



# WELCOME

*SRTC FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING*





SRTC STAFF AT THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION





## SRTC STAFF AT THE COMMUTE SMART NW AWARDS CEREMONY



# HORIZON 2050 WORKSHOPS

Learn about the region's long range transportation plan: Horizon 2050. Ask questions, share your transportation needs, participate in a prioritization exercise and become informed about our regional transportation system.

**FEBRUARY 24 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
EWU CHENEY CAMPUS (PUB 317)

**FEBRUARY 25 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
UNIVERSITY DISTRICT CATALYST BUILDING (ROOM 309)

**MARCH 4 | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
SPOKANE LIBERTY PARK LIBRARY

**MARCH 6 | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
AIRWAY HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER

**APRIL 1 | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
SPOKANE VALLEY LIBRARY

**APRIL 17 | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
SPOKANE CENTRAL LIBRARY



# **NEW SRTC Brand & Website Update**





# Spokane Regional Transportation Council

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**February 25<sup>th</sup>**





# 2027-2029 Call for Projects Criteria and Principles of Investment

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Board of Directors – Action

Ryan Stewart, Principal Transportation Planner

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# Requested Action

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# Call for Projects

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# Criteria

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REQUESTED SRTC REGIONAL FUNDS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Principles of Investment

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# Principles of Investment (cont.)

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# Funding

Funding Type for Competitive Call for Projects	Anticipated Available 2027-2029 (after off-the-top)
<b>STBG</b>	<b>\$19,415,330</b>
-Preservation	↳ \$8,211,000
-Small Towns	↳ \$1,350,000
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# Next Steps

2025	Schedule
February	Call for projects release
March	Project Eligibility Worksheet and Complete Streets Checklist due
April	Deadline for submitting Application Package(s)
May	TAC & TTC review preliminary results
June	Board review preliminary results
June	TAC & TTC recommend to Board prioritized list of projects for award and contingency list
July	Board approve list of projects for awards and contingency list



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# Questions?

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# Transportation Performance Management: PM1 - Safety

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Board of Directors

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Michael Redlinger

February 13, 2025

# Requested Action

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**Approve Resolution R-25-05 establishing annual performance targets for safety.**

# Funding Nexus

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- **Highway Safety Improvement Program**
  - ~\$3B / year nationally for investments in safety projects.
  - WA State : approximately \$30M / year.
  - Historically, 2-3 projects get funded with total annual award of about \$2.5M to region.

**1. Fatalities**

**2. Fatalities per 100M vehicle miles traveled**

**3. Serious injuries**

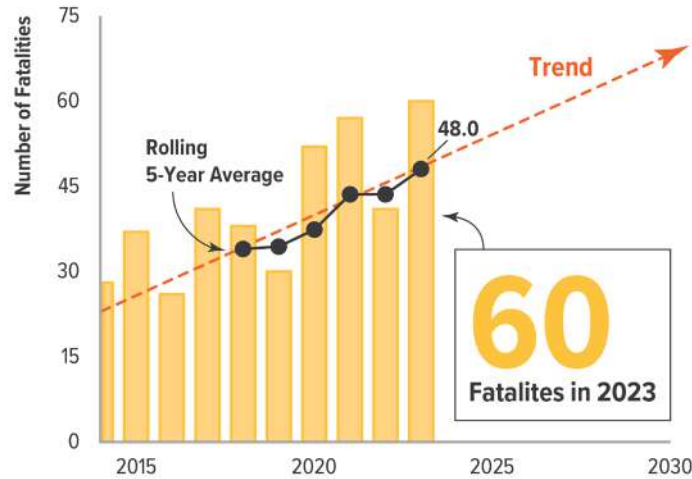
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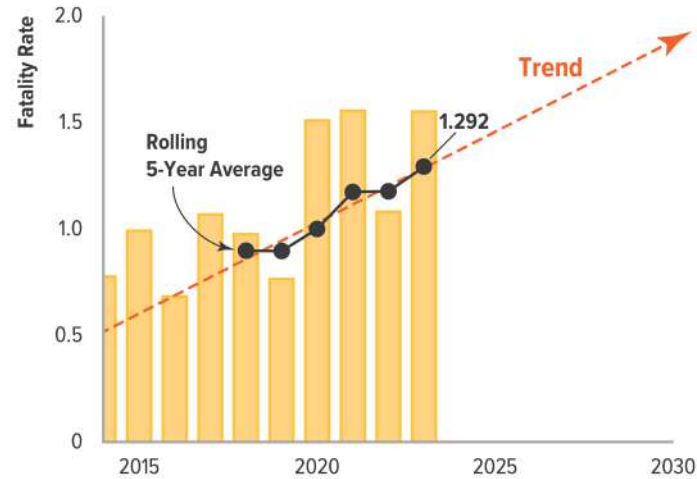


# SRTC Metropolitan Planning Area (Spokane County)

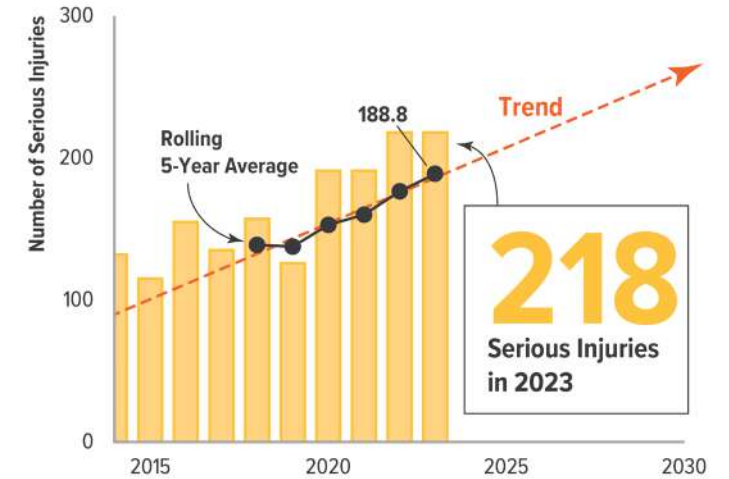
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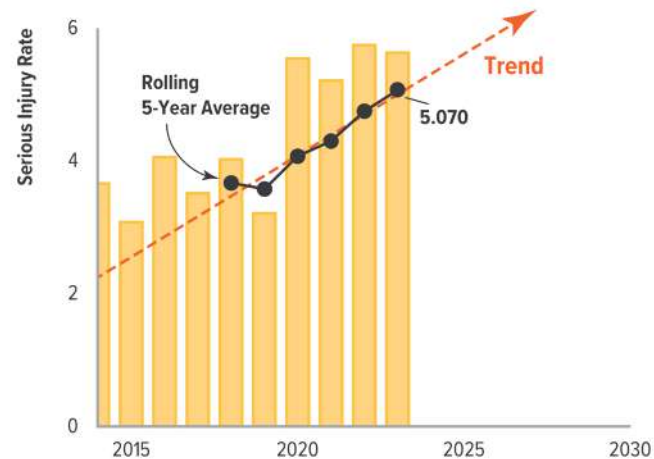
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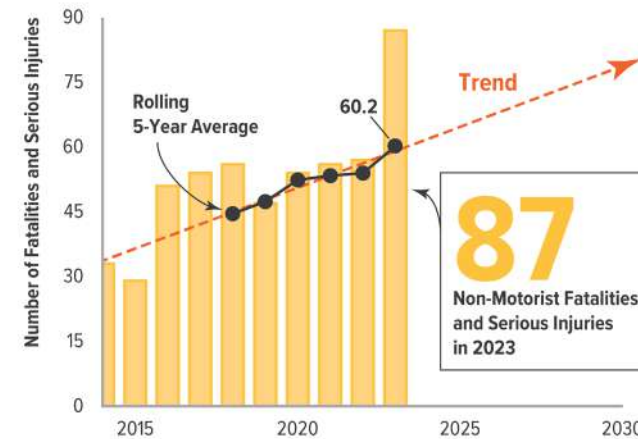
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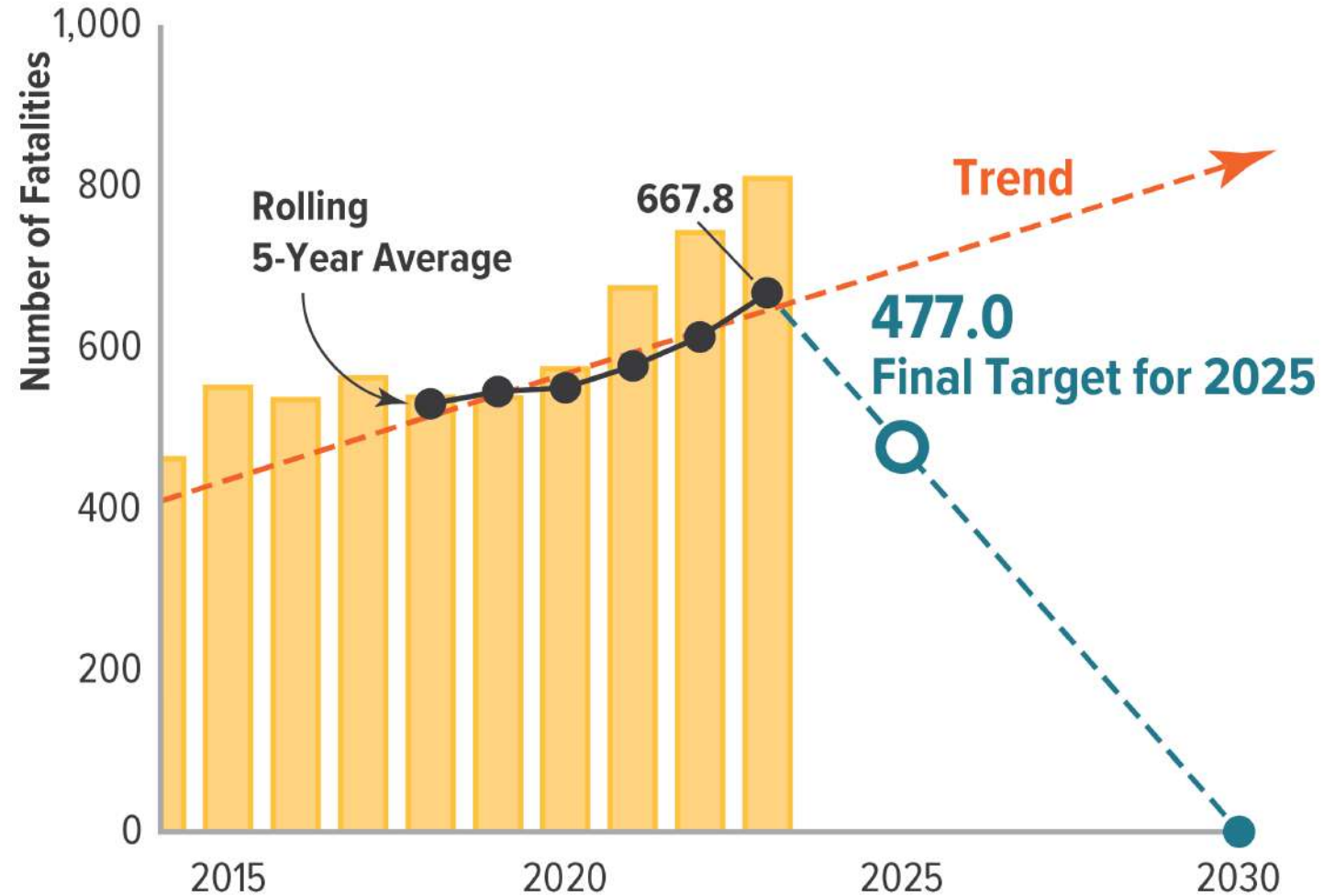
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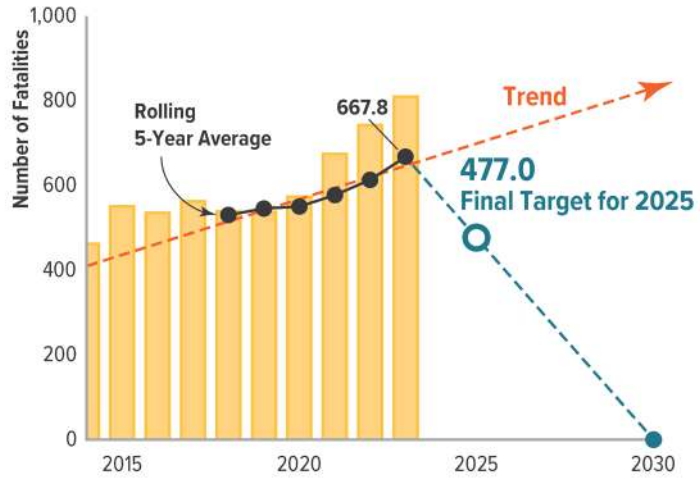
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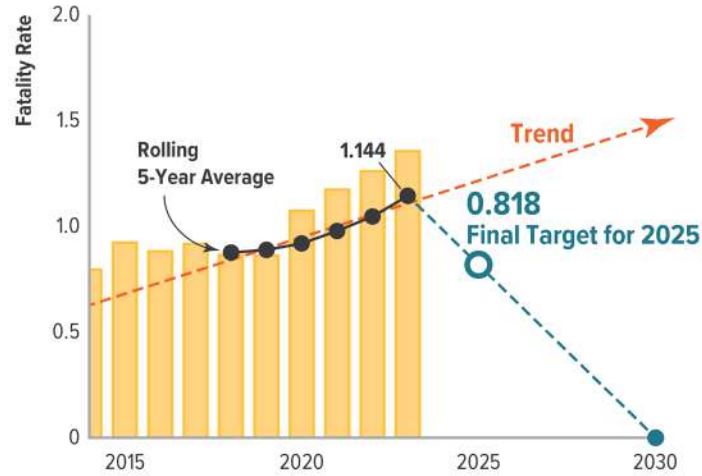


