



Transportation Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2026
4:00 PM

Hybrid - Council Chambers / Microsoft Teams
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201
Virtual Meeting Link - See page two for Information

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Briefing Session – 4:00-4:20

1. Roll Call – Staff
2. [Public Comment](#) Period – Public is invited to comment on related topics other than agenda items scheduled for public hearings (2 minutes max each comment)
3. Approve [6/17/2026](#) meeting minutes – All
4. President Report – Grant Shipley
5. Secretary Report – Jon Snyder
6. Additional Reports, if requested - Liaisons
7. Approval of current agenda – All

Workshops: (All times below are approximate)

1. 4:20 – 4:40 [Parking Management 101](#) (Jesten Ray)
2. 4:40 – 4:55 [Alternative Local Funding for Sidewalks Report](#) (Nicole White)
3. 4:55 – 5:20 [TBD Expansion: Potential Uses for Increased Funds](#) (Jon Snyder & Abigail Martin)
4. 5:20 – 5:35 [Transportation Commission Annual Report](#) (Nicole White & Abigail Martin)

Hearings: (All times below are approximate)

1. 5:35 – 5:55 [*TBD 2 Year Cycle Revisions](#) (Jon Snyder, Nicole White, & Abigail Martin)

Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled TC meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2026.

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

*Items denoted with an asterisk may include final action taken by the Commission. Written public testimony will be accepted at transportationcommission@spokanecity.org on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Verbal testimony may also be accepted during the meeting.

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Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Transportation Commission meeting will be held in a hybrid in-person / virtual format. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at City Hall or online using the following information.

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Video ID: 115 812 799 0

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Sign up to give testimony by clicking on the button above. This will take you to an online form where you can select the hearing item on which you wish to give testimony.

The form will be **open from 8:00am on 7/9/2026, until 3:00 p.m. on 7/16/2026**. The hearing will begin at 5:35 p.m. When it is your turn to testify, Transportation Commission President will call your name, and you can begin your testimony. You will have 2 minutes to speak.

Please note that public testimony 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 testimony will be accepted on hearing items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

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

Transportation Commission

Upcoming Agenda Items

(All items are subject to change)

August 20, Transportation Commission (120 minutes available) Hybrid

- Spokane Falls Blvd Project
- Sidewalk Inventory Project

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Transportation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Draft

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

City Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by President Shipley

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Transportation Commission on any topic not on the agenda. Two minutes each.

- *Justin Haller*

Attendance:

- Commission Members Present: Grant Shipley, Rhonda Young, Mike Bjordahl, Raychel Callary, Joni Harris, Kaylee Jackman, Dylan Jouliot, Lauren Pangborn
- Commission Members Not Present: None
- Non-Voting Members Present: Spokane Transit Authority, Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, Spokane Regional Health District, Downtown Spokane Partnership, Northeast Public Development Authority, Plan Commission, Community Assembly, City Council
- Non-Voting Members Not Present: East Sprague PBIA, University District, S3R3 Solutions, Spokane Public Schools
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Emily King, Nicole White, Abbey Martin, Maren Murphy, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Clint Harris, Matt Cozza, Mayra Marroquin, Andres Grageda, Brian Brisendine, Jackie Johnsen, Sebastian Pedinielli, CM Sarah Dixit

Minutes: Minutes from 5/20/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **President Report – Grant Shipley**
 - In examining the roads that commissioners looked at, Grant was really struck by the dramatic difference in conditions between the areas that were designated for chip seal versus grind and overlay. Grant realized that the reason we do chip seals is so they don't get so bad that we must do the more expensive grind and overlay. One of our goals is to fix what's badly damaged and keep things that are slightly worn from becoming badly damaged.
- **Secretary Report – Jon Snyder**
 - Jon reminded everyone that future meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month. The meeting will take place on July 16th with the new schedule.
 - The Commission is burning through the workplan pretty well. We've completed more than half the items on the plan. We were going to have Spokane Falls Boulevard come back in July, but that will be moved to August. We'll tentatively discuss our parking system and the results of the state sidewalk alternative funding. Jon will review the workplan to see what will be appropriate for the July meeting.
- **Additional Reports – Ryan Patterson, Plan Commission**
 - The draft chapters for the updated Comprehensive Plan update are online now if people would like to review and make comments. The chapters are available at planspokane.org.
- **Additional Reports – Eve McMenemy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)**
 - The Spokane Regional Transportation Council is kicking off an update to their Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture Plan. Eve thinks of it as the region's Transportation Technology Plan. The plan itself is a roadmap of how all agencies in the region coordinate and invest in technologies. Think of traffic cameras, sensors, ramp meters, communication networks, and electronic message signs. The update is intended to ensure that they are identifying future opportunities to invest in those, not miss any

