

## **Transportation Commission Agenda**

Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2025 4:00 PM

Hybrid – City Hall, Council Chambers/ Microsoft Teams 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

#### **Virtual Meeting Link - See Below for Information**

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Board Briefing Session:						
	1. Roll Call	Planning Staff				
	2. Public Comment Period (for any topic <u>not</u> on the	All				
4:00 – 4:20	agenda)					
	3. Approve 10/15/2025 meeting minutes	All				
	4. President Report	Grant Shipley				
	5. Secretary Report	Jon Snyder				
	6. Additional Reports, if requested	All				
<u> </u>	7. Approval of current agenda	All				
	Workshops:					
4:20 – 4:30	Comprehensive Plan Transportation Chapter Review	Law Country				
	Team	Jon Snyder				
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4:30 – 4:50						
	Hearing:					
4:50 – 6:00	3. *Cycle 14 Traffic Calming (Final Vote)	Jon Snyder, Abbey Martin, Inga				
		Note, Colin Quinn-Hurst				
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<sup>\*</sup> Items denoted with an asterisk may include final action taken by the Commission. Written public comments will be accepted at <a href="mailto:transportationcommission@spokanecity.org">transportationcommission@spokanecity.org</a> on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Verbal testimony may also be accepted during the meeting.

Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled TC meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

A quorum of the City Council may be present as liaisons to the Commission during this meeting.

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### **Transportation Commission Meeting Information**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025









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SIGN UP

The form will be open from 8:00am on 11/12/2025, until 3:00 p.m. on 11/19/2025. When it is your turn to testify, Transportation Commission President will call your name, and you can begin your testimony. You will have 3 minutes to speak.

Please note that public comments will be taken during the meeting, but the public is encouraged to continue to submit their comments or questions in writing to: <a href="mailto:transportationcommission@spokanecity.org">transportationcommission@spokanecity.org</a>. Written public comments will be accepted on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

The video proceedings of the Transportation Commission meetings will be recorded and are available online.

# Spokane Transportation Commission - Draft Minutes

#### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Hybrid Meeting in City Hall Council Chambers & Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Minutes: Transportation Commission Workshop called to order at 4:01pm by President Grant Shipley

<u>Public Comment</u>: Citizens are invited to address the Transportation Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- Cliff Winger
- Brian Muegge

#### Attendance for Plan Commission Workshop:

- Board Members Present: President Grant Shipley, Vice President Rhonda Young, Mike Bjordahl,
   Raychel Callary, Joni Harris, Kaylee Jackman, Dylan Jouliot, Lauren Pangborn
- Board Members Not Present: VP Rhonda Young
- Quorum Present: Yes
- Non-Voting Members Present: Community Assembly, DSP/Downtown PBIA, NEPDA, Plan Commission, SRTC, STA
- Non-Voting Members Not present: PBIA East Sprague/East Sprague Parking & BID, S3R3 Solutions, SPS, SRHD, U District, WSDOT
- Staff Members Present: Angie McCall, Jon Snyder, Emily King, Kevin Picanco, Inga Note, Brian Brisendine, Clint Harris, Abbey Martin, Nicole White, Mark Carlos, Shae Blackwell, Jackson Deese, Marlene Feist, Sarah Sirott, Matt Cozza

Minutes: Minutes from 9/17/2025 were approved unanimously.

#### **Briefing Session:**

#### Commission President Report - Grant Shipley

 Grant wanted to suggest that everyone keep in mind that Spokane's residential streets (including many that have fallen into disrepair) have improvements that need to be made. However, there is a finite amount of money. We can all be thinking about funding sources that could be capitalized on for those projects that have fallen off of the list.

#### Secretary Report - Jon Snyder

 Jon deferred his report to Commissioner Callary. She shared that today is White Cane Day or otherwise known in the U.S. as Blind American's Equality Day (established in 1964).

#### • Additional Reports

- Cliff Winger, Community Assembly, wanted to thank the commissioners and the director for attending the PeTT Committee meeting. He recommended that the commissioners continue to be communicative with the neighborhoods and listening to the needs in the community.
- Eve McMenamy, SRTC, shared that their long-range plan known as Horizon 2050 is out for public comment at <a href="www.srtc.org">www.srtc.org</a>. The public comment period is open for 30 days and began on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, they have just approved the Transportation Improvement Program that are either federally funded or regionally significant that are expected to be implemented over the next four-year period.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved unanimously.

#### Workshop(s):

- STA Service Revision
  - o Presentation provided by Emily Poole, STA.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Grand Boulevard Design
  - o Presentation provided by staff members Brian Brisendine.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Spokane Falls Boulevard Rebuild
  - o Presentation provided by staff members Kevin Picanco.
  - o Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- TBD Large Vehicle Exemption
  - Presentation provided by staff member Jon Snyder.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Traffic Calming Projects Narrowed List
  - o Presentation provided by staff members Jon Snyder & Abbey Martin.
  - Ouestions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- Residential St Rebuild Inventory
  - Presentation provided by staff member Clint Harris.
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

#### Hearing:

- Shared Streets Ordinance
  - o Presentation provided by staff members Jon Snyder.

#### Public Comment

- Emily Poole, STA
- Questions asked and answered.
- Motion was entertained by President Shipley (see below).
- Jon Snyder requested that the commission remove Wall, Sherman, and the STA language.
   He stated that there would need to be an amendment to consider one or all of these things.
- Deliberation ensued.
- o Raychel Callary made a motion to defer (see below).
- Lauren Pangborn made a motion to consider the hearing item (see below).
- Continued deliberation.
- Another motion by Commissioner Harris was made, seconded, and voted upon.
- o Motion:
- I [Grant Shipley] will entertain a motion and a second to move our recommendation on the ordinance forward.
- I [Raychel Callary] would like to move to defer this. Supported by Commissioner Bjordahl & Pangborn.
- o I [Lauren Pangborn] would move to consider this [Shared Streets]. Seconded by Joni Harris.
- I [Joni Harris] move to defer until next month. Seconded by Dylan Jouliot.
   Vote to defer passes: 5-1-1

Meeting Adjourned at 6:17 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting will be held on November 19, 2025.

# BRIEFING PAPER: Comp Plan Transportation Chapter Review Team City of Spokane Transportation Commission 11/19/2025

Subject	•

The Planning Commission is forming technical review teams for several chapters of the Comprehensive Plan that will be updated next year, including the Transportation Chapter.

#### Background:

There is an opportunity for 1-2 members of the Transportation Commission to join the technical review team for review of the Transportation Chapter. Volunteers will need to attend 2-3 meetings and review materials to be discussed in those meetings.

#### **Relationship to Plans/Actions:**

The Transportation Chapter is the 4th chapter in the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **Timeline/ Further Action:**

If the Commission can select 1-2 members to join the team in this meeting then those name will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

#### Draft Final Project List - Cycle 14 Safe Streets For All for 2026-2027 Construction

Project Title	District	Cost Estimate	Quick-Build Project	Construction Project	Anticipated Construction
Standard St; St Thomas More Way: Infill sidewalks, 20MPH when flashing signs	1	\$ 240,000.00			2027
Center St; Illinois Ave : Protected Bike Lane	1	\$ 1,074,000.00			2027
Cook St; Illinois Ave - Francis Ave: Neighborhood Greenway	1	\$ 52,500.00			2026
Longfellow/Rich; Belt St - Market St: Neighborhood Greenway	1	\$ 550,000.00		$\blacksquare$	2027
Ray St; 17th Ave - 29th Ave: PHB at Ray/23rd or Ray/24th	2	\$ 500,000.00		$\blacksquare$	2027
11th Ave; Southeast Blvd - Ben Burr Trail: Neighborhood Greenway & Protected Bike Lane	2	\$ 856,755.00			2027
27th Ave; Jefferson St - Hatch St: Neighborhood Greenway	2	\$ 566,125.00			2027
Adams/Jefferson; 4th or 5th - 27th Ave: Neighborhood Greenway	2	\$ 88,605.00			2026
Hatch; 27th Ave - Southeast Blvd: Neighborhood Greenway & Protected Bike Lane	2	\$ 179,895.00			2027
2nd Ave; Cannon St : Bumpouts	3	\$ 50,000.00			2026
Ash St/Maple St; Francis Ave to Maple St Bridge: Traffic Study for Speed Reduction	3	\$ 150,000.00			2026
Buckeye Ave; Washington St : Intersection Improvements - signal modifications	3	\$ 200,000.00		$\blacksquare$	2027
Francis Ave; Fotheringham/Cannon St : Pedestrian Crossing	3	\$ 450,000.00			2027
Spruce St Stairs : Rebuild	3	\$ 350,000.00		$\blacksquare$	2027
Longfellow/Rich; Belt St - Market St: Neighborhood Greenway	3	\$ 550,000.00			2027