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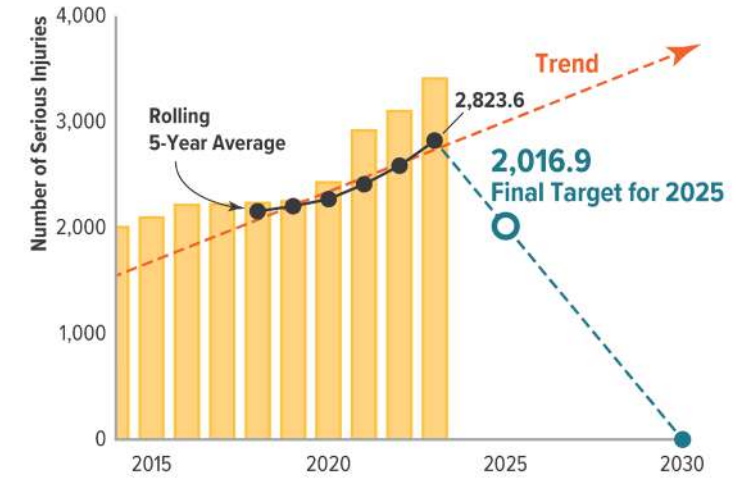
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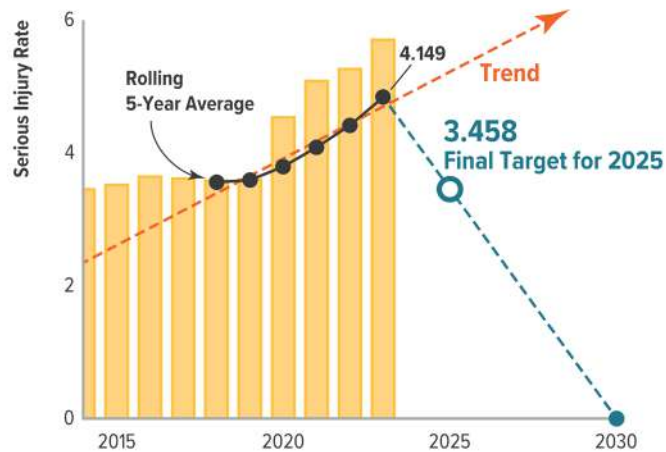
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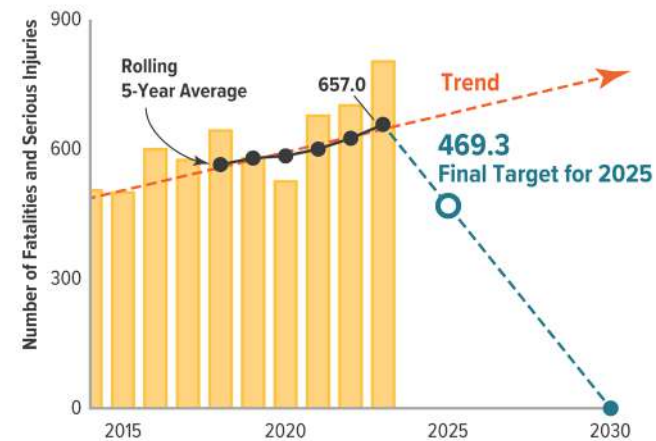
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Measure #5: Non-Motorist Fatalities and Serious Injuries



*For [the safety] performance measure, the MPOs shall establish a target...*

# Options

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1. **Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the WSDOT HSIP target**
2. **Commit to a quantifiable target for the metropolitan planning area**



# Improving Performance

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- Target setting is a federal requirement that is focused on statewide performance
- SRTC's planning area has experienced decreasing safety performance
- Under Board direction, SRTC secured SS4A funding

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# Overview of the Role & Activities of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council

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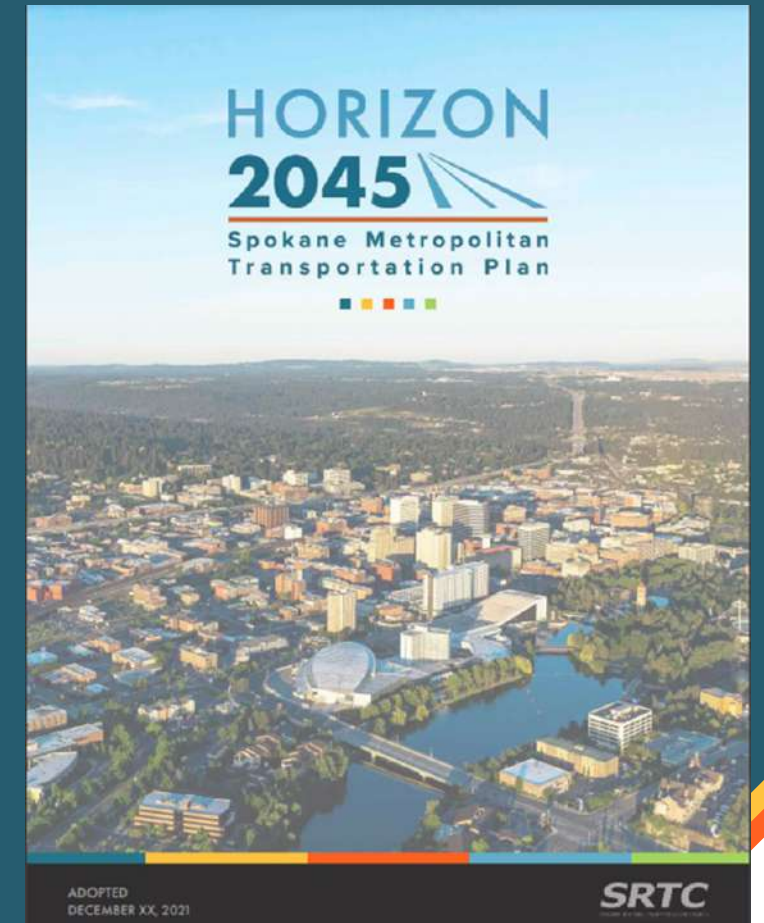
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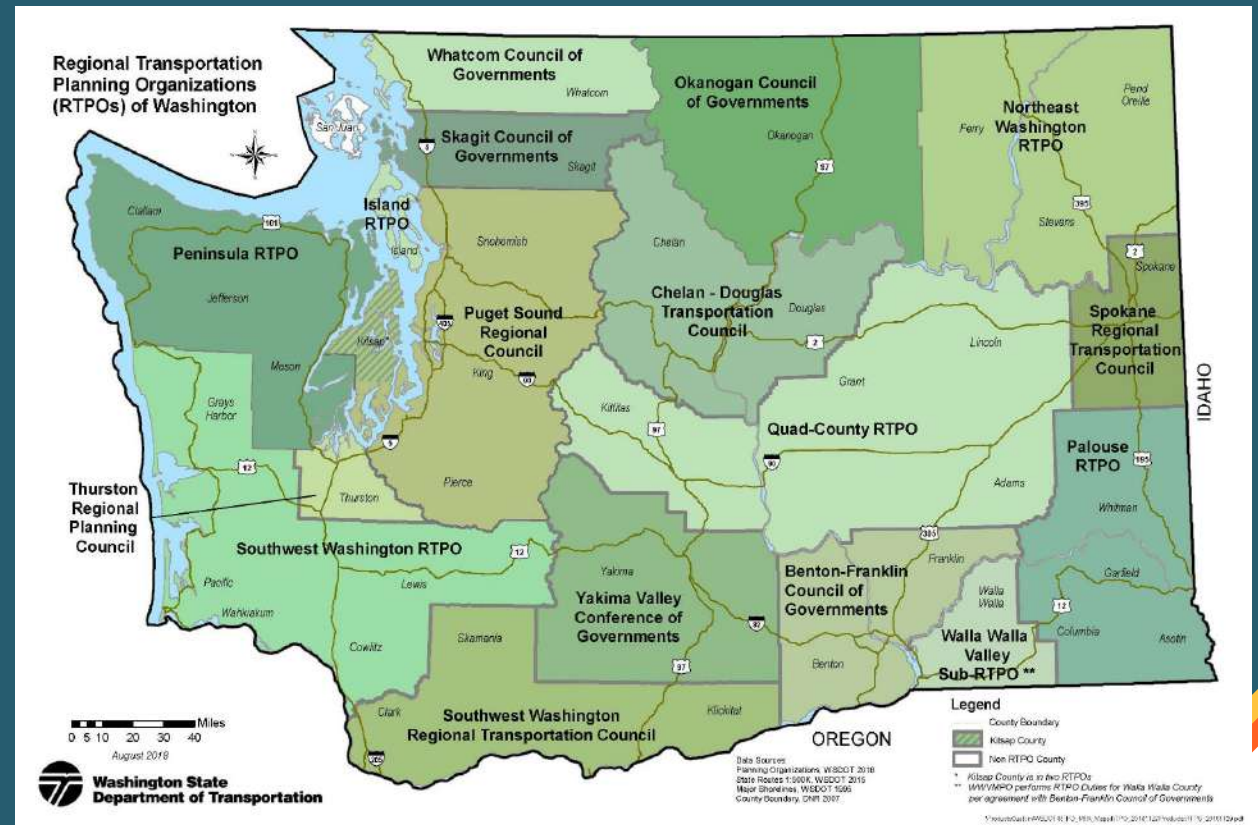
# Role of an MPO in the Community

- **Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962:**  
mandated the formation of MPOs to plan for regional transportation planning expenditures and are responsible for the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for their urbanized area.
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):**  
an agency created by federal law to provide local elected officials input into the planning and implementation of federal transportation funds (areas with populations of greater than 50,000).



# Role of an RTPO

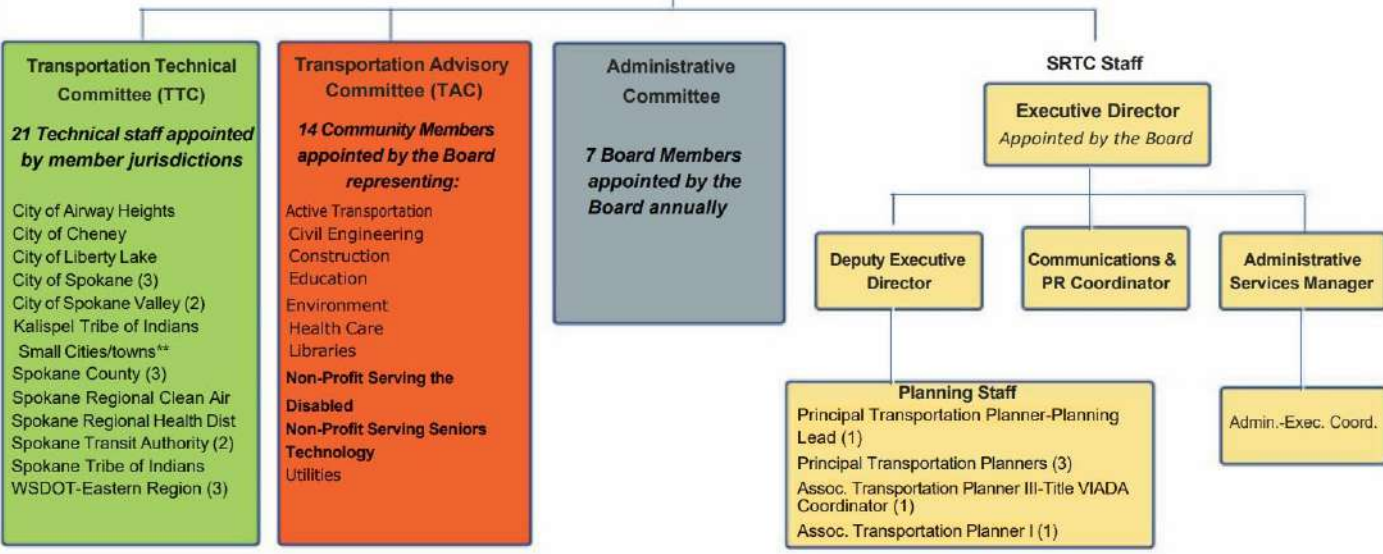
- **Chapter 47.80 RCW:** “while the transportation system in Washington is owned and operated by numerous public jurisdictions, it should function as one interconnected and coordinated system.”
- **Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO):** to facilitate the coordination and cooperation among state and local jurisdictions of transportation planning and comprehensive plans, and to coordinate the achievement of statewide and local transportation goals.





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTING MEMBERS		Small Towns Representative*	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
City of Millwood		Spokane County (2)	TTC Chair
City of Airway Heights	City of Spokane (2)	Spokane Transit Authority	TAC Chair
City of Cheney	City of Spokane Valley (2)	Spokane Tribe of Indians	Regional WA State Legislators
City of Deer Park	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	WSDOT Eastern Region	
City of Liberty Lake	Major Employer Representative	WA State Transportation Commission	
City of Medical Lake	Rail/Freight Representative		



\*Towns of Fairfield, Latah, Rockford, Spangle & Waverly  
 \*\*Towns listed above plus Cities of Deer Park, Medical Lake & Millwood

## Governance Structure of MPO's & RTPO's

- Board of Directors
- Transportation Technical Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee

# Your Vision - - Our Vision





# Required Activities - - Optional Activities



## Required

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)  
Congestion Management Process (CMP)

## Optional

Corridor Plans & Studies  
Research: Demographic / Equity  
Strengthening Community Partnerships  
Data collection  
Grant Development  
Safety Awareness



*Project Prioritization & Funding Strategies*

# Guiding Principles



# Required Planning Factors

- 1) Support the **economic vitality**, especially by enabling **global competitiveness**, productivity, and efficiency;
- 2) Increase the **safety & security** of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 3) Increase **accessibility and mobility** of people and freight;
- 4) Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote energy conservation, improve the **quality of life**, and promote consistency between state and local planned growth;
- 5) Enhance the integration and **connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- 6) Promote efficient system **management and operation**;
- 7) Emphasize the **preservation** of the existing transportation system;
- 8) Improve the **resiliency and reliability** of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- 9) Enhance **travel and tourism**.