opportunities, and make sure we're all coordinating together. SRTC would be happy to give the commission an update later in the year.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Official Vote for Transportation Commission Meeting Date Change
 - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Motion: I [Grant Shipley] move to change the regular meeting date of the Transportation Commission to the third Thursday of the month beginning in July 2026. Seconded by Rhonda Shipley.

Motion passes unanimously, 8 to 0 to 0.
- ReFive: 5th Ave Plan Update
 - Presentation provided by: Maren Murphy
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Lime Micro-Mobility Contract
 - Presentation provided by: Colin Quinn-Hurst
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- TBD Increase Considerations: Car Tab Enforcement and Compliance
 - Presentation provided by: Nicole White and Abigail Martin
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Transportation Commission Annual Report
 - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder and Abigail Martin
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Hearing Items:

- TBD 2027 Final Project List & Vote
 - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder and Clint Harris
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Motion: I [Dylan Jouliot] move to recommend the project list as stated (see list below). Seconded by Rhonda Young.

Motion passes unanimously, 8 to 0 to 0.

\$375,000 (\$125,000 per district) was recommended for Crackseal & Maintenance in addition to the projects recommended below.

District 1

Chip Seal:

2027 - Cincinnati/Dalton Et Al \$341,280

Grind and Overlay:

2027 – Astor, Indiana to Montgomery \$704,843

Alternates

Gordon, Crestline to Cook \$403,433

Lidgerwood, Sharp to Mission \$471,467

District 2

Chip Seal:

2027 – 9th Ave, from Cannon to Maple Et Al \$426,236

Alternate

35th, from Freya to Havana Et Al \$808,600

Grind an Overlay:

2027 – 26th, Garfield to Ivory \$338,624

2027 – Cowley, 13th to 12th \$56,333

Alternate

Rebecca, 4th to Hartson \$259,740

District 3

Chip Seal:

Alternate

Waverly, Post to Division \$985,378

Grind and Overlay:

2027 – Lincoln, F to 5 Mile \$202,800

2027 – Braeburn/Midwick Et Al \$660,140

Sidewalk Projects:

2027 – 11th Ave, Arthur to Perry \$230,000

2027 – Francis Ave, Assembly to Sutherlin \$180,000

Alternate

Pittsburgh St, 34th to 27th \$170,000

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

BRIEFING PAPER: Parking System Management 101
City of Spokane
Transportation Commission
7/16/2026

Subject:

The paid on-street parking system in downtown Spokane

Background:

The Parking Services Operations Manager will give an overview of our current system, how it is evolving, how it supports turnover which helps downtown business, and where the money goes, including improving the convenience of the system and paying for the Riverpark Square Parking Garage.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

A well-functioning parking system for car storage and economic activity supports the goals of the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4, Transportation and the city's Downtown Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:

Workshop is for informational purposes. No further action is planned at this time.

BRIEFING PAPER: Alternative Sidewalk Funding
City of Spokane
Transportation Commission
7/16/2026

Subject:

Presentation on the results of the Washington State Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) study on Alternative Local Funding Options for Sidewalks (June 2026, draft final).

Background:

Spokane has ~560 miles of missing sidewalks along residential/local access streets (422mi) and arterial streets (121mi). Additionally, many existing sidewalks are in poor condition and lack ADA (Americans with Disabilities) ramps. Current funding sources are inadequate to complete and repair the sidewalk network in the near future.

Sidewalks support pedestrian safety, public health, mobility, economic development, and climate resilience. Many cities and counties struggle to adequately fund maintenance, improvement, and construction of their sidewalk networks. The JTC was directed in the 2025-27 Transportation Budget (ESSB 5161) to “conduct a study and make recommendations on alternative new methods for local governments to fund sidewalk improvements...”

