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Transportation Council**

## January Board Meeting

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

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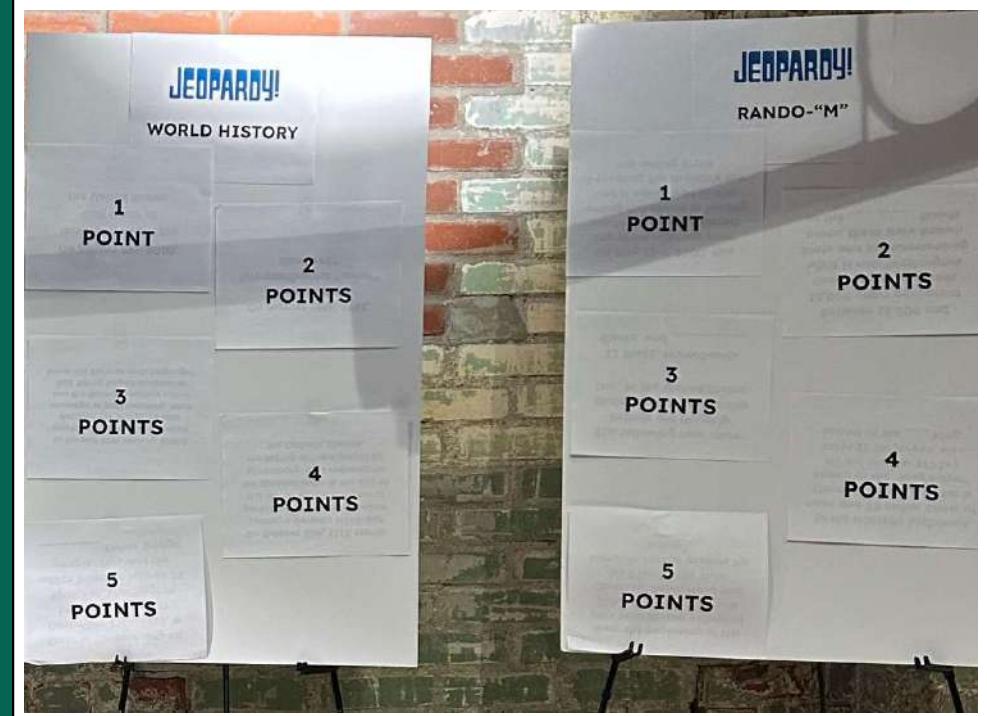
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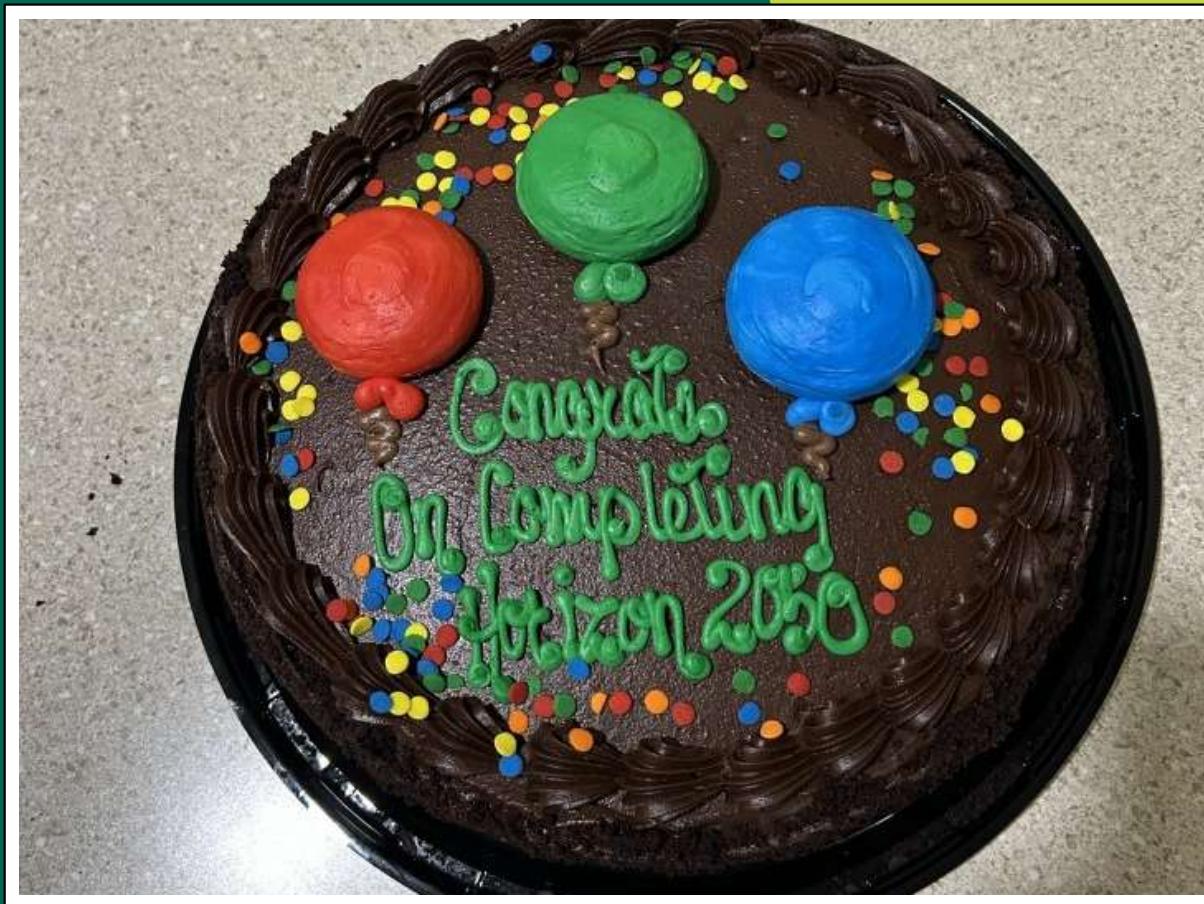
# THANK YOU, CHAIR HIGGINS!



