

Transportation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2026

City Council Chambers

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

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

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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, Plan Commission, City Council
- Non-Voting Members Not Present: PBI East Sprague, University District, Northeast Public Development Authority, S3R3 Solutions, Spokane Public Schools, Community Assembly
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Emily King, Nicole White, Tyler Kimbrell, Kevin Picanco, Brian Brisendine, Katherine Fairborn, Sarah Sirott, Clint Harris, CM Zack Zappone, Mayra Marroquin, Colin Quinn-Hurst, CM Kate Telis, Andres Grageda, Kirstin Davis, Sebastian Pedinielli

Minutes: Minutes from 8/20/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **President Report – Grant Shipley**
 - Grant thanked the public for their comments and their interest in their city.
 - Grant reminded everyone of the importance of standards and uniformity in traffic control. As vehicles move through the city, they are all lethal objects, and the more people can focus on operating their vehicle and driving and all the things that keep them safe, the better. There are reasons these standards exist, and they are good reasons.
- **Secretary Report – Jon Snyder**
 - Week Without Driving is October 1st through 8th. There are some good local events happening around it. It's important to highlight the some 30% of people in Washington State that aren't able to drive. This is a time to check in and think about how we make our transportation system work for everyone.
 - Today is Lauren Pangborn's last meeting with the Transportation Commission. She has taken a position with the Plan Commission. Lauren's position is with the Bicycle Advisory Board, so we'll be looking for somebody else to take her place.
- **Additional Reports – Emily Poole, Spokane Transit Authority**
 - Emily highlighted that STA has their September service change starting Sunday. That includes an extension of Route 36 North Central into the Hillyard neighborhood. The route will extend all the way to Freya and Lyons. That will be a new service to an area in northeast Spokane that has not previously had service.
 - They are also improving the frequency of Route 7 and Route 63 with the service change. The FIFA service that was offered earlier this summer with half-hour frequency on Route 7 on weekends and Saturdays, they are implementing that frequency permanently on Saturdays. They'll have more frequent services from Liberty Lake to the Spokane Airport across the region on Saturdays.
 - STA is rolling out STA Link, which is the mobility on demand service. They're excited to bring the STA Link pilot service into Latah Valley and North Spokane Valley.
- **Additional Reports – Eve McMenamy, Spokane Regional Transportation Council**
 - SRTC's Transportation Improvement Program is currently open for public comment until October 1st. It is our program of projects that will be implemented over the next four years. There are about 15 projects from the City of Spokane, and 60 projects overall from

other local jurisdictions. There will also be a public open house on September 24th at the Spokane Central Library from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

- **Additional Reports – Shauna Harshman, Washington State Department of Transportation**
 - Shauna provided an update on the North Spokane Corridor engagement. They are coming to an end with public engagement around the North South Corridor and landscaping along Interstate 90 as part of that project. There will be one final workshop on Thursday, November 12th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Francis L. Scott Elementary. There will be a community report and one final meeting on the final designs in January. That will be the culmination of about a decade of community engagement and vision around the North South Corridor.
 - WSDOT has been doing tabling for the Liberty Park Land Bridge project all summer and establishing those current conditions and understanding the project area. Just today, they have started moving into concept development. They are just now scheduling winter workshops and community engagement to work with the community on those designs.
- **Additional Reports – Emilie Cameron, Downtown Spokane Partnership**
 - Emilie provided an update on Commute Smart Northwest. This is a partnership between the DSP, SRTC, STA, the City of Spokane, and Gonzaga University in how to encourage small employers to look at incentives around commute programs. They had a survey and open house, and next month, Emilie will have some feedback to share. She wanted to remind the commission that they have a program now that includes free bicycling and walking safety kits for these employers, as well as two months of STA bus passes, two months of rideshare fares, an emergency ride home program, as well the opportunity to look at installation of bike racks and even rideshare parking.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Cycle 15 Traffic Calming
 - Presentation provided by: Nicole White
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Vision Zero Spokane Crash Analysis
 - Presentation provided by: Tyler Kimbrell
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Emergency Streets Pilot Program Update
 - Presentation provided by: Nicole White
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Hearing Items:

- TBD Fee Increase Recommendation
 - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder
 - Public Comment
 - None
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Motion: I [Commissioner Pangborn] move to recommend the resolution as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Jouliot.

- **Amendment:** I [Commissioner Callary] move to change shall to must in the last sentence of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Bjordahl.

Motion passes 7 to 1 to 0.

Amended motion passes 8 to 0 to 0.

- Spokane Falls Boulevard Recommendation
 - Presentation provided by: Kevin Picanco
 - Public Comment

- Brynn West
- Tim O'Doherty
- Brandon Bishop
- Betsy Cowles
- Emilie Cameron
- Shauna Harshman
- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

Motion: *I [Commissioner Bjordahl] move to recommend the full one-way option.* Seconded by Vice-President Young.

- **Amendment:** *I [Vice-President Young] move to add “with moveable features” to the end of section 2-C.* Seconded by Commissioner Jackman.

Amended motion passes 6 to 2 to 0.

- **Amendment:** *I [Commissioner Callary] move to change section 2-C to “Add a removeable protected bike facility.”* Seconded by Commissioner Bjordahl.

Motion passes 6 to 2 to 0.

- **Amendment:** *I [Commissioner Pangborn] move to strike everything between “configuration” and “and”.* Seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Motion passes 8 to 0 to 0.

Amended motion passes 7 to 1 to 0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is on Thursday, October 15, 2026.