#### **Lowest Quartile Median Household Income Qualified Projects**

2nd Ave/Cannon St Bumpouts Spruce Street Stairs Rebuild

#### **Funding Breakdown by District Including 27x2027 Projects:**

District 1: \$1,916,500 District 2: \$2,191,380 District 3: \$1,750,000

#### **Funding Breakdown:**

Construction: \$1,740,000 Quick-Build: \$200,000 27x2027: \$3,917,8800 Total: \$5,857,880

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

10/07/25 - 11/10/25

From: Jeffrey Mergler
To: Martin, Abigail M.
Cc: J and E Goldsmith

Subject: Re: South Arthur Street Safety - 29th to 37th

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:55:28 AM

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Yes, that's helpful Abby. I'm super happy to hear that you're able to fold it into the Internal spreadsheet at this point.

I'll inform Nick that it's reported and in the system and invite him to be involved in the TC meetings.

Merci beaucoup!

On Tue, Oct 28, 2025, 9:49 AM Martin, Abigail M. <a href="mailto:ammartin@spokanecity.org">ammartin@spokanecity.org</a> wrote:

Good morning, Comstock!

I'm sorry to hear about all of this frustration, and I read through the email thread.

I will put this concern on an internal/interdepartmental workgroup spreadsheet I'm keeping, in an effort to enhance our communication and collaboration. And I'll also include this email in the packet for the Transportation Commission's consideration for their November hearing on traffic calming projects.

I see Elizabeth got the constituent a series of resources, and I'd just encourage awareness around the Transportation Commission's meetings and representation as well.

The November packet will be available about a week prior to the November meeting. The online option to attend the meeting is a link in the agenda once its released.

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Hope this helps?

Abbey.



Abigail M. Martin, MS Int'l Comp Ed Policy; MAT

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Manager of Neighborhood Connectivity

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OFFICE (509) 625-6426 | ammartin@spokanecity.org

From: Jeffrey Mergler < jeffreymergler@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:50 AM

To: Martin, Abigail M. <ammartin@spokanecity.org>
Cc: J and E Goldsmith <goldsmithteam@msn.com>
Subject: Fwd: South Arthur Street Safety - 29th to 37th

#### [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Good morning, Abby,

One of our residents, Nick Plante, has been reporting problems on S Arthur around W 33 and W 32 since this past summer. Everything is well documented below in the email threads. I can tease them out if needed.

My question concerns our process: what avenues (pardon the pun) can a diligent, active resident like Nick take to report these problems and have them addressed in future Traffic Calming projects, perhaps with an adaptive design? I have to admit, I chuckled at his image below, but he's thinking outside the box and is clearly passionate.

I know you're busy with the traffic calming for the 2026 and 2007 lists, but I want to get back to this resident with something actionable.

Thanks as always,

Jeff

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Jeffrey Mergler < jeffreymergler@gmail.com >

Date: Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 8:43 AM

Subject: Re: South Arthur Street Safety - 29th to 37th To: Nick LaPlante <nicholasrylaplante@gmail.com>

Cc: Carol Tomsic <arol tomsic@vahoo.com>, J and E Goldsmith <a href="mailto:soldsmithteam@msn.com">soldsmithteam@msn.com</a>>

Hi Nick,

We share your frustration: several streets in Comstock share these problems including mine. The traffic calming reporting system is evolving, so I'm unsure how problems are currently entered. I will pass this along to Abby Martin who works with Jon Snyder in Traffic Commission. I've also cc'd Carol from Lincoln Heights, who chairs the CA PeTT committee.

>I remember there was an initiative to place speedometers with readouts on streets, sort of a mobile cart thing—does that still happen? And is the sign up / request window at the beginning of the year?

Yes, this program (Speed Radar trailers) exists. I suggest that we try and get it for Arthur Street next season. They are solar-powered and typically deployed from May through September, with applications due in April. Please do us a huge favor and set a reminder to email us in January and February about this street. We will then submit an application to ONS on your behalf for these speed radar trailers for next season.

Keep us updated on anything new. Thank you!

Ні Е	lizabeth -
injur	wanted to send another note on this thread—there was another accident this weekend at 32nd and Arthur, no ies, but the power line at the corner was hit and broken—Avista had to replace it, we lost power for most of the Both cars' airbags deployed. Another pretty scary accident.
vege	t a note to Clint Harris at the city, and he replied and said he'd pass along to Code Enforcement (related to tation encroachment?) and internal traffic calming folks. He again asked me to reach out to the neighborhood cil, so wanted to send a note to keep you in the loop. I'll keep sending notes as incidents happen.
	nember there was an initiative to place speedometers with readouts on streets, sort of a mobile cart thing—does that nappen? And is the sign up / request window at the beginning of the year?
Норе	e your fall is going well so far,
Nick	
On F	ri, Jun 27, 2025 at 4:33 PM Comstock NHC Chair < comstockneighborhoodcouncil@gmail.com > wrote:
Ju	, Nick. Thank you - that's great. We really appreciate the sharing of information. It's what we're all about! Our ly speaker is Nick Jeffries, who heads up the Wildland Resource Planning for the City. He is going to be talking out the bluff fuel mitigation and more.
Se	e you at a meeting soon.
El	izabeth
Or	n Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 4:03 PM Nick LaPlante < <u>nicholasrvlaplante@gmail.com</u> > wrote:
	Hi Elizabeth -
	Thank you for taking the time to share all those resources and tips. Sorry that it took me so long to respond!
	I've shared with several neighbors who are interested in helping as well—the more the merrier. Hopefully I'll be able to make it to a Neighborhood Council meeting soon. I attended one in the fall and really enjoyed the

Cheers,

Nick

On Sat, May 24, 2025 at 12:17 PM Comstock NHC Chair <comstockneighborhoodcouncil@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Nick. I'm pleased to meet you. I am the Vice Chair and Communications Director for the Comstock Neighborhood Council. Thank you for your email about the 33rd/S Arthur intersection, and for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Traffic calming has been a priority for the Comstock Council and neighborhood for some time. I travel through the intersection you mentioned often, and appreciate your concerns. Our experience has been that the squeaky wheel gets the grease when it comes to traffic calming. The Safe Streets program and traffic calming have been getting a lot of attention recently and there are several ways that you can express your concerns and ideas. I've attached a document we recently updated that includes a lot of good information. Here is some information from the City's website, including contacts:

https://mv.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/traffic-calming/



## Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program - City of Spokane, Washington

According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the definition of traffic calming is "the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users."

my.spokanecity.org

Also, here is a link to last month's streets projects reconciliation sheet - it's on the city's website as well. Clearly, projects like the one you are suggesting have been approved and implemented over time. There are many examples in the Comstock neighborhood.