# SRTC END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



## Horizon 2050 Recognition





**We're excited to begin the new year with your continued engagement and collaboration.**

# **2026 Transportation Improvement Program Guidebook - Approval**

**SRTC Board of Directors**

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## Requested Action

Approve Resolution R-26-02 adopting the 2026 TIP Guidebook

# TIP Guidebook

- Establishes goals and objectives for the TIP
- Outlines specific programming policies
- Provides critical TIP timelines

## **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

ADOPTED 10/09/2025



# 2026 TIP Guidebook - Revisions

- Definition of Regionally Significant projects
- Project Selection section to reflect the 2025 call for projects
- 2027-2030 TIP development schedule
- Congestion Management Process section
- Amendment and Administrative Modification schedules

# 2026 TIP Guidebook - Revisions

## Policy 4.4 One-Time 2-Year Extension

- Challenge – impact to meeting annual obligation target
  - \$12-13M annual delivery target
  - Late extension requests
  - Capitalize on opportunities for redistributed obligation authority

# 2026 TIP Guidebook - Revisions

## Policy 4.4 Proposed Change

- One-time 1-year extension (for RW and CN phases only)
- Request must be submitted by March 1st
- No extension recorded if project sponsor obligates another project of equal or greater value in its place

# 2026 TIP Guidebook - Revisions

## Policy 4.4 Proposed Change

If a **right-of- way or construction** project phase will not meet its targeted obligation date, the project sponsor must submit a written request to SRTC for a one-time extension **for one (1) year by March 1 of the current year, this is also known as an administrative grace period. ~~of up to two (2) years~~** The request must include an explanation for the request and identify proposed impacts, such as schedule or budget. Project extension requests will be shared with the SRTC Board by SRTC staff. Project extension will be reflected through an approved amendment of the TIP. **If the project sponsor successfully obligates another project of equal or greater value in its place, the one-time extension request will not be recorded.**

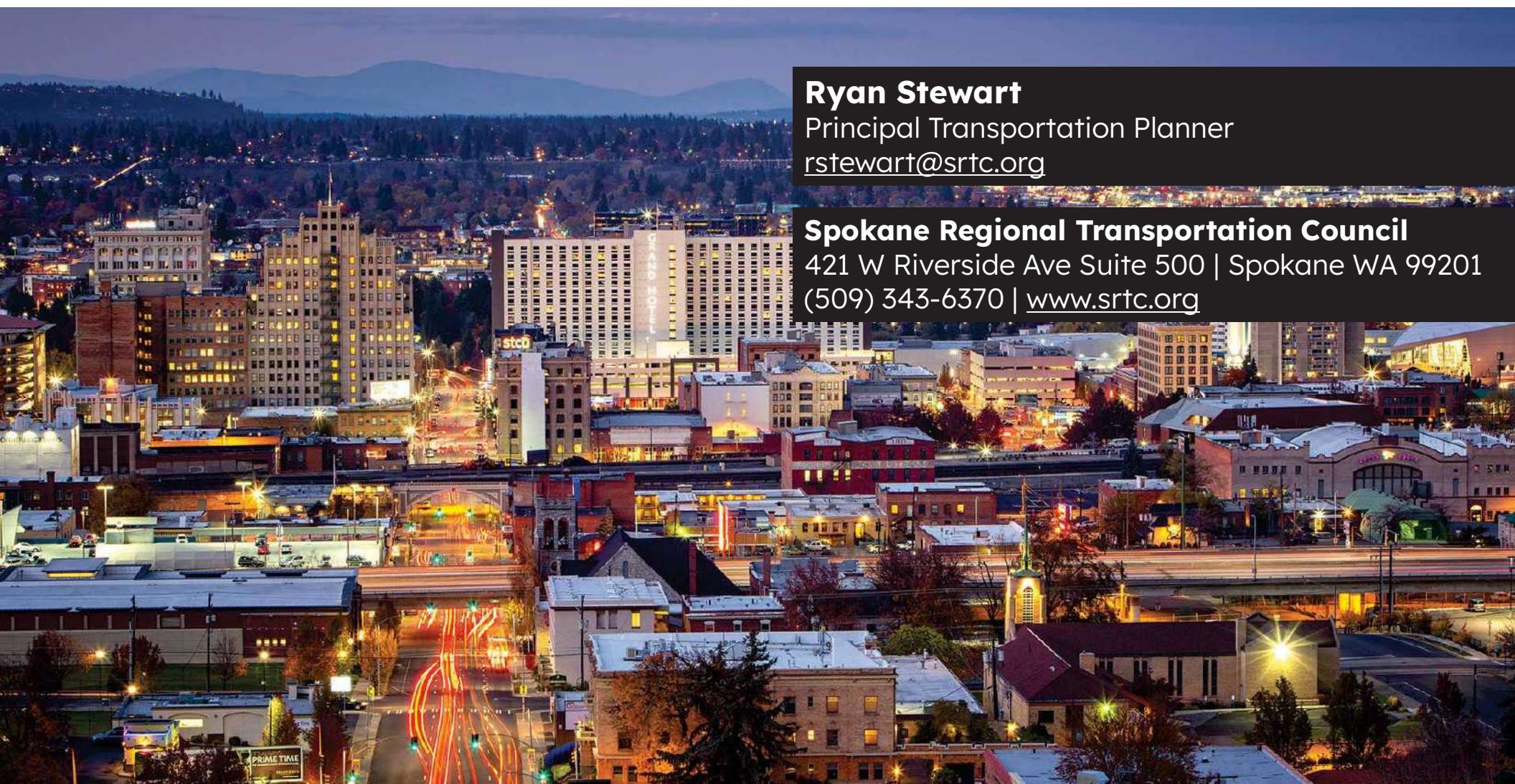
# 2026 TIP Guidebook - Revisions

## Policy 4.5 Clarification

If a project sponsor is unable to meet a targeted obligation date after the one-time grace period, the project sponsor may request an **additional** extension from the SRTC Board of Directors. The Board may grant the extension or may act to remove the project from the TIP. If the agency is permitted an extension, it must submit a revised schedule to SRTC within 30 calendar days of the Board action. If the Board acts to remove the project from the TIP, any regional federal funds awarded to the project shall be returned to SRTC for reallocation. If the project is eligible to receive regionally selected federal funds, it may be placed on the contingency list of projects for that fund source at the discretion of the Board.

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# Spokane Regional Transportation Council

**Regional VMT Reduction Framework Plan and  
Comprehensive Plan Review Manual Update**

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## Requested Action

Approve Resolution R-26-03 adopting the VMT Reduction Framework and Comprehensive Plan Certification Process Update.

