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New SRTC plans lay groundwork for potential future transportation investments

SPOKANE COUNTY, WA – On Thursday, December 12, the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) <u>Board of Directors</u> approved the Smart Mobility and Resiliency Plans. These are just two of many transportation plans and studies that are foundational for creating a blueprint for the Spokane region's transportation system over the next 20 years.

"The Resiliency and Smart Mobility recommendations will become part of how we approach transportation needs in our region as we strive for robust, efficient, and safe movement of people and goods," said SRTC Principal Transportation Planner and Project Lead, Jason Lien.

SRTC's <u>Smart Mobility</u> Plan evaluates current and potential future technology applications to improve the regional transportation system in areas such as safety, efficiency, operations and mobility. The Smart Mobility Plan outlines planning recommendations for policy and technology investments to help the region make progress toward its transportation goals.

SRTC's <u>Resiliency</u> Plan looks at the transportation system's ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions after a major disruption or disaster such as a wildfire, flood, or other natural or human-caused hazard scenarios. The Resiliency Plan details planning steps, strategies and actions to improve and strengthen the resiliency of our transportation infrastructure.

"Both of these plans will enable the Spokane region's jurisdictions to advance future projects, programs and plans to expand our system capabilities through technology and improve the ability to recover from hazards that could impact our transportation infrastructure," Lien said.

These two plans will help inform the 2025 update of the region's long-range transportation plan, <u>Horizon 2050</u>. One of the first steps in the update will be a Needs Assessment, which will evaluate the range of transportation priorities and projects through the lens of SRTC's Guiding Principles along with the Smart Mobility and Resiliency findings.

In 2025, the public can expect to learn more about Horizon 2050 and the Needs Assessment. SRTC will be seeking public input throughout the year and will host a series of workshops in the first half of 2025.

To read the Smart Mobility and Resiliency Plans and learn more about Horizon 2050, visit www.srtc.org.

About Spokane Regional Transportation Council

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) is the lead agency for transportation planning for the area covered by Spokane County. As the region's metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and regional transportation planning organization (RTPO), SRTC develops plans and programs that coordinate transportation planning throughout the Spokane region. SRTC's Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials across Spokane County, who make important planning and funding decisions for the region. For more information on SRTC and member jurisdictions, visit www.srtc.org.

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