



Spokane Plan Commission Agenda

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

2:00 PM

Virtual Teleconference

808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201

Virtual Meeting - See Below For Information

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Public Comment Period:

3 minutes each

Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda.

Commission Briefing Session:

2:00 – 2:30

1. Approve [2/24/2021](#) meeting minutes
2. City Council Report
3. Community Assembly Liaison Report
4. President Report
5. Transportation Sub-Committee Report
6. Secretary Report

All
CM Lori Kinnear
Mary Winkes
Todd Beyreuther
Clifford Winger
Louis Meuler

Workshops:

2:30 – 3:30

1. [Plan Commission Work Program](#)

Louis Meuler

3:30– 4:00

2. [DivisionConnects-Transit Oriented Development Study Continued](#)

Karl Otterstrom &
Jason Lien

Adjournment: The next PC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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Plan Commission Meeting Information

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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Louis Meuler at plancommission@spokanecity.org

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Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

February 24, 2021

Webex Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Todd Beyreuther

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Todd Beyreuther (President), Greg Francis (Vice President), Michael Baker, Thomas Sanderson, Carole Shook, Clifford Winger
- Board Members Not Present: Sylvia St. Clair, Jo Anne Wright
- Non-Voting Members Present: Council Member Kinnear, Community Assembly Liaison Mary Winkes
- *Quorum Present: yes*
- Staff Members Present: Louis Meuler, Jackie Churchill, Maren Murphy, Melissa Wittstruck, Tirrell Black, Giacobbe Byrd, Amanda Beck, Chris Green, Colin Quinn-Hurst

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

1. City Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear

- Council Member Kinnear reported that the docketing process for Comprehensive Plan Amendments is completed and all but 2 applications to go forward to Council for approval.
- Council Member Kinnear also reported that the City of Spokane has reached an agreement with Police Guild and the contract has been moved forward to approval. City Council also approved a full-time employee for the Historic Preservation Department.

2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Mary Winkes

- Ms. Winkes reported that Community Assembly has not met since the last meeting.

3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- Mr. Beyreuther reported that there are a couple important Bills that are being considered in State Legislature including Bill 1220 which further defines HUD Area Median Income (AMI) levels. And Bill 1099 which adds a requirement to Growth Management Act (GMA) that requires an Environmental section. City of Berkeley passed resolution which would allow multifamily in all zones across the City.
- Mr. Beyreuther also reported that the City of Berkeley passed a Resolution which would allow multifamily housing to be built in all zones across the City.

4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - Clifford Winger

- Mr. Winger reported that Integrated Capital Management will provide a presentation regarding the Transportation Prioritization Matrix at the next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

5. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler

- Mr. Meuler reported that the Plan Commissioners on the interview panel will be meeting with Plan Commission applicants within the next few weeks.

Workshop(s):

1. Housing Action Plan Update

- Presentation provided by Maren Murphy
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

2. Division Connects - Transit Corridor Development Study

- Presentation provided by Jason Lien and Karl Otterstrom
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Hearing(s):

1. Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update (SMC 17E)

- Presentation provided by Melissa Wittstruck
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Greg Francis moved to recommend that City Council approve the Shoreline Master Periodic Review as written and presented. Seconded by Carol Shook. Motion carried unanimously (6,0).

2. 5th Avenue Initiative

- Presentation provided by Maren Murphy
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Public Testimony:
 - Rev. Lonnie Mitchell spoke in favor of the approval of the 5th Avenue Initiative and recommends that the Plan Commission advance the work of the 5th Ave. Initiative by recommending approval to Council.
 - Betsy Wilkerson spoke in favor of the approval of the 5th Ave. Initiative and spoke of her history and the history of the area and gave her support in recommending approval to Council.

Greg Francis moved to recommend that City Council adopt the 5th Avenue Initiative as written and presented. Seconded by Michael Baker. Motion carried unanimously (6,0).

3. Code Maintenance, SMC Various Sections

- Presentation provided by Melissa Wittstruck
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Greg Francis moved to recommend that City Council approve Phase I of SMC Code Maintenance updates as written and presented. Seconded by Michael Baker. Motion Carried unanimously (6,0).