# Responding to Community Needs





## Major Activities in CY 2025

- Develop Horizon 2050 (long-range transportation plan)
- Manage a "Call for Projects"
- Update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Develop a 2-year Work Plan (UPWP)
- Implement a Safety Awareness Campaign



# Thank you!

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# SFY 2025-2027 UPWP Development

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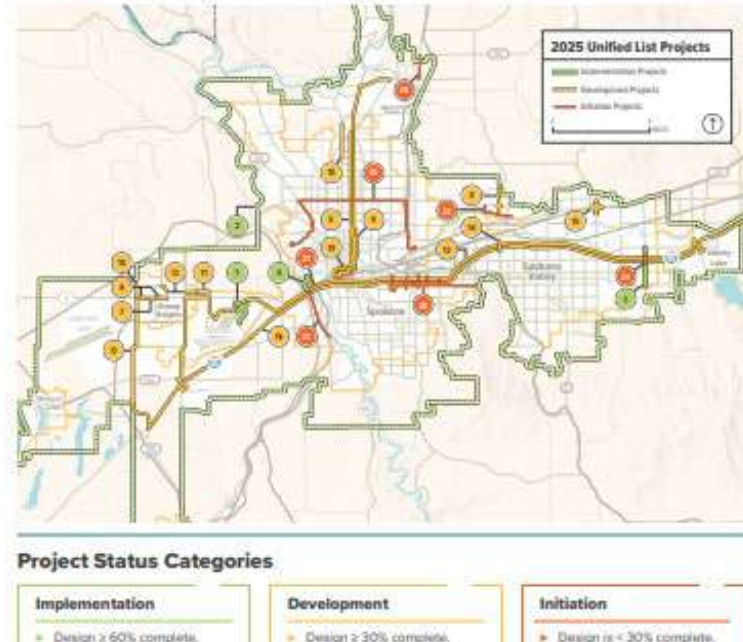
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## UNIFIED LIST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

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.



## Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Purpose

- Identify all transportation planning activities to be conducted in the metropolitan planning area during the two-year period.
- Define the activities and their associated financial resources.
- July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 Washington state fiscal years.

# Federal Planning Factors & State Goals

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- Economic vitality
  - Safety - - Security
  - Accessibility and mobility
  - Environment, energy conservation, quality of life, growth and economic development
  - Integration and connectivity
  - System management and operation
  - Preservation
  - Resiliency and reliability
  - Travel and tourism
- Economic Vitality
  - Preservation
  - Safety
  - Mobility
  - Environment
  - Stewardship

# Federal & State Emphasis Areas

- Climate crisis
- Equity and Justice 40
- Complete streets
- Public involvement
- Strategic Highway Network coordination
- Federal land management agency coordination
- Planning and environmental linkages
- Data in transportation planning
- Update Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) duties
- Make public documents accessible
- Enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and provisions of the HEAL Act
- Support Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Support various WSDOT planning activity
- Update Federal Functional Classifications
- Assist in coordinating Transportation Asset Management data

# What have we been doing?

## Planning Activity

- Resiliency Plan
- Smart Mobility Plan
- Safety Action Plan
- D.A.T.A
- Bike Map Update

## Agency Support

- SRTMC Support
- Division BRT
- Craig Road ARR

## Core Activities

- Base products (MTP/TIP/UPWP/CMP)
- Board & Committee Support
- Administrative Documents

## Community Engagement

- Outreach Events
- Support of Chambers of Commerce & PDA's
- Peer Agencies
- Website Update

# What should we be doing?

Please pick the top two areas which you would like to see SRTC devote additional resources to in 2025.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Collaboration with Peer Agencies and Stakeholders	25.00%	7
Community Outreach and Engagement (including targeted outreach and disadvantaged populations)	35.71%	10
Corridor Planning, Modal Planning, and Studies (Past examples include: Division Connects, active transportation planning, safety, technology, etc.)	42.86%	12
Data Collection and Analysis for Planning and Reporting	7.14%	2
Grant Support and Project Development	28.57%	8
Regional and National Leadership Efforts (partnerships, advocacy, transportation policies, etc.)	10.71%	3
Transportation Education, Awareness, and Training Events (lunch and learns, summits, etc.)	39.29%	11
Other (please specify)	3.57%	1
Total Respondents: 28		

- Core & Required Activities
- Corridor Planning
- Community Engagement, Education & Awareness



# Schedule

SFY 24-25 UPWP Task/Milestone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Content development							
Preliminary draft UPWP submitted to WSDOT			25th				
WSDOT/FHWA/FTA meeting				15th			
Public engagement / notice							
TAC/TTC							
Board			13th				
Approved SFY 26-27 UPWP submitted to WSDOT							
FHWA/FTA Final Approval							
SFY 24-25 UPWP effective							1st

# Questions?

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# Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Regional Priority Networks

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Michael Redlinger

February 13, 2025

# Purpose of Regional Networks

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Establish core facilities  
for planning and policy  
purposes



Consistency with federal  
requirements



Focus SRTC mission



Coordinated planning of  
regional system—  
performance, safety,  
access, stewardship

# Vehicular Network

- The NHS in Spokane County
- All principal arterials, highways and the interstate within Spokane County comprise the vehicular priority network

## Regional Vehicular Priority Network

- NHS (Federal)
- NHS (Local)
- NHS (State)
- Urban Growth Area



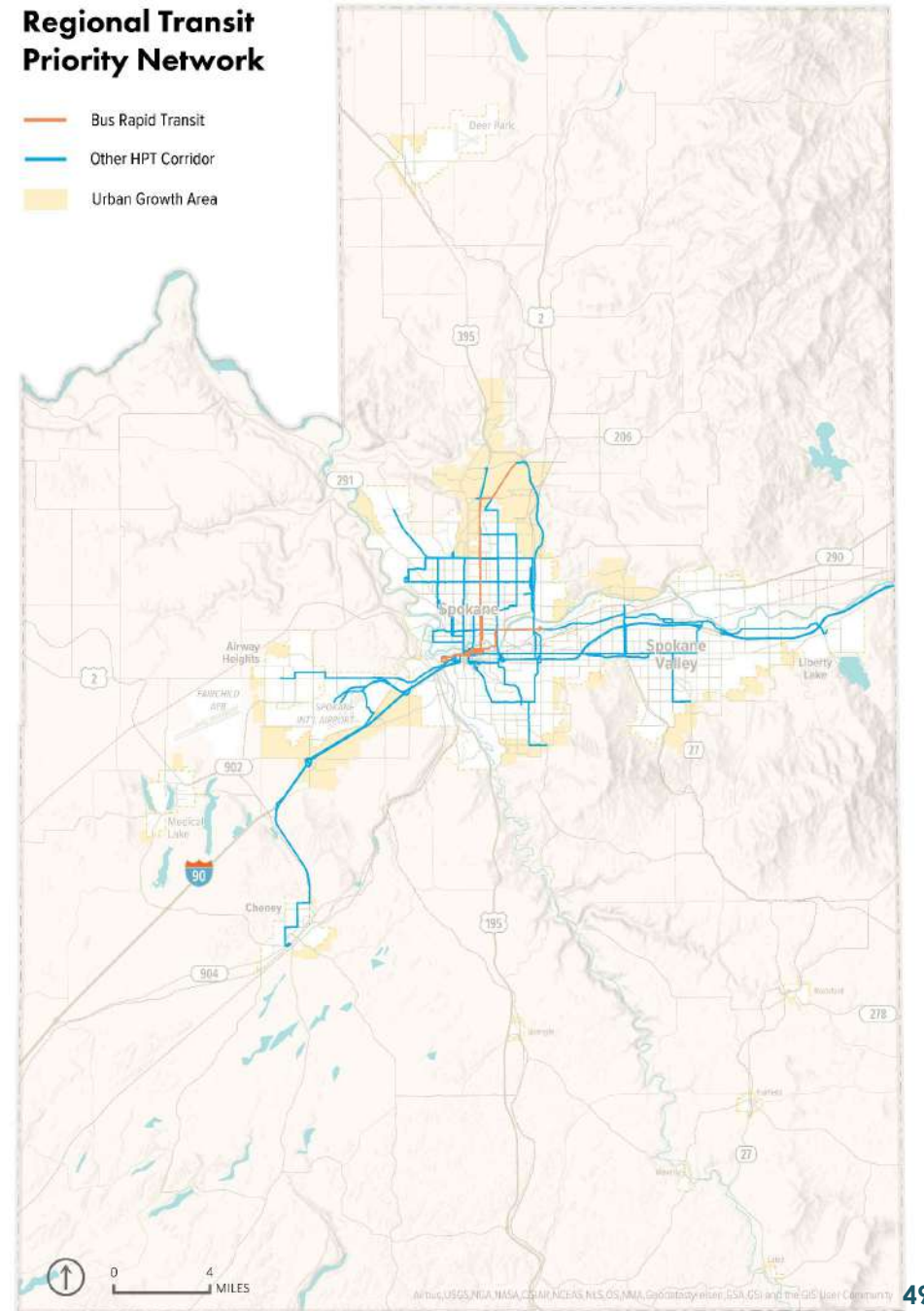


# Transit Network

- Reflects long range planning effort
- Identifies future corridors for High Performance Transit network investments

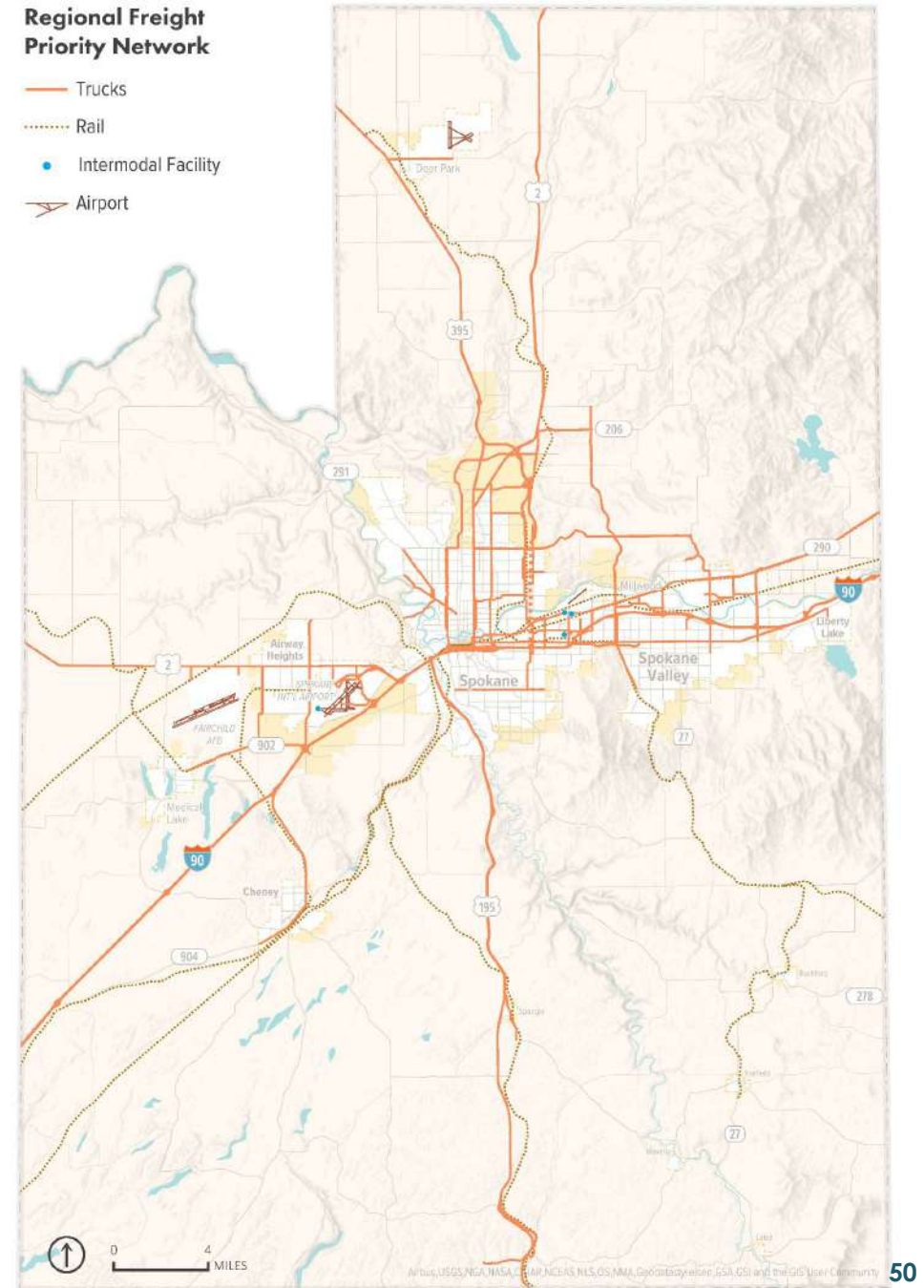
## Regional Transit Priority Network

- Bus Rapid Transit
- Other HPT Corridor
- Urban Growth Area



# Freight Network

- All T-1/T-2 FGTS routes in the region
- Truck routes identified as high priorities by other planning efforts
- Truck Freight Economic Corridors (TFECs), major rail lines, and air facilities in the region

