

DECLARING THE SPOKANE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S SUPPORT OF
THE PROPOSED BICYCLE PRIORITY NETWORK

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Transportation Commission is to provide advice and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on the plans and programs necessary to achieve a safe and equitable multimodal transportation system consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the policies of the City as adopted by the City Council, and within the parameters set forth in state and local law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane continues to observe increases in fatal and serious collisions involving people walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council adopted a Complete Streets Program in 2011 with the purpose of accommodating all users in the construction of all City of Spokane transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Map TR5 identifies the future bike network; and

WHEREAS, a team led by Parametrix was tasked with identifying key bicycle routes throughout the city prioritizing access to destinations, equity, safety, user experience, feasibility, and network connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Priority Network will assist in directing implementation efforts and policy development for the planned bikeway network; and

WHEREAS, several opportunities to provide feedback during the development of the Bicycle Priority Network were available through technical advisory committee meetings, Bicycle Advisory Board workshops, and online surveys and information; and

WHEREAS, over 500 unique comments were submitted via an online map-based survey; and


WHEREAS, a subcommittee of the Bicycle Advisory Board was formed to provide feedback on the proposed priority network; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Board has submitted a letter of support to the Transportation Commission, Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, a fully connected network is critical to the usability and comfort for people traveling by bicycle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ESTABLISHED that the City of Spokane Transportation Commission registers its support for the the Bicycle Priority Network

findings proposed by City staff as a guide for future actions related to the development and implementation of the City of Spokane's all ages and abilities bike network.

 Grant Shipley (Feb 1, 2025 08:38 PST)

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President, City of Spokane Transportation C...

Attachment A

September 24, 2024

City of Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board

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City of Spokane Transportation Commission

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Dear Members of the Transportation Commission,

On behalf of the Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board, I recommend the adoption of a resolution in support of the Bicycle Priority Network (BPN) project for future adoption into the Bicycle Master Plan as part of the 2026 Periodic Update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. This initiative represents a critical step toward enhancing safety, accessibility, and quality of life for all Spokane residents.

The BPN project utilized a community feedback strategy, receiving hundreds data points, to make adjustments to the routing to ensure the BPN strategically links neighborhoods, business districts, schools, and parks. Having a network that identifies priority routes for people bicycling the City can make more informed decisions when implementing bicycle infrastructure. By investing in protected bike lanes, neighborhood greenways, and shared-use paths, the BPN project prioritizes safety for people bicycling while promoting active transportation options. This aligns with Spokane's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries.

Beyond safety, the BPN project offers significant economic, equity, and environmental benefits. Studies show that cities with robust bicycle networks experience increased local economic activity, provides more mobility options for disadvantaged communities, and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The BPN will help Spokane achieve its sustainability and equity goals by encouraging more residents to choose cycling.

The Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board is confident that implementation of the BPN project will transform Spokane into a safer, healthier, and more connected city. We urge the Transportation Commission to forward this recommendation to City Council to adopt the BPN by resolution, recognizing its vital role in Spokane's future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Grant Shipley
Chair, Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board

BPN Transportation Commission Resolution

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