet web page providing images of current traffic conditions, media traffic advisories for incidences, special events or reroutes and public information on performance of our transportation system.

They hope to have the center operational by fall of 1999 and are establishing personnel needs which will probably be to hire two additional full time employees.

Mayor Talbott was concerned the City would have to contribute more money for the new employees and there were no funds to do this. Glenn assured the mayor they were not asking the City for any additional money.

Updates/Reports

Mayor Talbott indicated he had learned earlier in the day that Operations was considering providing construction inspection for the downtown parking garage. Assistant City Manager, Nick Dragisich, stated this has been discussed because the City will ultimately be the owner of this facility. He believed appropriate construction inspection would protect the City's long term interest. Mayor Talbott stated he does not want the City providing construction management of the new downtown parking garage. In his opinion, the private non-profit organization should provide this on-site. Councilmember Barnes also opposed any inspection by the City. The consensus of the Public Works Committee was to not do any inspection of this facility.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.