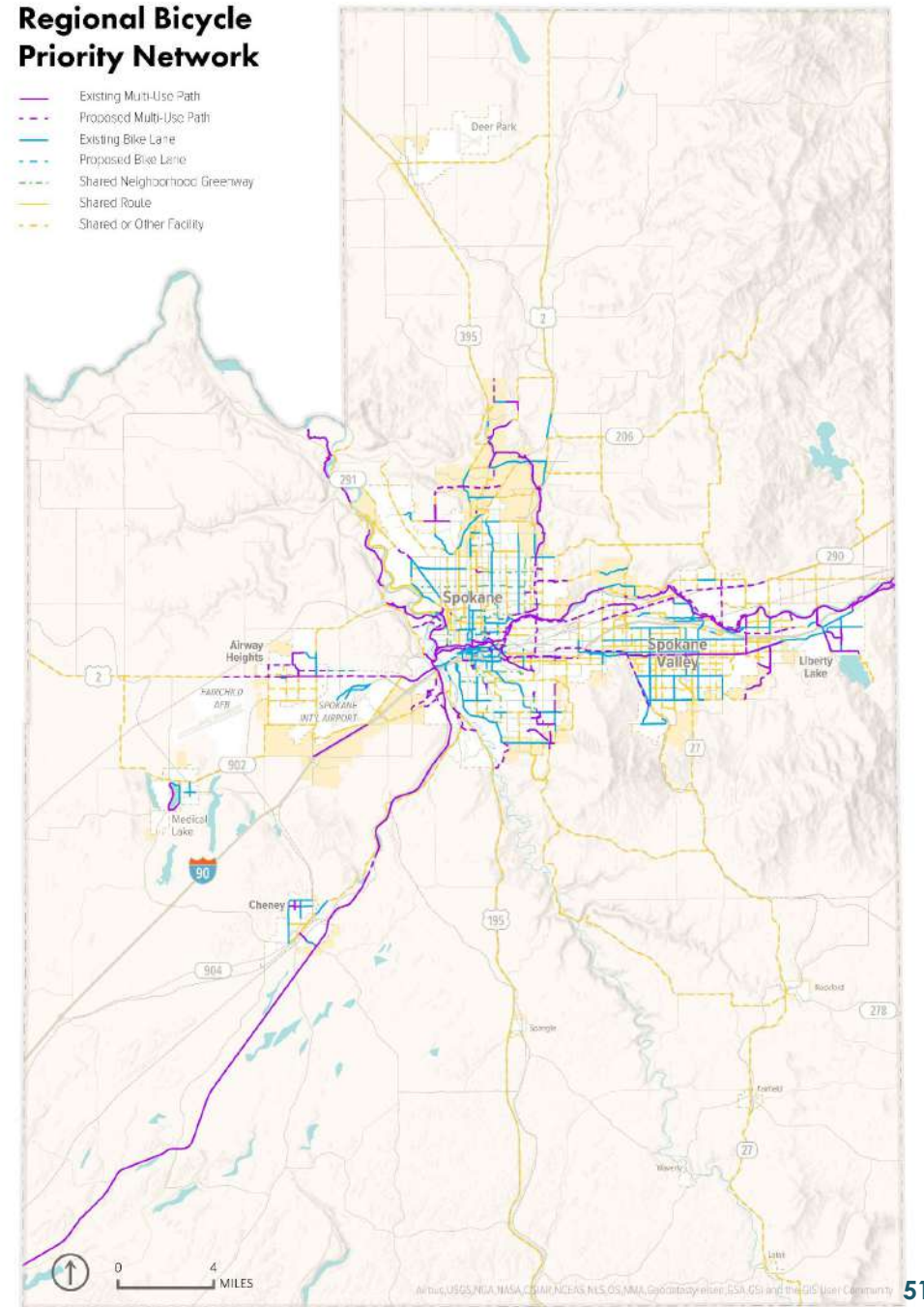


# Bike Network

- The bicycle priority network identifies existing and future bicycle facilities
- Separated multi-use paths like the Centennial Trail
- Bike lanes
- Shared lanes
- Other bike facilities

## Regional Bicycle Priority Network

- Existing Multi-Use Path
- - - Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Bike Lane
- - - Proposed Bike Lane
- - - Shared Neighborhood Greenway
- Shared Route
- - - Shared or Other Facility



# Update Activities

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- Vehicular network reflects Horizon 2045, NHS facilities
- Refinements to Transit network (STA planning updates)
- Refinements to Freight network (Freight analysis)
- Update to Bike network (agency comments & analysis)



# Additional Modes

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- **Rail**
  - Class I
  - Potential for expanded passenger rail
- **Air**
  - Update to Spokane Airports Master Plan



# Next Steps

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- Web map in development
- Members review and provide comments
- Review process complete by Spring

# Questions?

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# Commuter Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan Update: 2025-2029

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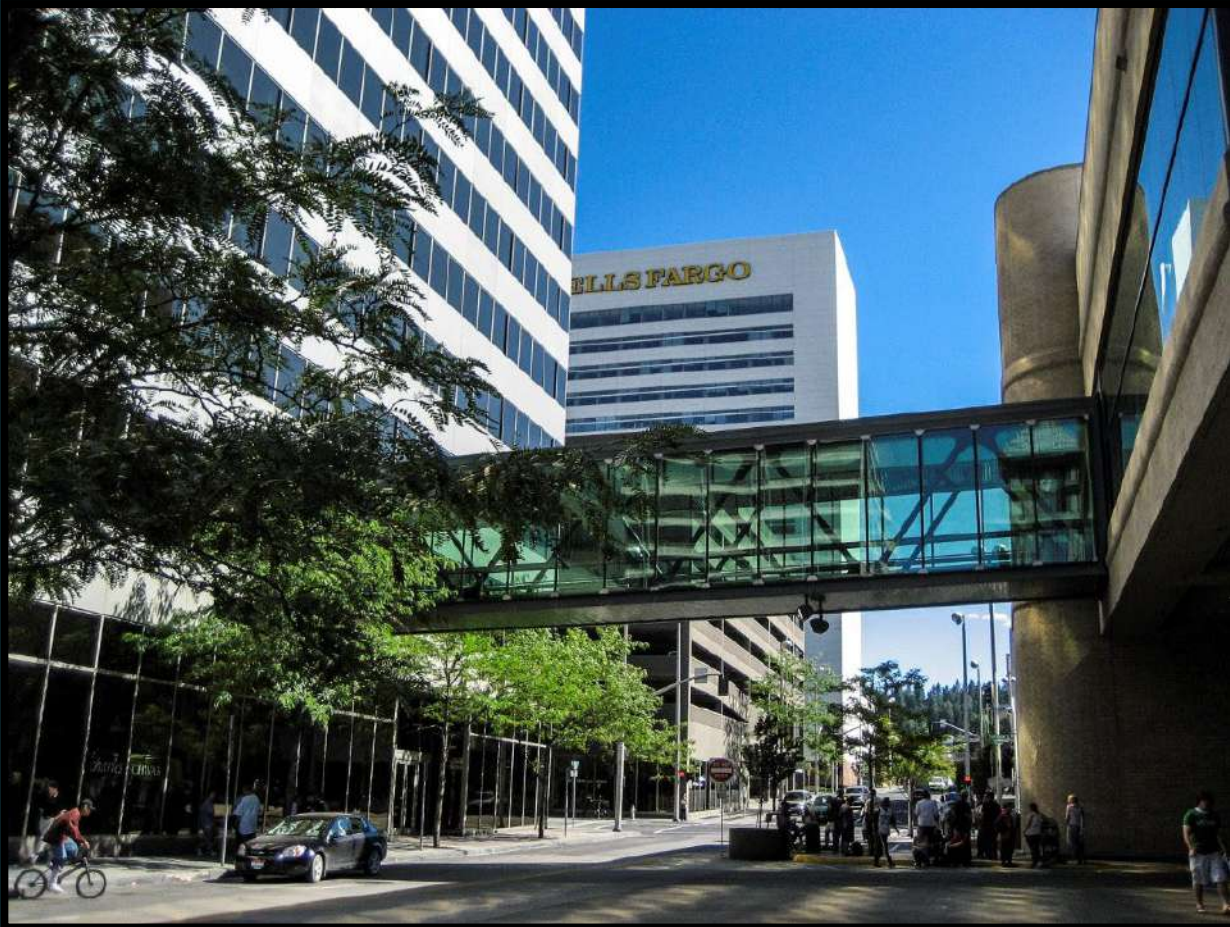
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Benjamin Kloskey, Associate Transportation Planner I

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# 2025 – 2029 CTR Plan Update: Overview



- Affected jurisdictions and agencies were required to update their CTR Plan for 2025 – 2029
- Plans drafted via collaboration between:
  - Commute Smart NW
  - SRTC
  - STA
  - Local agencies

# Commuter Trip Reduction: Background

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- CTR is a statewide planning effort to reduce the amount of drive alone trips on our roadways.
- **Key goals:**
  - Reduce congestion
  - Reduce emissions
  - Promote alternative commute/work methods such as transit and teleworking



# Commute Trip Reduction: Background cont.

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- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study
  - Significant air pollution
  - Increased automotive traffic
  - Increased reliance on imported petroleum
- CTR program established
  - Washington State Clean Air Act of 1991
  - WSDOT TDM team and CTR Board created

# Who is Affected by CTR Law

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- **CTR Jurisdictions in the Spokane region:**
  - Airway Heights
  - Cheney
  - Liberty Lake
  - Medical Lake
  - Spokane
  - Spokane County
  - Spokane Valley



# CTR Plan Content

- **Current Situation**
  - Baseline Data
  - Performance targets
- **Regional Issues**
  - Strategies
- **Community Feedback**
  - Survey



# Regional Baselines and Targets

Current Baseline: 64.4%  $\longrightarrow$  60% Target

Jurisdiction	Baseline Drive Alone Rate	Reduction	Target Drive Alone Rate
City of Airway Heights	79.1%	7%	72.1%
City of Cheney	60.3%	7%	70.4%
City of Liberty Lake	59.0%	6%	55.5%
City of Medical Lake	84.6%	9%	76.9%
City of Spokane	62.6%	6%	58.5%
Spokane County	76.7%	8%	70.6%
City of Spokane Valley	53.9%	6%	50.7%

# Community Engagement

- **General public outreach**
  - 21 Public events
  - 246 responses to regionwide survey (English and Spanish)
  - 107 public comments
- **Targeted outreach**
  - Overburdened communities
  - Historically excluded groups





# Next Steps / Timeline

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SRTC Regional CTR Plan Drafted



State TDM Committee Review & Acceptance



SRTC Board Approval of Regional CTR Plan





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- \$1.35M

# Funding

Funding Type for Competitive Call for Projects	Anticipated Available 2027-2029 (after off-the-top)
<b>STBG</b>	<b>\$19,415,330</b>
-Preservation	↳ \$8,211,000
-Small Towns	↳ \$1,350,000
<b>STBG-SA</b>	<b>\$2,100,000</b>
<b>CMAQ</b>	<b>\$4,900,000</b>
<b>CRP</b>	<b>\$4,200,000</b>
<b>Total Available All Funding Types</b>	<b>\$30,615,330</b>

# Next Steps

2025	Schedule
February	Call for projects release
March	Project Eligibility Worksheet and Complete Streets Checklist due
April	Deadline for submitting Application Package(s)
May	TAC & TTC review preliminary results
June	Board review preliminary results
June	TAC & TTC recommend to Board prioritized list of projects for award and contingency list
July	Board approve list of projects for awards and contingency list

# Requested Action

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- Approve the resolution R-25-04 adopting the 2027-2029 Call for Projects criteria and Principles of Investment.





# Questions?

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# Transportation Performance Management: PM1 - Safety

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# Requested Action

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**Approve Resolution R-25-05 establishing annual performance targets for safety.**

# Funding Nexus

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- **Highway Safety Improvement Program**
  - ~\$3B / year nationally for investments in safety projects.
  - WA State : approximately \$30M / year.
  - Historically, 2-3 projects get funded with total annual award of about \$2.5M to region.

