



**Spokane Regional
Transportation Council**

March Board Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2026

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 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 500
Spokane, WA 99201

Lunar New Year Celebration



100% Attendance at TAC Meeting!



SMS Annual Transportation Speed Dating Event





Spokane Regional Transportation Council

Transportation Economic Benefits US 2 Multimodal Project



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Requested Action

Approve Resolution R-26-10 accepting the US 2 Multimodal Improvements Project Economic Benefits report.



Project History

- Economic analysis to support and advance regional priority projects included on the Unified List
- SRTC Board budgeted \$50K per year



Methodology

Monetize project specific transportation benefits to support funding applications

- Use readily available tools and data
 - Existing project data
 - USDOT BCA Tool
 - CALTRANS BCA Tool

Benefits

Jobs

Residential Property Value

Residential Property Tax

Safety

Active Transportation Health

Active Transportation Journey

Travel Time

Operations and Maintenance

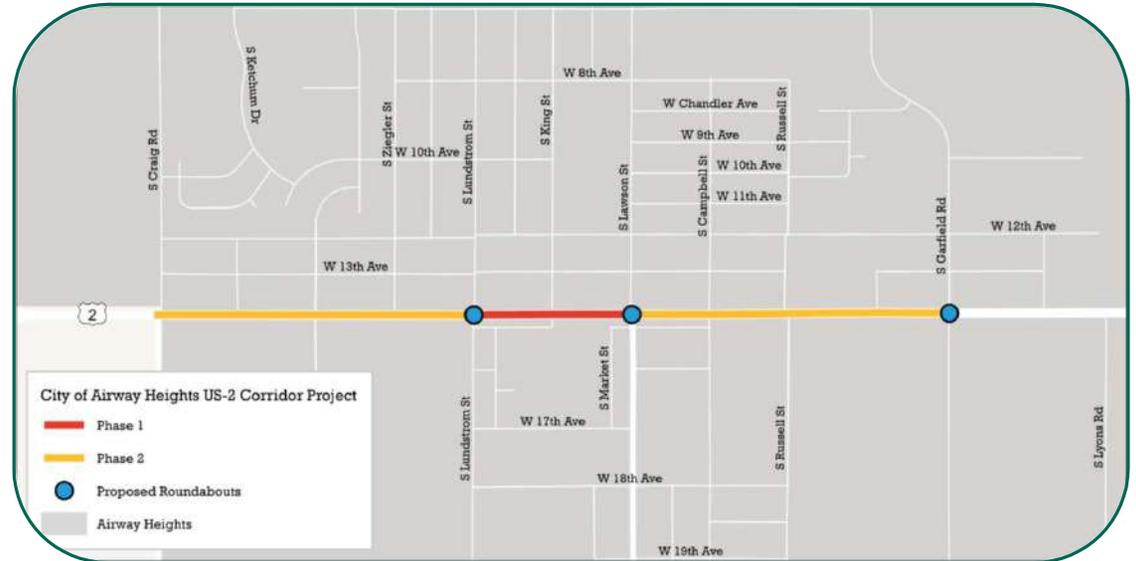
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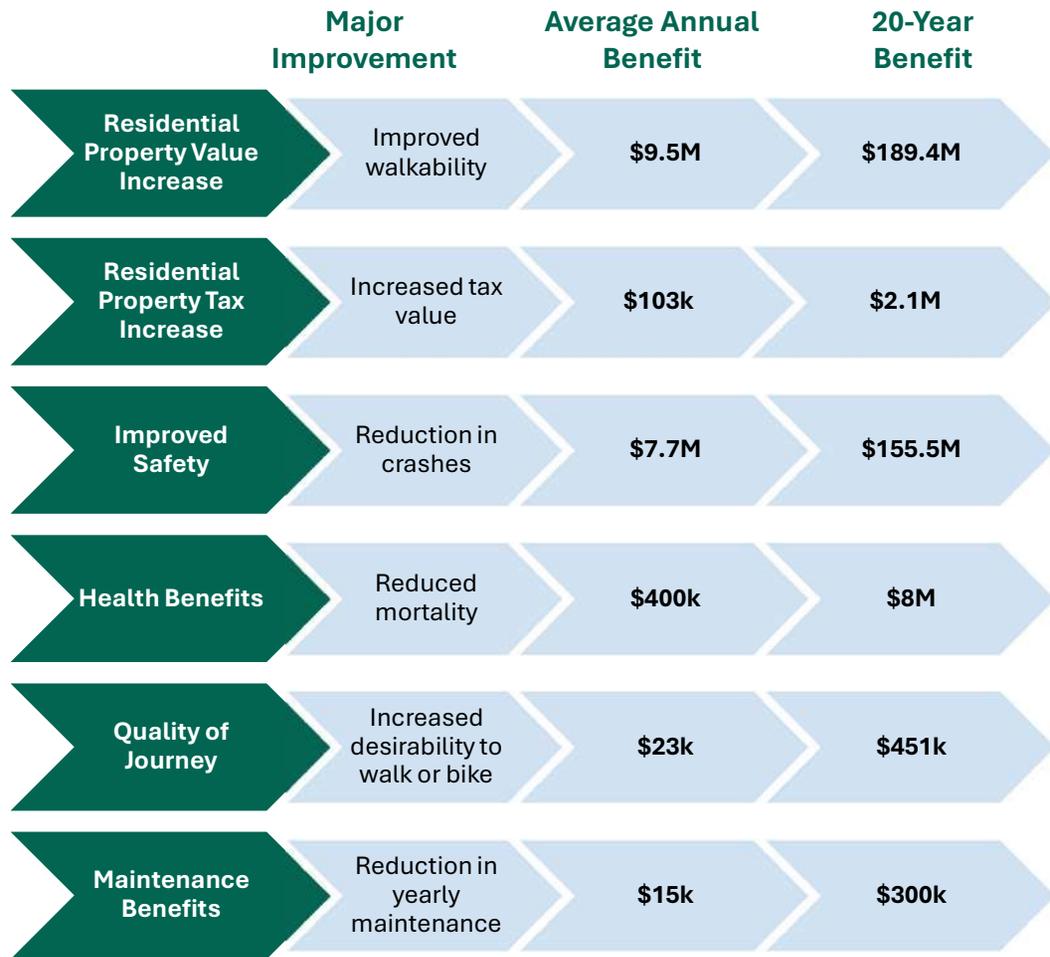
US-2 Multimodal Improvements

