

Chapter 4: Transportation

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

11/19/25

Transportation Commission



PLAN **SPOKANE**

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Transportation Element Components

- Vision
- Goals
- Policies

Standard Components

- Modal Elements and Maps
- Project Lists
- Implementation Documents

*Additional
Requirements*



Comprehensive Plan - 20 Year Vision for Spokane



Functional and Strategic Plans - Define How to Implement the Vision



Implementation of the Vision



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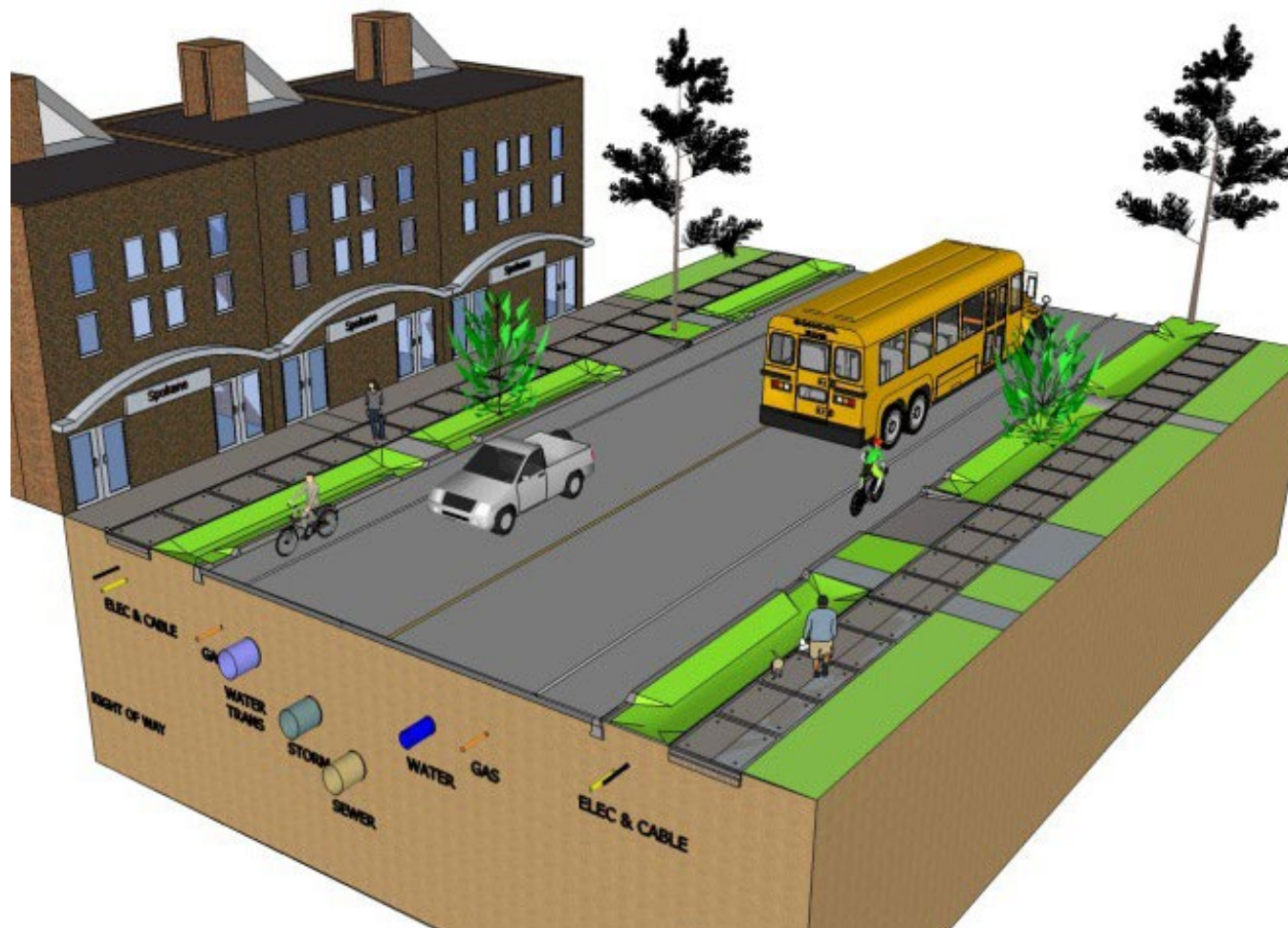
Livable Streets