Meeting Adjourned at 4:57 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Plan Commission 2021 Work Plan

Project Name	Start/Status	Plan Commission Review	Project Completion
2020 Development Code (UDC) Maintenance	In Progress	Q1-2021	Q2-2021
Downtown Plan Update	In Progress	Q1-2021	Q2-2021
* Downtown Plan & North Bank Implementation as needed: Codes and Guidelines	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022
Housing Action Plan	In Progress	Q1-2021	Q2-2021
* Phase I - Housing Action Plan Implementation - Missing Middle Housing	Q2-2020	Q4-2021	On-going
Accessory Dwelling Unit - (ADU) Code Update	Q1-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
Housing Policy Implementation Placeholder	TBD	TBD	TBD
Design Guidelines – Shoreline, Public Projects, PUD, Skywalk, etc.	In Progress	Q2-2021	Q3-2021
Capital Facilities Chapter Update - Water	In Progress	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
Capital Facilities Chapter Update - Sewer	TBD	TBD	TBD
Highway 2 - West Plains Transportation Study - WSDOT Lead	In Progress	Q2-2021	Q3-2021
U.S. 195 / I-90 Transportation Study - SRTC Lead	In Progress	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
Division Street Study - SRTC Lead	In Progress	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
Central City Line TOD Overlay Plan Implementation	In Progress	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
Transit Oriented Development Centers and Corridors Planning - I.E. Monroe / 9th and Perry	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
2021 Unified Development Code Clean-up	Q1-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
New Priority Project	Q3-2021?	TBD	TBD

2021 Mandated / Annual Projects

6-Year Transportation Program Update	In Progress	Q2-2021	Q2-2021
6-Year City-Wide Capital Program Update	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021
2020 / 2021 Comp Plan Amendments - 7 Applications	In Progress	Q2/Q3 - 2021	Q4-2021
Shoreline Master Plan Update	In Progress	Q1-2021	Q2-2021
Flood Plain Regulation Update	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021

Notes:

Remaining Neighborhood Plans - Minnehaha, Shiloh Hills, Balboa / S. Indian Trail, Latah/Hangman

Spokane County Urban Growth Area Mandatory Review - 2025

WA State Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update - June, 2026

Next WA State Shoreline Program Update - June, 2030



City of Spokane City Council Briefing

February 4, 2021

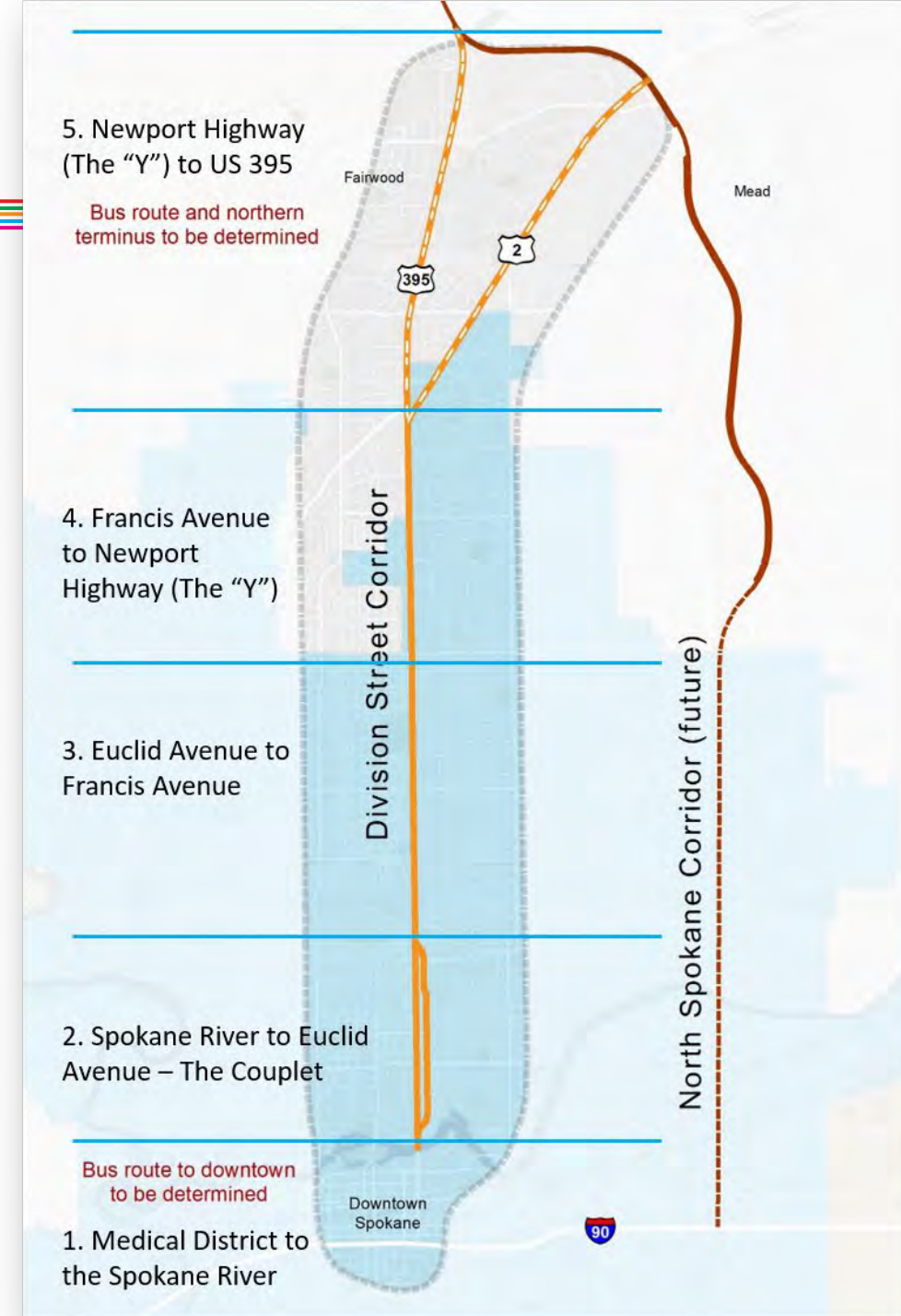
Karl Otterstrom – Director, Planning & Development, STA