**1. Fatalities**

**2. Fatalities per 100M vehicle miles traveled**

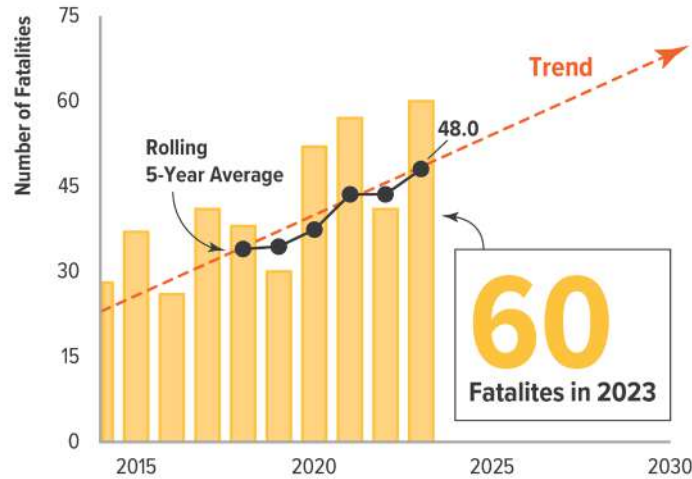
**3. Serious injuries**

**4. Serious injuries per 100M vehicle miles traveled**

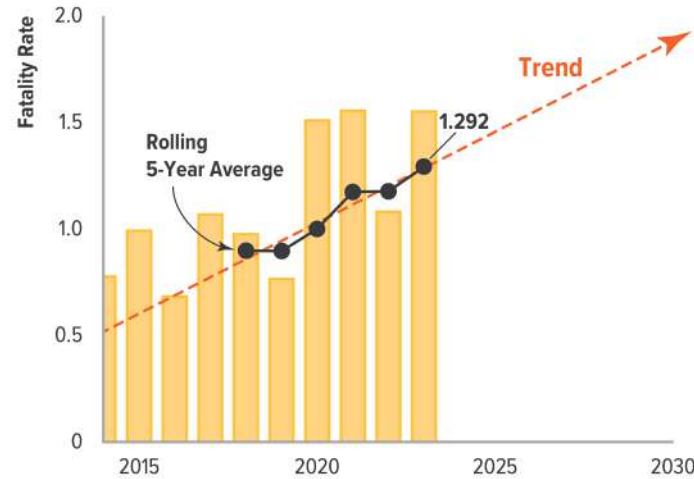
**5. Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries**

# SRTC Metropolitan Planning Area (Spokane County)

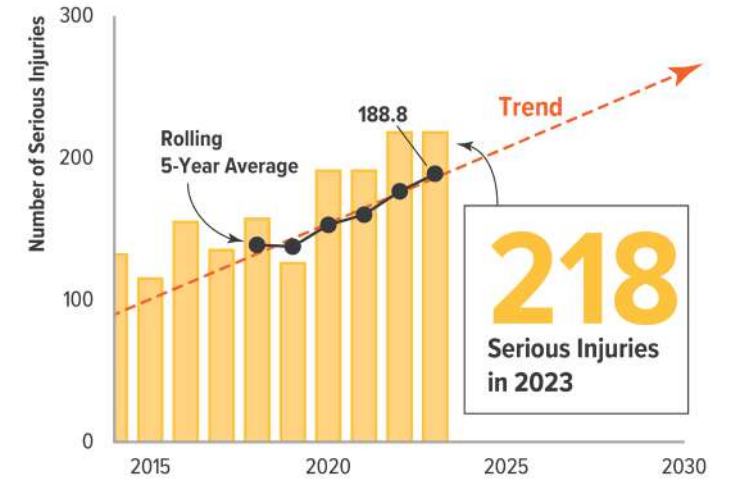
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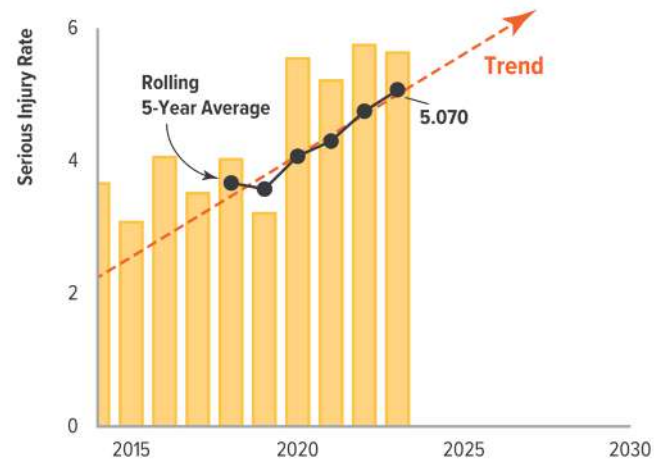
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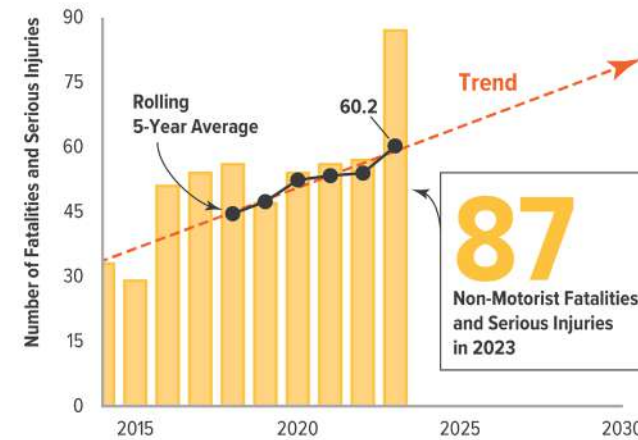
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Measure #4: Serious Injury Rate *per 100 million VMT*



Measure #5: Non-Motorist *Fatalities and Serious Injuries*

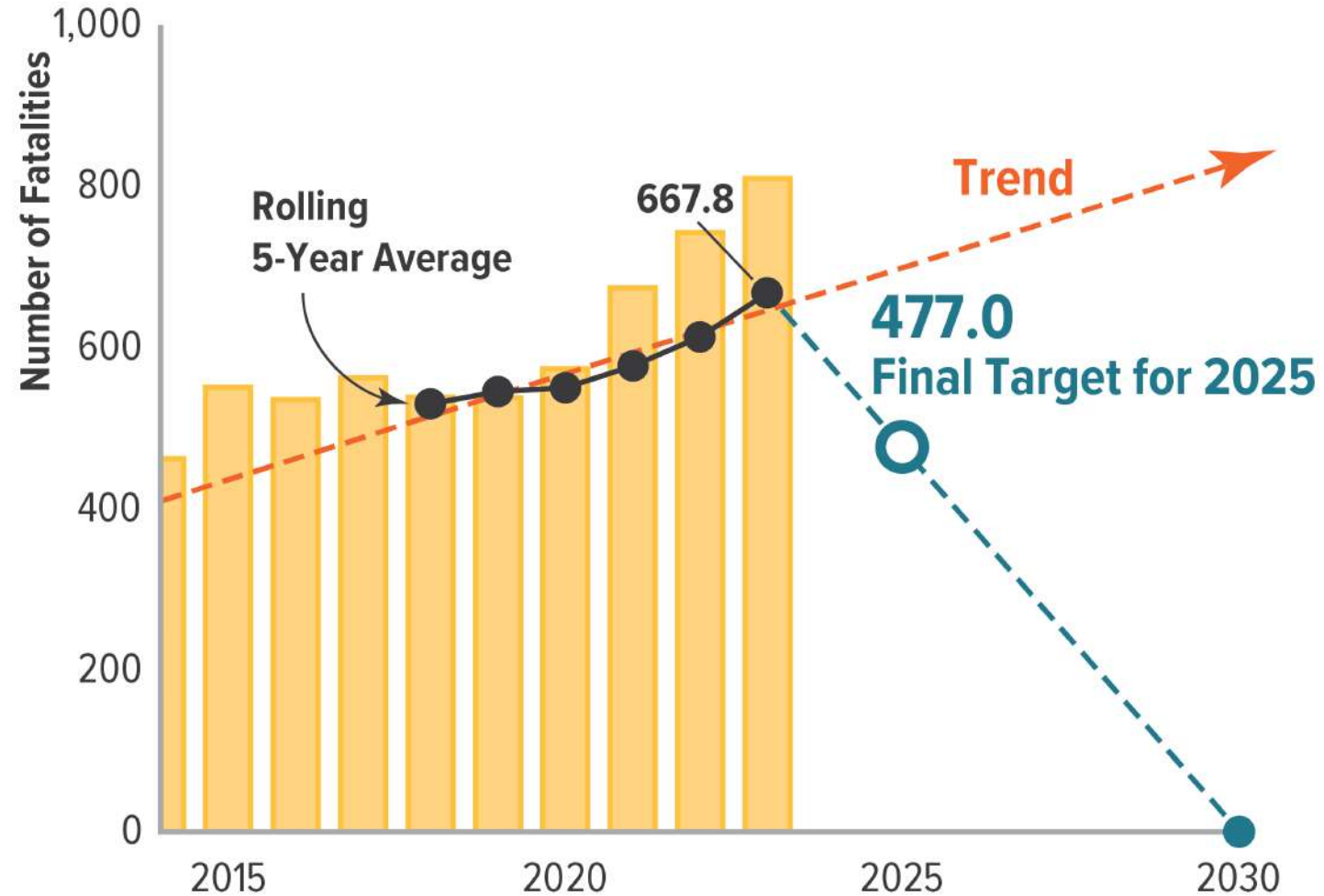


# WSDOT Target Zero



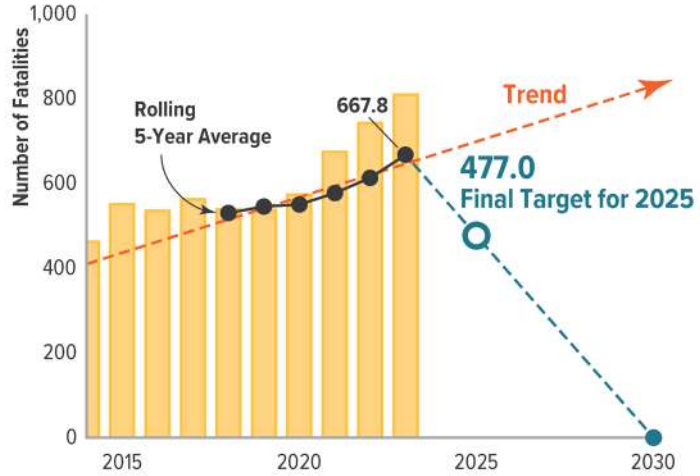
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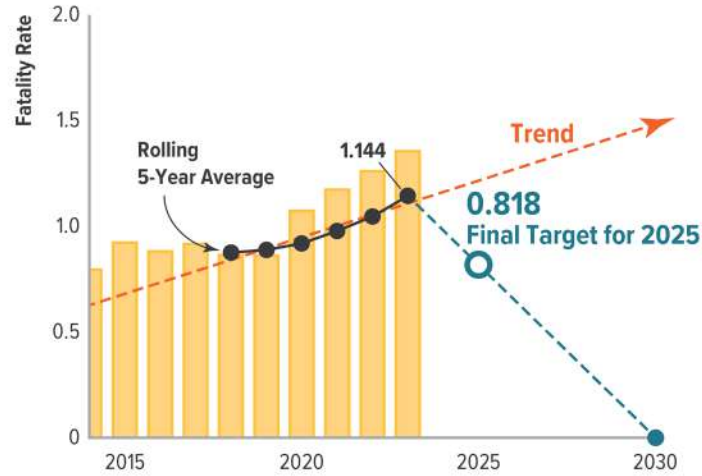


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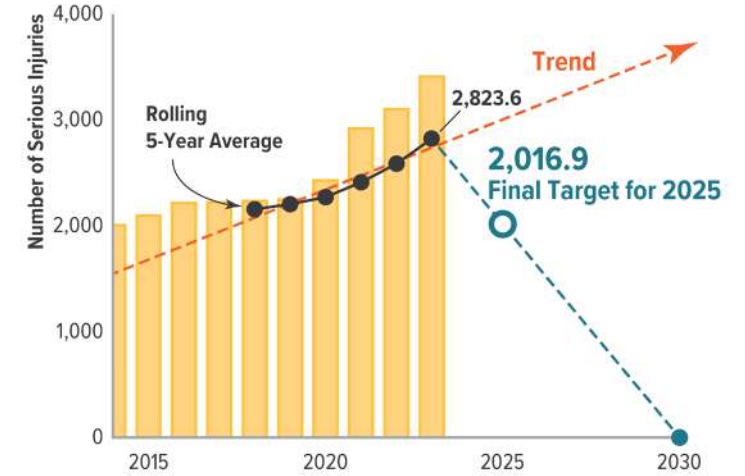
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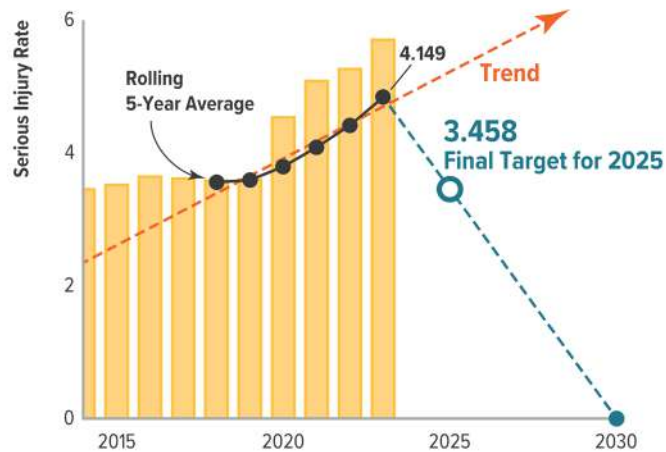
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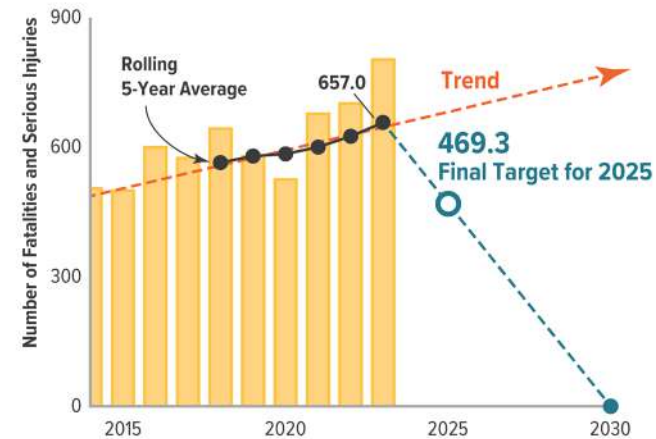
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Measure #5: Non-Motorist Fatalities and Serious Injuries