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#### Six-Year Street Program Reconciliation Report - April 2025

Title: Six-Year Street Program Reconciliation Report - April 2025 Author: City of Spokane Streets Department Subject: Six-Year Street Program Reconciliation Report - April 2025

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My suggestions are as follows:

Attend the June 9<sup>th</sup> Town Hall at 6pm at the MLK Center. Traffic calming will be one of the topics and you will have an opportunity to directly share your concerns with the City Council in a conversational format. Testify at City Council about your concerns and write emails to our D2 representatives. Contact the streets department (see the document attached) and share your concerns. When they come up, attend the traffic calming workshops. I am not aware of any that are scheduled right now, but you may be able to learn more on the site above. Another idea might be to contact our Neighborhood Resource Officer, Micah Prim, and ask him for some data on the intersection. That might be helpful as you communicate your concerns and ideas. You can email him directly at mprim@spokanepolice.org. Be relentless about calling in to CrimeCheck and/or the traffic hotline about what you observe and experience in that intersection, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. I hope this information is helpful. Please join us at a Comstock Neighborhood Council meeting in the future if you are able. Our next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Manito United Methodist Church at 33rd/Grand. Our guest speaker will be Fire Chief Julie O'Berg. Thanks again for contacting us. Elizabeth Elizabeth Goldsmith Vice Chair/Communications Director Comstock Neighborhood Council Cell 949.599.4396 On Fri, May 23, 2025 at 12:29 PM Nick LaPlante < nicholasrvlaplante@gmail.com > wrote: Hello! This Sunday morning I saw a dangerous crash at the intersection of 33rd and S Arthur.

A Ford F150 truck going east on 33rd hit the driver side of a small Toyota sedan going north on Arthur. The sedan's side was crushed, airbags deployed, and the driver was shoved over to the passenger side. She sustained some injuries I believe (she left the car ok, but had blood on her face and was visibly shaken). Her car was forced up onto the yard of the house on the corner, skidded through the grass and eventually hit a parked car on the east side of Arthur. The truck was smoking and the hood was forced open, although I didn't see the full extent of the truck's damage clearly.

It was a frightening crash. I would guess both cars were traveling near 30 mph without any slowing down when entering the intersection.

It was about 8 am. I was walking south on Arthur with my daughter in a stroller - there is no sidewalk on the east side of Arthur. Had I left a minute or two earlier, I could easily have been in the way of the accident. There were several other pedestrians around. Neighbors quickly helped to clean up the glass, direct traffic around the cars, and make sure the drivers were ok while the police and fire department were called.

This is the third accident like this I've personally witnessed in the last year and a half on Arthur, at either 32nd or 33rd. That number of serious accidents seems high to me. I imagine the same is true at other intersections along Arthur (34th - 36th) since the underlying traffic behavior seems the same.

This is a residential street, a designated bike route, and I would love to help improve the safety! It's a scary street to walk or drive on - in addition to the three accidents I've seen, there have been numerous other near misses.

In my observation, drivers treat Arthur as a through arterial (which it isn't) and don't yield or slow down to go through the uncontrolled intersections. I haven't seen any speedometer read outs, but my guess is that most cars travel through the neighborhood well above the 25 mph speed limit.

Something like this roundabout concept would be interesting to test:



I think it could be inexpensive and highly effective, because it would force traffic from all directions to slow and yield at the otherwise ignored uncontrolled intersections.

Or speed humps, like those on Garfield north of 29th or like those proposed near Comstock park (Lincoln and 33rd), or a few stop signs (although I've heard / read mixed opinions on the efficacy of stop signs in this context). At this point, almost anything would help before there are more serious accidents!

I know there are traffic calming initiatives and lists, but I don't think I've seen anything on this Arthur corridor in those documents (like <a href="here">here</a>). There could be other lists or you may already be aware of the issue, but I wanted to reach out to add my voice. I'm happy to discuss in person or at a neighborhood council meeting if

that would be helpful.
Thanks again, please let me know how I can help to push this issue forward
Nick LaPlante
In case phone is easier:
(509) 953-0503

From: Martin, Abigail M.

To: <u>briansparrow@wsucougars.com</u>

**Subject:** FW: Message from WIRELESS CALLER (5094750311)

**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2025 1:16:00 PM

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Good afternoon, Brian, and pleasure speaking with you this afternoon- my apologies again that it's taken me a week to find your voicemail and get back to you!

I'd like to document the following for our internal workgroup and inclusion in the Transportation Commission's November packet; please feel free to edit as you see fit and submit an updated public comment, also for inclusion in the November packet.

Voice message from Brian Sparrow 10/09; lives on 8<sup>th</sup>; concerned about North bound Freya traffic and needing a turn lane onto Hartson. There have been accidents and "critter casualties". Had previously been told a turn lane was in the works. (Abbey following up w Construction Communications to see about this.)

Brian, you can find the Transportation Commission page here:

#### <u>Transportation Commission - City of Spokane, Washington</u>

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Please let me know if you have further questions or comments, and I'll let you know if I hear anything back from the Construction Communications team!

Best,

Abbey.

From: <u>Tatiana Turcanu</u>
To: <u>Martin, Abigail M.</u>

**Subject:** respectfully request be reviewed for paving. **Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 7:55:18 AM

#### [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

I'm a resident of S Ralph Street (Spokane WA 99202) and I'm writing to respectfully request that our section of S Ralph Street be reviewed for paving.

At present, this portion of S Ralph Street remains unpaved, and during dry weather it produces heavy dust that affects air quality and the overall livability of the neighborhood. The dust settles on our homes, vehicles, and yards, and it becomes especially concerning for children, older residents or visitors, and anyone with breathing issues. Even those without health conditions are noticeably affected, as the dust makes it uncomfortable to spend time outdoors and impacts daily life for everyone on the street.

With several new buildings under construction nearby, traffic is expected to increase significantly once those developments are complete, which will worsen the dust and safety issues.

We've noticed that 10th Street, just above our area, was recently paved, and it has made a noticeable improvement for residents there. We would be very grateful if S Ralph Street could receive similar attention and be added to paving or improvement plans.

According to RCW 36.81.130, each county or city jurisdiction prepares and adopts annual plans for street and road construction and maintenance. I understand the current year's plan may already be finalized, but I respectfully request that S Ralph Street be considered for inclusion in the next annual plan or in any possible amendments.

Please let me know if there's a formal process or petition residents can begin to support this request. Our community truly appreciates your time and continued work in keeping Spokane's streets safe, accessible, and well-maintained.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: michele baker

To: Martin, Abigail M.

Subject: 9th avenue bumpouts

**Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 12:53:46 PM

#### [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

#### Hello Abigal,

I was given your name by Annie Deasy. I live on 9th avenue, between Pittsburgh and Helena. I was told that we would be given bump outs at these intersections to help with traffic calming. Could you update me on the progress of these projects, as well as any other items concerning this neighborhood. We have been dealing with accidents and speeding traffic for years and would like to help improve the safety of this street and neighborhood. Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Michele Baker

From: Groe, Amber
To: deBit, Donna

Cc: Martin, Abigail M.; Snyder, Jon; Note, Inga
Subject: RE: crosswalk at Strong and Hazelnut
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025 12:15:07 PM

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Thank you very much, Donna and Inga. I would love to get the contact information of the developer to share with Mike is that's alright.

Best,

Amber Groe | she/her

Community Programs Coordinator, Office of Neighborhood Services

509-625-6156 | agroe@spokanecity.org | spokanecity.org



**From:** deBit, Donna <ddebit@spokanecity.org> **Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2025 12:07 PM **To:** Groe, Amber <agroe@spokanecity.org>

**Cc:** Martin, Abigail M. <ammartin@spokanecity.org>; Snyder, Jon <jsnyder@spokanecity.org>; Note,

Inga <inote@spokanecity.org>

**Subject:** RE: crosswalk at Strong and Hazelnut

Hi Amber,

Thank you for reaching out. We do not have a formal process or involvement for engagement between two private parties, other than suggesting they simply reach out with their concerns to start the conversation. We could provide the most up-to-date contact information that we have for the developers, but that's really the extent of it. If a proposal for a safety feature in the ROW was presented to us, we would ensure that it met our standards (in coordination with the Streets Dept.).

In speaking with Inga, it sounds like this safety feature was an idea that was proposed earlier on, but never came to fruition. This is most likely due to lack of funding on the developers end, and it not being a requirement.

Please let me if I can assist with any other questions, I'm happy to help.

Thank you!