Jason Lien – Principal Transportation Planner, SRTC

divisionconnects.org

Project Overview

- Multi-jurisdictional study
- Two phase study
 - Phase I: Transportation – Multimodal
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) implementation
 - Implications of NSC on system
 - Phase II: Connectivity & Land Use
- Future studies to build on findings



Study Structure

Steering
Committee

Subset of
SRTC/STA Boards

Project
Management

SRTC / STA

Agency
Partners

WSDOT / City of Spokane
/ Spokane County

Consultant
Team

Led by Parametrix

DivisionConnects Steering Committee

Agency	Member
Spokane County	Commissioner Al French ^{^*}
City of Spokane	Councilmember Candace Mumm ^{^*}
City of Spokane	Councilmember Kate Burke [^]
City of Spokane Valley	Councilmember Tim Hattenburg [^]
WSDOT	Eastern Region Administrator Mike Gribner [*]
STA	CEO E. Susan Meyer [*]

[^]: STA Board member

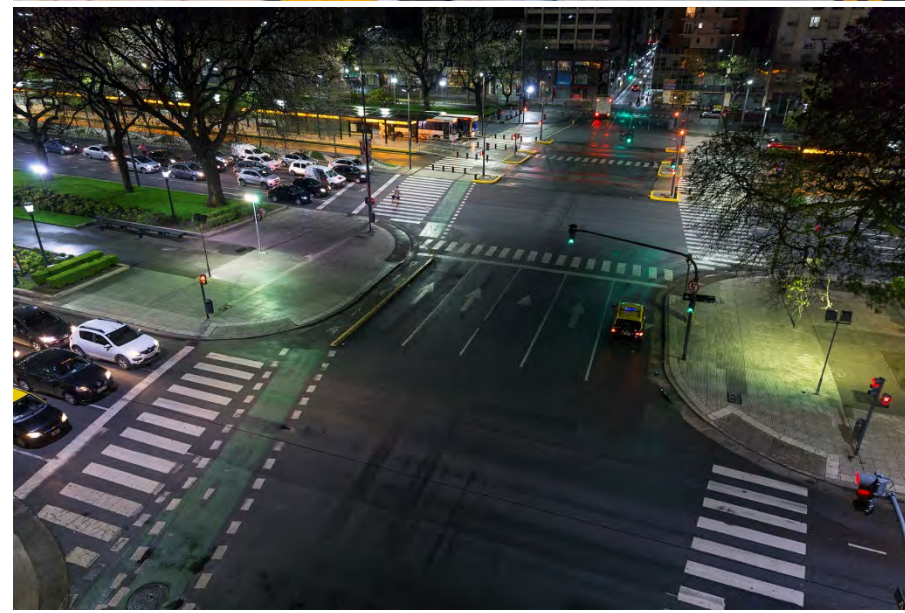
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Historic Division Street