The study primarily explored 4 funding mechanisms: a sidewalk utility, a modified transportation benefit district (TBD) sales tax, a new real estate excise tax (REET) option, and a modified stormwater utility fee. They recommended the following:

1. Consider authorizing a modified TBD sales tax and a new REET option as low-risk options for local jurisdictions to fund pedestrian infrastructure.
2. Consider authorizing a sidewalk utility for local jurisdictions willing to assume the legal risk of implementation.
3. In any new funding mechanism, consider authorizing all types of pedestrian safety improvements, ie lighting, street trees.
4. Do not revise current statutory language related to the definition of the stormwater system as it relates to sidewalks.

The final draft of the study report is available at the link below:

[Alternative Local Funding Options for Sidewalks \(June 2026\)](#)

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

Completion of the sidewalk network is critical to achieving the climate resilience, safety, and multimodal goals outlined in the following plans:

- Spokane Comprehensive Plan
- Pedestrian Master Plan (2015)
- ADA Transition Plan (Draft)
- Spokane Vision Zero Plan (2023)
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council Regional Safety Action Plan (2024)

Timeline/ Further Action:

Staff will engage with city council on legislative priorities for the next legislative session and continue tracking legislative opportunities that may arise from study.

BRIEFING PAPER: TBD Expansion: Potential Uses for Increased Funds
City of Spokane
Transportation Commission
7/16/2026

Subject:

Presenting potential funding applications for consideration should the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Board vote for a fee increase.

Background:

Upon passage of ordinance C34648 the [Transportation Benefit District Board](#) established a \$20 annual vehicle fee in 2011 that is charged on eligible vehicle registrations in City of Spokane. During its April meeting, the commission requested additional information on expired car tab (vehicle registration) enforcement and compliance. In June, the commission was presented with data on enforcement and vehicle registration trends.

Staff will present the following potential options for application of expanded TBD funds.

- Expanded local access street maintenance – TBD currently funds primarily chip seal and grind & overlay treatments on local access streets
- Expanded sidewalk infill – ~10% of TBD funds are currently allocated for sidewalk infill.
- Crack-sealing and maintenance – Currently funded at roughly 10% of the TBD budget, distributed equally between the council districts.
- Paving unpaved streets – Consideration for funding by the TBD; currently without a funding source
- Residential street rebuilds – Rebuilding of existing paved streets that are in too poor of condition for maintenance such as chip seal or grind & overlay treatments; currently without funding source. TBD used to fund residential street rebuilds.

Commissioners will provide feedback on these options.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

Per Spokane Municipal Code 04.40.080 (D):

“The Transportation Commission shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding a comprehensive program for the following programs:

- 1. Use of Transportation Benefit District (TBD) program funds;”*

Projects funded by the TBD program may include sidewalk construction and other traffic calming and Complete Streets elements that align with the priorities of the Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan to support safe connected multimodal networks for all users.

Timeline/ Further Action:

Staff will continue to coordinate with Transportation Commission and the Transportation Benefit District Board on this item.

BRIEFING PAPER: 2025 Annual Report
City of Spokane
Transportation Commission
7/16/2026

Subject:

Update on the first Transportation Commission Annual Report for 2025.

Background:

Per Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) [04.40.080](#) Duties and Responsibilities:

“The Transportation Commission shall issue an annual report on the state of transportation in the city of Spokane. This report shall include the status of transportation projects, progress of Complete Streets Implementation, transportation improvement expenditures, revenues, construction schedules, any newly acquired data and predictive analytics, and the status and outcome of any transportation studies. Pursuant to RCW 36.73.160, the report shall satisfy the reporting requirements of the Transportation Benefit District.”

The report will satisfy additional reporting Complete Streets reporting requirements identified in SMC [17H.020.060](#) Performance Measures (A-C).

Additionally, the report will satisfy reporting requirements associated with the Automated Traffic Enforcement Program requirements identified in [Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\) 46.63.220 \(b\)\(i\)](#)

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

This report satisfies the reporting requirements of state and local codes identified above.

