

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 | 3:00 PM

Hybrid In-Person/Online Meeting

SRTC Conference Room, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201

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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Agenda

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3:03	3 TAC Member Comments	
3:05	4 Chair Report on SRTC Board of Directors Meeting	

ACTION ITEMS

3:10	5 Consent Agenda	
	a) August TAC Meeting Minutes	3
3:12	6 CY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Ryan Stewart)	6

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

3:22	7 CY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Guidebook (Ryan Stewart)	7
3:32	8 Transportation Improvement Program Obligation Target Update (Ryan Stewart)	8
3:42	9 CY 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities (David Fletcher)	9
3:55	10 Agency Update and Future Information Items (Jason Lien)	n/a
	a. SRTC's upcoming release of an RFQ for a General Planning Consultant	
4:00	11 Adjournment	

Spokane Regional Transportation Council – Transportation Advisory Committee

08.23.2023 | Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting at SRTC, 421 W Riverside Ave Suite 504, Spokane WA 99201 and virtually on Zoom

1 CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Chair Kim Zentz called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. In attendance were:

TAC Members

Raychel Callary

Todd Coleman

Charles Hansen

Paul Vose

Todd Williams

Charlie Wolff

Claudine Zender

Kim Zentz

SRTC StaffJason Lien, *Principal Transportation Planner*Lois Bollenback, *Executive Director*Eve McMenemy, *Deputy Executive Director*Ryan Stewart, *Principal Transportation Planner*Mike Ulrich, *Principal Transportation Planner*David Fletcher, *Principal Transportation Planner*Michael Redlinger, *Associate Transportation Planner*Savannah Hayward, *Communications/PR Coordinator*Julie Meyers-Lehman, *Admin-Exec Coordinator***Guests**Adam Jackson, *City of Spokane Valley*Shauna Harshman, *WSDOT-Eastern Region***# 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

3 TAC MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments,

4 CHAIR REPORT ON SRTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Chair Zentz summarized actions and discussions at the June SRTC Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS**# 5 CONSENT AGENDA: JULY TTC MEETING MINUTES & 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM JULY AND SEPTEMBER AMENDMENTS**

There were no questions or discussion.

Mr. Vose made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included a recommendation for Board approval of the July and September TIP amendments. Mr. Coleman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**# 6 REGIONAL BICYCLE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS**

Mr. Lien summarized the process of the development of the Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) analysis, data collection, application of bike LTS methodology, and calculation of assigned LTS values. There were no questions or discussion.

Ms. Zender made a motion to recommend Board approval of the regional Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress analysis. Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**# 7 2024 UNIFIED LIST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

Mr. Fletcher spoke about the purpose of the Unified List development and the schedule for the 2024 update. In August he presented the TAC with two versions of the project list, one with fewer projects and one with more projects. The proposed list has 4 projects in the Implementation category, 13 in the development category and 5 in the initiation category. There have been several updates to the project list since the last meeting.

- The *Latah Bridge Rehabilitation* project was officially identified as a legislative priority for the City of Spokane.

- The following two projects identified as part of the SRTC/WSDOT Safety Pilot collaboration have been added to the list: *Regal St & 44th Ave* and *Spotted Rd/Airport Dr*.
- The SRTC Board discussed potentially adding Spokane County's *Craig Rd I-90 to US 2 & I-90/SR 904 Interchange Revisions* project.

He provided details about the possible addition of Spokane County's Craig Rd project. It was not on the original list as it scored below the scoring thresholds, however it recently obtained federal funding, and therefore the Board discussed possibly adding it to the 2024 Unified List.

Mr. Fletcher outlined the two options for the requested action:

- Option A to recommend Board approval of the Unified List as shown; or
- Option B to recommend Board approval of the list with the addition of the Craig Rd project.

Member discussion points included:

- Clarification that projects are not required to be on SRTC's Unified List to be eligible for funding
- The funding for the Craig Rd project is coming from a federal earmark
- The Craig Rd project will bring jobs to the area; there is a lot of support for this project because it is being proactive in addressing potential future transportation issues on the West Plains

Mr. Vose made a motion recommending Board approval of the 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities Option B, including the Craig Rd project.. Mr. Hansen seconded.

Ms. Bollenback shared details about the project screening/scoring process and emphasized that the purpose of the Unified List is to be used as a communication tool for discussions with legislators for future funding opportunities. She said the advisory committees are being asked to provide input before the Board takes action. Mr. Coleman spoke about heavy traffic levels in the area on eastbound I-90.