# Project Scope

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- 1. Assess Approach to Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction**
- 2. Update the Comprehensive Certification Process Checklist**
  - Includes a review of SB 5412 SEPA Categorical Exemptions

## Engage!

- Working Group**
- Individual Meetings**
  - WSDOT**
  - Member Agencies**

Washington State Department of Transportation. (2023). *Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) Targets – Final Report*. Retrieved from <https://wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/VMT-Targets-Final-Report-June2023.pdf>



# The Process

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- 1. Working Group Meetings** – February and May
- 2. Presentation to TTC and TAC** – May, November, and December
- 3. Presentation to Board** – June and December
- 4. Meeting with STA** – June
- 5. Meeting with WSDOT/Commerce** – July
- 6. Meeting with City of Spokane** – August
- 7. PTAC Meeting** – October

Review Drafts  
Distributed

May  
September



# VMT – State of the Practice

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**Jurisdictions are not required to establish per capita VMT reduction targets at the regional or local level.**

## Growth Management Act (GMA)

- ✓ Requires strategies in Comprehensive Plans to reduce GHG emissions and per capita VMT

## SB 5165

- ✓ Directed WSDOT to develop a process for establishing VMT reduction targets (In progress- for regional and local per capita VMT reduction target setting - excluding heavy duty vehicles)

# VMT Reduction- Align with Peers

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- Monitoring and improving VMT estimation capabilities
- Setting goals to reduce per capita VMT in support of the GMA climate change and resiliency mandatory elements
- Using the regional travel demand model and HPMS data to establish trends
- Awaiting further guidance from WSDOT

1. Whatcom County Council of Governments (WCOG)
2. Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC)
3. Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
4. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)



# Comprehensive Plan Certification Manual Update

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Tool to facilitate the review of required elements under SRTC's purview

## SRTC's Role

- ✓ Certify that the **transportation elements** are consistent with:
  - Regional Transportation Plan
  - Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan Mandatory Elements



# GMA Changes Since Last Update

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## Growth Management Act (GMA) Consistency Review

- Climate change and resiliency element: Support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and per capita VMT
- More emphasis on ADA transition plans
- Identification of state and local system needs to equitably meet current and future multimodal demands
- Multimodal level of service (MMLOS) standards for all locally owned arterials, locally and regionally operated transit routes
- Inventory of active transportation facilities



# Other Legislation/Policies

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## **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA SB 5412) - Infill and housing development categorical exemption**

Allows proposed housing within urban growth boundaries to rely on environmental reviews completed at the comprehensive planning level rather than the individual project level

### **Cities and counties must:**

- Include an environmental analysis that considers the density and intensity of use and multimodal transportation impacts
- Consult with WSDOT

**RTPOs do not monitor or enforce SEPA actions, cities and counties are responsible for implementing and monitoring compliance**



# Updates to Checklist

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**Streamlined and added new questions to address GMA changes.**

## VMT Targets

- ✓ SRTC reviews for VMT reduction strategies as part of GMA

## Multimodal Level of Service (MMLOS)

- ✓ SRTC reviews for regional consistency and strategies to address deficiencies
  - SRTC sets regional MMLOS for **Non-HSS State-Owned Transportation Facilities**
  - Local agencies set and measure the MMLOS standards for **local** arterials and transit routes



# Updates to Checklist, cont.

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## SEPA SB 5412

- ✓ Added two questions to the checklist.
  - 1) If an Infill and housing development categorical exemption is being request per [RCW43.12C.229](#), does the environmental analysis address the proposed use or density and intensity of use and analyze multimodal transportation impacts, including impacts to neighboring jurisdictions, transit facilities, and the state transportation system?
  - 2) Is consultation with WSDOT on impacts to state-owned transportation facilities clearly documented, including any necessary mitigation?



## Requested Action

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# **Transportation Advisory Committee: 2026-2027 Roster**

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# Requested Action

- Approve the 2026-2027 TAC Roster

# Transportation Advisory Committee

- Citizens Committee
- Broad perspectives
- Community voice
- Supports SRTC staff



# Selection Process

- SRTC internal review team
  - 4 staff
- Matrix of responses to assess:
  - Geographic diversity
  - Community representation
  - Professional experience and variety
  - Membership in other relevant groups/committees
  - Duplicity with other TAC members

# Returning Members

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Background</b>
Paul Vose	Medical/Social Support Services
Mike Ankney (New Chair)	Trade Apprenticeships
Ann Winkler	Engineering
Raychel Callary	ADA/Vision Impaired Services
John Barber (New Vice Chair)	Engineering
Katie Melby	Engineering
Carlie Hoffman	Library Systems Management
Kim Zentz	Planning/Engineering
David Eash	Law
Charles Hansen	Community Advocate

# Bylaws Change and New Members

- Bylaw amendment (October 2025)
  - Added 2 new alternate positions

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# **Transportation Performance Management: PM1 - Safety**

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# Transportation Performance Management



# Requested Action

- Adopt Resolution R-26-04 establishing annual performance targets for safety.

# Our Options

- 1. Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the WSDOT HSIP target**
- 2. Commit to a quantifiable target for the metropolitan planning area**

WSDOT Target Zero

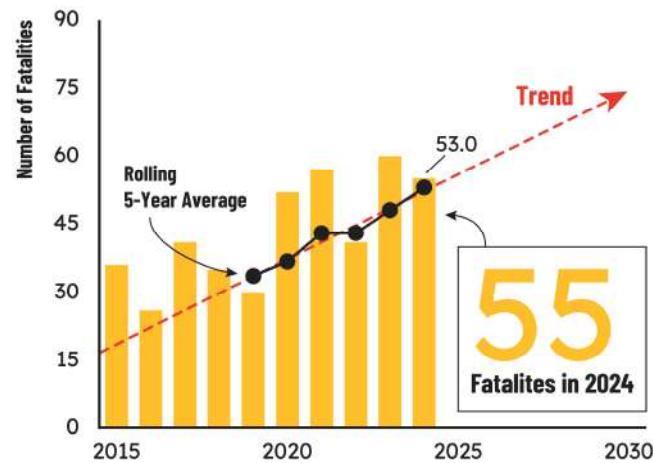


## PM 1: Measures

1. Fatalities
2. Fatalities per 100M vehicle miles traveled
3. Serious injuries
4. Serious injuries per 100M vehicle miles traveled
5. Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries

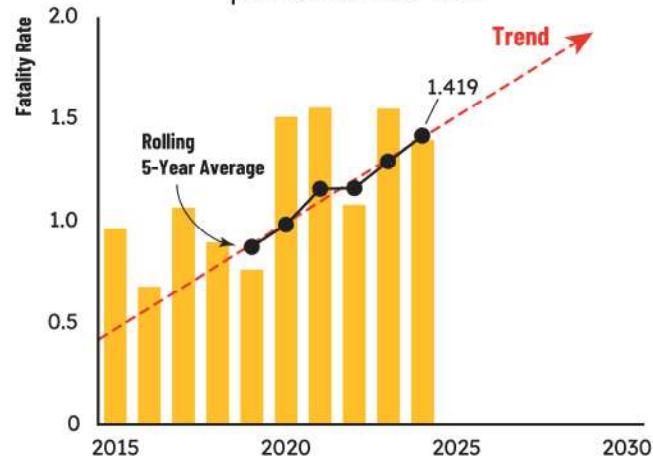
# Spokane Region Targets and Trends

Measure #1: Fatalities



- 2026 Target: **Less than 36**

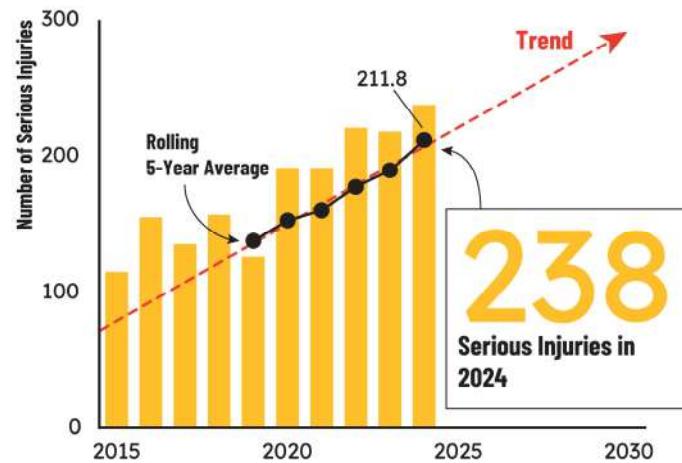
Measure #2: Fatality Rate  
per 100 million VMT



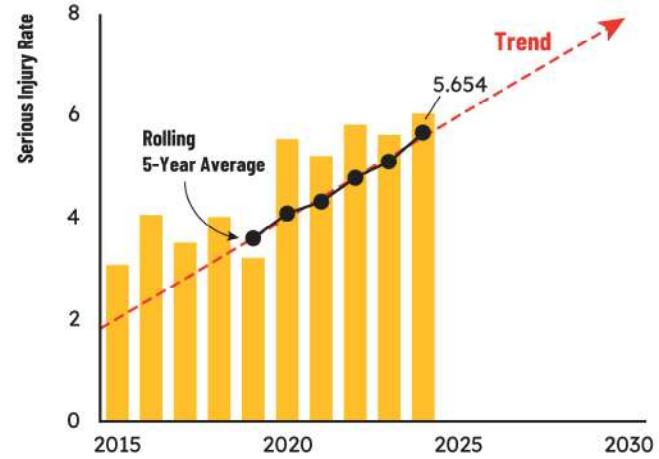
- 2026 Target: **0.9**

# Spokane Region Targets and Trends

## Measure #3: Serious Injuries



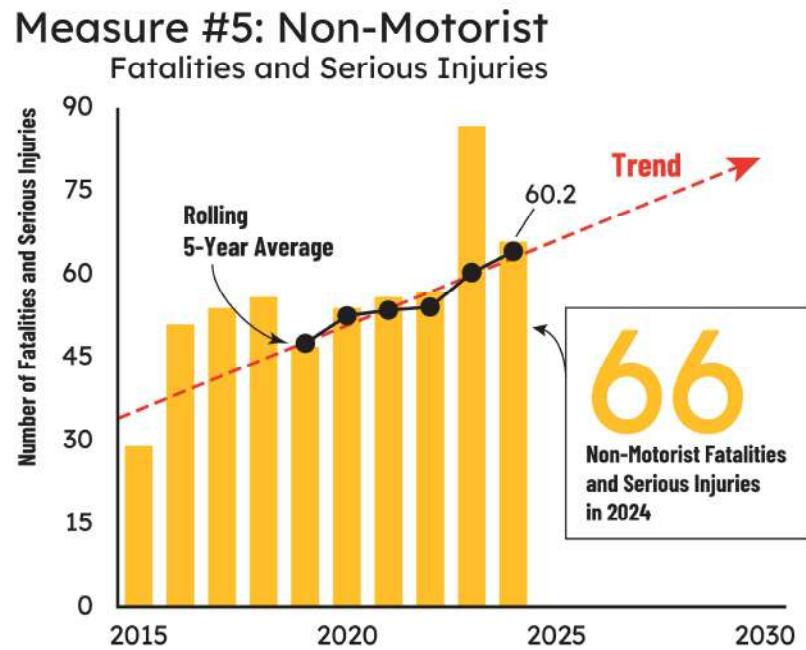
## Measure #4: Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT



- 2026 Target: **Less than 142**

- 2026 Target: **3.8**

# Spokane Region Targets and Trends



- 2026 Target: **Less than 42.7**

# Requested Action

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# **Spokane County: Target Zero Task Force**

**John Griffin, Regional Target Zero Manager**

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## Recurring Yearly Work Projects

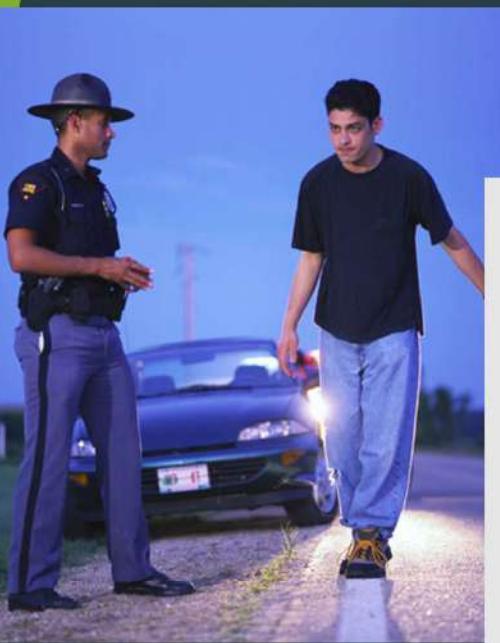
HVE High Visibility  
Enforcement

Teens in the Driver Seat

Community Outreach and  
Engagement

# High Visibility Enforcement

## Impaired Driving



## Distracted Driving



## Seatbelt Use



## Speeding





- Peer to Peer Engagement
- Positive Youth Development
- Traffic Safety Culture

# Traffic Safety Impacts Everyone: Walk, Roll, Ride and Drive everywhere



Community Outreach and Engagement

Work together to find solutions with the community

Provide Resources and Education to the community



Large  
Projects

Walker Roller  
Education Campaign

Student Led Traffic  
Safety PSA's

Spokane shares  
the road.