Timeline/ Further Action:

A final draft of the 2025 Transportation Commission Annual Report will be provided to the Transportation Commission prior to submission and presentation to the City Council.

BRIEFING PAPER: TBD 2 Year Cycle Revisions
City of Spokane
Transportation Commission
7/16/2026

Subject:

Hearing for the purposes of selecting projects for a 2-year cycle (2027-2028) residential streets program funded through the Transportation Benefit District (TBD).

Background:

The City of Spokane has nearly 2,200 lane miles of streets. TBD revenues fund annual preservation and maintenance of the City's existing transportation facilities. Projects are evaluated to select the proper treatment, generally chipseal or grind and overlay, based on street conditions and cost efficiency. Selected project budgets are intended to be roughly equal for each Spokane City Council legislative district.

In the June 2026 Commission meeting, the commissioners made recommendations for 2027 projects. The project selection discussion included consideration of a 2-year cycle for project selection. Staff have reviewed the 2027 selections and alternate projects recommended during the June hearing and have now created a 2-year cycle version of the selected projects and alternates to bring to the commission for consideration. The 2-year cycle contains two small changes to the proposed 2027 construction projects needed to keep the construction year within budget. The projects slated for 2028 will still serve as alternate projects for the 2027 construction season if necessary. Two of the 2028 projects have additional considerations that will be discussed.

This fall the city council will select residential street maintenance projects for the 2027 and 2028 construction season under the Six-Year Streets Plan.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

Project selection is a key component of the 6-Year Streets Plan. Funded projects may include sidewalk maintenance and/or construction, aligning with the priorities of the Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan to support safe connected multimodal networks for all users.

Timeline/ Further Action:

After action is taken by the Transportation Commission the Council will consider the recommendations and take action after which staff will prepare the projects for bid

BRIEFING PAPER: TBD 2 Year Cycle Revisions
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Proposed Year	Council District	Project Type	Project Name	Project Cost
2027	1 - NE	Chip Seal	Cincinnati/Dalton Et Al	\$341,280
2027	1 - NE	Grind & Overlay	Gordon - Crestline to Cook	\$403,433
2028	1 - NE	Grind & Overlay	Astor - Indiana to Montgomery	\$704,843
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2027	2 - S	Grind & Overlay	Cowley - 13th to 12th	\$56,333
2027	2 - S	Grind & Overlay	26th - Garfield to Ivory	\$338,624
2028	2 - S	Chip Seal	35th from Freya to Havana Et Al	\$808,600
2028	2 - S	Grind & Overlay	Rebecca - 4th to Hartson	\$259,740
2027	3 - NW	Grind & Overlay	Lincoln - F to 5 Mile	\$202,800
2027	3 - NW	Chip Seal	Waverly/Park/Cleveland - Post to Division	\$588,774
2028	3 - NW	Chip Seal	Washington Et Al - Buckeye to Euclid	\$341,280
2028	3 - NW	Grind & Overlay	Braeburn/Midwick Et Al	\$660,140

Proposed Revisions:

District 1:

Astor – Indiana to Montgomery was moved from construction in 2027 to 2028 due to cost and the need for additional considerations for the Bicycle Priority Network. The alternate Gordon – Crestline to Cook was moved to construction in 2027.

District 3:

Alternate project Waverly Post to Division Chip Seal project was split into two projects due to costs – Waverly/Park/Cleveland – Post to Division and Washington Et Al – Buckeye to Euclid; Braeburn/Midwick Et Al was moved from construction in 2027 to 2028.

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2027 Proposed Projects			
	<u>North East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>North West</u>
-			
ChipSeal	\$341,280	\$426,236	\$588,774
Grind	\$403,433	\$394,957	\$202,800
Sidewalk		\$230,000	\$180,000
Crackseal & Maint	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$869,713</u>	<u>\$1,176,193</u>	<u>\$1,096,574</u>
	28%	37%	35%
	<u>City Wide Totals</u>		
Grind Total	\$1,001,191	32%	
ChipSeal Total	\$1,356,290	43%	
Sidewalk \$	\$410,000	13%	
Street Dept. Maint. \$	\$375,000	12%	
<u>Total Cost:</u>	<u>\$3,142,481</u>		

