



**CITY OF SPOKANE PARK BOARD  
RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE**

3 p.m. February 8, 2021  
WebEx teleconferencing meeting  
Riverfront Park Director Jonathan Moog

**Committee Members:**

X Nick Sumner – Chair  
Gerry Sperling (Absent/Excused)  
X Hannah Kitz  
X Kevin Brownlee

**Parks Staff:**

Jonathan Moog  
Berry Ellison  
Jo-Lynn Brown  
Rhett McCall  
Fianna Dickson

**City of Spokane staff:**

Danielle Arnold

**Park Board:**

X Jennifer Ogden

**Summary**

- The committee passed the following recommendations for the Park Board's approval consideration:
  - Letter of Support to Continue Exploration of Downtown Zipline
- The December 2020 operations report was presented.
- The Riverfront Park redevelopment budget-to-actual update was presented.

The next regularly scheduled Riverfront Park Committee meeting is set for 3 p.m. March 8, 2021.

## **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by committee chair Nick Sumner.

**Public comment:** None

### **Action Items:**

- A. [Letter of Support to Continue Exploration of Downtown Zipline](#) – *Jonathan Moog and Jennifer Ogden* presented. Spokane City Council had requested a letter of support from the Spokane Park Board for the continued exploration of an urban zipline attraction. The committee members discussed the presented draft and suggested a few minor edits. The letter of support with the suggested edits would be presented to the Park Board at the February 11 Park Board meeting.
- **Motion #1** – Nick Sumner moved to recommend the Letter of Support to continue exploration of a downtown zipline with suggested edits be approved to submit to the Park Board

Hannah Kitz seconded.

The motion carried with unanimous consent (3-0 vote).

The committee agreed to place this as a regular action item on the agenda at the February 11 Park Board meeting.

### **Standing report items:**

- A. [Operations report](#) – *Jonathan Moog* presented the January operations report. Highlights for the month included: 1) the repair of the electrical issue with the Numerica SkyRide and upcoming annual preventative maintenance, 2) an update on the damage sustained to the lilac butterfly and two trees during the recent windstorm, 3) the postponement of the Winter Market due to weather and protests and the upcoming Spring Market that will run for 6 weeks beginning April 7, 4) the Sweetheart Special promotion for Valentine's Day, 5) the recognition of Deb Abrahamson for her lifelong contributions to the Spokane Community by lighting the Pavilion in rainbow theme, 6) the upcoming Black History art display at the Pavilion being put on in partnership with Council Member Wilkerson, and 7) receiving the temporary certificate of occupancy allowing the Maintenance Team to begin moving out of the Avista Annex to the new M&O building with expected completion of February 28.
- B. [Riverfront Park Redevelopment update](#) – *Danielle Arnold* presented the Riverfront Park redevelopment monthly update. Just over \$320,000 was spent in December.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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# Spokane Park Board

## Briefing Paper



<b>Committee</b>	Riverfront Park Committee		
<b>Committee meeting date</b>	February 8, 2021		
<b>Requester</b>	Jonathan Moog	<b>Phone number:</b> 625-6243	
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/extension <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other		
<b>City Clerks file</b> (OPR or policy #)			
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Letter of Support to Continue Exploration of Downtown Zipline		
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins:	Ends:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open ended
<b>Background/history:</b> Spokane Park Board convened for a study session on January 22, 2021, to discuss and consider the merits of a proposed downtown zipline. The discussion included potential benefits, stakeholder feedback, private public partnership model, constructibility and process. No official vote was taken and the consensus was to advance a letter of support to continue exploring the zipline project to Park Board for consideration. The attached letter is addressed to City Council from Park Board which endorses that the zipline project has merit and should be explored further. Approval to ultimately accept the project may be sought at a later date through a partnership agreement depending on the outcomes of additional research.			
<b>Motion wording:</b> Approve letter addressed to City Council supporting continued exploration of the Downtown Zipline project.			
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No If so, who/what department, agency or company: Name: _____ Email address: _____ Phone: _____			
<b>Distribution:</b> Parks – Accounting Parks – Pamela Clarke Requester: Jonathan Moog Grant Management Department/Name: _____			
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input type="radio"/> Expenditure <input checked="" type="radio"/> Revenue Amount: _____ Budget code: _____ None			
<b>Vendor:</b> <input type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor <b>Supporting documents:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)  <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the City's A&amp;E Roster - City of Spokane  <input type="checkbox"/> UBI: _____ Business license expiration date: _____         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)  <input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)  <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)         </div> </div>			



February 11, 2021

Spokane City Council  
808 West Spokane Falls Blvd.  
Spokane, Washington 99201

RE: Letter of Support from the Spokane Park Board – Downtown Zipline

This letter documents that the Spokane Park Board unanimously supports further exploration of the zipline. The Park Board is always looking for opportunities to bring unique experiences to the citizens of Spokane and this zipline looks like it has the potential to be one such experience.