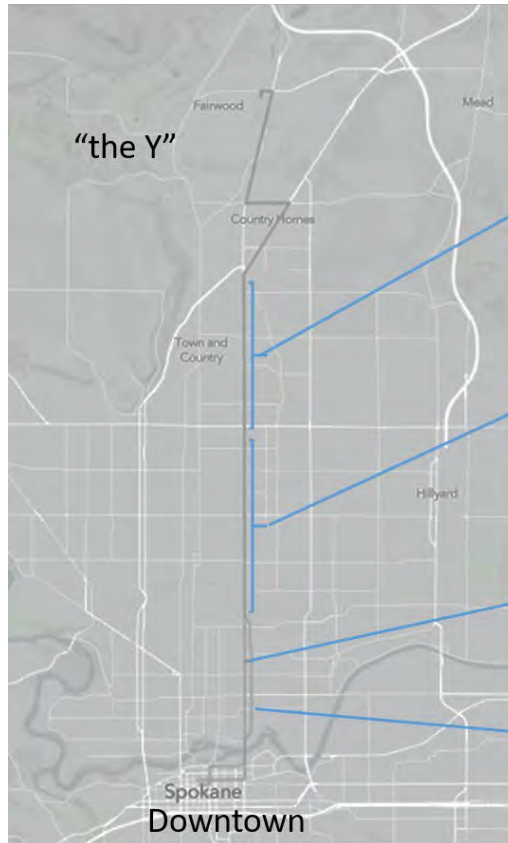


c. 1943, Division @ Empire, looking north

Future Division Street?



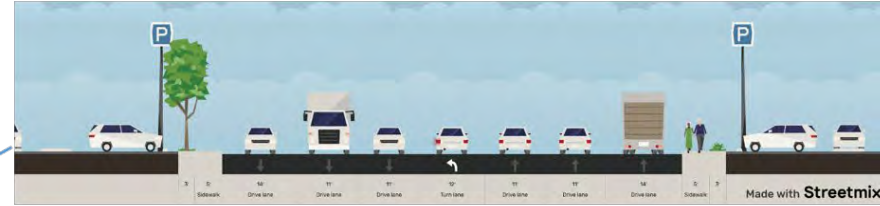
Existing Conditions



"Mainline"

"Couplet"

Division north of Francis (97' ROW)



Division south of Francis (94' ROW)



Division south of Euclid (87' ROW)



Ruby south of Euclid (100' ROW)



Assumptions for Scenario Development

- Work within full extent right-of-way (ROW) for initial concepts
- Regional model will give high-level view of future demand, post NSC
- Accommodate active transportation on-street and/or parallel routes

OPPORTUNITIES

(STEERING COMMITTEE, PUBLIC, AGENCY STAFF, TECHNICAL TEAM)

BUILDING
BLOCKS



right-of-way

street standards

traffic model

best practices

PRELIMINARY
SCENARIOS



SCENARIOS FOR
EVALUATION
SCREENING

traffic
model

steering
committee

technical
analysis



PUBLIC

PUBLIC

ALTERNATIVES
FOR FINAL
EVALUATION



- No stop locations identified
- Changes from Steering Committee
- Building blocks interchangeable
- Designed to be different



We are here

Transit Evaluation Framework

Transit Performance and
User Benefit



Corridor Mobility



Equitable and Inclusive
Access to Transit



Responsiveness to
Community Goals



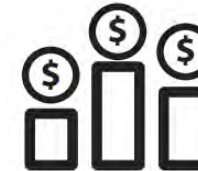
Implementation Feasibility










Capital and Operating Costs



Funding Competitiveness



Measurements Conducted Thus Far

Measurement	Evaluation Criteria
Modeled future travel time, 4 scenarios	<div>Transit Performance and User Benefit</div>  <div>Corridor Mobility</div> 
Active Transportation options	<div>Corridor Mobility</div> 
Demographics	<div>Equitable and Inclusive Access to Transit</div> 
NEPA/SEPA screening	<div>Implementation Feasibility</div> 
Compared scenario capital and operating costs	<div>Capital and Operating Costs</div> 
"Y" route sensitivity for 6 scenarios	<div>Transit Performance and User Benefit</div> 