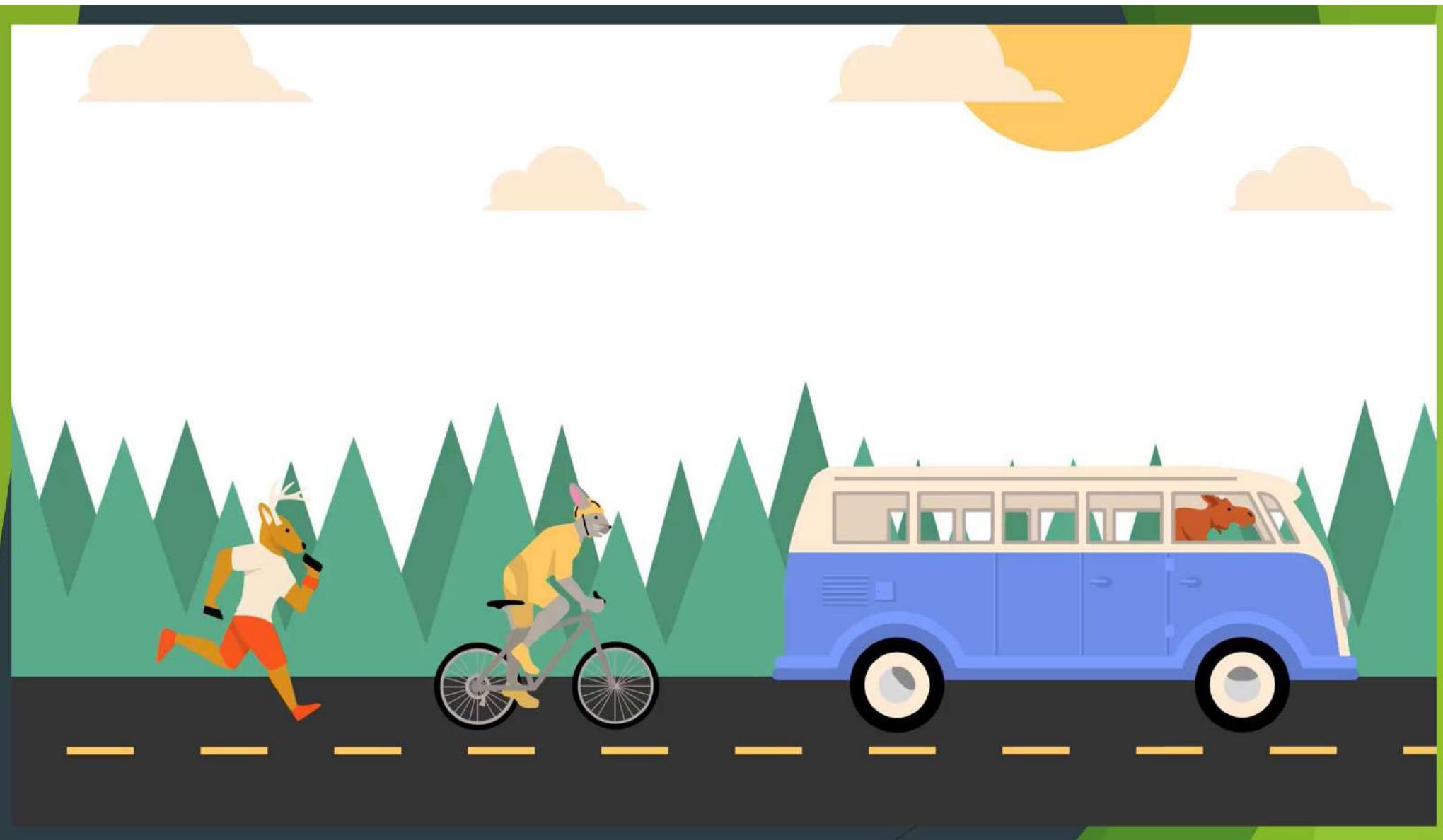


Resources  
Español

**It's wild out there.  
Anything can happen when  
you're on the road.<sup>1</sup>**

A traffic safety resource from the  
Spokane County Target Zero Task Force.







# Community Specific Projects

Mother's Day  
Seatbelt PSA

WSU Spokane  
Pedestrian Safety

WSWP Designated  
Driving Campaign

Whitman County  
Prom and  
Graduation Safe  
Driving Campaigns



# DESIGNATED DRIVERS SAVE LIVES

THANK YOU FOR DRIVING SOBER

[WWW.WESTSPOKANEWELLNESS.COM](http://WWW.WESTSPOKANEWELLNESS.COM)



**Designated Drivers Save Lives**  
**Thank you for driving substance-free!**



# Designated Drivers Save Lives

THANK YOU FOR BEING A SOBER DRIVER



[www.westspokanewellness.com](http://www.westspokanewellness.com)

## West Spokane Wellness Partnership

THANKS YOU FOR BEING A SOBER DRIVER



**TARGET  
ZERO**

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# Designated Drivers Save Lives

THANK YOU FOR BEING A SOBER DRIVER



**TARGET  
ZERO**

# Coasters

# Flyers

Are you  
a designated  
driver?