2028 Proposed Projects			
	<u>North East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>North West</u>
-			
ChipSeal	\$0	\$808,600	\$396,604
Grind	\$1,176,309	\$259,740	\$660,140
Sidewalk		\$170,000	
Crackseal & Maint	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,301,309</u>	<u>\$1,363,340</u>	<u>\$1,181,744</u>
	34%	35%	31%
	<u>City Wide Totals</u>		
Grind Total	\$2,096,189	54%	
ChipSeal Total	\$1,205,204	31%	
Sidewalk \$	\$170,000	4%	
Street Dept. Maint. \$	\$375,000	10%	
<u>Total Cost:</u>	<u>\$3,846,393</u>		

Local Access Proposed 2028

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Legend

- 2028 Chip
- 2028 Grind

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Braeburn/Midwick
Et Al

Washington Et
Al - Buckeye
to Euclid

Astor -
Indiana to
Montgomery

Lidgerwood
- Sharp to
Mission

Rebecca - 4th
to Hartson

35th from Freya
to Havana Et Al

Local Access Proposed 2027

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Legend

- 2027 Chip
- 2027 Grind

Lincoln - F
to 5 mile

Gordon -
Crestline
to Cook

Waverly/Park/Cleveland
- Post to Division

Cincinnati/Dalton
Et Al

9th Av from
Cannon to
Maple Et Al

Cowley
- 13th
to 12th

26th -
Garfield
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RESOLUTION 2026 – XXX

A resolution establishing the 2027 and 2028 projects as recommended by the Transportation Commission for approval by the Spokane City Council, the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board.

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance C36517, which ordinance established the city's Transportation Commission, whose responsibilities were set forth in Chapter 04.40 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance C36517 also dissolved the Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) and assigned citizen oversight of District funds to the newly created Transportation Commission, which now is charged with making recommendations for local access street repair to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission divided its potential project responsibilities among the three City Council districts and conducted on-site reviews of each proposed street project, and then evaluated project priorities based on budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Commission recommendation and project prioritization as set forth in Exhibit A for the 2027 and 2028 years, using those funds generated pursuant to Chapter 8.16 of the Spokane Municipal Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the revenue generated from the \$20 vehicle fee shall only be expended for improvements to operation, preservation, and maintenance of the City's facilities, functions, activities, as specifically allocated pursuant to this resolution and Exhibit A, and 2028 projects may be used as alternate projects for the 2027 construction season as needed.

Exhibit A

Proposed Year	Council District	Project Type	Project Name
2027	1 - NE	Chip Seal	<u>Cincinnati/Dalton Et Al</u>
2027	1 - NE	Grind & Overlay	Gordon - Crestline to Cook
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Passed by the Transportation Commission this ____ day of _____, 2026

_____, Grant Shipley, President

Transportation
Commission
Public Comments
Received
6/10/2026 to
7/8/2026

King, Emily

From: Winger, Clifford
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2026 10:32 AM
To: Transportation Commission
Cc: Snyder, Jon; Martin, Abigail M.; adamsw@spokaneschools.org;
ned.wendle@mead354.org; dejager@spokaneintlacademy.org
Subject: Good Idea for Transportation Education

Good Day Commissioners,

The June 25th NACTO newsletter had this [article on educating](#) our children on bicycle safety. In a few years, these children, when adults, will be driving our roads in motor vehicles. Unfortunately the same NACTO newsletter reported the death of a [transportation planner](#) who was killed on his bicycle by a motorist.

This is a call for us to act and save lives. The City of Spokane has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to partner with our local schools, including District 81, District 354, and Spokane International Academy, to bring bicycle and road safety education into our curriculums.

This education should go two ways. Children who ride bicycles need to understand and obey traffic laws, ride predictably, and respect the rules of the road that keep everyone safe. And those same children, when they grow up and become motor vehicle drivers, must carry with them a deep respect for the cyclists and pedestrians they share the road with, because they understand the rules of the road.

Safe streets are not built by accident. They are built through intention, policy, and education. This is a good opportunity for the Transportation Commission to take the lead in **making Spokane's streets safer for all**, starting with educating our school children.

Respectfully,
Clifford Winger
CA Liaison to Transportation Commission
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