Draft Alternatives for Public Input

**all sections looking north*

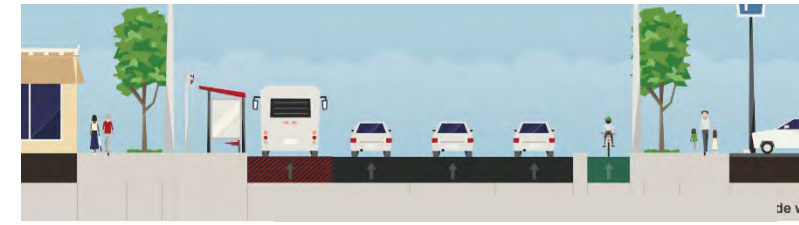
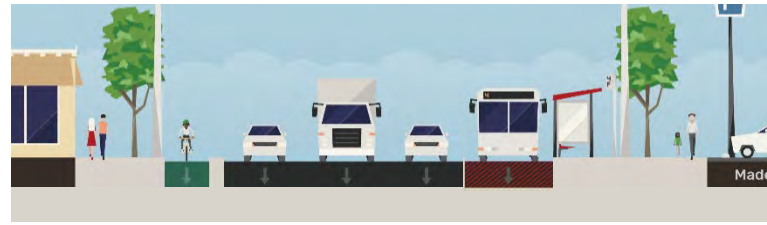
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Mainline

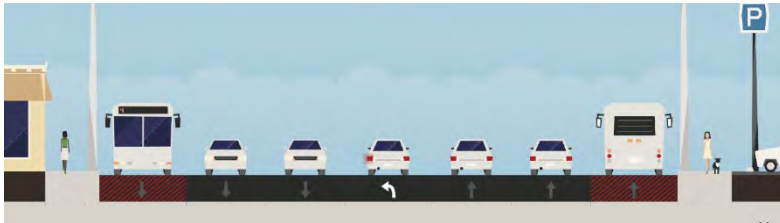
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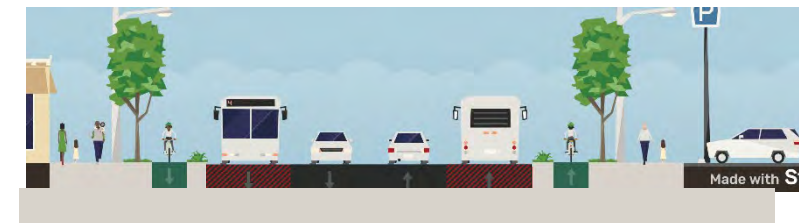
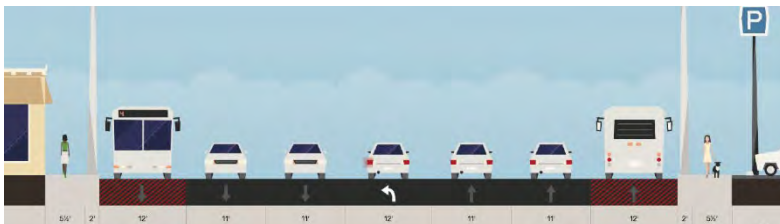
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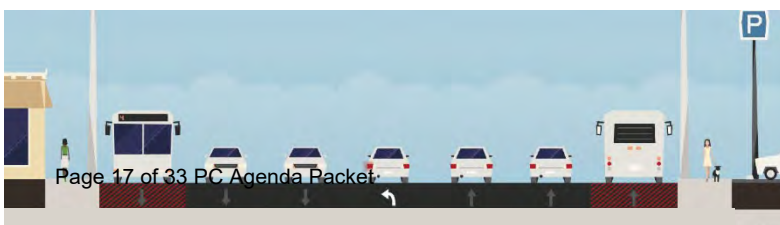
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SR-B