*For [the safety] performance measure, the MPOs shall establish a target...*

# Options

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1. **Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the WSDOT HSIP target**
2. **Commit to a quantifiable target for the metropolitan planning area**

# Improving Performance

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- Target setting is a federal requirement that is focused on statewide performance
- SRTC's planning area has experienced decreasing safety performance
- Under Board direction, SRTC secured SS4A funding

# Requested Action

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**Approve Resolution R-25-05 establishing annual performance targets for safety.**

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# Overview of the Role & Activities of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council

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**February 13, 2025**

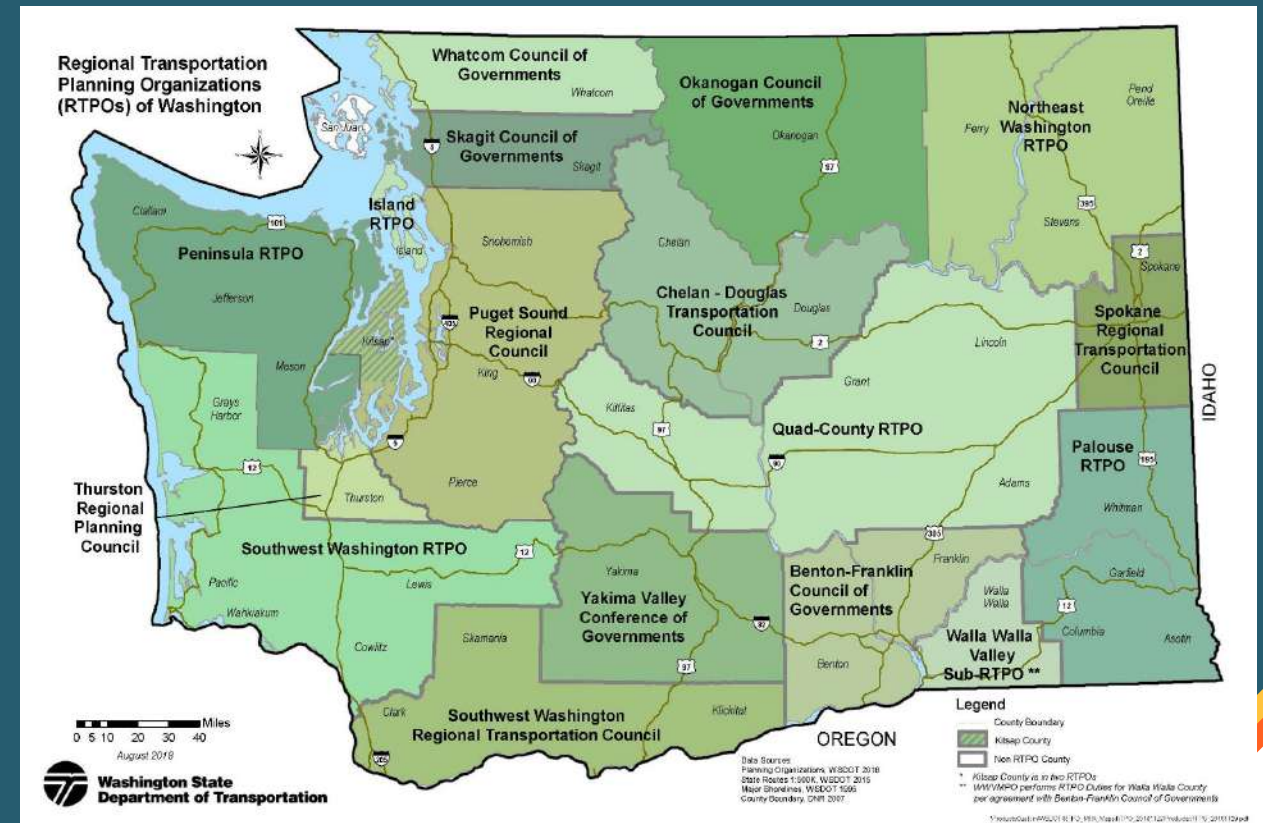
# Role of an MPO in the Community

- **Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962:**  
mandated the formation of MPOs to plan for regional transportation planning expenditures and are responsible for the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for their urbanized area.
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):**  
an agency created by federal law to provide local elected officials input into the planning and implementation of federal transportation funds (areas with populations of greater than 50,000).



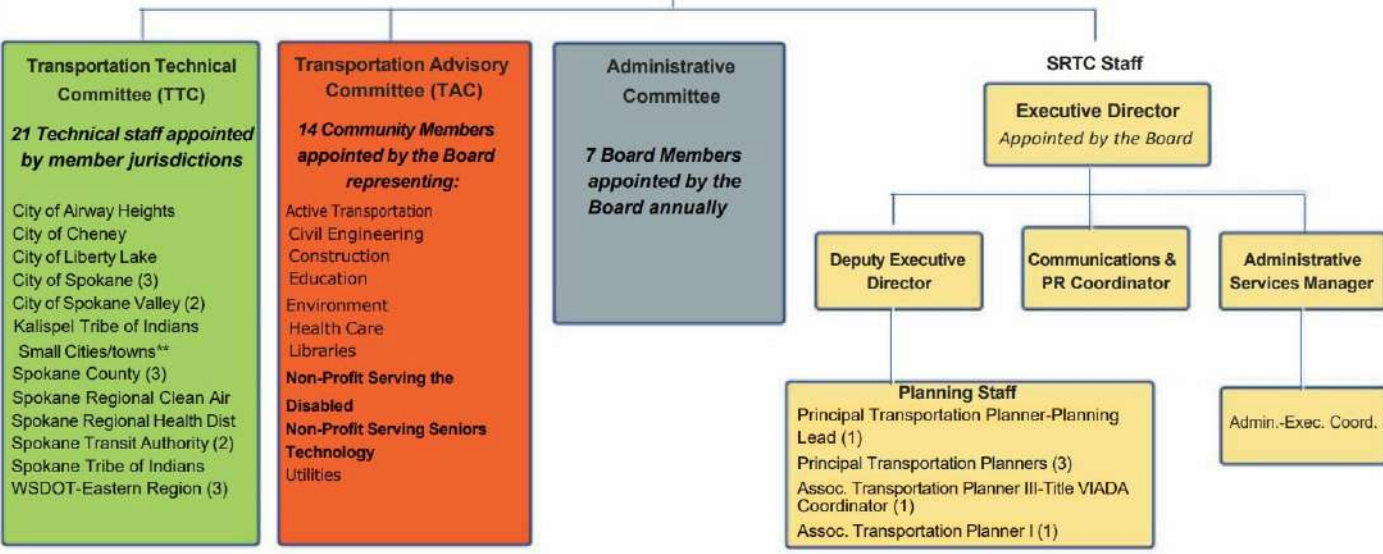
# Role of an RTPO

- **Chapter 47.80 RCW:** “while the transportation system in Washington is owned and operated by numerous public jurisdictions, it should function as one interconnected and coordinated system.”
- **Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO):** to facilitate the coordination and cooperation among state and local jurisdictions of transportation planning and comprehensive plans, and to coordinate the achievement of statewide and local transportation goals.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTING MEMBERS			EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
City of Millwood	Small Towns Representative*		TTC Chair
City of Airway Heights	Spokane County (2)		TAC Chair
City of Cheney	Spokane Transit Authority		Regional WA State Legislators
City of Deer Park	Spokane Tribe of Indians		
City of Liberty Lake	Major Employer Representative		
City of Medical Lake	Rail/Freight Representative	WSDOT Eastern Region	
		WA State Transportation Commission	



\*Towns of Fairfield, Latah, Rockford, Spangle & Waverly  
 \*\*Towns listed above plus Cities of Deer Park, Medical Lake & Millwood

## Governance Structure of MPO's & RTPO's

- Board of Directors
- Transportation Technical Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee

# Your Vision - - Our Vision





# Required Activities - - Optional Activities



## Required

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)  
Congestion Management Process (CMP)

## Optional

Corridor Plans & Studies  
Research: Demographic / Equity  
Strengthening Community Partnerships  
Data collection  
Grant Development  
Safety Awareness



*Project Prioritization & Funding Strategies*

# Guiding Principles





# Required Planning Factors

- 1) Support the **economic vitality**, especially by enabling **global competitiveness**, productivity, and efficiency;
- 2) Increase the **safety & security** of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 3) Increase **accessibility and mobility** of people and freight;
- 4) Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote energy conservation, improve the **quality of life**, and promote consistency between state and local planned growth;
- 5) Enhance the integration and **connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- 6) Promote efficient system **management and operation**;
- 7) Emphasize the **preservation** of the existing transportation system;
- 8) Improve the **resiliency and reliability** of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- 9) Enhance **travel and tourism**.



# Responding to Community Needs



## Major Activities in CY 2025

- Develop Horizon 2050 (long-range transportation plan)
- Manage a "Call for Projects"
- Update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Develop a 2-year Work Plan (UPWP)
- Implement a Safety Awareness Campaign



# Thank you!

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# SFY 2025-2027 UPWP Development

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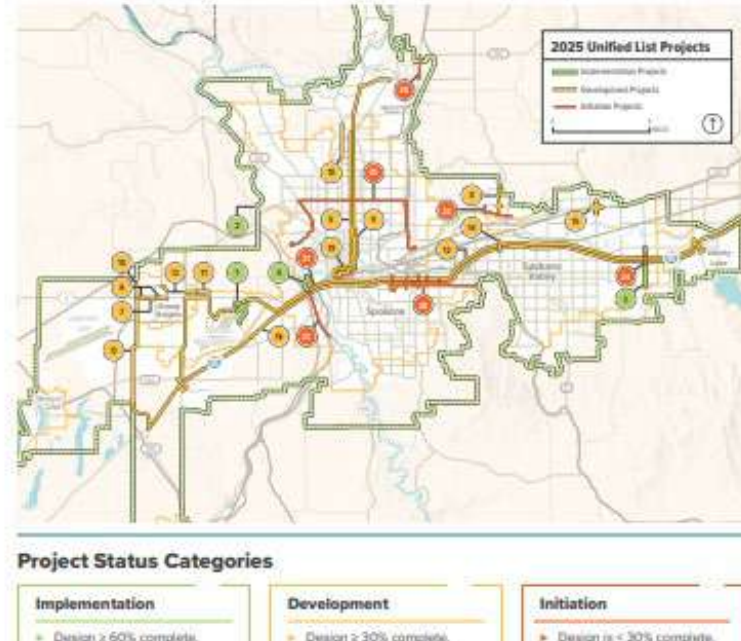
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## UNIFIED LIST OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

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.



## Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Purpose

- Identify all transportation planning activities to be conducted in the metropolitan planning area during the two-year period.
- Define the activities and their associated financial resources.
- July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 Washington state fiscal years.



# Federal Planning Factors & State Goals

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- Economic vitality
- Safety - - Security
- Accessibility and mobility
- Environment, energy conservation, quality of life, growth and economic development
- Integration and connectivity
- System management and operation
- Preservation
- Resiliency and reliability
- Travel and tourism
- Economic Vitality
- Preservation
- Safety
- Mobility
- Environment
- Stewardship

# Federal & State Emphasis Areas

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- Climate crisis
- Equity and Justice 40
- Complete streets
- Public involvement
- Strategic Highway Network coordination
- Federal land management agency coordination
- Planning and environmental linkages
- Data in transportation planning
- Update Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) duties
- Make public documents accessible
- Enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and provisions of the HEAL Act
- Support Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Support various WSDOT planning activity
- Update Federal Functional Classifications
- Assist in coordinating Transportation Asset Management data

# What have we been doing?

## Planning Activity

- Resiliency Plan
- Smart Mobility Plan
- Safety Action Plan
- D.A.T.A
- Bike Map Update

## Agency Support

- SRTMC Support
- Division BRT
- Craig Road ARR

## Core Activities

- Base products (MTP/TIP/UPWP/CMP)
- Board & Committee Support
- Administrative Documents

## Community Engagement

- Outreach Events
- Support of Chambers of Commerce & PDA's
- Peer Agencies
- Website Update

# What should we be doing?

Please pick the top two areas which you would like to see SRTC devote additional resources to in 2025.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Collaboration with Peer Agencies and Stakeholders	25.00%	7
Community Outreach and Engagement (including targeted outreach and disadvantaged populations)	35.71%	10
Corridor Planning, Modal Planning, and Studies (Past examples include: Division Connects, active transportation planning, safety, technology, etc.)	42.86%	12
Data Collection and Analysis for Planning and Reporting	7.14%	2
Grant Support and Project Development	28.57%	8
Regional and National Leadership Efforts (partnerships, advocacy, transportation policies, etc.)	10.71%	3
Transportation Education, Awareness, and Training Events (lunch and learns, summits, etc.)	39.29%	11
Other (please specify)	3.57%	1
Total Respondents: 28		

- Core & Required Activities
- Corridor Planning
- Community Engagement, Education & Awareness

# Schedule

SFY 24-25 UPWP Task/Milestone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Content development							
Preliminary draft UPWP submitted to WSDOT			25th				
WSDOT/FHWA/FTA meeting				15th			
Public engagement / notice							
TAC/TTC							
Board			13th				
Approved SFY 26-27 UPWP submitted to WSDOT							
FHWA/FTA Final Approval							
SFY 24-25 UPWP effective							1st

# Questions?

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# Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Regional Priority Networks