The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

8 CITY OF SPOKANE VALEY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Mr. Jackson provided a summary of current and upcoming priority transportation projects in the City of Spokane Valley.

Guest speakers from other member agencies and community partner organizations will also be invited to present information to the TAC, TTC and Board.

9 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Jackson presented information on behalf of LEIA (Liberty to Edgecliff Improvements to Accessibility) Program, which is a collaboration between City of Spokane Valley, City of Spokane, and Spokane Transit Authority. This group is applying for a federal grant for multi-modal improvements to transportation facilities in the East Central neighborhood/8th Ave to Park Rd corridor.

10 DRAFT 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Stewart is the new SRTC staff lead on the TIP. He explained the TIP and development of a new TIP each year. The draft 2024-2027 document will be posted for review and public comment next week. He shared a list of projects in the TIP sorted by project type along with the expected dollar amounts for each category. SRTC will be engaging in public outreach throughout the TIP's 30-day public comment period. A public meeting will be held on 9/21 to share information and obtain comments.

Members discussed how the forthcoming Equity Working Group will engage in the development and outreach for future TIPs.

11 HIGHWAY URBAN BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Lien explained that SRTC is helping to facilitate the highway urban boundary review and updates that are done every 10 years following the federal decennial census in accordance with FHWA requirements. The areas under review in this region are Spokane/Spokane Valley and Cheney. Area jurisdictions are involved in the update process. He presented a map showing recommended boundary adjustments, which are essentially the same as the 2013 boundaries, but with several small additions.

12 AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Lien introduced SRTC's new Communications & Public Relations Coordinator, Savannah Hayward. Ms. Bollenback shared information about the upcoming Transportation Summit on 10/19. Mr. Wolff spoke about a TedEx event being held in Spokane on 10/14.

13 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Julie Meyers-Lehman, Recording Secretary

To: Transportation Advisory Committee

09/20/2023

From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: DRAFT 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Requested Action:

Recommend Board approval of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Key Points:

- SRTC is required to develop a TIP that includes a list of projects and programs to be carried out in the Spokane Metropolitan Planning Area over a four-year period.
- A TIP must be updated a minimum of every two years; SRTC updates the TIP annually.
- Any project with federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as well as any regionally significant projects, must be included in the TIP. Once approved by the SRTC Board, the TIP is incorporated into the Washington State TIP (STIP) then reviewed and approved by FHWA and FTA.
- Member jurisdictions and agencies have submitted their TIP project records into the Secure Access Washington Database and SRTC staff is reviewing the records as part of the TIP development.
- The draft 2024-2027 TIP document is available on the [SRTC website here](#).

Board/Committee Discussions:

The committees were briefed on the draft 2024-2027 TIP in August and the Board in September.

Public Involvement:

- The draft 2024-2027 TIP document was released for public comment on 09/01/23. Notification was posted to the SRTC website, social media platforms, in the Spokesman Review, and to media outlets.
- A hybrid public meeting is scheduled for 09/21/23 from 12:00pm-1:00pm. The meeting will be recorded and posted for additional viewing opportunities. Notice of the public meeting was widely distributed.
- All Board and advisory committee meetings at which this topic is discussed are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee

09/20/2023

From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: CY 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) GUIDEBOOK

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The SRTC TIP Guidebook establishes goals and objectives for the TIP, outlines specific programming policies, and provides critical TIP timelines and information for various processes.
- The TIP Guidebook is a programming resource for SRTC member agencies, the Board of Directors, and advisory committee members.
- The initial TIP Guidebook was developed in 2013 and is updated yearly to incorporate new schedules, procedures, and programming policies.
- Changes to the 2024 Guidebook include:
 - Clarification of Policy 6.8 regarding the distribution of contingency funding.
 - Addition of a policy to define the process for time-sensitive amendments outside of the regular schedule.
 - Update to the cyclical dates and removal of the 2023 Call for Preservation Projects schedule.
- A copy of the draft Guidebook can be found [here](#).

Board/Committee Discussions:

This is the first discussion of the 2024 TIP Guidebook.

Public Involvement:

All meetings at which the 2024 TIP Guidebook will be discussed are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee

09/20/2023

From: Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: TIP OBLIGATION TARGET UPDATE

Requested Action:

None. For information.