SR-C



Center-running Alternative

Mainline



Couplet

Division



Ruby

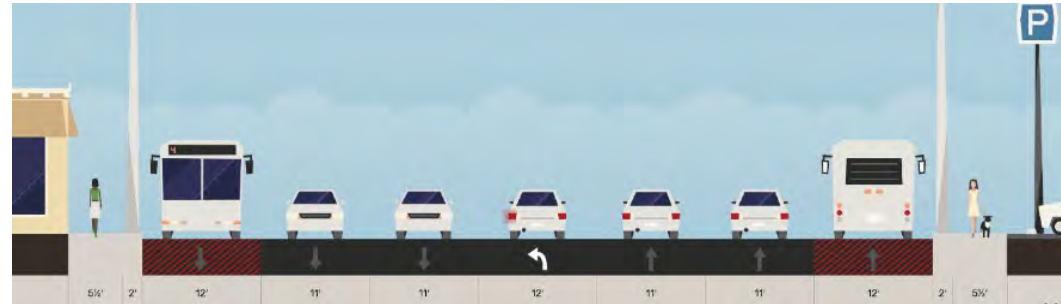


Center-running Alternative



Side-running A Alternative

Mainline



Couplet

Division



Ruby

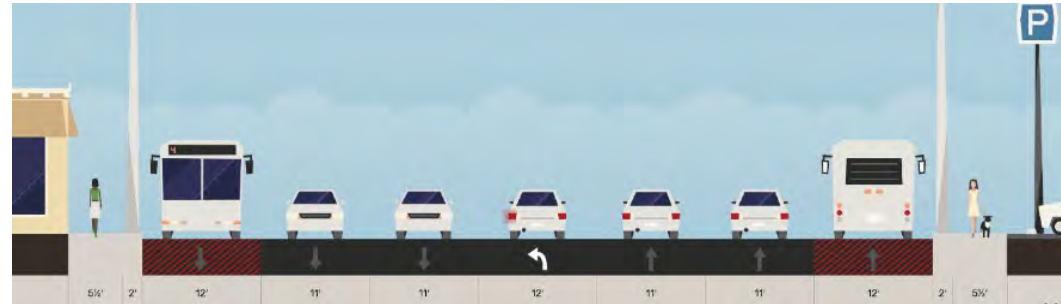


Side-running A Alternative



Side-running B Alternative

Mainline



Couplet

Division



Ruby

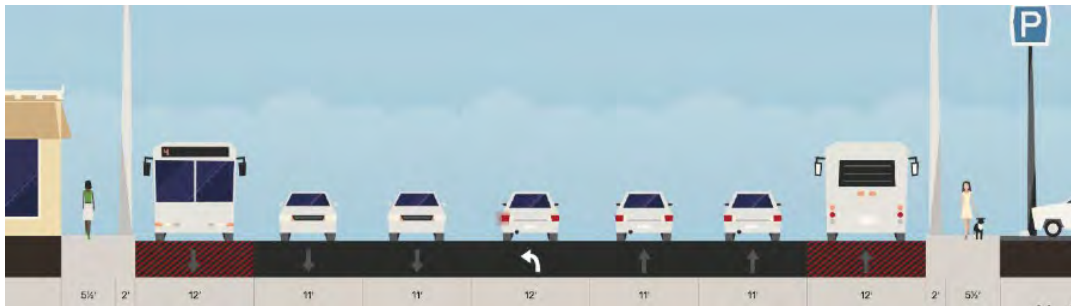


Side-running B Alternative



Side-running C Alternative

Mainline



Couplet

Division



Ruby

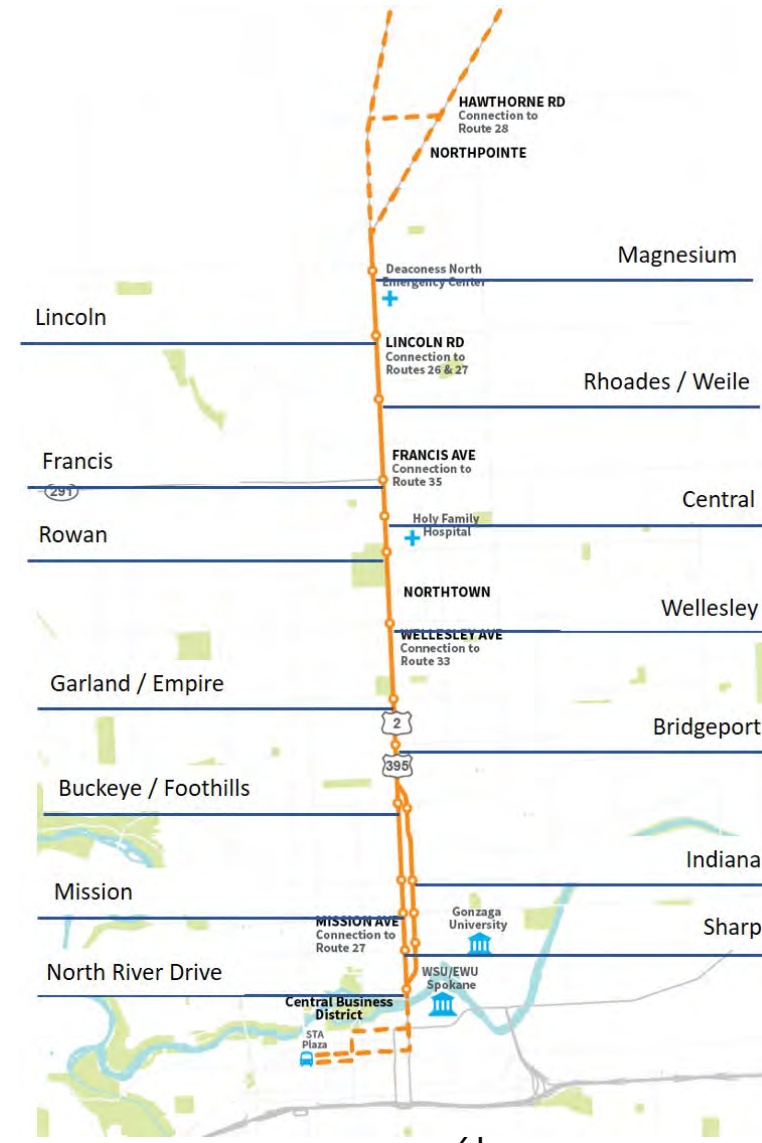


Side-running C Alternative



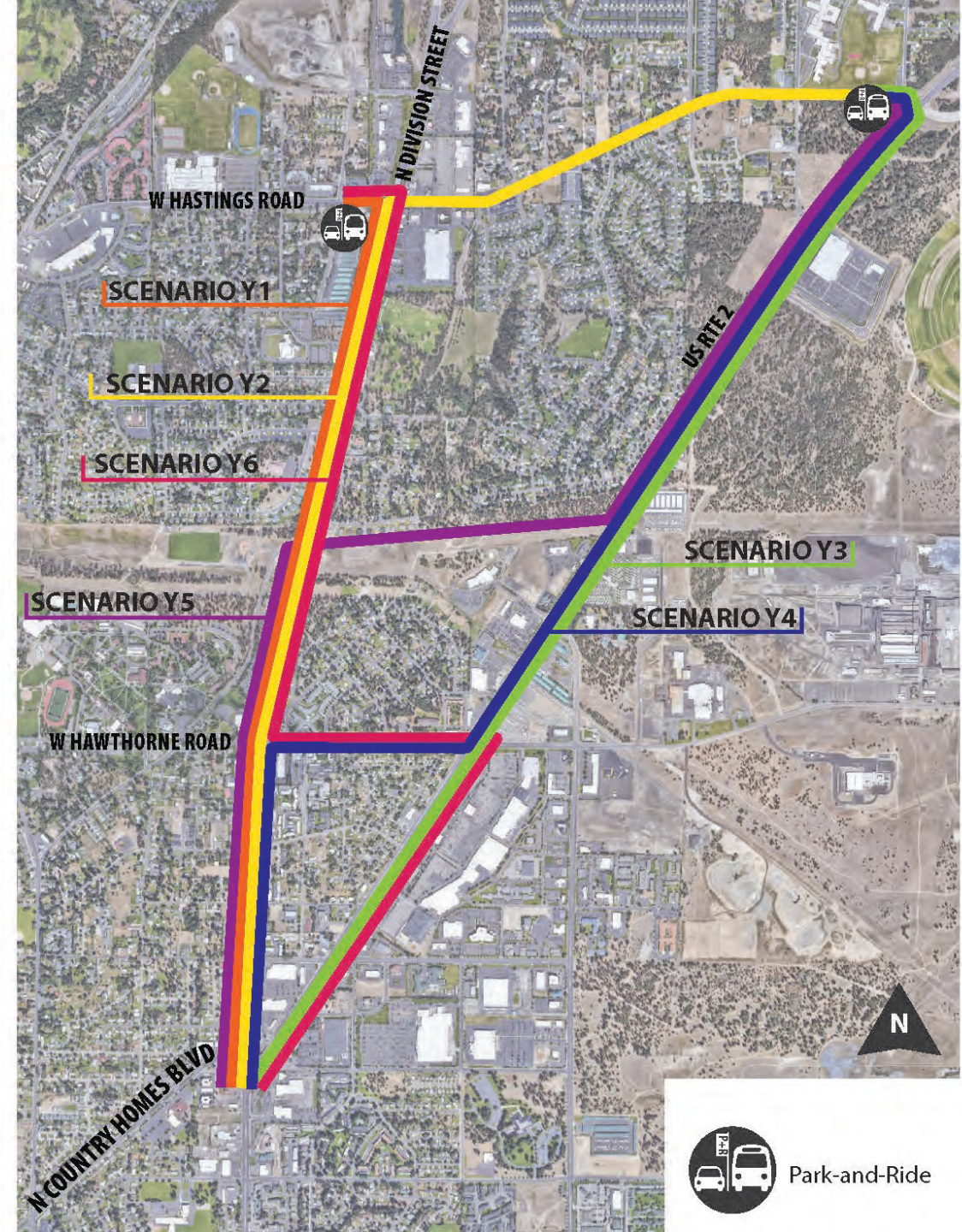
Proposed Station Locations

- **Connect Spokane FR 6.0**
 - **Stop Spacing and Placement**
 - 1/4-1/2 mile spacing
- **Preliminary, may shift based on:**
 - Land use study
 - Available right-of-way



Transit Performance: Routes north of the “Y”

- Connecting to Whitworth University matters
- The capacity at Hastings Park & Ride may be a limiting factor
- A new park and ride at Farwell Road may be desirable in the future
- Likely a phased project





2040 Traffic/Transit Modeling - Screenlines



- Across the region, traffic volumes increase over existing conditions
