

Spokane City Council

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Roadways of Significance

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‘Roadways of Significance’ - History

- Introduced and Discussed in 2016
- Need for alternative process for arterial streets projects that don’t score well in the Reconstruction Matrix
- Premise: Economic Development Focused
- Discussed by not formally adopted by Council

2021

- Council President request to reconsider or develop new process
 - Narrow focus, economic development or special consideration projects
 - Very limited number of projects
- Kick-off discussion at November PCTS
 1. Economic Development
 2. Equity



20-Year Arterial Street Strategy

The Rebuild Matrix is a prioritization tool based on our Comp Plan Goals

- Applies to Arterial Streets Only.
- Full Rebuilds and Integrated Projects



Rebuild Matrix Scoring Categories

Provide Transportation Choices

- Person Capacity
- Network Connectivity

Accommodate access to daily needs & regional destinations

- Neighborhood Accessibility
- Regional Accessibility
- Disadvantaged Accessibility

Promote economic opportunity

- Freight and Goods Movement
- Development and Redevelopment Potential

Respect natural & neighborhood assets

- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Neighborhood/District Impact

Enhance public health & safety

- Bike safety
- Pedestrian priority area
- Pedestrian safety
- Vehicle safety

Maximize public benefits & fiscal responsibility with integrated public investments

- CSO integration
- Water integration
- Maintenance and facility condition
- Leveraged financing

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- Applies to Arterial Streets Only
- Consider an alternative selection process for a limited number of projects that don't score well within the Rebuild Matrix.

Discussion Items:

- Filters or Categories to be used?
 1. Maintain Economic Development? (Original Criteria of Roadways of Significance)
 2. Add Equity?
 3. Add any Others?
- Maintain limited number of projects in program?
 - One or Two Per Council district?
- Maintain Focus project scope on primary reason for jumping the queue? (Econ Development projects only, not Equity)
 - Standard for limited construction?



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Economic Development Projects

- Provide a unique Economic Development opportunity
- Are located in a Council-defined area targeted for economic growth - PDAs
- Don't score well on the matrix today
- Where could this be applied today:
 - The Yard (NEPDA)
 - West Plains PDA
- Approach
 - Council must approve bumping the project higher on the Matrix
 - **Deal with most pressing elements first – limited scope**
 - Add integrated elements over time, as the area is built out and funding becomes available
 - Freya in The Yard



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Equity Projects

- Projects that don't score well on the matrix today
 - Located in area with higher than average Vulnerable Populations as defined by SRTC's Social Equity Mapping Tool.
 - Includes multimodal improvements that serve an area of extensive residential population adjacent to an arterial corridor.
 - Improves access to commercial, activity, or employment center.
 - Focus on Centers and Corridors located in area with Vulnerable Populations as defined by SRTC Social Equity Tool.
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- Sample Projects:
 - West Broadway in West Central
 - Recent Projects: North Monroe, East Sprague
 - Approach
 - Council must approve bumping the project higher on the Matrix
 - **Multimodal and Complete Streets elements included**



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Equity Evaluation

- SRTC's Social Equity Mapping Tool
 - Utilizes existing available data
 - Aligns or will align with Federal Guidance
 - Aligns with likely grant application criteria
 - Will likely evolve with ongoing implementation and definition
- Other Equity Methodologies
 - Justice40
 - Aims to deliver 40% of the overall benefits of relevant federal investments to disadvantaged communities.
 - Development in process
 - WSDOT



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Confirmation

- Two Categories
 - Economic Development
 - Equity
- Use SRTC's Social Equity Mapping Tool
- Limits on Number of Projects



Next Steps – Tentative Schedule

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- City Council January Study Session
- Return to PCTS in February
- Consider a Recommendation for Plan Commission and City Council



Questions?

