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Transportation – Regional Priorities and On-going Projects

**Wednesday
February 15th, 2012**

**Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute
Commons Building
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Spokane, WA
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ASCE Inland Empire Section is pleased to present a one-day workshop on transportation engineering in the Spokane area. The workshop will include an overview of regional transportation prioritization and the status of several on-going projects as well as additional presentations on alternative transportation designs currently being implemented or evaluated.

The seminar will begin with a Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) presentation on the regional transportation planning process and priorities. SRTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Spokane County. Federal law requires any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000 to have an MPO to ensure that transportation expenditures are based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process. Federal funds for transportation projects and programs are channeled through this planning process and awarded to local agencies and jurisdictions dealing with transportation.

Next Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) engineers will focus on two ongoing Spokane area projects; the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) and the SR 195 Cheney/Spokane Road Interchange. The NSC is a 10.5 mile-long limited access facility designed to improve mobility by linking I-90 to US 2 and US 395. The project broke ground in 2001 and has a 20 year build out plan till completion. The NSC presentation will focus on the status of the design and construction as well as the economic forecast for funding the complete corridor. The Cheney-Spokane Interchange is funded for construction in 2012 and will improve safety, reduce congestion, and accommodate area growth. The presentation will review proposed design as well as some of the key design decisions

The seminar will then have two presentations on alternative designs ideas, specifically roundabouts and complete streets. Roundabouts are becoming more common in Spokane County due to changes in federal requirements for signaled interchanges. The next presentation will provide background, purpose, and status of complete streets in the Spokane area.

The final presentation of the seminar will highlight regional trail projects.

The workshop is intended to provide engineers and project managers an introduction to the regional process used to determine transportation priorities and information on on-going projects and alternative designs.

Instructors for the workshop include:

- Mr. Kevin Wallace, SRTC Executive Director
- Mr. Tom Brash, WSDOT
- Mr. Bob Westby, WSDOT
- Mr. Chad Simonson, WSDOT
- Mr. Larry Rasmussen, WSDOT
- Ms. Eve Nelson, SRTC
- Ms. Barb Chamberlain, WSU Spokane

This course qualifies for 5.0 PDH continuing education hours.

Instructor Bios

Kevin Wallace is the Executive Director, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC). Mr. Wallace joined SRTC as the Executive Director in September 2011 and brings over 19 years of transportation planning experience to the organization. Prior to SRTC, Kevin served as the Transit Program Manager with the Maricopa Association of Governments in Phoenix, Arizona, where he managed numerous regional planning studies, including a Sustainable Transportation and Land Use Integration Study. Kevin's other previous work experience includes serving as the Deputy Transportation Director for the City of Mesa, AZ, the Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Vancouver, WA, and the Assistant Transportation Director with the Rogue Valley Council of Governments in Central Point, OR.

Tom Brasch, P.E. is an assistant project engineer for WSDOT. He has been with WSDOT for 21 years, six as an assistant project engineer. Tom has served as project manager for both the design and construction of the North Spokane Corridor. He is currently administering the US2 to Wandermere Interchange construction project along the NSC valued at over \$40 million. Tom has a bachelors of science in civil engineering from Gonzaga University.

Bob Westby is the WSDOT's Business Manager for the North Spokane Corridor (NSC). Mr. Westby's responsibilities on the NSC include management of overall project; schedule, construction sequencing, estimates, budget, and finances. Bob assisted with developing the NSC groundbreaking project in 2001 and the construction sequencing and estimating for the \$200 million Nickel Funding package and was the design Project Manager for the first three projects. Bob has an associates degree in civil engineering from Spokane Community College.

Chad Simonson, P.E. is a Project Engineer with WSDOT. Chad has worked for WSDOT for 19 years, six as a project engineer. He oversees 25 to 30 engineers and technicians in the delivery of WSDOT's Eastern Region construction and design program. His office is annually responsible for ten to 15 design and construction projects with a total budget of \$25 to \$50 million. Chad has a bachelors of science in civil engineering from the University of Idaho.