- Traffic volumes on north-south arterials decrease with the NSC accommodating growth in all alternatives
- Build alternatives reduce vehicular traffic volume on Division Street
 - Increase in transit ridership
 - Movement of regional trips to the NSC
 - 30,000-38,000 local vehicle trips/day maintained on Division
- Average travel time and speeds on Division Street remain relatively stable



2040 Traffic Modeling – PM Congestion

2040 PM Peak Hour V/C Ratio

- ≤ 0.75 - LOS C
- ≤ 0.90 - LOS D
- ≤ 1 - LOS E
- > 1 - LOS F

No Build**Center-running****Side-running A****Side-running B****Side-running C**

DivisionConnects

A transportation + land use study of the Division Street Corridor

SRTC | STA



Public Engagement Activities

- Online Open House – January 18 thru February 22
- Postcard mailing to all property owners, addresses and taxpayers within 1/8 mile of the corridor
- Virtual open house – 7 pm on Thursday, February 11
- Direct contact to targeted property owners and businesses along the corridor

Upcoming Actions

Locally Preferred Alternative

- Defines alignment, mode and general station locations
- To be adopted by STA Board Resolution (target: Mar. 18)
- Seek concurrence by City Council and inclusion in update to Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Corridor Development Plan

- Documentation of study process and data, public outreach and implementation road map
- To be approved by STA Board of Directors (target: Apr. 15)

DivisionConnects Phase II

- Develop a vision for land use and multimodal changes in support of and response to Division BRT
- Study will be led by SRTC and STA, WSDOT, City of Spokane will continue as core stakeholders and will continue through early 2022

Division BRT PE & NEPA Scoping

- Procure needed services and conduct preliminary engineering and scope the necessary federal and state environmental reviews
- Scope of work and authorization for RFQ to be approved by P&D Committee (target: May 5)

Phase II Project Schedule: 2021-2022

- Transition from transit + multimodal analysis to land use analysis
- How do land uses respond to changing transportation environment?
- Continue refinement of multimodal connectivity
- Final study deliverables in early 2022

Questions / Comments

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