**Donna deBit** | Principal Planner \ Development Case Manager | Development Services Center Direct 509.625.6637 | Cell 509.530.0814 | <u>ddebit@spokanecitv.org</u> | <u>my.spokanecitv.org</u>

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From: Groe, Amber <agroe@spokanecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:56 AM
To: deBit, Donna <addebit@spokanecity.org>

Cc: Martin, Abigail M. <ammartin@spokanecity.org>; Snyder, Jon <<u>isnyder@spokanecity.org</u>>

Subject: FW: crosswalk at Strong and Hazelnut

Hi Donna,

I hope you are well. I'm seeking some guidance on the questions from Mike (see email below). Do you have any recommendations about how Mike and his HOA can create a partnership with developers in his area and discuss traffic calming efforts?

Best.

Amber Groe | she/her

Community Programs Coordinator, Office of Neighborhood Services 509-625-6156 <u>agroe@spokanecity.org</u> <u>spokanecity.org</u>



From: VicePres < forestgrovevp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 10:13 PM
To: Groe, Amber < agroe@spokanecity.org>

Cc: Martin, Abigail M. <a href="mailto:spokanecity.org">ammartin@spokanecity.org</a>; Snyder, Jon <a href="mailto:spokanecity.org">jsnyder@spokanecity.org</a>;

**Subject:** Re: crosswalk at Strong and Hazelnut

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Hi Amber.

Thanks again for introducing me to Abigail — I really appreciate it.

While I understand the approach being taken, I have to admit I was concerned when I

read the phrase "crash/injury data." Waiting until that number is greater than zero feels like a reactive stance, especially when children's safety is involved; this intersection serves not only as access to Sky Prairie Park but also as a school pickup/drop-off point — it's already heavily traveled by kids and families.

I'm grateful that Abigail is submitting this to the workgroup and the TC, but I was hoping there might be a more immediate or parallel path forward. Specifically, is there a way to fast-track this, possibly by directly engaging the nearby developers, Hayden Homes and Uni Strong, to help fund or install a crosswalk and flashing beacons?

Do either of you have any advice or experience on how to approach developers about contributing to infrastructure improvements like this, particularly when safety is such a clear concern? I'd really welcome any guidance or ideas.

Thanks again for your time and support on this.

Best,

Mike

On Oct 9, 2025, at 12:46 PM, Groe, Amber < agroe@spokanecity.org > wrote:

Hi Mike,

Thanks for reaching out! Requests from residents like this one are logged with Abigail Martin, City Council's Connectivity Manager and then shared with our City of Spokane Transportation Commission who vote on funding for future projects.

Installments of this kind are typically based on traffic volume, incident (crash/injury) data, etc. I cc'd Abbey here in order to log your concern.

Best,

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To: Groe, Amber < agroe@spokanecity.org>
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#### Hi Amber,

My name is Mike Risso and I'm the VP for Forest Grove HOA. Our neighborhood is very concerned about the lack of a crosswalk at the intersection of Hazelnut/Nettleton Ct and Strong. We want the city and/or local developers to install a crosswalk. I called Spokane Public Works and they told me I should contact you as Liaison for the Five Mile Prairie Neighborhood Council.

Are you able to offer any assistance or advice? What would be next steps? Thanks in advance for any and all help you can provide.

-m-

 From:
 Latah Valley Neighborhood Council

 To:
 Groe, Amber; Martin, Abigail M.

 Subject:
 Fwd: Stop Signs - Overlook Village

 Date:
 Wednesday, October 8, 2025 2:32:32 PM

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Hello again, Abbey and Amber,

While I tried to inform this neighbor how to share this intersection feedback, but I'm not sure I delivered effective instruction. It sounds like quite a few neighbors there are worried about safety and they also came to the Neighborhood Council to get support.

There is a proposed 4-way stop at the intersection of W. Bolan Ave and W. Willapa Ave/Ct. at Overlook Village.

Please consider this as well if at all possible, as I do not want to miss this opportunity to support Latah-Hangman traffic calming.

Thank you kindly, Stephanie

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jordan Bilodeaux < ibilodeaux 21@gmail.com >

Date: Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 5:05 PM Subject: Stop Signs - Overlook Village To: <<u>LatahVallevNC@gmail.com</u>>

CC: Mike Durgan <<u>mjdurgan07@gmail.com</u>>, Jamie Eggink <<u>jsvwildtree@gmail.com</u>>

Good evening Stephanie,

Thank you for speaking with me over the phone.

As I mentioned I was directed by the city to reach out to you, our neighborhood council, to start the conversations/process to add stop signs specifically, a 4-way stop at the intersection of W. Bolan Ave and W. Willapa Ave/Ct. at Overlook Village. I have added a marked up screenshot below for reference. (My address is: 521 W. Bolan Ave, Spokane WA, 99224, if you need to map it)

#### Our main community concerns are:

- -Increased traffic flow, creates safety concerns for community members such as; children playing, riding bikes, high risk for traffic collision(s), etc.
- -Daily walkers and dog walkers with unmarked crosswalks at intersections particularly this one
- -Speeding concerns

Mike is our HOA president and Jamie is our HOA vice-president. I have CC'd them that way

you have their email addresses and they can chime in with any questions or concerns they may have for this process.

#### Mike and Jamie,

Stephanie is looking for HOA community representatives to attend their neighborhood council meetings which happen every other month on the odd numbered month. The next meeting is covering wildfire and fire emergency response/evacuation plans on September 18th, 6:00pm-7:50pm at the conservatory behind Vinegar Goods. It may be good for one or two of us to attend these meetings to keep us informed, give ourselves a voice, and also get the proper contact(s) for city personnel if needed. Maybe we can get in the ear for someone to have Qualchan Dr. re-paved/re-constructed??

Stephanie, let me know when you need more information or anything from us.

Thank you!



-Jordan B.

From: <u>Carol Tomsic</u>

To: Transportation Commission; Snyder, Jon; Martin, Abigail M.; Gardner, Spencer; Dillon, Paul; Lambdin, Shelby;

Wilkerson, Betsy

Cc: Marilyn; Sally; Carol Landa-McVicker; Ryan, Gabrielle; Winger, Clifford

Subject: Transportation Commission 10/15 meeting Comment on Preliminary Narrowed list of Traffic Calming Projects

**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:57:27 PM

#### [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council greatly appreciates that the **Ray St**, **17th Ave - 29th Ave PHB**, **widen sidewalk** project is on the preliminary narrowed list of candidate traffic calming projects.

Our council requests the project remain on the 2025 Spokane Safe Streets for All project list. We want to be a safe, walkable, and bicycle friendly neighborhood. The **Ray St, 17th Ave - 29th Ave PHB, widen sidewalk** is necessary to keep our residents safe on Ray Street.

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council requests the Transportation Commission select and recommend the funding of the **Ray St**, 17th Ave - 29th Ave PHB, widen sidewalk.

As stated in a prior comment.

It is dangerous for our residents to walk on narrow sidewalks on a four-lane roadway with no center median area of on-street parking. A DOWL analysis showed that there was significant speeding concerns, crashes, including two minor injury crashes where a vehicle hit a bicyclist at 17th and 27th.

A PHB at Ray/23rd will provide a safe connection to an underused CSO open space and provide an access to our neighborhood park for residents that have faced a barrier in crossing a high-capacity roadway to access parkland. The Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan June 2022 states a strategy in District Two is to increase access to parkland by centering on the addition of infrastructure that supports comfortable walk conditions to existing parks. (page 82)

A PHB at Ray/23rd will also provide students at the Lincoln Heights Elementary School a safe crossing for education opportunities in the CSO open space and Thornton Murphy Park, which has a Community Garden. Our neighborhood also has a low private vehicle ownership per Census data which makes pedestrian and bicycle needs higher for both mobility and safety needs.