Take a selfie, tag the business  
you are at, and tag West  
Spokane Wellness Partnership  
on FB or Instagram with  
hashtag, **#DesignatedDriver**  
and be entered to win a gift  
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Scan the QR code to the right  
with your camera to go to our  
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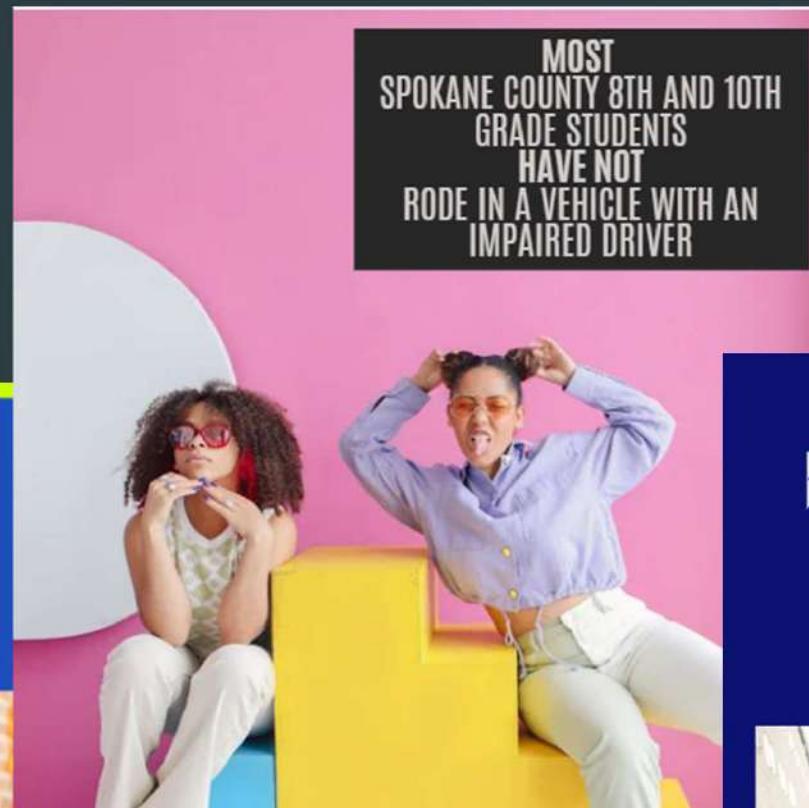
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# Social Media

9 OUT OF 10 WEST CENTRAL,  
SPOKANE 8TH AND 10TH  
GRADE STUDENTS  
DO NOT  
DRINK ALCOHOL



**MOST WEST CENTRAL  
SPOKANE 10TH GRADE  
STUDENTS**



**THINK  
DRINKING  
ALCOHOL  
IS RISKY**

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# Social Media



MOST  
SPOKANE COUNTY  
8TH AND 10TH GRADE  
STUDENTS  
HAVE NOT  
RODE IN A VEHICLE  
WITH AN IMPAIRED  
DRIVER

MOST  
WEST CENTRAL  
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DO NOT  
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MOST  
SPOKANE  
COUNTY 10TH  
GRADE  
STUDENTS

HAVE NOT  
CONSUMED  
ALCOHOL IN THE  
PAST 30 DAYS.

# Survey and Retailer Tool Kit



Designated Driver Awareness Media Campaign Fact Sheet  
August 2023

**About West Spokane Wellness Partnership:**  
West Spokane Wellness Partnership is a community coalition located in West Central Spokane, WA. The coalition is a group of volunteers who live, work, and travel through the community and they work to reduce substance use and misuse. Volunteers consist of teachers, parents and caregivers, counselors, non-profit leaders, law enforcement, local businesses, tribal leaders, and more. The coalition has multiple funding streams to aid in their efforts including a Drug Free Communities Grant and a Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative Grant. With these funds, the coalition is able to implement evidence-based and innovative substance prevention programming with youth, adults, and families inside the community. The coalition's mission is to eliminate barriers, increasing community connectedness, access to prevention services, and protective factors to reduce substance use and misuse in the West Spokane community.

**About this campaign:**  
50% of roadway fatalities are due to impaired driving. In 2017, 25,619 drivers were arrested for impaired driving. Impaired driving is preventable by taking steps to plan ahead including having a designated driver.



## Included:

- Fact Sheet
- Coasters
- Flyers
- Wrist Bands

# Future Projects

Community Presentations

Working with Juvenile Detention

Working with FAFB

Super Colfax Coalition Seatbelt  
Safety Campaign



► Questions?