\$49.4 Million Construction Investment

- 3 roundabouts
- Reduced lane widths
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings
- Shared-use paths
- In-lane transit stops



\$355 Million in Transportation-Related Benefits (2025 dollars)



- **524** construction jobs
- **148** jobs near corridor

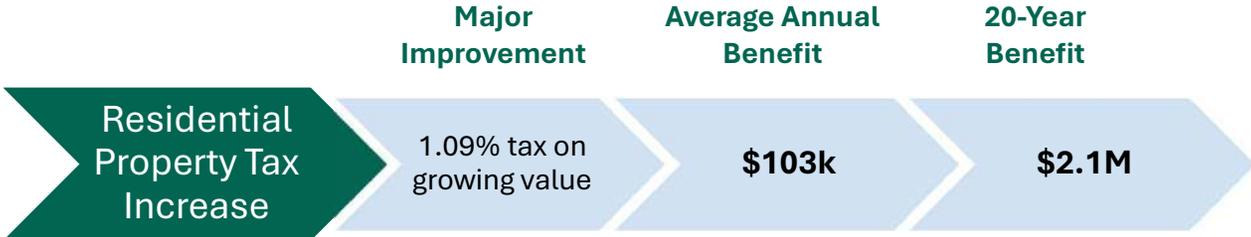


Benefits: Residential Property Values



- Median home value: \$277,450
- 625 single-family homes within 0.5 mile boundary
- 1.12% yearly increase
- \$510, one time increase

Benefits: Residential Tax



- Assuming \$189M increase in assessed value
- Current 1.09% tax rate remains constant
- City will generate an additional \$2.1M over 20 years