Our Council is also working on a bicycle path that will connect our neighborhood to East Central and Southgate neighborhoods. A shared use path connecting the west end of 23rd, west of Ray Street to 25th Avenue is in the Spokane Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Thank you

**Carol Tomsic** 

Chair, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

#### District 3 - North Hil Neighborhood Traffic Project requests

I understand that this letter and note were due on 10/7/2025. Unfortunately our neighborhood didn't have a meeting to discuss this topic until 10/9/2025, so I am writing this in hopes we can put it on the list for consideration.

I have sent this request earlier this year, but was told I had to wait until the new round of traffic calming projects come up for bid. I believe this is an imperative project and should not wait another 4 years for the next round of traffic calming projects.

We have students who attend Madison Elementary on Nebraska Avenue between Whitehouse Ave and Division St. These students have a crosswalk on, with a crossing guard from the school district, on Rowan Ave. and Wall St.

This past winter the crossing guard and neighbors came to us and asked for our help to install a 20mph flashing warning during school start and end times. This is not unique across our city and schools. Somehow one was not installed on a very busy road and has become dangerous for our students to cross.

I have attached photos of the nearby signs referencing the crosswalk and the crosswalk itself.

Please consider adding these 20mph warning lights where the current crosswalk signs exist now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scot Webb North Hill Neighborhood Chair

#### Intersection at Nebraska Ave and Wall St. Current 20mph sign. No Flashing lights



Intersection at Rowan Ave and Wall St. Crosswalk.



Intersection on Wall St near Everett Ave. Crosswalk Ahead sign. No Flashing Lights.



PEACEFUL VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE				
Date / Time	Wednesday, 11/12/2025 6:00 PM			
Location	Peaceful Valley Community Center, 214 N Cedar St			
	Welcome and introductions.			
Agenda Items	Approval of October minutes.			
	Reports: Neighborhood Safety and Policing, City Council, Office of Neighborhood			
	Services, Community Assembly, Treasurer.			
	Spokane Transit Authority Presentation – 2026 Proposed Service Revisions			
	Old Business: Parks Foundation Grant Application			
	New Business:			
	Announcements: Update on Community Center lease			
	Spruce St Stairs - Transportation Commission meeting to narrow list			
	of Traffic Calming Projects. To support the Spruce St stairs repair, attend the			
	meeting at City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 4:00 PM.			

## Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes (draft) October 8, 2025

Attendance: Voting Members: Raynell Cook, Bill Forman, Bryn Garrehy, Peggy Gilligan, Georgi Gorham, Charlie Greenwood, Ann Haggett, John Lawson, Jan Loux, Tod Marshall, Kathy Thamm, Marc Whitman. Residents: Kate Altine, Caelan Moore, Beverly Robbins, Aaron Steiner. Guests: Lt. Austin (SPD), Maddie Sontag (Senator Ricelli's office), Jan Yoder, Amanda McFarland.

Chair Bill Forman called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Welcome and introductions.

**Approval of Agenda:** With the addition of Maddie Sontag presenting from Sen. Ricelli's office and addition of new business item, discussion of voting member resignation, unanimously approved.

#### Reports

**Neighborhood Safety:** There were 6 calls for services in September, but most seemed to be from Browne's Addition. Bryn asked about the transients who are travelling with lots of bike parts. They seem to be bouncing between Monroe and Main (the Lincoln statue) and the Peaceful Valley sign on Main just above Red Band Field. Lt. Austin asked us to report encampments to 311. Police get to them as quick as they can. Aaron was upset about the juniper bushes at the top of the Main Ave- Water Ave staircase being removed to discourage someone who was camping there. He objects to the loss of wildlife habitat and greenery, and said the vegetation helps stabilize that hillside. The junipers were removed, but the garbage left by the camper remains. Lt. Austin said that was a Parks Dept issue. The police had nothing to do with it.

**Maddie Sontag** from state Senator Ricelli's office introduced herself and said Senator Ricelli's office can be used as a resource if you have an issue with any state agency. "When in doubt, reach out."

**Approval of September Minutes:** September minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

City Council: No report

ONS: No report

Community Assembly (CA): Ann reported that Tod collected 23 emails supporting the repair of the Spruce St stairs as a Traffic Calming Project. Tod forwarded them to the City Transportation Commission who will prioritize Traffic Calming Projects, then send the prioritized list to City Council who will make the final selection on 2026 projects. The Transportation Commission will hold a public hearing on November 12 which will give us another chance to promote the stair project. An email with time and place will be sent out when we have that information. Spokane City is leaving the Spokane Regional Emergency Communications network and establishing its own

network. This may result in slower response time from the Spokane Fire Dept. Police response won't be affected as it has its own response network. CA voted to allocate \$5,000 to the Budget Committee to purchase more supplies and equipment for the inventory that is available for NCs to use. The Parks Foundation is again taking applications for grants for Park improvements. Maximum grant amount is \$6,000 and applications are due Nov. 30. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan said expenses of \$462.50 from the summer event have been reimbursed. The current bank balance is \$2,478.08. Jan paid personally for a Zoom account for the NC and expects to be reimbursed from the Community Engagement Grant funds from Community Assembly.

#### **Old Business:**

**Asphalt Art Project:** Jan reported that Steets Dept again denied our application for an Asphalt Art Project at the intersection of Main and Cedar. Their objection is that it is on a bus route so would require frequent repainting requiring street closure. Jan sent an email to Zak Zappone asking for his help in getting Steets Dept to approve our application for the Main-Cedar intersection, noting that the neighborhood would take responsibility for repainting as needed and the work could be done on weekends when Route 20 buses do not go through PV. She also asked if he was aware of any proposed changes to bus service in PV. The NC decided to not select an alternative location for the asphalt art project while we are still lobbying for the Main-Cedar intersection.

#### **New Business:**

Lesley Quick asked to resign her voting membership in the NC as she will be absent for several months and does not want to be counted as a voting member for purposes of establishing a quorum. As the resignation of a voting member is not covered in the bylaws, Bill asked for a motion to accept Lesley's resignation. **Motion to accept**Lesley Quick's resignation as a Voting Member of the PVNC passed unanimously. We thank her for taking this proactive step and look forward to her return in spring.

Aaron voiced his disapproval of Parks Dept policy of removing greenery to open lines of sight to homeless encampments. He was advised to contact Urban Forestry. He also objected to Avista replacing amber street lights with bright white as it adds to light pollution. Bill said he would ask Parks Dept to send someone to our November meeting to discuss the policy of removing greenery.

Jan asked that we consider applying for a Parks Foundation Grant. Tod suggested making the children's playground under the Maple St Bridge handicap accessible. New trees were also suggested. Jan will contact Parks Foundation to ask if trees are eligible for the grant. We will select a project to apply for at the November meeting.

**Good of the Order:** Jan said Parks Dept and Spokane Tribe are still working on the contract for the use of the Community Center. Parks expects the Tribe biologists to move in in a few weeks. Kathy said she thinks we need a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tribe for NC use of the building. We decided we could wait to talk with the Tribe about the MOU after the biologists move in.

Beverly Robbins reminded us of the Adopt-A-Neighbor program in which volunteers are matched with people who need help with jobs such as yard work or snow removal. To volunteer or to ask for help, email <a href="mailto:action@altcew.org">action@altcew.org</a> or call 509-960-7281.

There will be a Halloween Party on the Clarke cul-de-sac on October 25.

There was a complaint that Parks Dept put the bench near the Sandifer Bridge between the fishing weir sculpture and the river, distracting from the sculpture.

Many thanks to Erin and Leona for preparing the sandwich board announcing the NC meeting.

Marc reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Summit is Oct. 25, 8 to 1:30 with a free lunch. It's a great place to learn about running neighborhood councils and interacting with the city. This year will include a grant writing seminar. Its free and open to anyone. Go to my. Spokane and search Neighborhood Summit to register. We were reminded that because postal delivery service has slowed we will need to mail our ballots for the November election by October 31, or delivery them to a drop box. If mailed after October 31 they may not be counted.

A big thanks from Bryn to everyone who participates in river clean up events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM. Respectfully submitted, Jan Loux, Secretary, PVNC From: Hamlin, Heather
To: Martin, Abigail M.
Subject: Addition to "the list"?

