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## **SRTC Announces New Executive Director**

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) Policy Board today announced the appointment of Kevin S. Wallace as the new Executive Director for SRTC, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Spokane County. A national search was conducted to fill the position.

SRTC Board Chair Gary Schimmels, Spokane Valley City Councilmember, says Wallace is the right person to bring SRTC into the future as he possesses extensive transportation and legislative experience. "I feel Kevin Wallace shows impressive insight into the function of a Metropolitan Planning Organization. From distributing funding to local agencies to competing for federal dollars, Mr. Wallace has shown that he has a vision for helping the region reach its transportation goals." Schimmels says.

Wallace comes to Spokane from the Maricopa Association of Governments in Phoenix, AZ where he was employed as the Transit Planning Project Manager. He has also worked for the City of Mesa, AZ as the Deputy Transportation Director and served as the Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Vancouver, WA, which provided him with knowledge of how Washington State's transportation system works. Wallace says he's looking forward to not only a new climate, but a new challenge as well.

"I'm excited about this move," he says. "I see myself cultivating cooperative and collaborative relationships among SRTC's member agencies, stakeholders, and the public, as the true strength of the MPO comes from its members and how well they work together."

Wallace's first day with SRTC is September 6, 2011.

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*SRTC is the government agency responsible for transportation planning for the area covered by Spokane County. Any metropolitan area that has a population of more than 50,000 is required to have a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). SRTC partners with other government agencies such as the City of Spokane, Spokane County, Washington State Department of Transportation, Spokane Valley, and small cities and towns to encourage coordination and collaboration between planning and transportation departments at those jurisdictions.*

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