Benefits: Improved Safety



- Reduction in crashes along corridor
- Based on USDOT, monetary value of crash severities
- Readily available crash data supplies yearly crash rates
 - By severity
- CMFs selected based on project details

Benefits: Health



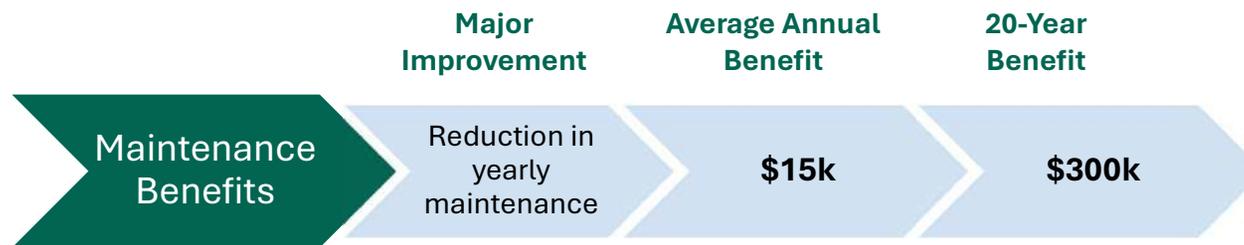
- Calculated using Caltrans tool
- Based on increase in active transportation use
 - Increased fitness
 - Longer lifespans
 - Reduction in Absenteeism

Benefits: Quality of Journey



- Calculated using Caltrans tool
- Based on increase in active transportation use
 - Desirability to utilize active infrastructure
 - Increase in visibility of local amenities/businesses

Benefits: Maintenance Savings



- Calculated using WSDOT estimates for maintenance
 - 2 signals converted to roundabouts
 - Roundabouts cost less yearly to maintain than signals

+ West Plains Connection Project

- US 2, 6th, 10th, and 12th Avenue corridors
- Assumes full build out of commercial/residential land (2045)
 - 3,331 new permanent, full-time jobs
 - \$217.9 million in annual wages
 - \$11.3 million in spending
 - \$2.3 billion in new development
 - \$29 million in sales tax
 - \$25.5 million in property tax





Questions

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Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Policy – Draft

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Why This Policy Exists

Establishes safeguards to:

- Protect agency funds
- Prevent fraud
- Ensure compliance with state requirements



Requirements

This policy aligns with:

- **Washington State Auditor requirements**
- **RCW 39.58.750**
- Standard government financial control practices

It establishes **secure procedures and internal controls** for all Electronic Funds Transfers.

Segregation of Duties

No single individual can:

- Initiate a transfer
- Approve a transfer
- Reconcile the transaction

These responsibilities must be **handled by different staff members.**

Oversight and Review

- Staff review of all EFT transactions after initiation
- Retroactive oversight by the **Board**
- Monitoring to ensure procedures are followed

Fraud Prevention Measures

- Independent verification of any **new or changed banking information**
- Limits on when EFTs can be used
- **Two-step authentication** for system access
- Restricted user permissions

Documentation and Audit Trail

- Complete documentation for all EFT transactions
- Timely **bank reconciliations**
- A clear **audit trail** for financial oversight

Questions?

Thank You

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CY 2027 Unified List

Draft Process & Criteria

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Unified List Purpose



The Unified List is a strategic tool used to communicate current regional transportation priorities to legislators for potential funding opportunities.

