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## **Draft Unified Planning Work Program open for public comment**

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The Spokane Regional Transportation Council's (SRTC) work program for the next two state fiscal years is open for public comment until May 15.

Known as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), this foundational document outlines SRTC's core functions, planning studies, technical support and other ongoing planning activities. It also includes the funding that is available to support these activities. The UPWP also includes major planning activities identified by partner agencies such as Spokane Transit Authority and WSDOT Eastern Region.

"The UPWP is one of SRTC's most important documents. It establishes the 2-year operating budget for SRTC and identifies the transportation planning and outreach activities our organization will work on over that period," said SRTC Executive Director Lois Bollenback. "Establishing the work to be completed under the UPWP is where SRTC identifies how we can best serve our member partners and the Spokane Region as a whole."

This iteration of the Unified Planning Work Program spans from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. A sample of the proposed activities include updating the Public Participation Plan, completing development of the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan, performing an economic analysis of regional transportation projects, completing a truck parking study and incorporating resiliency planning metrics into project evaluations.

SRTC welcomes the public to review and provide input on these proposed activities. After public review, the draft Unified Planning Work Program will go to the SRTC Board of Directors for adoption in June.

Members of the public can learn more about the Unified Planning Work Program, view the draft and comment at <a href="https://www.srtc.org/our-work/core-plans-and-programs/unified-planning/">https://www.srtc.org/our-work/core-plans-and-programs/unified-planning/</a>. Comments can also be submitted by email (<a href="contact.srtc@srtc.org">contact.srtc@srtc.org</a>), phone (509-343-6370) or mail (421 W. Riverside, Suite 500, Spokane, WA 99201).

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