Key Points:

- SRTC is required to meet federal funding obligation targets within its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The FFY 2023 funding obligation target for all federal funding sources administered by SRTC is \$11.64 million.
- As of 08/16/23, the region is at 99% of the SRTC obligation target. The FFY 2023 obligations are \$11.63 million, with about \$14,000 remaining to meet the target.
- If SRTC does not reach the target by 09/30/2023, there is a chance of losing the portion of underdelivered funds through sanctions by WSDOT.
- WSDOT's Local Agency Federal Obligation Authority (OA) Policy establishes the obligation targets for each Metropolitan Planning Organization, Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and County lead agency.
- The policy only applies to four funding sources for which the SRTC Board is responsible in terms of project identification, prioritization, and selection: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and STBG Set-Aside (TAP).
- With the cooperation of member agencies, WSDOT local programs, and SRTC, the region received \$8.1M in additional federal funding obligation authority via WSDOT.
- The TIP Working Group meets monthly and works on options to meet the target.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The Board received an update of the obligation target at their April 2023 meeting.

Public Involvement:

All SRTC Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.

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To: Transportation Advisory Committee

09/20/2023

From: David Fletcher, Principal Transportation Planner

TOPIC: 2024 UNIFIED LIST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES (FEDERAL VERSION)

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- The Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities is a strategic tool used to communicate current regional transportation priorities to state legislators and Congressional representatives for potential funding opportunities. SRTC is committed to annually updating the Unified List.
- The SRTC Board of Directors approved the 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities and Policy Statements at their September 14 meeting. It was developed based on feedback provided by the SRTC Board, as well as the TTC and TAC. It contains project funding requests that are targeted towards a state audience.
- The 2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities (Federal Version), provided as an **Attachment**, includes project funding requests that are intended for a federal audience.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The SRTC Board approved Resolution R-23-24, adopting the 2024 Unified List, at their September meeting. The TTC and TAC recommended Board approval of the 2024 Unified List at their August meetings. Project evaluation criteria scores, along with potential options for the 2024 Unified List, were presented to TTC and TAC at their June meeting. These items were also presented to the SRTC Board at their July meeting. The 2024 Unified List process and timeline were presented to the TTC and TAC at their April meetings. At their May meeting, the SRTC Board approved Resolution 23-14, outlining the Unified List project evaluation criteria.

Public Involvement:

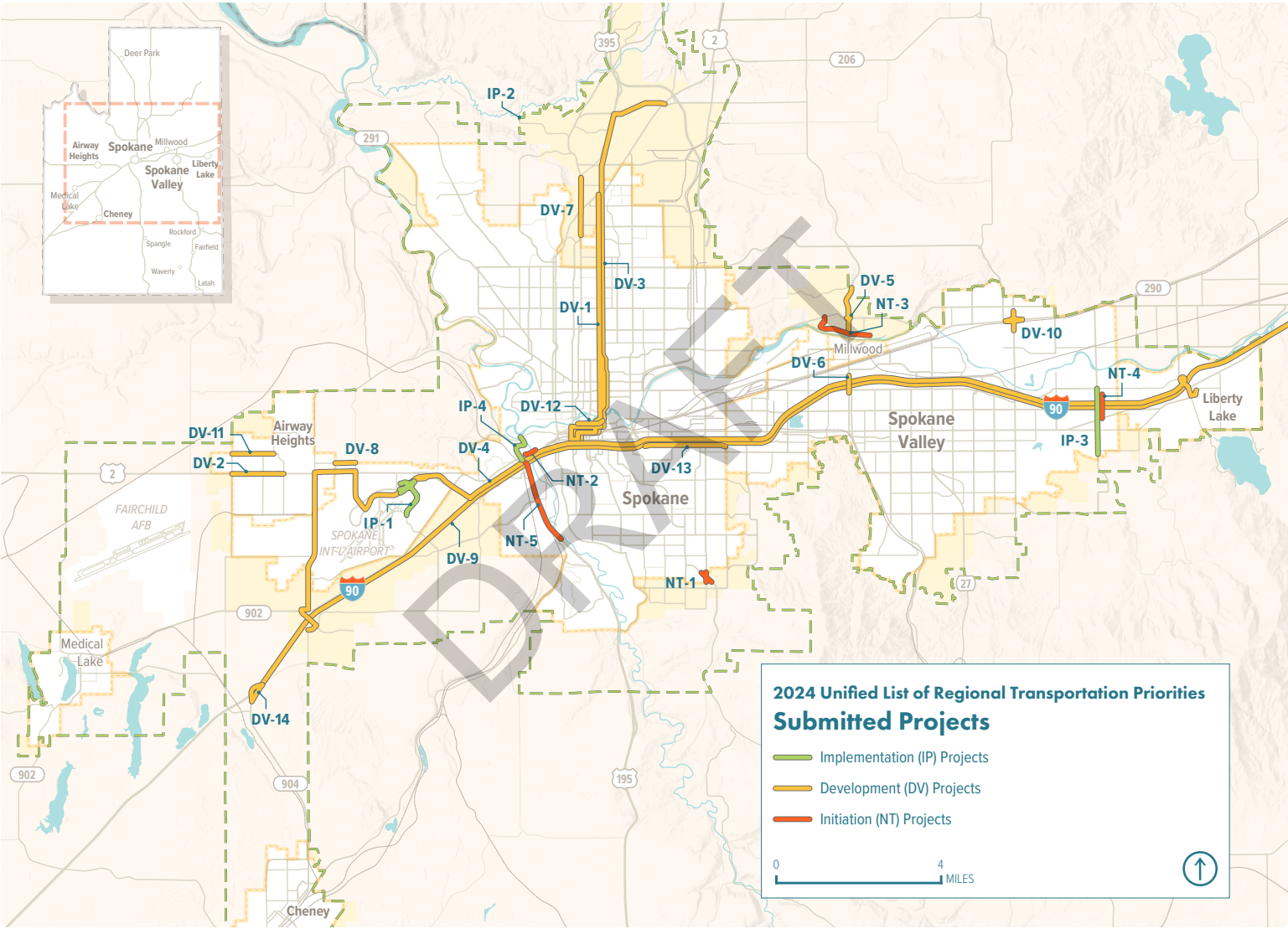
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2024 UNIFIED LIST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