# FFY 2027–2032 NHFP

## Regional Priority Freight Projects List — Draft

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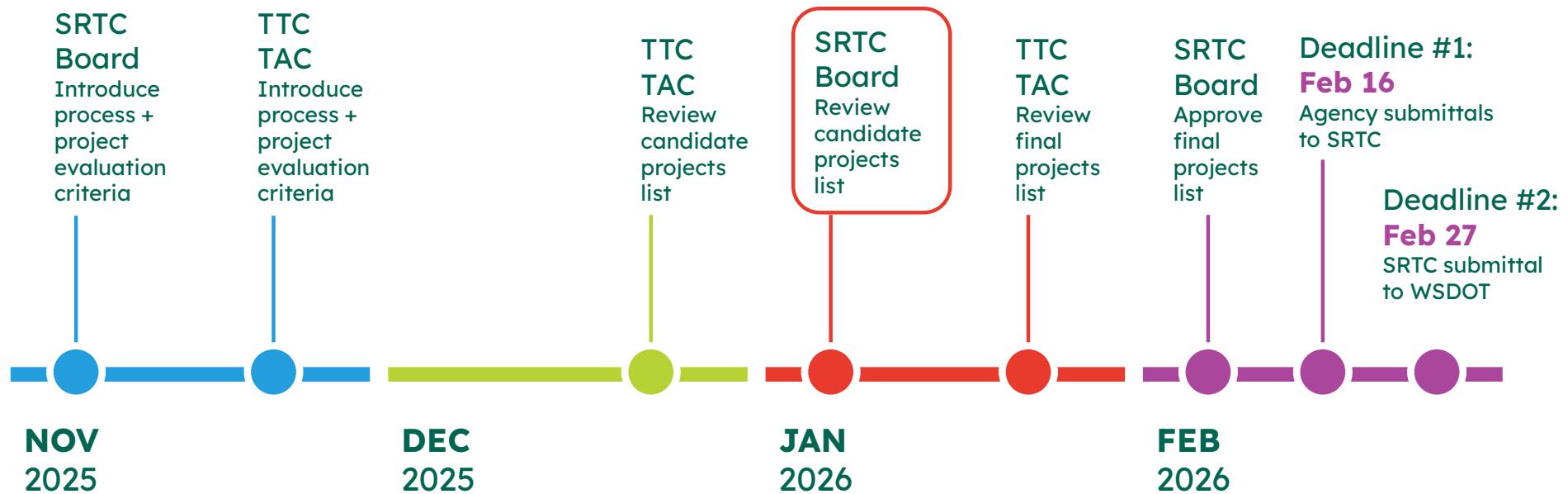
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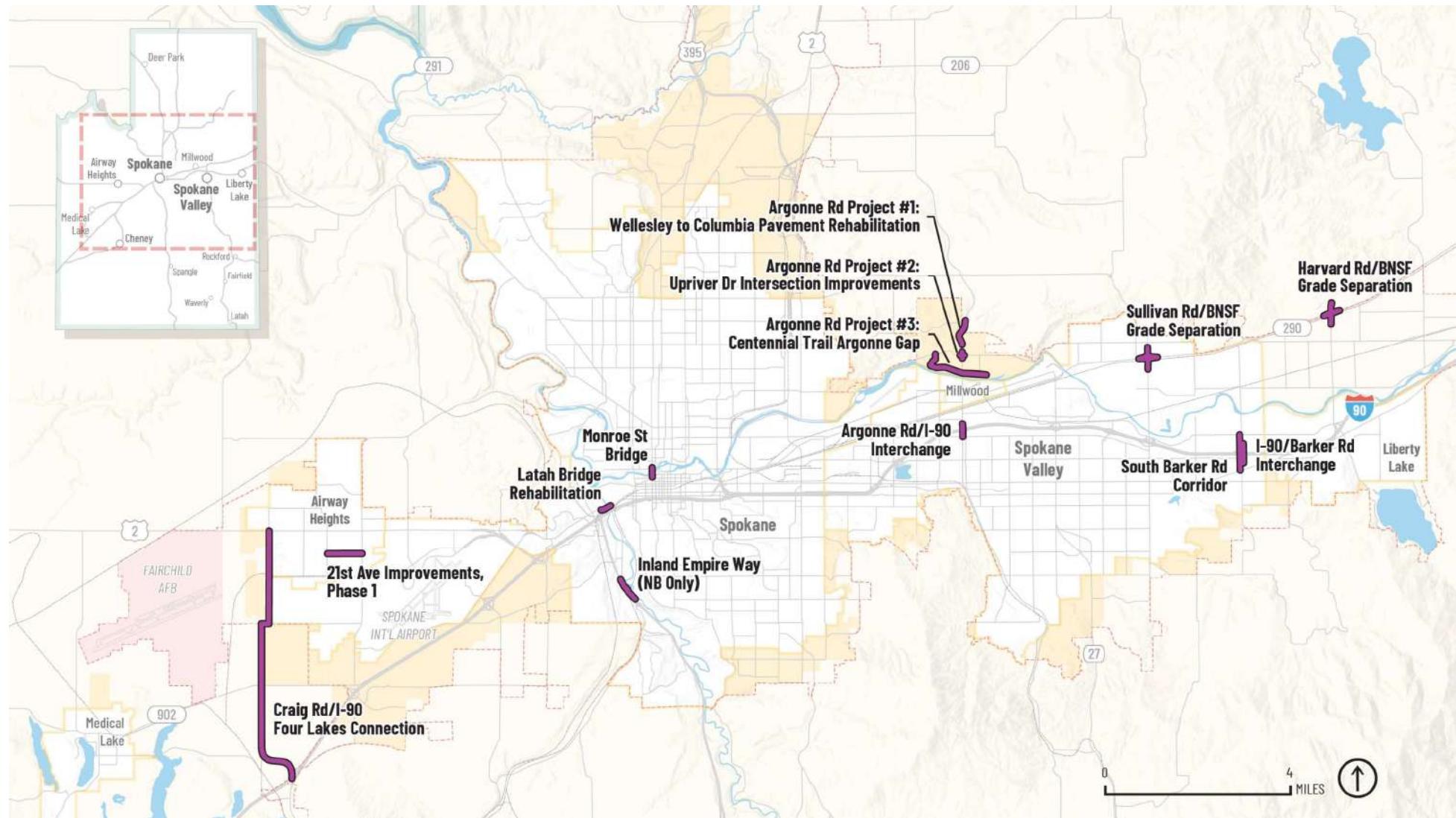


# Overview

- ▶ WSDOT has announced the opening of their FFY 2027-2032 **National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)** project solicitation
- ▶ Approximately **\$11 million statewide** is expected to be available per year for local projects
- ▶ MPOs/RTPOs are requested to submit a consolidated **list of regional freight investment priorities**
- ▶ WSDOT will convene a **project selection committee** comprised of city, county, and MPO/RTPO representatives from across the state to evaluate submitted projects