- Match street design to the adjacent land use.
- Enhance neighborhood livability and mobility.
- Livable streets are:
 - safe and convenient for all users
 - economically active in centers and along corridors
 - designed for live, work, play, and
 - multi-purpose and multi-functional

Integration

- Leverage transportation investments to meet multiple objectives
- Ex. new stormwater systems combined with transportation projects, permeable bike lanes, separated sidewalks, improvements in Combined Sewer Overflow systems.

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Integration

"Under an integrated approach, the city considers all the work that needs to be done along a street—above and below ground—and works to integrate all needs into a single project that is more efficient and affordable and best serves the surrounding land uses."

Chapter 4 - Transportation Update - Timeline of Milestones and Meetings

Year	2025																				2026																			
Quarter	3												4								1																			
Month	July				August				September				October					November			December					January				February				March						
Week	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
Dates	7/6 to 7/12	7/13 to 7/19	7/20 to 7/26	7/27 to 8/2	8/3 to 8/9	8/10 to 8/16	8/17 to 8/23	8/24 to 8/30	8/31 to 9/6	9/7 to 9/13	9/14 to 9/20	9/21 to 9/27	9/28 to 10/4	10/5 to 10/11	10/12 to 10/18	10/19 to 10/25	10/26 to 11/1	11/2 to 11/8	11/9 to 11/15	11/16 to 11/22	11/23 to 11/29	11/30 to 12/6	12/7 to 12/13	12/14 to 12/20	12j21 to 12/27	12/28 to 1/3	1/4 to 1/10	1/11 to 1/17	1/18 to 1/24	1/25 to 1/31	2/1 to 2/7	2/8 to 2/14	2/15 to 2/21	2/22 to 2/28	3/1 to 3/7	3/8 to 3/14	3/15 to 3/21	3/22 to 3/28		
Working Group Meeting #1: Kick-Off	◊																																							
First Round of Mark-Ups to Existing Chapter - New Policies							X																																	
Produce Revised Copy - Track Changes in Department Template								X																																
Working Group Meeting #2: Policy Discussion & First Revision27-Aug								◊																																
Edits to Revised Copy - Round 2 Review										X																														
Policy Presentation to CRSB11-Sep										○																														
Working Group Meeting #3: Discuss Round 2 Review17-Sep											◊																													
Policy Presentation to Transportation Commission17-Sep											○																													
Policy Presentation to PeTT23-Sep												○																												
Edits to Revised Copy - Round 3 Review													X																											
Policy Presentation to BAB21-Oct															○																									
Working Group Meeting #4: Discuss Round 3 Review22-Oct																◊																								
Draft EIS Release at Plan Commission22-Oct																																								
Policy Presentation to Plan Commission and CRSB29-Oct													●																											
First Draft Completed30-Oct																	X																							
Working Group Meeting #5: Comments on Draft Chapter13-Nov																		◊																						
Update at Transportation Commission19-Nov																			○																					
Document and respond to BAB/TC Comments																				X																				
Working Group Meeting #6: Draft Chapter3-Dec																					X																			
Draft Chapter at Plan Commission10-Dec																						●																		
Plan Commission Review and Revisions14-Jan																								●																
Plan Commission Review and Revisions25-Feb																																				●				
Final Draft10-Mar																																						X		

Legend

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Working group meeting

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Other board, committee or sub-committee