APPROVED BY THE SRTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON [APPROVAL DATE]

The SRTC Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities outlines critical investments to improve the performance of the regional transportation system. The Unified List includes a variety of project types supported collectively by members of SRTC with consideration for equity, economic vitality, and safety among other screening criteria that indicate beneficial outcomes to both the state and the region.



Project Status Categories

IMPLEMENTATION

- Design ≥ 60% complete, significant progress has been made towards right-of-way, and environmental approvals are underway
- Project is identified in a local, regional, and/or state plan

DEVELOPMENT

- Design ≥ 30% complete, right-of-way needs identified, environmental has been initiated and/or substantial percentage of funding has been secured
- Project is identified in a local, regional, and/or state plan

INITIATION

- Design is < 30% complete
- Project is in the early stage of development and has, at a minimum, been identified in a planning study

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY	MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FED FUNDING REQUEST
From Interstates to Airways: Spotted Rd & Airport Dr Safety & Multimodal Improvements	SIA	IP-1	Construct a grade-separated interchange at Spotted Rd over Airport Dr and relocating Spotted Rd outside of the Runway Protection Zone for the Airport's primary instrument runway.	\$37,217,324	TBD
STA Fleet Electrification	STA	IP-2	Purchase of battery-electric buses (BEB) and required infrastructure to reach the 40 vehicle capacity at the Boone NW Garage and the required infrastructure.	\$38,800,000	No Federal Request
South Barker Rd Corridor	Spokane Valley	IP-3	Widen & reconstruct Barker Rd to a 5-lane urban arterial (Mission to Appleway), a 3-lane urban arterial (Appleway to city limits) and add roundabouts at Sprague, 4th, and 8th aves.	\$28,620,000	\$15,338,700
Fish Lake Trail Connection Phases 1-3	Spokane	IP-4	Construct a shared-use path connecting the existing Fish Lake Trail to Centennial Trail.	\$19,474,569	\$14,598,813