Unified List Integration

Long-Range Planning › Horizon 2050

→ Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 20+ year horizon

Medium-Range Planning › Unified List

→ Legislative priorities actively seeking funding

Short-Range Planning › TIP

→ Program of projects with funding secured

Planning Studies

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Unified List Process

- ▶ **Updated Annually**
- ▶ **New projects added, funded projects removed**



Key Dates

- ▶ **Project Submittal Period**

May 15 – June 12

- ▶ **SRTC Project Review & Draft List Development**

June 15 – August 14

- ▶ **Draft List**

August 26 (TTC & TAC), Sept 10 (Board)

- ▶ **Final List**

State Version: Sept 23 (TTC & TAC), Oct 8 (Board)

Federal Version: Sept 23 (TTC & TAC), Nov 12 (Board)

Evaluation Criteria



Economic Vitality



Cooperation & Leadership



Stewardship



Operations Maintenance & Preservation



Safety & Security



Quality of Life



Equity

Economic Vitality

- ▶ Updated to incorporate new Horizon 2050 Activity Centers typology



Ops Maintenance & Preservation

- ▶ **Overall points increased from 30 to 50**
- ▶ **Improving mobility on corridors with unreliable travel times**
- ▶ **Incorporating strategies identified in the SRTC Congestion Management Process**



Safety & Security

- ▶ Overall points increased from 30 to 50
- ▶ Addressing safety issues on the High Injury Network
- ▶ Considering severity-weighted crash rates of the project areas



Next Steps

- ▶ **April 22**
Return to SRTC committees for recommendation of the 2027 Unified List Process & Criteria
- ▶ **May 14**
Request SRTC Board approval of the 2027 Unified List Process & Criteria
- ▶ **May 15**
Project submittal period opens
- ▶ **August 26** (TTC & TAC) / **September 10** (SRTC Board)
Review Draft CY 2026 Unified List

Questions?

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Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

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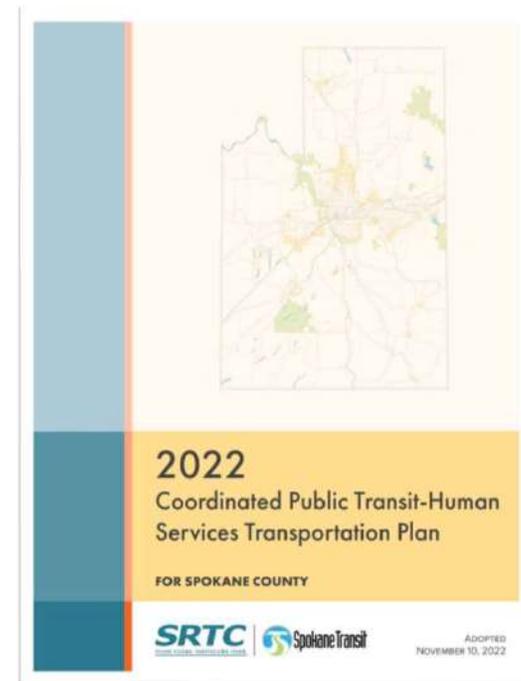
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Overview

- Identify transit inventory, gaps, and needs
- Developed in partnership with STA
 - FTA Section 5310
- Federal and State funding requirement
- Updated on a 4-year cycle
 - Expected adoption: July 2026



Plan Objectives

- **Coordinate Services**
- Enhance Mobility
- **Identify Needs**
- Provide Strategies
- **Prevent Duplication**
- Highlight Gaps
- **Funding Access**
- Inventory of Services



Key Requirements



Conduct and document community outreach



Provide regional context using geographical and demographic data



Conduct assessment of transportation services



Identify strategies to address transportation gaps



Determine regional priorities for implementation

Plan Activities



LET'S GET THERE TOGETHER

Your voice shapes our region's future! The Human Services Transportation Plan aims to improve the mobility of disadvantaged communities by identifying transportation needs and coordinating resources. The results of this survey will help us identify regional priorities for transportation services that serve those living in rural and urban areas.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

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Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan

The CPT-HSTP provides a framework that is used to prioritize projects for state and federal transportation funding.

The plan includes:

- Demographic Data
- Community Project Priorities
- Emergency Management
- Transportation Needs
- Service Solutions
- Current Services

LEARN MORE

The CPT-HSTP is developed by Spokane Regional Transportation Council in collaboration with Spokane Transit Authority.