Eve Nelson has been at SRTC since 1995, first developing Air Quality Implementation Plans and conducting qualitative air quality and traffic analyses. Eve's work also focuses on non-motorized planning, including Commute Trip Reduction, Bike and Pedestrian Planning, coordinating and assisting similar efforts region-wide and offers staff support to the SRTC Active Transportation Work Group. Eve also has developed Surface Transportation Program grant applications, training classes and prioritization guidelines for SRTC.

Heleen Dewey works in the Healthy Communities Program at the SRHD. Highly motivated to improve community health through physical activity and nutrition, Heleen Dewey has worked as a public health professional in Spokane, Wash., for nearly ten years. Her natural leadership and broad experience in affecting policy and environmental change make her a highly-sought after

individual for numerous related committees and coalitions. These include the Washington Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, Healthy Families Active Kids, the Inland Northwest Wellness Coalition, and many others. Dewey is currently working on active transportation policies, pedestrian plans, complete streets education, and implementing health impact assessments—all of which will make Spokane a healthier community.

Larry Rasmussen is the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) Project Manager for WSDOT. As a Project Manager, Larry develops the scope, schedule and budget for a contract along with identifying and quantifying project risk. As a component of the NSC, Larry has designed multiple roundabouts and has also been involved in preliminary roundabout design in other eastern Washington locations. Larry has a bachelors of science in environmental engineering from Utah State University and a masters of science in civil engineering from Washington State University.

Barb Chamberlain, MPA, is the Director of Communications and Public Affairs for WSU Spokane. Ms. Chamberlain has been riding her bike to work for around 7 or 8 years. She bikes to work daily almost all year, switching to the bus when it snows too much; during 2011, she only drove to work 16 days. A bicycle advocate in the community, Barb is the founding chair of Spokane Bikes (formerly Bike to Work Spokane). She previously chaired the Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board and now serves on the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Spokane Regional Transportation Council. She has a background in public policy, having served in the Idaho state legislature for four years and on the North Idaho College Board of Trustees for five years, among other roles, and represents WSU on the Greater Spokane Incorporated Public Policy Council and Federal Legislative Advisory Group. Chamberlain was named the August 2011 Commuter of the Month by the Commute Trip Reduction program. She blogs about biking at bikestylespokane.com.

Agenda:

<u>Morning</u>		<u>Afternoon</u>	
8:30 to 9:00	Registration and Coffee	1:00 to 1:45	US 195 / Cheney-Spokane Road Interchange - Chad Simonson, WSDOT
9:00 to 9:05	Welcome and Introduction: - Richard Koch		
9:05 to 10:15	Regional Planning Process- Spokane Regional Transportation Council - Kevin Wallace, SRTC Regional Priorities - Staff, SRTC	1:45 to 2:15	Alternative designs: Complete streets - Eve Nelson, SRTC and Heleen Dewey, SRHD Roundabouts - Larry Rasmussen, WSDOT
10:15 to 10:45	Regional Planning - Panel <i>Discussion</i>	2:15 to 2:35	Break & Refreshments
10:45 to 11:00	Break & Refreshments	2:35 to 3:30	Regional Trails – Valley projects and Centennial Trail - Barb Chamberlain, WSU Spokane
11:00 to 12:00	North Spokane Corridor - Tom Brasch and Bob Westby, WSDOT		
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch	3:30 to 3:45	Final questions and answers, Adjourn

Registration

Cost: \$80.00 (includes seminar, lunch and refreshment breaks)
Full time students are entitled to a reduced enrollment fee of \$20.00

Education Credit:
0.5 CEUs (5.0 PDHs) for attendance of this course.

Deadline Notice:
Space is limited to 60. To ensure Participation, Enroll early.
Enrollment will close on February 10, 2012.

Process:
Step 1: Fill out the registration form below and send to:
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For the morning panel discussion, please include questions you may have related to:
- Regional planning process - Prioritization of projects - Other transportation planning questions