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY	MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FED FUNDING REQUEST
Division St Active Transportation Access Improvements	Spokane	DV-1	Install parallel and connecting active transportation improvements along the Division Corridor to support safe first/last mile bike/ped connections to BRT stations.	\$25,800,000	\$25,800,000
US Hwy 2 Multimodal Improvements	Airway Heights	DV-2	Add pathways and sidewalk, improved pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, transit stations, and roundabout traffic control.	\$24,480,200	\$21,467,200
Division Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	STA	DV-3	Enhances transit along corridor w/more frequent service, transit signal priority, all-door boarding, and dedicated business access and transit lanes (BAT) for more than half the corridor.	\$202,000,000	No Federal Request
I-90 / Valley High Performance Transit (HPT)	STA	DV-4	Revise to a HPT corridor, from West Plains/SIA to Spokane Valley and Liberty Lake. Construct two new park & rides (Appleway Station and Argonne Station) and modify Mirabeau Point Park & Ride.	\$36,000,000	\$2,450,000
Argonne Rd Safety Improvements	Spokane County	DV-5	Reconstruct Argonne Rd/Upriver Dr Intersection, upgrade bike/ped and ADA connections, and add safety improvements at Wellesley Ave intersection.	\$7,280,000	\$6,680,000
Argonne Bridge at I-90	Spokane Valley	DV-6	Widen or replace existing Argonne Rd bridge over I-90, including the addition of a third travel lane and shared use path.	\$24,000,000	\$22,500,000
Wall St Safety & Capital Improvements	Spokane County	DV-7	Project includes pavement restoration, stormwater infrastructure, new sewer force main, and pedestrian crossing and intersection improvements at Country Homes Blvd.	\$15,490,000	\$7,490,000
West Plains Connection - Spokane Phase	Spokane	DV-8	Extend existing roadway as a two-lane boulevard or three-lane urban collector for a total of 3.65 miles, adding bicycle lanes, separated sidewalks, multi-use paths, and transit stops.	\$4,877,622	\$4,877,622
I-90 TSMO Improvements	WSDOT	DV-9	Various TSMO improvements from SR 904 to Idaho state line, such as variable message signs, ramp meters, variable speed limits, queue warning detection, and wrong way detection.	\$24,000,000	\$20,760,000
Sullivan / Trent Interchange	Spokane Valley	DV-10	Reconstruct Sullivan Rd/SR 290 interchange, including on/off ramps, to restore long-term capacity and satisfy projected traffic growth from 2022 Bigelow Gulch-Forker Road connection.	\$42,774,021	\$35,179,224

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY	MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FED FUNDING REQUEST
6th Ave Multimodal Improvements	Airway Heights	DV-11	Various multimodal improvements on 6th Ave, from Craig Rd to Russell St.	\$7,280,000	\$2,860,800
Spokane Falls Blvd	Spokane	DV-12	Construct full depth roadway, repair sidewalk, lighting, communication conduit and cable, signal and utility updates, and accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) updates as appropriate.	\$8,149,426	\$7,397,546
3rd Ave: Perry to Havana Improvements	Spokane	DV-13	Full depth reconstruction aligning with NSC work, including elements not in WSDOT scope—sidewalk, curb ramp, addressing drainage, water/sewer, and streetscaping improvements.	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
I-90/SR 904 Interchange Revisions [specific title TBD]	Spokane County	DV-14	[project description forthcoming]	[cost TBD]	[request TBD]

INITIATION PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY	MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FED FUNDING REQUEST
Freya St / Palouse Hwy Roundabout	Spokane	NT-1	Construct a roundabout and improve sidewalk or pathway connections in all four directions, including extending the Palouse Hwy shared-use pathway through Freya St.	\$4,988,000	\$4,900,000
Latah Bridge Rehabilitation	Spokane	NT-2	Replace and widen bridge deck, railing, sidewalks, and rehabilitate select structural elements. Project includes improved pedestrian and transit facilities (shared-use path, bike lanes, and space for future light rail transit line).	\$55,966,000	\$55,966,000
Centennial Trail / Argonne Gap Project	Spokane County	NT-3	Improve connectivity at the Argonne Rd crossing adjacent to Centennial Trail, including improved crossings to reduce bike/ped vs vehicular incidents and reduce stress at Argonne Rd/Upriver Dr intersection.	\$8,470,000	\$8,470,000
Barker Rd & I-90 Interchange	Spokane Valley	NT-4	Replace single-lane roundabout and 2-lane bridge with new 2-lane roundabout and 4-lane bridge to accommodate existing traffic and growth.	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
US 195 Corridor Projects	Spokane	NT-5	Connect Lindeke St to Thorpe Rd and create a two-way Inland Empire Way and Cheney-Spokane Rd connection. Streetscape improvements include sidewalks, lighting, landscape buffers, and bike lanes.	\$18,394,333	\$18,394,333

2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities Summary by Project Status Category

PROJECT STATUS CATEGORY	# OF PROJECTS	TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING REQUEST	% OF TOTAL COST REQUESTED
IMPLEMENTATION	4	\$121,111,893	\$29,937,513	24.7%
DEVELOPMENT	14	\$430,131,269	\$165,762,392	38.5%
INITIATION	5	\$136,552,333	\$127,730,333	93.5%
TOTAL	23	\$687,795,495	\$323,430,238	47.0%

REGIONAL SAFETY PROJECTS

As a pilot project, SRTC and WSDOT—Eastern Region worked together to achieve consensus and identify strategic safety investments for the Spokane region. To accomplish this, the agencies collaboratively conducted a vulnerable road users safety analysis and identified two high-priority projects found in the Safety Projects section of the 2024 SRTC Unified List.