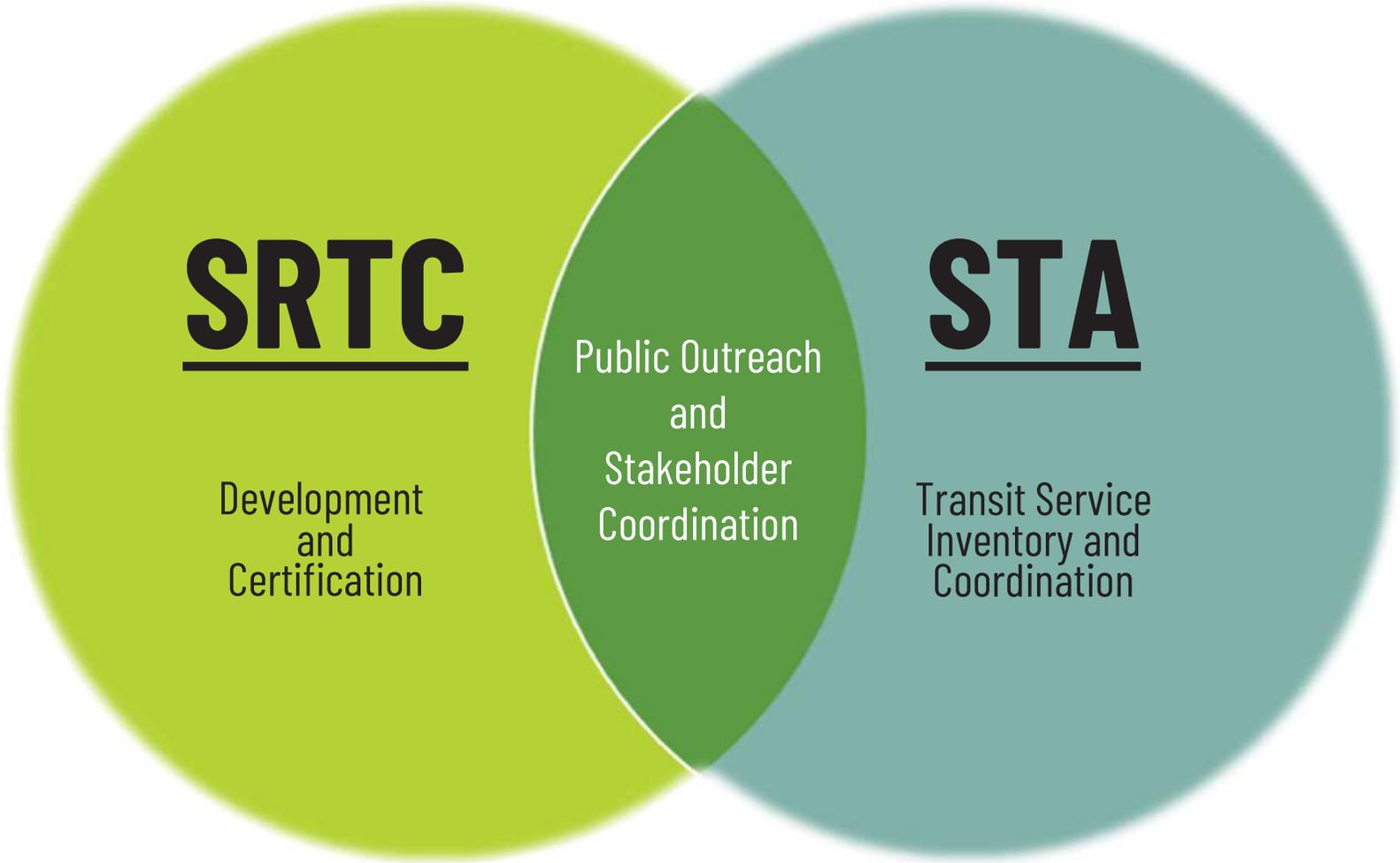
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Outreach

- Stakeholder meetings
 - Next Meeting March 11th
- Outreach events
- Public survey
- Meetings with local providers & customers