**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:52:06 PM

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Hiya-

Is this one already on your radar? Cliff Winger with Shiloh Hills sent me this info:

"Traffic Safety projects are not prioritized as to safety. So very dangerous intersections continue to exist for years. Such as from Central Library and/or Federal Court House west across Monroe. Everyone knows this intersection is very difficult for pedestrians to safely cross, but, as far as I know, it is not on any list to address. Riverside NC has contacted City Hall numerous times on this issue and today is just as dangerous to cross as it was five years ago."

Warmly, Heather



**Heather Hamlin** | Director, Office of Neighborhood Services Desk: 509.625.6263 | Mobile: 509.564.9880 | hhamlin@spokanecity.org

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From: Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council
To: Note, Inga; Snyder, Jon

Cc: Martin, Abigail M.; Cliff Winger; Mike Donahue; lisa.horn@mead354.org; jolene.andres@mead354.org;

ned.wendle@mead354.org; tony.davis@mead354.org

Subject: Cycle 14 Traffic Safety Project

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025 2:50:04 PM

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Ms Note and Director Snyder,

## RE: Safety of School Children at N Standard St and E St Thomas Moore Way in Shiloh Hills Neighborhood

The Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council was delighted to note that the safety project at Standard and St Thomas Moore Way (highlighted during the neighborhood workshop on June 22, 2022) has been included in the limited list of projects for Cycle 14. (Refer to Page 20 of the Transportation Commission Agenda, dated October 15, 2025)

Our neighborhood council is requesting information on what the City of Spokane plans to do to enhance the safety of our children attending the Mead (District 354) schools, specifically Shiloh Hills Elementary, as well as those who are bussed to and from Mountainside MS and Mt Spokane HS.

We recognize that school safety initiatives, which differ from traffic-calming measures, receive funding through speeding cameras located in school zones. This intersection presents a significant school safety concern.

Thank you in advance for clarification of what measures are being considered at this intersection.

Enclosed is the information that Shiloh Hills provided during the workshop in June 2022, along with a summary from the DOWL report.

Respectfully,

Mr. Mike Donahue, Traffic Safety Chair and

The Executive Committee of the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council

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From: Brian Muegge
To: Martin, Abigail M.
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**Subject:** Re: Traffic Calming Traffic Improvement Public Comment

**Date:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025 1:21:15 PM

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**From:** Brian Muegge < brianamuegge@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 4:30 PM

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#### Hi Abbey:

Thanks! And if you'll humor me for another improvement, it's below. If you can fit it in the November packet great, if not, happy to work to imbed this at another time in the future.

-Conduct traffic study in alleyways throughout West Central to identify opportunities for traffic calming. This would include, but not be limited to, speed humps, traffic cameras, and posted speed limit signs. Additionally, evaluation of if the 25MPH speed limit in streets such as alley's is a safe speed or in need of further reduction. There are quite a few alley's in the neighborhood in which cars speed at unsafe speeds in these alleys.

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I'll file this for the November packet unless it is information you'd like to share in

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Appreciate your care for community safety, Brian,

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Subject: Re: \*\*West Central Traffic Projects Not included in Narrowed List of Candidate Traffic Calming Projects 2025 -

Pre-decisional\*\*

**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:31:03 PM

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Hi Abbey! It totally does help.

But it still doesn't answer my question as to how West Central's singular Cycle 14 traffic calming improvement request isn't on the narrowed list. Myself and our WCNC leadership love to get more context on that.

Thanks, Brian Brian Antonio Muegge (Pronounced "MEG-e") Gonzaga University 16' - Go Zags! Cell: 509-508-1563

On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 12:27 PM Martin, Abigail M. <a href="mailto:spokanecity.org">ammartin@spokanecity.org</a> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Sorry, I've been slow on email lately! Trying to get caught up!

Spokane redistricted recently, so, you're correct: Browne's Addition and Peaceful Valley were in District Two and now are in District Three.

Hope this helps?

Abbey.



Abigail M. Martin, MS Int'l Comp Ed Policy; MAT

she/her

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**From:** Brian Muegge < brianamuegge@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 8:26 PM

To: Martin, Abigail M. <a href="mailto:ammartin@spokanecity.org">ammartin@spokanecity.org</a>

**Subject:** Re: \*\*West Central Traffic Projects Not included in Narrowed List of Candidate Traffic

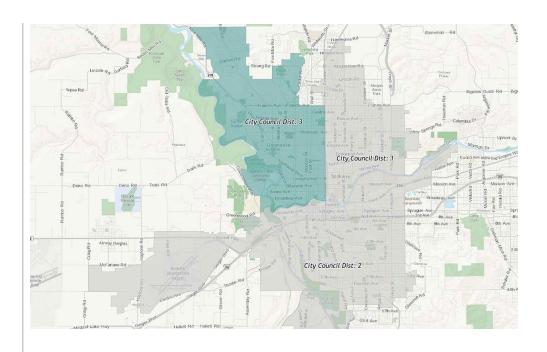
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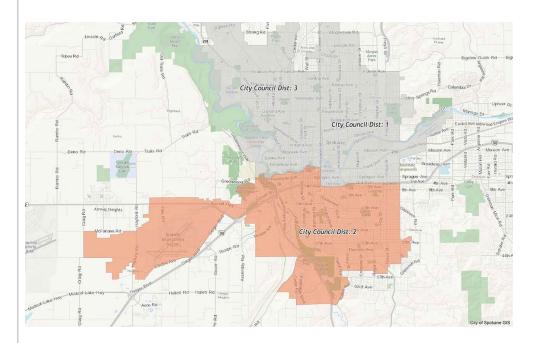
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Hi Abbey:

I might be mistaken on the District 2 or 3 question with Brownes/PV - I see a source online that lists them within District 3, yet the District 3 map on the Spokane City website (imagine below) shows Browne's/PV in District 2.

Would love some clarification, and thank you!





## Brian

Brian Antonio Muegge (Pronounced "MEG-e")

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Cell: 509-508-1563

(	On Tue, Oct 14, 2025 at 8:18 PM Brian Muegge < brianamuegge@gmail.com > wrote:
	Hi Abbey:
	Hope the evening is going well! I was going through the Spokane Transportation Commission Agenda for tomorrow's meeting, and wanted to flag that I didn't see the West Central Cycle 14 projects that our NC included in our public comment letter on the narrowed list of projects. This was the "Summit / Broadway / Boone Greenway – Roundtwo improvements". Could you give us a bit more context as to why these projects were left out?
	Additionally, I do see that the "Spruce Stairs; Rebuild" project listed 4th from the bottom, is included in District 3. It's my understanding that the Spokane River is the dividing border between District 2 and 3, and I see the Spruce Stairs are listed online at 2300 W Riverside Ave, Spokane, WA 99201, which would put them in the Browne's/Peaceful Valley Neighborhood in District 2. Kindly let me know if I'm off on this, but figured I'd check in on this before the meeting tomorrow!
	Thanks for all you do,  Brian