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# Purpose of Regional Networks

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Establish core facilities  
for planning and policy  
purposes



Consistency with federal  
requirements



Focus SRTC mission



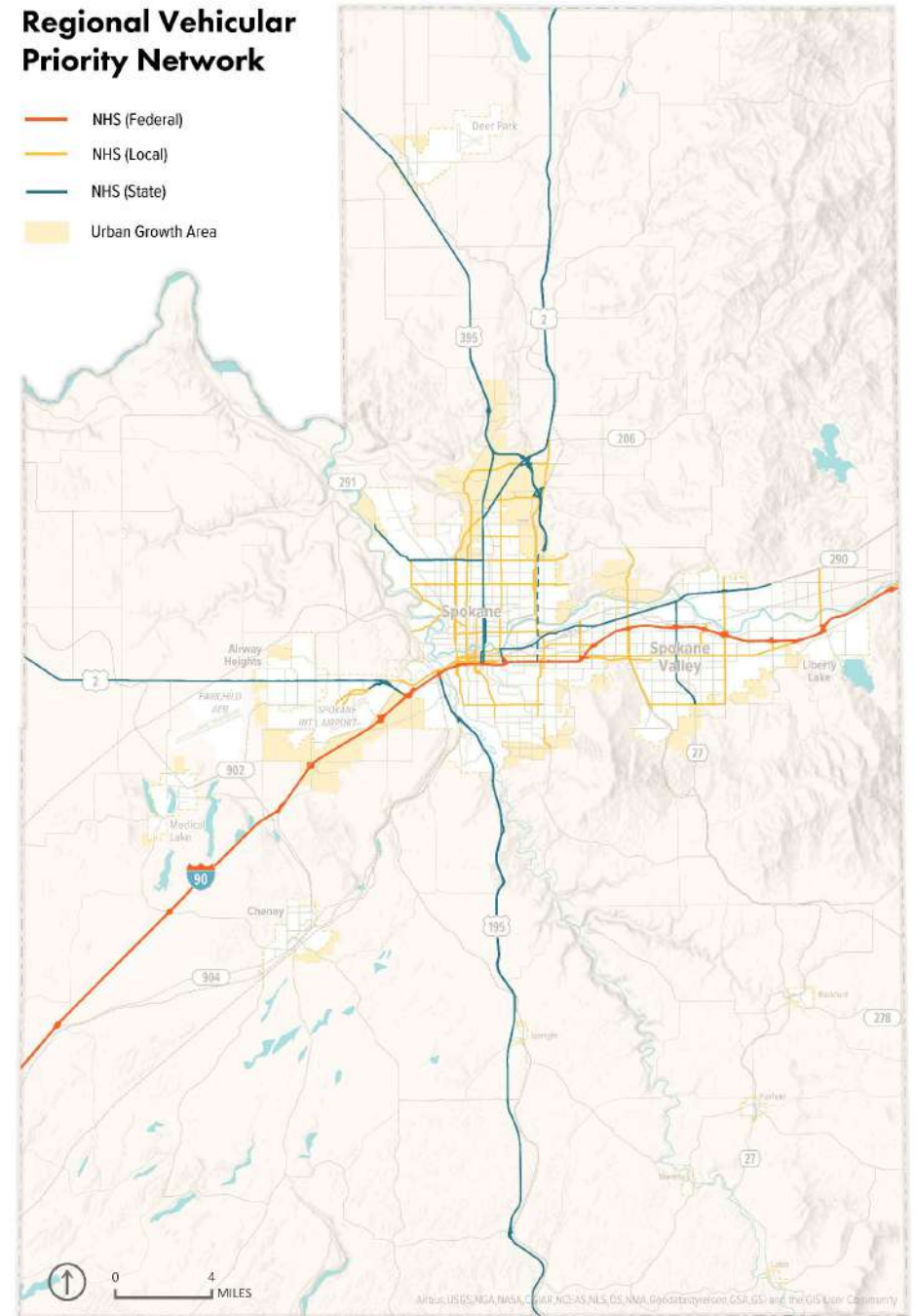
Coordinated planning of  
regional system—  
performance, safety,  
access, stewardship

# Vehicular Network

- The NHS in Spokane County
- All principal arterials, highways and the interstate within Spokane County comprise the vehicular priority network

## Regional Vehicular Priority Network

- NHS (Federal)
- NHS (Local)
- NHS (State)
- Urban Growth Area

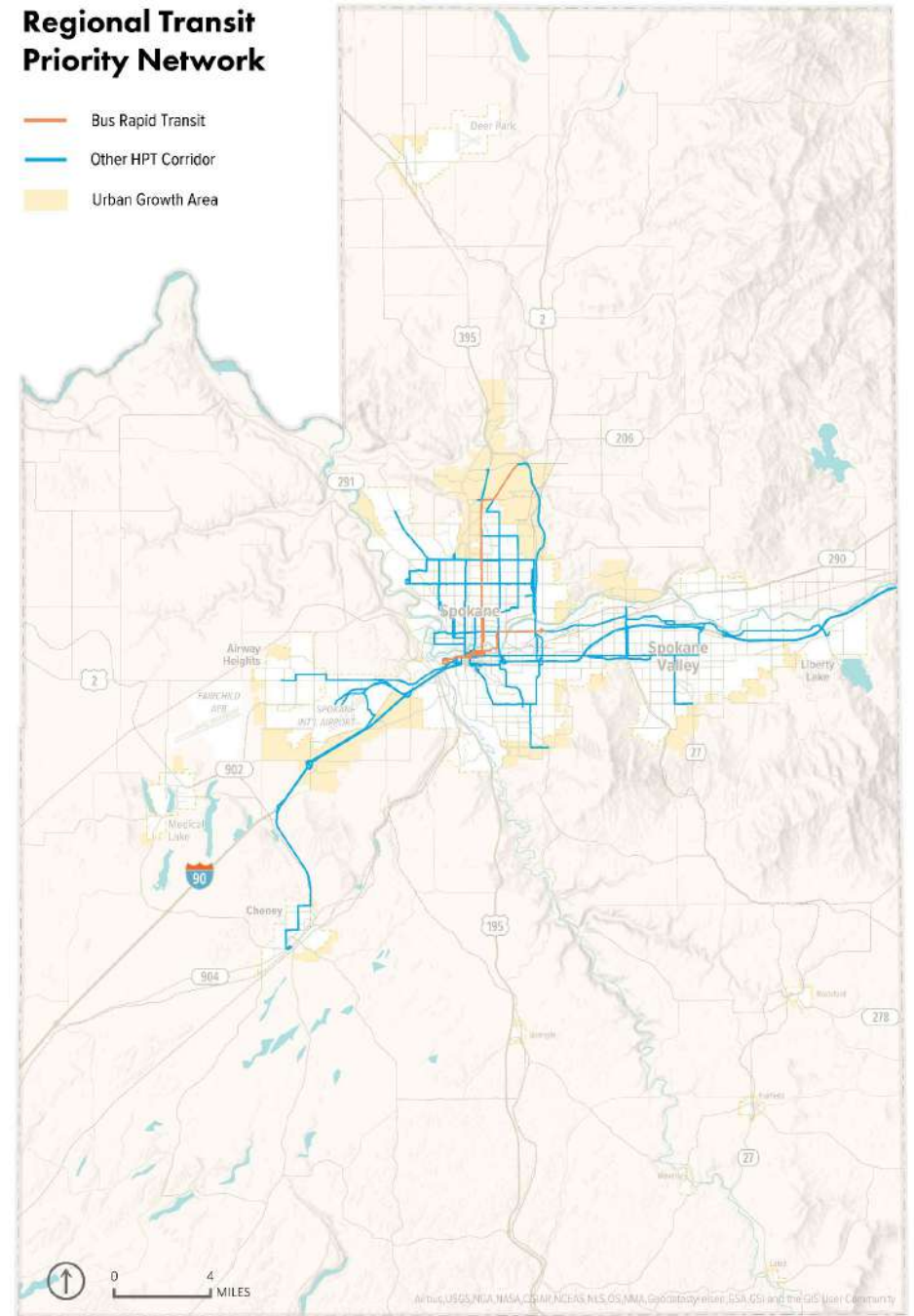


# Transit Network

- Reflects long range planning effort
- Identifies future corridors for High Performance Transit network investments

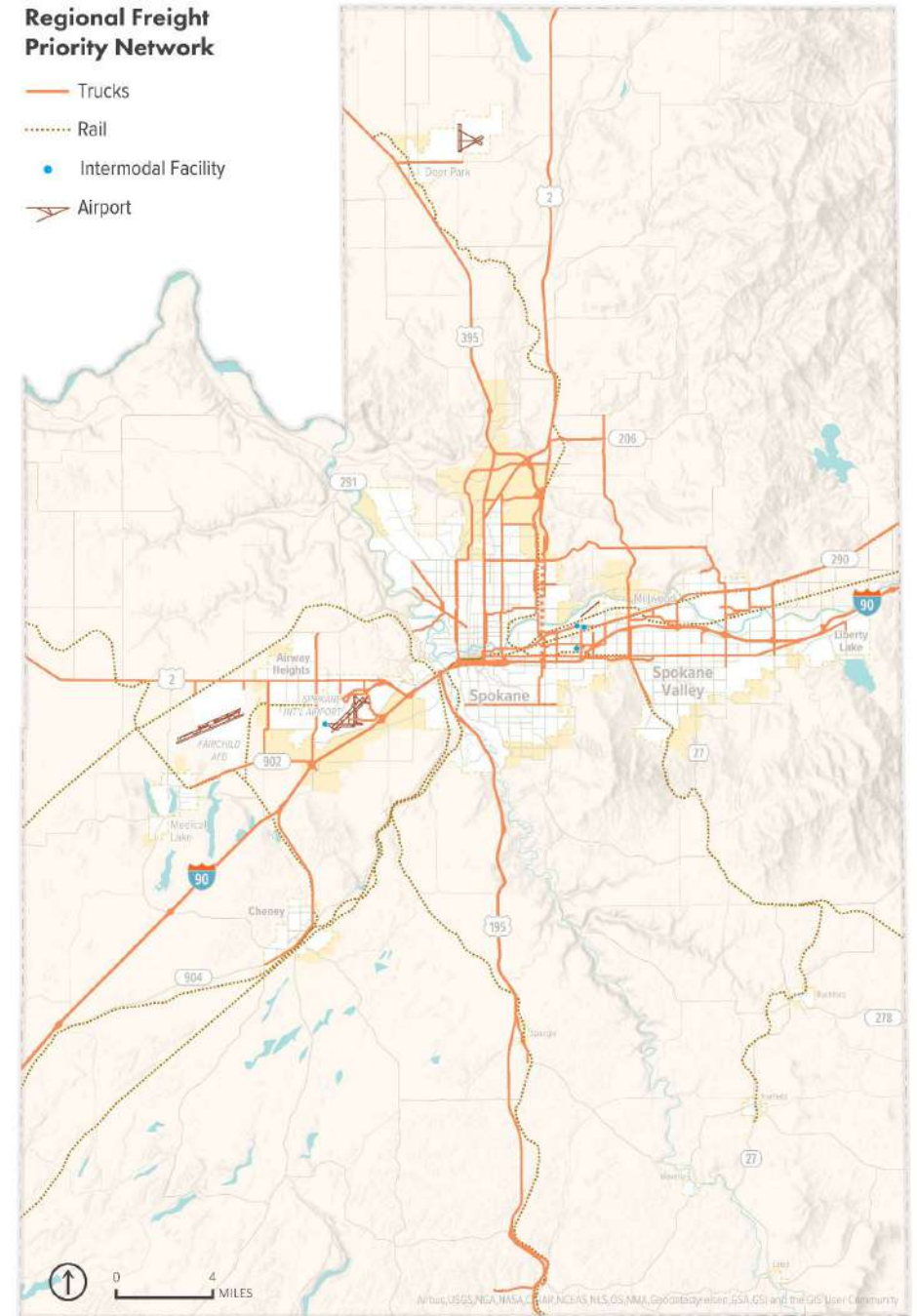
## Regional Transit Priority Network

- Bus Rapid Transit
- Other HPT Corridor
- Urban Growth Area



# Freight Network

- All T-1/T-2 FGTS routes in the region
- Truck routes identified as high priorities by other planning efforts
- Truck Freight Economic Corridors (TFECs), major rail lines, and air facilities in the region