# Timeline

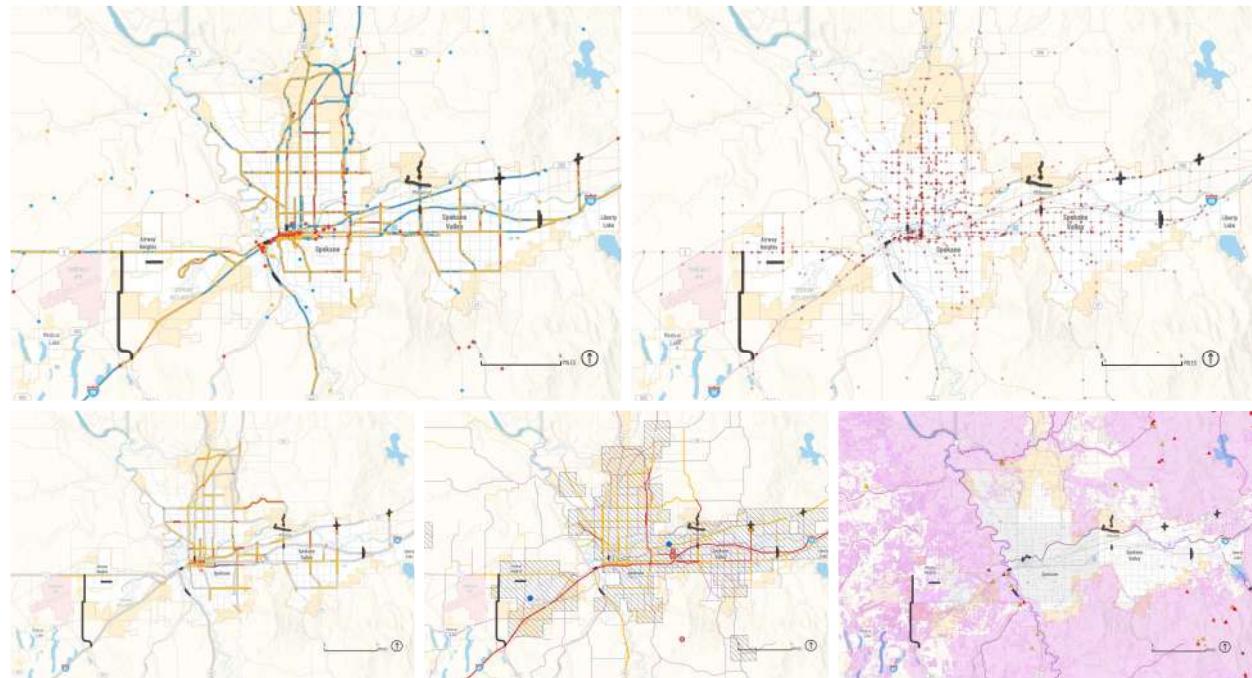




# Project Evaluation

## Six Criteria Areas:

- ▶ Preservation
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Stewardship
- ▶ Mobility
- ▶ Economic Vitality
- ▶ Environment



# Project Evaluation Criteria

Goal	Evaluation Criterion	Measure	Points
<b>Preservation</b>	Improve state of good repair of freight infrastructure	Pavement or bridge condition within project boundary	<b>20</b>
<b>Safety</b>	Prevent or reduce serious injuries and fatalities	# of fatal/serious injury crashes within project boundary in the last 5 years	<b>20</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	Matching funds	Non-federal match %	<b>10</b>
<b>Mobility</b>	Reduce congestion and improve reliability	Travel time reliability in project area	<b>15</b>
<b>Economic Vitality</b>	Support economic activity and employment	Project distance from nearest freight cluster	<b>7</b>
	Located on FGTS Network	FGTS designation or equivalent truck traffic volume	<b>7</b>
	Intermodal connectivity between modes	Degree of connection to an intermodal facility	<b>6</b>
	Reduce freight's negative impacts on stormwater runoff	Does the project address stormwater impacts above minimum requirements?	<b>5</b>
	Reduce freight's negative impacts on wildlife habitats	If located in WDFW Priority Habitat Area, does project address wildlife impacts?	<b>5</b>
	Reduce freight's negative impacts on fish passage	Does the project correct fish passage barriers?	<b>5</b>
			<b>Total Points Possible</b> <b>100</b>

# Projects Evaluation Summary

Project Name	Jurisdiction	Preservation	Safety	Stewardship	Mobility	Economic Vitality	Environment	Total
1 <b>Sullivan/Trent Interchange</b>	Spokane Valley	20	16	1	15	16	5	<b>73</b>
2 <b>Latah Bridge Rehabilitation</b> DESIGN ONLY	Spokane	20	12	1	5	11	10	<b>59</b>
3 <b>South Barker Rd Corridor</b>	Spokane Valley	12	16	1	15	13	0	<b>57</b>
4 <b>Harvard Rd/BNSF Grade Separation</b> PLANNING STUDY	Spokane County	6	20	1	15	13	0	<b>55</b>
5 <b>Argonne Rd Project #2 ARGONNE RD/UPLIVER DR INTERSECTION</b>	Spokane County	12	16	1	10	14	0	<b>53</b>
6 <b>Monroe St Bridge</b>	Spokane	12	12	1	10	13	5	<b>53</b>
7 <b>Barker/I-90 Interchange</b>	Spokane Valley	12	12	1	15	13	0	<b>53</b>
8 <b>21st Ave Improvements, Phase 1 GARFIELD RD TO HAYFORD RD</b>	Airway Heights	0	20	1	5	15	5	<b>46</b>
9 <b>Argonne Bridge at I-90</b>	Spokane Valley	12	12	1	5	13	0	<b>43</b>
10 <b>Craig Rd &amp; I-90 Four Lakes Connection</b>	Spokane County	6	16	1	5	11	0	<b>39</b>
11 <b>Inland Empire Way</b> NB ONLY	Spokane	0	12	2	5	13	5	<b>37</b>
12 <b>Argonne Rd Project #1 WELLESLEY TO COLUMBIA REHABILITATION</b>	Spokane County	20	0	2	0	14	0	<b>36</b>
13 <b>Argonne Rd Project #3 CENTENNIAL TRAIL ARGONNE GAP</b>	Spokane County	0	12	2	0	14	5	<b>33</b>

# **Commerce Electrification of Transportation Systems Grant Closeout**

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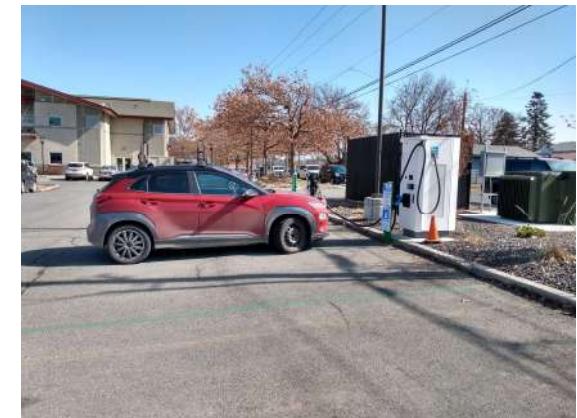
## Spokane Regional Transportation Electrification Grant Project

- \$2.5 million in state and federal funding awarded thru WA Dept of Commerce (2021)
- \$Multi-million investment with match
- Charging infrastructure + Education/Outreach
- Partners – Commerce, Avista, STA, private & public site hosts

# SRTC Role

- Project oversight & coordination
- Reimbursements, grant compliance & reporting
- Contracts

NE Community Center



# Results

- 35 sites in service
- 43 DCFC ports
- 76 Level 2 ports
- 3 micromobility
- Bus charging at Boone garage



STA Garage

# Next Steps

## Final invoicing and reporting for contract end

5-Mile Park & Ride



Spokane Libraries



# Thank You

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Lincoln Heights