Moving forward SRTC will develop a regional safety action plan with funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All program to further prioritize safety projects and reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

2024 Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities Safety Projects

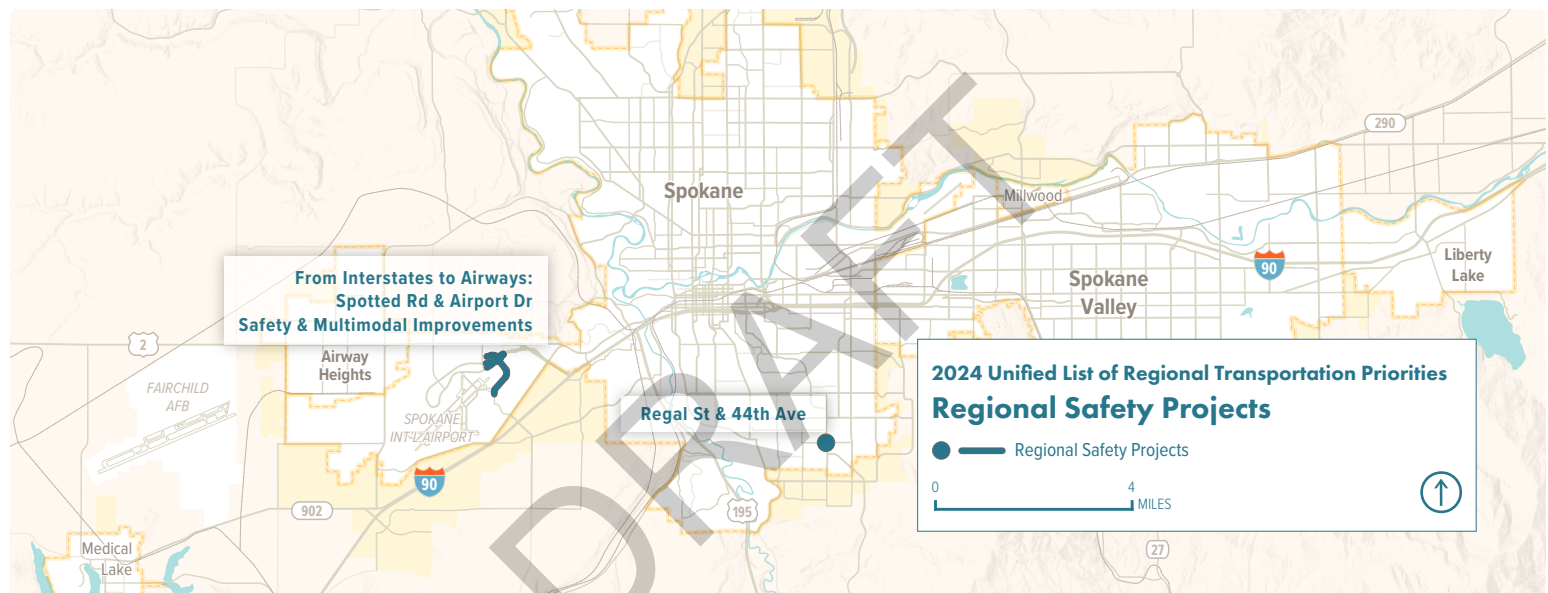
Identified in WSDOT Eastern Region/SRTC Safety Collaboration Pilot Project

► Regal St & 44th Ave

Total Project Cost: \$598,679

► From Interstates to Airways: Spotted Rd & Airport Dr Safety & Multimodal Improvements

See Project IP-1 under Implementation Projects for details



Based on a regional crash data analysis, both the Regal Street/44th Avenue (above left) and Spotted Road/Airport Drive (above right) intersections were identified as locations for strategic safety investments in the WSDOT Eastern Region/SRTC Safety Collaboration Pilot Project.