

a) Program Updates

1. Updates on the Electrification Grant and the Public Participation Plan were intended to be provided during the October board meeting. Presentations have been deferred, however, due to time constraints of the board meeting. Both efforts are proceeding with no significant challenges to report.
2. The Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Financial Audit of SRTC was completed by the Office of the Washington State Auditor and an exit conference was held on September 24, 2021. The purpose of the audit is to test internal controls and compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were noted by the auditor.

b) Funding

1. **Transportation Reauthorization** – A continuing resolution extending the program expired on September 30. Another extension was signed into law on Saturday, October 2 continuing the Surface Transportation Program through October 31, 2021
2. **Infrastructure** – The roughly \$1 trillion Infrastructure bill includes a 5-year transportation reauthorization (through 2026). The bill is awaiting action in the House.

c) Tribal Representation

SRTC staff has met with representatives from both the Kalispel and Spokane Tribes to review activities related to the addition of tribal representatives as voting members of the SRTC Board. SRTC legal counsel has provided a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which has been forwarded to each of the Tribes and is currently under review by staff and legal counsel.

d) Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding Awards

The **draft** 2021 County Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project awards list has been released for review. The draft list includes three (3) projects in the Spokane region totaling just over \$1.87 million in proposed funding. Please note this process is not complete and is, therefore, subject to change.

- Wellesley Ave. & Appleway Ave. Roundabout Funded at \$1,276,000 (Total Cost \$1,398,000)
- NE County Centerline Rumble Strips and Delineation (Guideposts, Guardrail Reflectors) Fully Funded at \$171,000
- Horizontal Curve Signing and Area Delineation Signing, Delineation (Guideposts) Fully Funded at \$425,000

e) GSI Visioning

Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) has launched an effort called THRIVE Spokane. The project intends to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Spokane region. SRTC staff will be participating in leadership and technical committees. A community survey is currently underway, which can be found at [THRIVE Spokane > Greater Spokane Incorporated](#)