Data collection

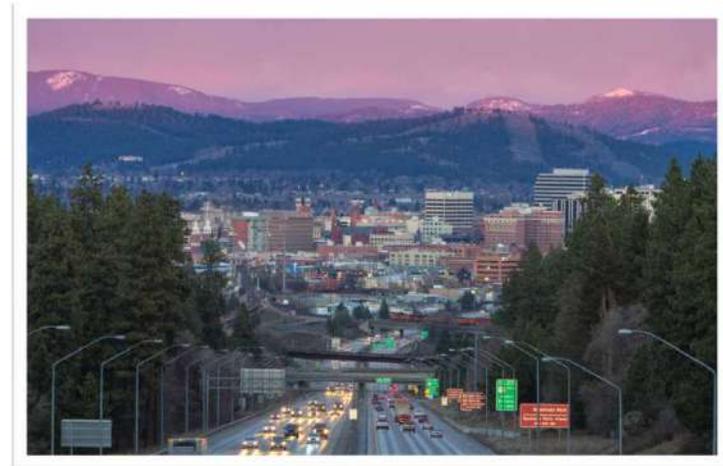
- Mapping services and populations



Outcome

Updated Plan Adoption: July 2026

Maintain eligibility for federal and state transportation grants by demonstrating a clear understanding of regional transportation services and community needs.



Timeline

	DEC 2025	JAN 2026	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Drafting the Plan	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Public Outreach		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Plan Adoption							X	X

Thank you

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Legislative Activity – Federal Transportation Reauthorization

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Transportation Acts

Transportation Act	Enacted & Period	Key Features
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59	Aug. 10, 2005 2006 - 2009 (10 extends)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes Safety Programs (HSIP, SRTS) • Sets a floor to return Hwy Trust Fund \$'s to states
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Public Law 112-141	July 6, 2012 2013 - 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Enhances Safety Funding • Consolidated Programs
Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) Public Law 114-94	Dec. 4, 2015 2016 - 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enacted Long-term funding • Accelerate Project Delivery • Add'l Freight Programs

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Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

Basic Details

- ▶ Enacted November 15, 2021
Public Law 117-58
- ▶ Covers a 5-year period from
Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2026
- ▶ Largest federal transportation
investment in history
- ▶ Used unspent COVID funding

Highlights

- ▶ Expanded Funding for Public Transit
- ▶ Added Funding to Address
Deteriorating Infrastructure
- ▶ New Programs include: Formula
Bridge Program, National Electric
Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI), Carbon
Reduction Program, and PROTECT

Expires on September 30, 2026

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Reauthorization Is Underway

Timing

House of Representatives

- ▶ Transportation & Infrastructure Committee - Sam Graves (R-MO)
- ▶ Met many times in 2025 (reviewed State of System, Highways, Freight & Psgr Rail Network, Safety, Transit, etc.)
- ▶ Wants to move a draft bill out of T&I to other committees in **Spring**

Senate

- ▶ Environment & Public Works Committee - Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- ▶ Stated principles include: Safety & reliability; Reforming & modernizing fed programs & policies; and Addressing a variety of needs
- ▶ Expects to send a draft bill to other committees in **late Spring/Summer**

Topics

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND (HTF) SOLVENCY

FORMULA VS. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

FEDERAL VS. STATE/LOCAL

FREIGHT, TRUCKING & SUPPLY CHAIN

TRANSIT & PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING

PERMITTING REFORM / STREAMLINING

SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE



Many Proposals & Positions

Emphasis Areas

- ▶ American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- ▶ Railway Safety Act of 2026 (H.R. 7748)
- ▶ Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT Act)
- ▶ Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act (BASICS Act - H.R. 7437)



BASICS Act



- ▶ Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)
- ▶ National Association of Counties (NACo)
- ▶ National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
- ▶ National League of Cities (NLC)
- ▶ National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
- ▶ The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)



BASICS Act



There's a mismatch between responsibility and funding that has real consequences.

Regions and local governments plan for, own, and operate **more than 75% of the nation's roads.**

Locally owned roads make up **43% of the Federal-Aid Highway System.**

Locally owned roads **carry 34% of the vehicle miles traveled** in the United States of America.