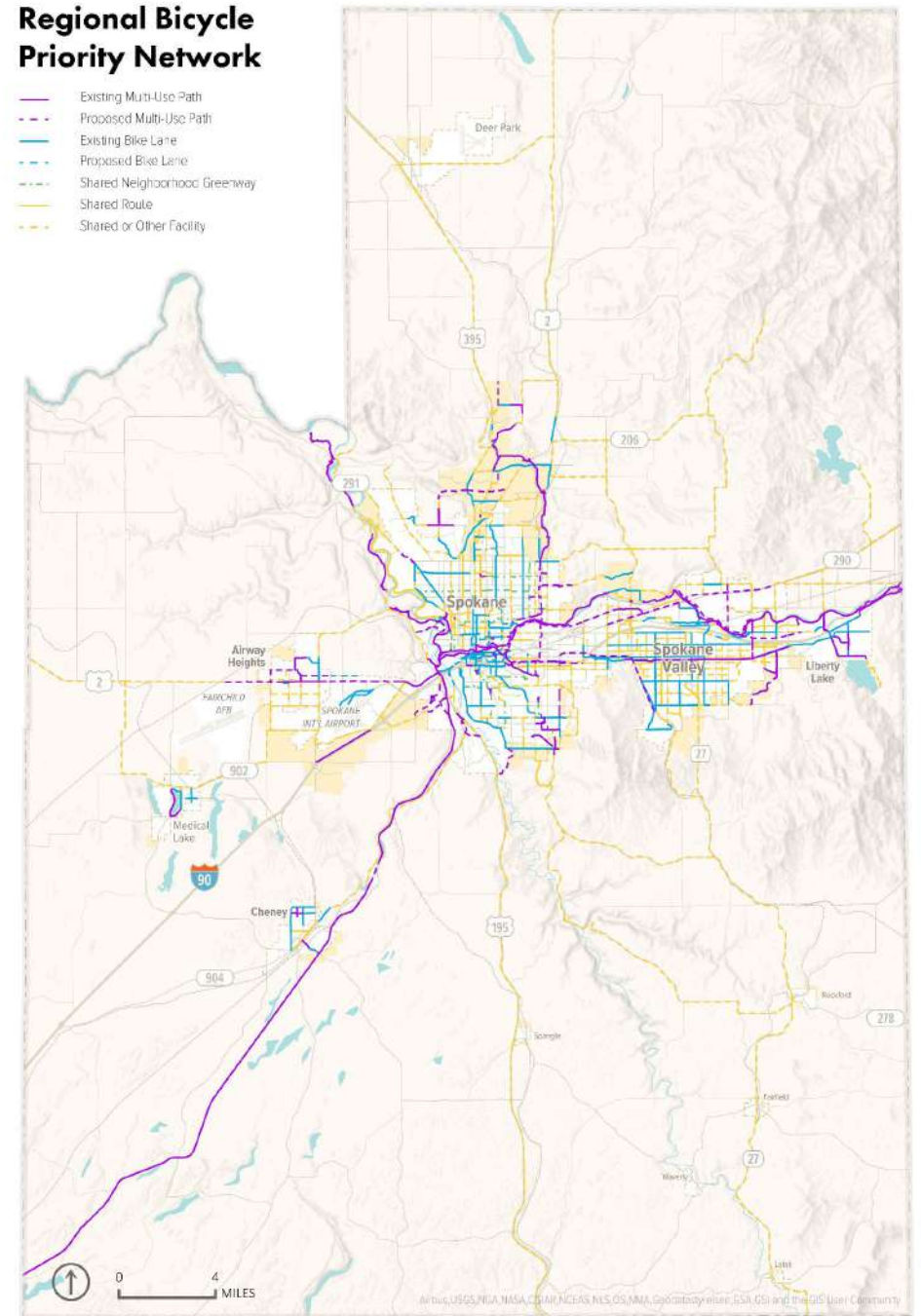


# Bike Network

- The bicycle priority network identifies existing and future bicycle facilities
- Separated multi-use paths like the Centennial Trail
- Bike lanes
- Shared lanes
- Other bike facilities

## Regional Bicycle Priority Network

- Existing Multi-Use Path
- - - Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Bike Lane
- - - Proposed Bike Lane
- - - Shared Neighborhood Greenway
- Shared Route
- - - Shared or Other Facility





# Update Activities

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- Vehicular network reflects Horizon 2045, NHS facilities
- Refinements to Transit network (STA planning updates)
- Refinements to Freight network (Freight analysis)
- Update to Bike network (agency comments & analysis)



# Additional Modes

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- **Rail**
  - Class I
  - Potential for expanded passenger rail
- **Air**
  - Update to Spokane Airports Master Plan

# Next Steps

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- Web map in development
- Members review and provide comments
- Review process complete by Spring

# Questions?

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# Horizon 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Needs Assessment

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# Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

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- **Blueprint of projects, programs, strategies for the regional transportation system**
- **Consistent with:**
  - **Guiding Principles & associated policies**
  - **Federal and State requirements**





# Needs Assessment for Horizon 2050

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- **Objective:**
  - **Develop a master list of project and programs that are regional in scope**
  - **Assess through the lens of SRTC's Guiding Principles**

# Needs Assessment

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- **Preliminary list of projects/programs complete**
  - Agency studies and plans
  - Local Capital and/or Transportation Improvement Programs
  - Unified List
  - Horizon 2045
  - Agency meetings

# Action Items

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- **Concluding 1:1 meetings with member agencies**
  - Confirm planned projects, timeline, costs
  - Confirm operations, maintenance, preservation needs
  - Review prelim. project list
- **Continue to refine project matrix**
  - Public engagement
  - Board and Committee input


# Project Evaluation

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- **Criteria evaluation based on SRTC Guiding Principles**
  - Unified List criteria with additional screening from RSAP, Smart Mobility / Resiliency Plans
- **Used for further prioritization and to inform investment choices in Horizon 2050**



# Timeline

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Draft Project Matrix	Light Orange	Light Orange	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray
Public Outreach	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Light Gray	Light Gray
Master Project List	Light Gray	Light Orange	Light Orange	Light Orange	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray
Draft MTP	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow 	Yellow	Light Gray	Light Gray
Adopt MTP	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Light Gray	Green	Light Gray

# Public Outreach

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- **Equity Working Group – Jan. 31**
- **Lunar New Year Celebration – Feb. 1**
- EWU / Cheney – Feb. 24
- Catalyst Building – Feb. 25
- Liberty Park Library – March 4
- Airway Heights Community Center – March 6
- El Mercado – March 29
- Spokane Valley Library – April 1
- Spokane Central Library – April 17
- Bike Swap – April 19
- Liberty Lake Farmers Market – May



# Comments / Questions

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Thank You

# Commuter Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan Update: 2025-2029

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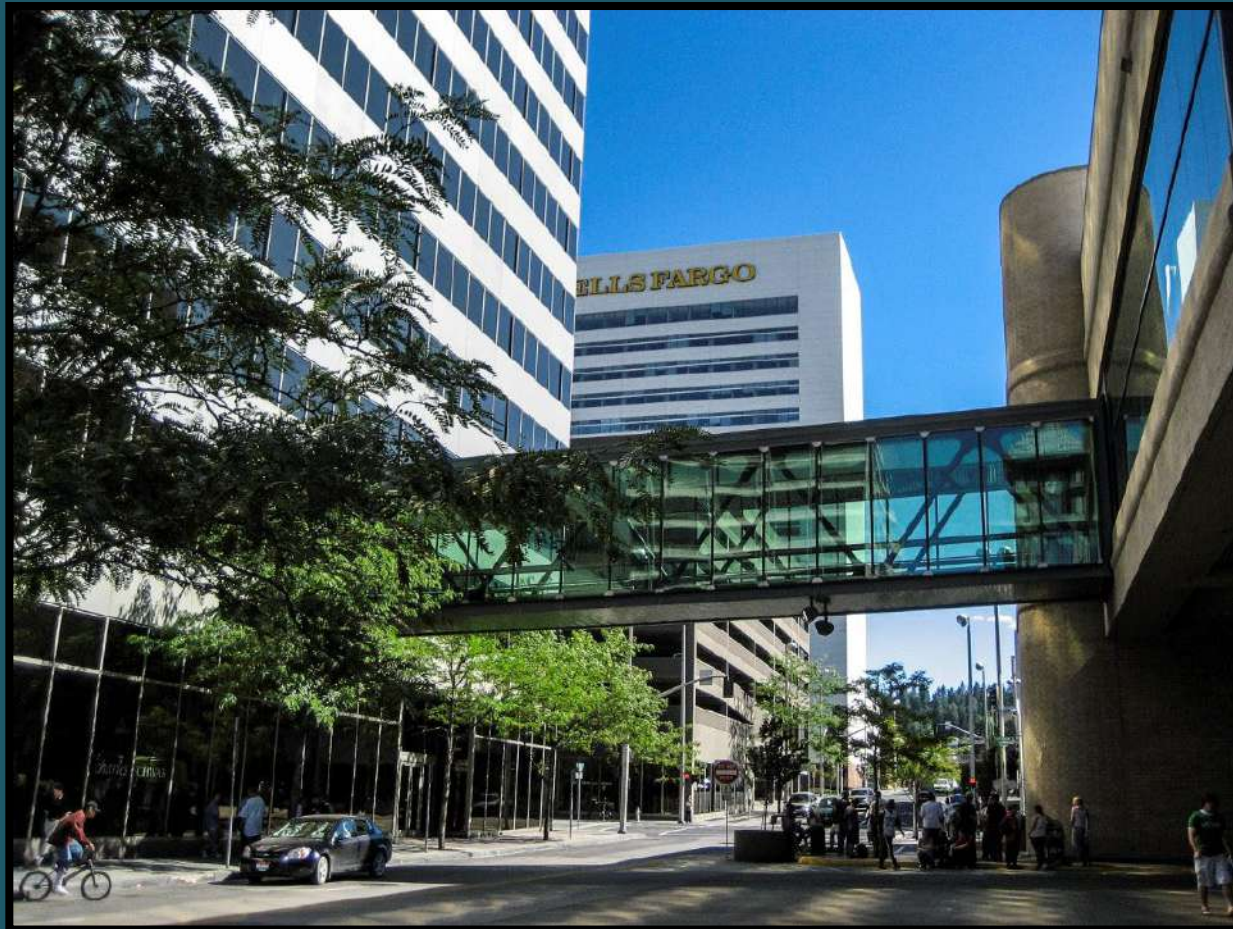
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# 2025 – 2029 CTR Plan Update: Overview



- Affected jurisdictions and agencies were required to update their CTR Plan for 2025 – 2029
- Plans drafted via collaboration between:
  - Commute Smart NW
  - SRTC
  - STA
  - Local agencies

# Commuter Trip Reduction: Background

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- CTR is a statewide planning effort to reduce the amount of drive alone trips on our roadways.
- **Key goals:**
  - Reduce congestion
  - Reduce emissions
  - Promote alternative commute/work methods such as transit and teleworking

# Commute Trip Reduction: Background cont.

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- **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study**
  - **Significant air pollution**
  - **Increased automotive traffic**
  - **Increased reliance on imported petroleum**
- **CTR program established**
  - **Washington State Clean Air Act of 1991**
  - **WSDOT TDM team and CTR Board created**

# Who is Affected by CTR Law

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- **CTR Jurisdictions in the Spokane region:**
  - Airway Heights
  - Cheney
  - Liberty Lake
  - Medical Lake
  - Spokane
  - Spokane County
  - Spokane Valley





# CTR Plan Content

- **Current Situation**
  - Baseline Data
  - Performance targets
- **Regional Issues**
  - Strategies
- **Community Feedback**
  - Survey



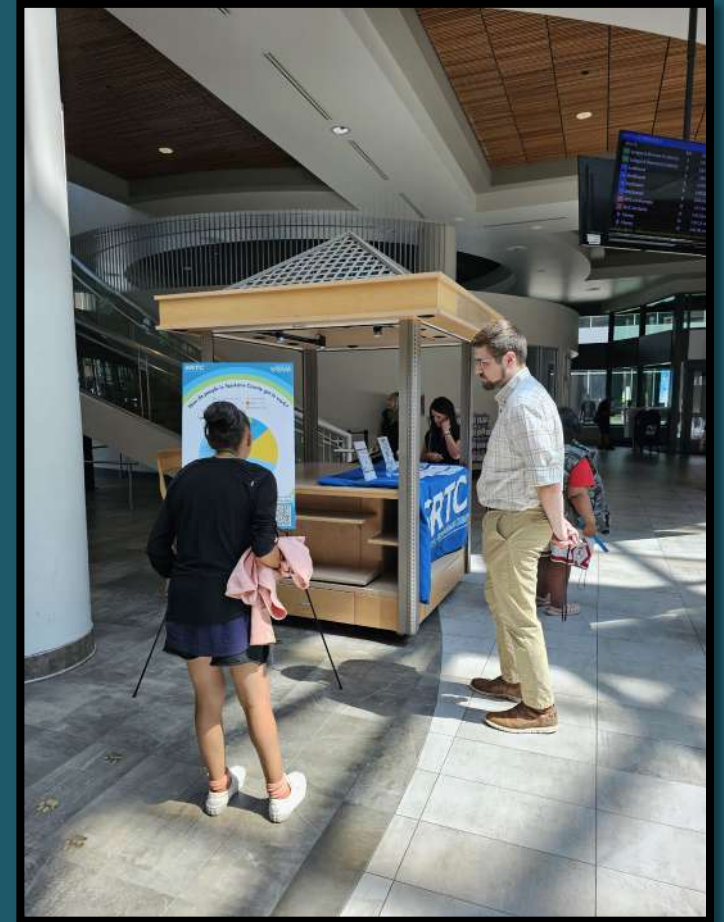
# Regional Baselines and Targets

Current Baseline: 64.4%  $\longrightarrow$  60% Target

Jurisdiction	Baseline Drive Alone Rate	Reduction	Target Drive Alone Rate
City of Airway Heights	79.1%	7%	72.1%
City of Cheney	60.3%	7%	70.4%
City of Liberty Lake	59.0%	6%	55.5%
City of Medical Lake	84.6%	9%	76.9%
City of Spokane	62.6%	6%	58.5%
Spokane County	76.7%	8%	70.6%
City of Spokane Valley	53.9%	6%	50.7%

# Community Engagement

- **General public outreach**
  - 21 Public events
  - 246 responses to regionwide survey (English and Spanish)
  - 107 public comments
- **Targeted outreach**
  - Overburdened communities
  - Historically excluded groups



# Next Steps / Timeline

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SRTC Regional CTR Plan Drafted



State TDM Committee Review & Acceptance



SRTC Board Approval of Regional CTR Plan





# Thank you!

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