Project Title	District	•	Cost Estimate	Adaptive	Construction
Cook St; Illinois Ave - Francis Ave: Neighborhood Greenway	1	\$	52,500.00		
Standard St; St Thomas More Way: Pedestrian Improvements	1	\$	240,000.00		
Euclid Ave/Frederick Ave; Sycamore - Havana St: infill and ramps	1	\$	300,000.00		
Pittsburg St; Central Ave - Francis Ave: Sidewalk Infill	1	\$	221,000.00		
Center St; Illinois Ave : Protected Bike Lane	1	\$	1,074,000.00		
Lidgerwood; Empire Ave-Wellesley Greenway features	1	\$	600,000.00		
Ray St; 17th Ave - 29th Ave: PHB, widen sidewalk	2	\$	853,000.00		
Adams/Jefferson; 4th or 5th - 27th Ave: Neighborhood Greenway	2	\$	88,605.00	ightharpoons	
37th Ave; Crestline St : RRFB	2	\$	206,000.00		
Hatch; 27th Ave - Southeast Blvd: Neighborhood Greenway & Protected bike lane	2	\$	179,895.00	$\checkmark$	
11th Ave; Southeast Blvd - Ben Burr Trail: Neighborhood Greenway & Protected bike lane	2	\$	856,755.00	$ lap{}$	ightharpoons
27th Ave; Jefferson - Hatch: Neighborhood Greenway	2	\$	566,125.00	$\checkmark$	$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$
33rd Ave; Lincoln Dr : Curb Extensions and Speed Humps	2	\$	50,000.00		
Inland Empire Way; 14th Ave : Stop signs	2	\$	10,000.00		
Arthur St; 10th Ave and 11th Ave: Crosswalks and curb ramps	2	\$	50,000.00		
Grand Blvd; 9th Ave to 17th Ave: Pedestrian Improvements	2	\$	200,000.00		
9th Ave; Perry St : School Zone Signage	2	\$	10,000.00		
Riverside Ave; Maple St : Pedestrian improvements	3	\$	262,000.00	$\overline{\mathbf{Z}}$	
Ash St; Francis Ave - Courtland St: Crosswalk bumpouts	3	\$	50,000.00	✓	
Maple St; Ash St - Country Homes Blvd: Road diet/Half of project	3	\$	350,000.00		
Francis Ave; Fotheringham St : Intersection Improvements	3	\$	450,000.00		
Buckeye Ave; Washington St : Intersection Improvements	3	\$	68,000.00		
Spruce St Stairs; Rebuild	3	\$	350,000.00		
Post St; Providence Ave: Crosswalk	3	\$	50,000.00	<b>~</b>	
Rowan Ave; Division St to Nevada St: Crosswalks	3	\$	50,000.00	<b>~</b>	
Longfellow/Rich; Belt - Market: Neighborhood Greenway	1&3	\$	1,100,000.00	$   \overline{} $	
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From: **BDS Admin** 

To: Martin, Abigail M.; Snyder, Jon; White, Nicole

Cc: McCall, Angie

Subject: FW: Transportation Commission Agenda Packet for 10/15/25

Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:55:59 AM Date:

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#### Good morning,

I received this public comment today.

#### Thank you,



Angie McCall, M.A., M.A. | she/her | Office Clerk Specialist | Planning & Economic Development 509.625.6864 | my.spokanecity.org

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From: Brian Muegge <bri>srianamuegge@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 6:02 PM To: BDS Admin <erabdsadmin@spokanecity.org>

Subject: Re: Transportation Commission Agenda Packet for 10/15/25

#### [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

#### Hi Angie:

The text below is my public comment from tonight. Do I need to submit it in another fashion or will this be sufficient for the commission record?

My name is Brian Muegge, chair of the Traffic Safety Committee for the West Central Neighborhood Council. That pie you made was delicious Grant, thank you.

I'm here, representing West Central Neighborhood Council, to express concern as to why the only Cycle 14 project proposed for our neighborhood, the "Summit / Broadway / Boone Greenway - Round-two improvements", was not included in the Preliminary Narrowed List of Candidate Traffic Calming Projects 2025 - despite a supportive public comment letter submitted on time prior to last week's comment deadline. \*\*clarify that this is the only project on the back of this page in case it was left off and people didn't see it\*\*

As a reminder, the project scope may include curb extensions, diverters and other

greenway elements, don't come in at an exorbitant project cost at 565,000 (middle to low tier of project cost), would tie into the 27 by 27 mobility network (as N Elm St is identified as one and crosses all these streets in WS) and boost connectivity, as well as are located in a traditionally underserved neighborhood like ours.

Given our neighborhood's close proximity to the Spokane River riparian corridor, these greenways play a critical role in extending urban habitat for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, while also providing tree canopy and vegetation that reduce urban heat, filter runoff, and make our streets safer and more livable. Continued investment in these corridors strengthens ecological connectivity to the river while improving climate resiliency and traffic safety."

Myself, as well as our neighborhood council leadership team would like clarification as to how a project of that nature wasn't included on this preliminary list.

We appreciate the Transportation Commission's effort to improve infrastructure and safety in our community, and hope you consider this comment and include this singular project for our neighborhood in the final traffic calming project list for Cycle 14.

Thanks,

Brian

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On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 11:20 AM Brian Muegge < brianamuegge@gmail.com > wrote:

Ope - totally missed that on the agenda. Signing up now for in-person!

Thanks,

Brian

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On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 11:15 AM BDS Admin <e rabdsadmin@spokanecity.org > wrote:

Good morning,

There are two opportunities for the public to make comments and/or testify (both are noted on the agenda as shown below).

- 1. Public Comment Period on any topic <u>not</u> on the agenda. This information can be found toward the beginning of the meeting right after roll call.
- 2. Public Testimony for any hearing items with an online sign-in form or in-person with a physical hard copy sign-in form. This information can be found on page two of the agenda and happens

during the hearing portion of the meeting. There is always an opportunity to give public testimony for hearing items although it is limited to 2-3 minutes I believe.

#### **Public Comment Period:**

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

(on page one of

the agenda packet)

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#### How to participate in virtual public testimony:

Sign up to give testimony by clicking on the button below. This will take you to an online form where you can select either the hearing item(s) on which you wish to give testimony or general public testimony for items not on the agenda.

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The form will be open from 8:00am on 10/8/2025, until 3:00 p.m. on 10/15/2025. When it is your turn to testify, Transportation Commission President will call your name, and you can begin your testimony. You will have 3 minutes to speak.

Please note that public comments will be taken during the meeting, but the public is encouraged to continue to submit their comments or questions in writing to: transportationcommission@spokanecity.org. Written public comments will be accepted on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

The video proceedings of the Transportation Commission meetings will be recorded and are available online.

(on page two of the agenda packet)

Hope this helps!

Thank you,



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**From:** Brian Muegge < brianamuegge@gmail.com > Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 10:31 AM To: BDS Admin < erabdsadmin@spokanecity.org>

**Subject:** Re: Transportation Commission Agenda Packet for 10/15/25

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Hi Angie:

Hope the morning is going well! To confirm, as I don't see a public comment time slot, we will be able to comment, correct?

Thanks,

Brian

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On Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 11:54 AM BDS Admin < erabdsadmin@spokanecity.org > wrote:

Good morning,

The next City of Spokane Transportation Commission Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2025. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format. You can join the meeting online using the link below, or in-person at City Hall Council Chambers downstairs at 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201. The meeting will begin at its regular time, 4:00 pm, and the agenda and supporting materials can be found on the <u>Transportation Commission webpage</u>.

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## Join on a video conferencing device

Tenant key: <a href="mailto:cityofspokane@m.webex.com">cityofspokane@m.webex.com</a>

Video ID: 112 394 935 3

#### Thank you,



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From: **Brian Muegge** 

Martin, Abigail M.; Groe, Amber; WCNC Chair To: Subject: Speed Limit Lowering on Boone, Maxwell/Petite, Etc?

Friday, October 24, 2025 12:03:24 PM Date:

#### [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Hi Amber & Abbey:

Hope you both are having a great afternoon!

First off, just want to give a quick shout out and say those new pedestrian crossings on Boone that got put in this week are fabulous. I'll be dedicating my upcoming Friday happy hour beer to a safer, more pedestrian-friendly West Central in their honor!

I had a conversation earlier this week with Liz Marlin, and we discussed how it may also behoove the neighborhood to reduce the speed limits on some of these streets that are getting these pedestrian crosswalks, as it would further strengthen public safety. Given I'm new to all of this, how would we go about putting an effort forward to, say, reducing the speed limits from 30 to 25 on both Maxwell/Petite and Boone? I didn't include that in my Cycle 14 Transportation Commission comments under the "wishes section", but perhaps there's a way we can flag that for evaluation with the implementation of these crosswalks?

Thanks again for all y'all do!

Brian

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#### Concerning the intersection of N Standard St and St Thomas Moore Way

From: Chelsea Gallagher<<u>chelsea.gallagher@mead354.org</u>>To: Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council

Thank you so much for advocating for the safety of our students and our community. I very much appreciate your efforts.