Yet regions and local governments **receive only ~16% of federal transportation funding.**

- **INVESTS IN REPAIRING BRIDGES:** Builds on the Bridge Formula Program with a focus on both state- and locally owned infrastructure.
- **DELIVERS REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FASTER:** Increases Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding and allows for direct allocation.
- **FOCUSES ON ROAD SAFETY:** Increases Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding and ensures that 25% of HSIP funding is spent on projects in the MPO's TIP.
- **ENSURES TRANSPARENCY AND COLLABORATION:** Improves transparency around how funding flows, what resources are available to regions, and coordination regarding how projects advance from planning to delivery.
- **BUILDS STRONG PLANS FOR RURAL AND URBAN REGIONS:** Recommends base funding for Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) and increasing Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding.

Questions? Thoughts?

Lois Bollenback, Executive Director

Thank you...



Public Participation Plan (PPP) Workshop Results

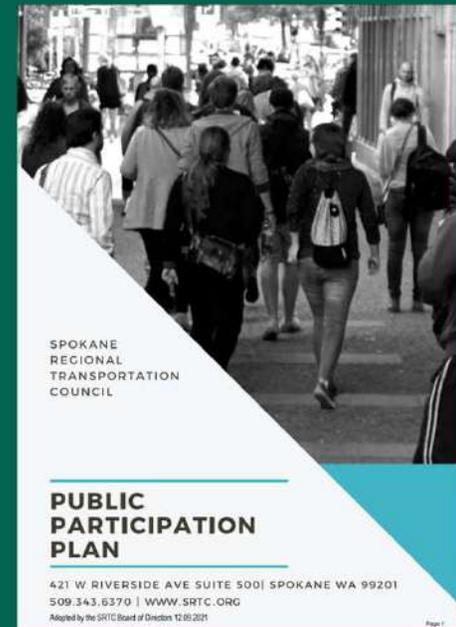
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Public Participation Plan

- The plan's purpose is to:
 - Teach the public how they can participate
 - Guide SRTC Outreach Practices
- Current Outreach Activities:
 - Online Survey
 - Public Events
 - Workshops



Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)

- Partners are using the plan
- Emphasis on education
- Levels of engagement vary
- Desire to combine efforts
 - SRTC as “Central Forum” or “Go To”

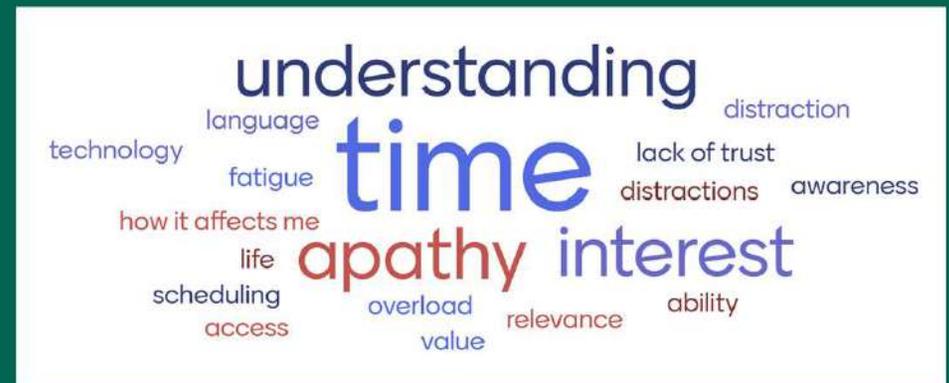
What is the biggest challenge your team has with public engagement?



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Importance of simultaneous outreach strategies
- Lack of time & Outreach Fatigue
- Importance of collaboration & coordination

What are the biggest barriers you see preventing people from participating in public outreach?



Communications Professionals

- Partner collaboration is valuable
- Challenge reaching new audiences
- What's working:
 - Social Media
 - E-News
 - Hybrid meetings



Implementation

- SRTC E-Newsletter
- Central forum possibilities
 - SRTC Website?
- Community event collaboration
- Transportation Open House
- PPP Content



What are your thoughts?