

December 5, 2025

## **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

### **Determination of NonSignificance**

**Lead agency:** Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)

**Agency Contact:** Jason Lien | [jlien@srtc.org](mailto:jlien@srtc.org) | 509.343.6370

**Description of the Proposal:** Horizon 2050 is a long-range transportation plan and is a non-project action. SRTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Transportation Management Association (TMA), and state designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the Spokane Metropolitan Planning Area (SMPA), which encompasses the entirety of Spokane County. Under Federal requirements Horizon 2050 is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the SMPA. Horizon 2050 also meets state requirements as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the SMPA.

Horizon 2050 is the long-term, multimodal plan for transportation aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the area through the year 2050. It is based on projections for growth in population, housing, and jobs and takes into consideration every mode of transportation, such as private vehicles, public transit, bicycling, walking, freight movement, rail, and air travel. Horizon 2050 considers the relationship of transportation and land use planning to the quality of life and economic health of our region. Horizon 2050 includes a financially constrained list of transportation projects and programs from the jurisdictions within Spokane County to construct or complete over the next 24 years.

**Location of proposal:** Horizon 2050 is the long-range transportation plan for the Spokane Metropolitan Planning Area (SMPA), which encompasses the entirety of Spokane County. However, Horizon 2050 is not site specific and does not affect a precise location.

**Applicant:** Spokane Regional Transportation Council  
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**Determination:** The Spokane Regional Transportation Council has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We have reviewed the Environmental Checklist, available here: [SEPA Environmental Checklist](#)

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

*The approval of Horizon 2050 would not, by itself, affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated or eligible or under study for governmental protection. For projects listed in Horizon 2050, the likelihood of the project to affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated or eligible or under study for governmental protection, if any, will be identified by the responsible jurisdiction in the project-level review phase (project-specific SEPA checklist).*

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on December 19, 2025.

**Responsible Official:** Lois Bollenback, Executive Director

Signature 

Date 12/05/2025

**Appeals:** You may appeal this determination to SRTC, 421 W. Riverside Ave. Suite 500, Spokane, WA 99201, no later than 5:00 PM, December 26, 2025. The appeal must be submitted in writing and contain the specific factual objections. Contact Jason Lien, Principal Transportation Planner, (509) 343-6370, to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

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## SRTC MEMBER AGENCIES

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| • City of Cheney         | • City of Spokane Valley                   | • Town of Rockford                           |
| • City of Deer Park      | • Kalispel Tribe of Indians                | • Town of Spangle                            |
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