In service,

Chelsea Gallagher Mt. Spokane High School Principal 509-465-7200



Empowering People - Abolishing Apathy - Creating What's Next The Wildcat Way: Dignity, Class, Respect

8		Entire neighborhood	Accidents and yielding education	Outside of project scope
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#### **Shiloh Hills**

The workshop for Shiloh Hills was completed on June 22, 2022. The neighborhood identified twenty-four neighborhood locations of interest and eight priority traffic concerns. The primary concerns raised were speeding, pedestrian safety, and pedestrian crossing safety. The major locations of concern were Standard St, Magnesium Rd, and Nevada St. Figure 8 identifies the boundaries of the neighborhood.



Figure 8. Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Boundaries

Table 8 lists the top neighborhood traffic concerns with total votes and locations of these concerns. The protected left turn at Magnesium Rd and Nevada St is outside this project's scope of traffic calming. The Citywide Traffic Calming Master Plan project will investigate concerns 1-3, 5, and 6 from this list and propose potential solutions. DOWL will conduct traffic analyses and develop draft concept designs for these areas.

Rank	Total Score	Location	Concern(s)	Status
		Standard St and		
1	29	Colton St from	Speeding and cut through	Will be investigated

Magnesium Rd to

Magnesium Rd from

Standard St and St

**Thomas More Way** 

Nevada St to N Dakota

Francis Ave

St

bus stop

2

3

16

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**Table 8. Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Traffic Concerns** 

traffic, reduce traffic volume

Academy congestion, access

Pedestrian crossing safety

Spokane International

management, safety

Will be investigated

Will be investigated

## Shiloh Hills Traffic Safety – Standard St and St Thomas Moore Way

For School Children (Mead School District 354) Shiloh Hills Elementary (Star near D-1) **School bus stop** for Mt Spokane HS and Mountainside MS



3 3 CROSSING AT BUSSTOP AT STANDARD

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1	- natrow with Bump-outs	Sidewalk	\$
	Standard St from Lidgerwood St to Cozza	Dr Pedestrian	\$477,000.00

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	Standard St from Lidgerwood St to Cozza Dr Pedestrian Improvements (SH1)	\$477,000.00
Shiloh Hills	Standard St and St Thomas Moore Way Pedestrian Improvements (SH3)	\$248,000.00
	Standard St and Lyons Ave Stop Sign and Curb Extensions (SH6)	\$162,000.00

#### **Kyle Johnson**

3211 S Bernard St Spokane, WA 99203 kjdeanjohnson@gmail.com 509-220-9386 7-24-25

To: Spokane City Council and Spokane Public Works Department

C/O: Traffic Calming Program 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 99201

Subject: Petition for Roundabouts at Bernard & 33rd and Bernard & 37th for Urgent Pedestrian and Neighborhood Safety

Dear Spokane City Officials,

As a concerned resident of Spokane and a parent, I am writing to formally petition the City to install traffic roundabouts at the intersections of **South Bernard Street and 33rd Avenue**, and **South Bernard Street and 37th Avenue**.

These intersections are critical pedestrian crossings for our community—used daily by children and families walking to **Comstock Park**, **Sacajawea Middle School**, **Jefferson Elementary**, and **Hart Field**. Yet, Bernard Street is increasingly treated like a high-speed thruway once drivers pass 29th Avenue, accelerating southbound toward High Drive and the bluff. It has become, in effect, a residential Autobahn.

We have witnessed countless close calls—near-misses involving children, families, and cyclists—many of which go unreported but are very real to those who live along this corridor. It is only a matter of time before one of these incidents ends in tragedy. We cannot and should not wait for a fatality to take meaningful action.

As residents, we are not asking for reactive measures. We are urging **proactive intervention now**—before the worst-case scenario becomes reality. Installing roundabouts at 33rd and 37th would:

- Slow down traffic naturally without excessive signage
- Improve pedestrian visibility and crosswalk safety
- Protect our children and families using these roads daily
- Preserve neighborhood livability and safety

Our neighborhoods deserve thoughtful infrastructure that reflects the safety and needs of those who live here—not just those who drive through. We urge the City of Spokane, and specifically the Public Works and Traffic Calming Program, to prioritize this request and initiate a formal traffic study, community listening session, and implementation plan for these roundabouts.

We are ready to organize, sign, and support this effort. But we need your leadership to make it happen.

Please let us know what next steps are required, and whom we should be working with to move this forward.

Sincerely,

#### **Kyle Johnson**

(On behalf of concerned families and residents in the Comstock neighborhood)

# Statement of Priority for Cycle 14 Traffic Calming Projects

Cliff-Cannon Neighborhood Council

## Summary

The residents of the Cliff-Cannon Neighborhood are grateful for the work of all involved in improving traffic safety in our neighborhood and across Spokane. The preferences of the neighborhood council have changed since the project workshops held in 2022 and 2023. In particular, the neighborhood wishes to lower the priority of the Cliff Drive project (listed as project 2 in table 24 of the Spokane City-Wide Traffic Calming Master Plan). For Cycle 14, the neighborhood's preferences are to fund and execute projects that affect more residents and users. Therefore, we urge the Transportation Commission to prioritize the Cedar St-12th to 21st(listed as project 1a on table 24 of the Spokane City-Wide Traffic Calming Master Plan) and 5th Ave projects(listed as project 3 in table 24 of the Spokane City-Wide Traffic Calming Master Plan), or use the funds allocated for Cycle 14 to complete investigations of other identified projects.

## De-Prioritize Cliff Drive, Re-Prioritize More Impactful Projects

The Cliff Drive project is needed, but should not be prioritized over other projects in this cycle. This project is far less impactful, and far more costly, than other proposed projects. According to the Cliff-Cannon Traffic Calming Solutions document, published as part of Workshop #2 in 2022 or 2023, this project will serve just 738 daily vehicles. Moreover, the project serves a residential area with little pedestrian traffic, and only a small number of nearby residences. Concerns raised by neighbors around this project include noise and nuisance complaints, as well as speeding, but these concerns are not indicated in the data collected during project investigation. Traffic and pedestrian safety is also not a serious concern, as indicated by a total of only 5 crashes (with no reported injuries) in this location from 2017 to 2021.

Conversely, the Cedar St and 5th Ave projects will impact more vehicles, more cost effectively than Cliff Drive, and these projects alleviate more serious concerns of pedestrian and vehicle safety. These locations see an average of 36527 daily vehicles, nearly 50x the Cliff Drive project. These sites also saw 52 accidents from 2017 to 2021, including 15 that involved

injuries. The combined cost of the Cedar St and 5th Ave projects are estimated to be \$1.45M, compared to the \$1.15M estimated for Cliff Drive, but it is plain that the benefits to neighbors and the city as a whole would far outweigh the additional expenditure. Given these facts, Cedar St-12th to 21st, and the 5th Ave projects are clearly more needed, more impactful, and more cost-effective than Cliff Drive, and they should be prioritized over it.

## Neighborhood Preferences

On October 7th, Cliff-Cannon Neighborhood Council held a vote to provide more input to the Transportation Commission, specifically prioritizing the potential Cycle 14 projects.

The vote resulted in the following priorities:

- 1. Cedar Ave 12th to 21st
- 2. 5th Ave Monroe & Lincoln
- 3. Cliff Drive

Further, the neighborhood voted to ask that the Traffic Commission consider funding both the Cedar and 5th Ave projects in Cycle 14.

## Sources

"Spokane City-Wide Traffic Calming Master Plan" - Published May 2024 - Pages 26 - 27 <a href="https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/programs/trafficcalming/2024/traffic-calming-summary-report.pdf">https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/programs/trafficcalming/2024/traffic-calming-summary-report.pdf</a>

"District 2 Cliff Cannon Traffic Calming" - Published After Workshop #2 May 2023 - Pages 12 - 13 and Pages 16 - 18

https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/programs/trafficcalming/2023/district-two-o/district-two-cliff-cannon-traffic-solutions.pdf