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## **Opportunity to shape the next 20+ years of Spokane's Regional Transportation system**

The time is beginning for members of the public to help envision the future of Spokane County's transportation system. Through the development of a long-range transportation plan that extends to the year 2050, people can weigh in on the future transportation needs of their community.

This transportation plan, titled Horizon 2050, is the key document for long-range transportation planning in the Spokane County region. "Development of Horizon 2050 provides an opportunity for SRTC to bring communities together to share thoughts about the future of our region and transportation solutions that will be needed to support that future," said Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) Executive Director Lois Bollenback.

2050 will contain information on important transportation projects, needs for all modes of transportation, planned transportation investments, updated population and land use projections and more. Members of the public have multiple opportunities to be a part of the plan's development process and comment on their transportation experiences.

An <u>8-question survey</u> is available and will be open through early Summer 2025. There will also be a series oof workshops around the region where people can talk with SRTC planners and other agency staff, share their thoughts face-to-face and participate in educational transportation activities. These public meetings will share information on transportation data, identified regional needs, major projects and other additional resources.

Comments will be considered throughout the development of the plan. The draft report is expected to be complete by November 2025 and there will be a month-long public comment period for final public review.

"This is an important plan for the Spokane region, and it will be better informed with input from people throughout our community who use it each day to drive, walk, bike or take the bus. I encourage members of the public to attend a workshop, participate in our survey or reach out to us through our project website. Your voice matters," said Bollenback.

For more information, visit <u>www.srtc.org/horizon-2050</u>.

## Horizon 2050 Workshops

- February 24 | 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Eastern Washington University Cheney Campus
- February 25 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm University District Catalyst Building
- March 3 | 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Spokane Liberty Park Library
- March 6 | 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Airway Heights Recreation Center
- April 1 | 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Spokane Valley Library
- April 17 | 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Spokane Central Library

## 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 made up 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 <u>http://srtc.org</u>. SRTC is committed to nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.O. 100.259) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. A person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting the SRTC office by telephone at (509) 343-6370 or by email at <u>contact.srtc@srtc.org</u> at least 48 hours in advance. Persons with hearing impairment may contact (509) 343-6387 through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1.

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