Members of the Riverside Neighborhood Council and Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council have indicated their willingness to explore a zipline with the Park Board and Downtown Spokane Partnership due to the potential for mitigating negative activity along the riverbank and in Redband Park. It is believed the activation would help to deter unwanted camping, and thereby increasing safety and park utilization for local residents, youth sports and those engaging in recreational river activities. Support for continuing exploration of this project has also been expressed by Spokane Indians Youth Baseball and the River Forum.

The Downtown Zipline is being proposed as a private-public partnership. This solution helps to yield economic benefits while deterring the risk and liability of construction and operation to a private partner. Additionally, the potential revenue share from this partnership helps offset the cost of maintenance at the CSO Plaza and Redband Park.

As you already know, the zipline is supported by Visit Spokane, Avista and the Downtown Spokane Partnership. Agreed positive impacts of the zipline include:

- \*Regional draw capitalizing on a unique natural feature of Spokane; a selling point for new markets which brings conferences and tradeshow to our city
- \*Resulting economic benefit to the downtown core for retail, entertainment and hospitality sectors
- \*A destination attraction similar to the Seattle Ferris Wheel at Pier 57
- \*Activation of the CSO 26 Plaza which encourages people to connect with and experience the scenery, utilize the downtown library, and appreciate the Plaza's art pieces while they learn about the history of the region
- \*A compelling activity for a typically under programmed group. Brings diverse groups together.

We respectfully request City Council join us by supporting the continuation of this project so that staff can create a Request for Proposal (RFP) and establish a working group of community stakeholders to establish criteria and assess interested partners. We invite representatives from City Council to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ogden, President  
City of Spokane Park Board

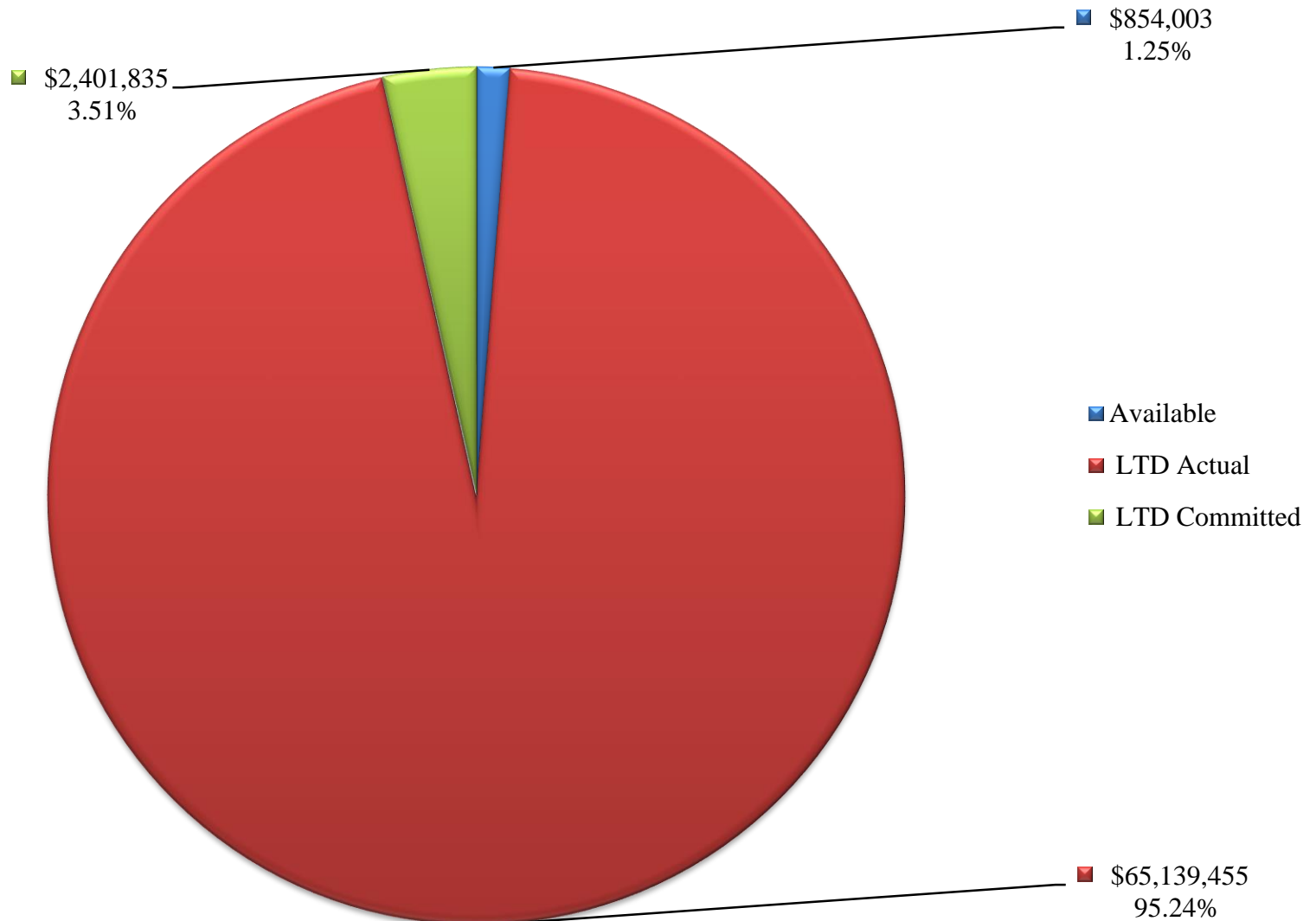


# **RIVERFRONT PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

**January 2021**

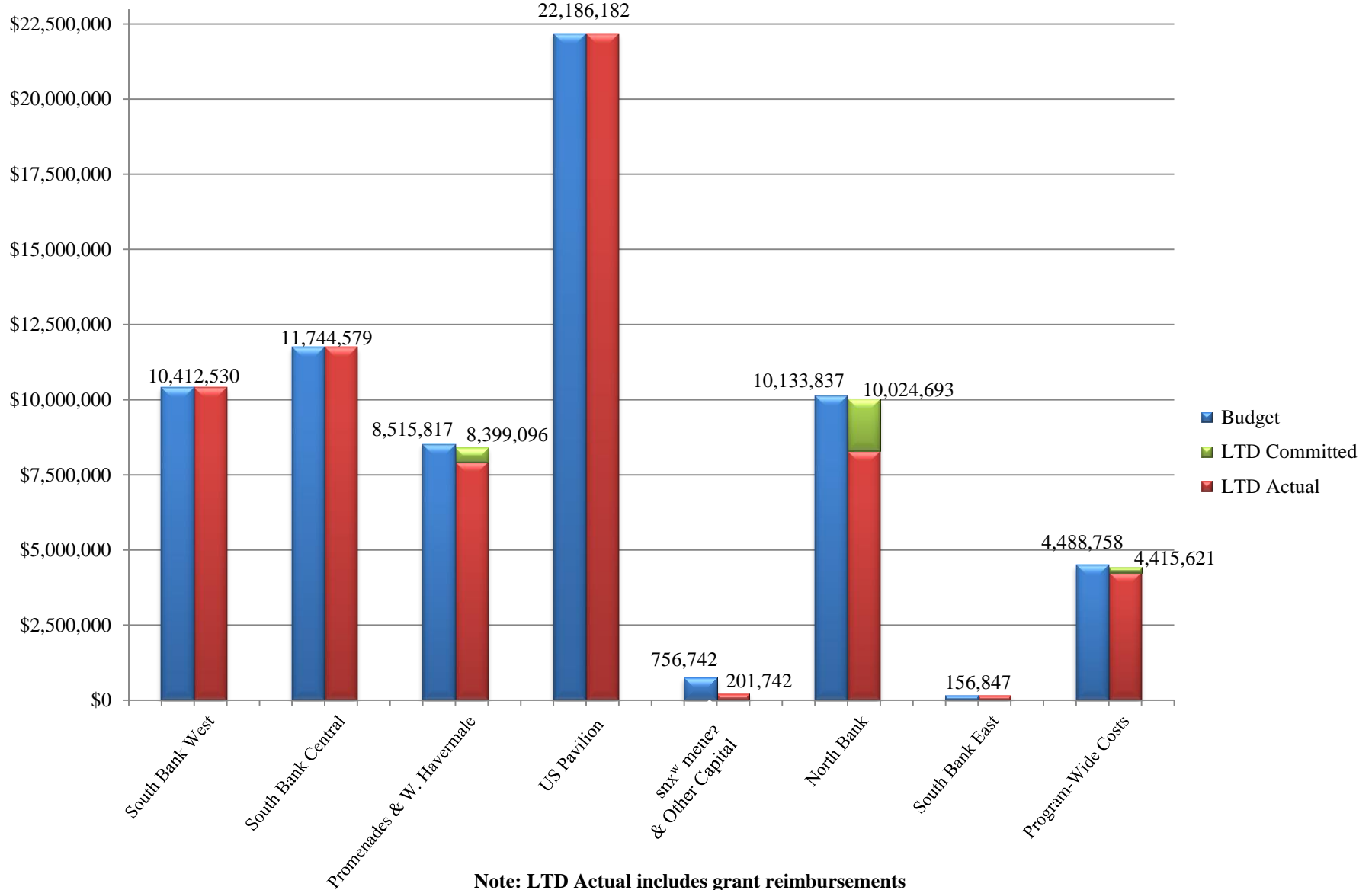
# Bond Budget Utilization Through January 2021

(December 10, 2020 Approved Budget)



Note: LTD Actual includes grant reimbursements

## Comparison of Approved Bond Budget to Actual & Committed Expenditures January 2021





# Bond Budget by Project

(December 10, 2020 Approved Budget)