Transportation Element Requirements

HB 1181
Additions

Relationship to Land Use

Implements +
consistency with
Land Use Element

Multimodal level of
service, helping to
achieve
environmental
justice

Demand-
management
strategies

Multimodal Needs

Address: Air, water,
and ground
transportation
facilities – local and
state

Address: Transit,
active transportation
facilities

Identify: Multimodal
transportation
demand and
equitably meet
needs

Implementation

A multiyear capital
improvement plan +
financing plan

Concurrency

ADA Transition Plan

Transportation Climate Policy Overview

Key goals

- Reduce VMT
- Ensure climate resilience of transportation systems to climate hazards
- Expand EV infrastructure

What We Heard

- Across all engagement strategies, participants **strongly supported improving public transit, bike infrastructure, and active transportation options** to reduce emissions and improve access.
- **EVs were ranked as lower priority among Earth Day workshop participants**, although some called for incentives or lower taxes on EVs

Transportation Context

- **The WA Clean Vehicles Program rule increases zero emission vehicle sales** of passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles to 100% starting in 2035.
- **The WA Clean Fuel Standard law requires fuel suppliers to gradually reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels** to 45% below 2017 levels by 2038.
- **Spokane Transit Authority is working to achieve a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2045.**
- **Transportation accounts for 41% of community GHG emissions.**
- **CRVA recommendations:** plan for complete access to destinations within neighborhoods, enhance parallel walking, biking, rolling, and transit networks to ensure equitable access, consider necessary changes to transit service during weather events

Figure 24. Annual Transportation Emissions by Vehicle Type



High Priority Department of Commerce VMT Policies

- Foster high-intensity land uses in mixed use urban villages, along transit
- Prioritize in-fill development, missing middle housing, and increase density near transit
- Implement complimentary, mixed use land uses
- Reduce / eliminate parking requirements
- Improve transit frequency, coverage, speed and reliability
- Implement travel demand management (TDM) programs
- Increase multimodal capacity
- Address multimodal concurrency

Transportation – VMT Reduction

Goal	Draft Text
1	Reduce vehicle miles traveled to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals. [Climate Policy Explorer, I, High Priority] ❖

In the works / givens

- Citywide VMT analysis currently underway
- Transportation Element is in progress, slightly behind Climate Element
- TDM

Key Policy Topics	
❖	Implement travel demand management (TDM) programs and strategies
◆ ↑ ❖ ✕ ★	Implement multimodal transportation planning and complete streets
❖ ◆ ↑	Prioritize and promote public transit expansion
❖ ◆ ↑ ★	Create a safe, well-connected bicycle and pedestrian transportation network and expand slow streets
	Prioritize, develop, and maintain mobility hubs in transportation-efficient locations

- ◆ Spokane Analysis
- ↑ Engagement Theme
- ❖ Draft Chapter
- ✕ CTAC Input
- ★ CRSB Idea

Transportation – Resilience

Goal	Draft Text
2	Ensure that the local transportation system — including infrastructure, routes, and travel modes — is able to withstand and recover quickly from the impacts of extreme weather events and other hazards exacerbated by climate change. [Climate Policy Explorer, W]

Key Policy Topics	
◆	Design and site new/expanded roads & railroads to have minimal environmental impact and account for climate impacts
↑	Improve street connectivity and walkability to serve as potential evacuation routes.
	Incorporate hydrologic climate impacts into the design of bridges
❖	Reduce stormwater impacts from transportation and development
◆ ↑	Enhance resilience of parks/recreational trails by assessing and addressing climate hazards

In the works / givens

- Transportation Element under development
- Spokane Transit Authority and City working on transit corridor – will improve access
- Parks Element/Parks Plan with trail networks
- Bond measure in progress for schools and parks – Together Spokane

- ◆ Spokane Analysis
- ↑ Engagement Theme
- ❖ Draft Chapter
- ✕ CTAC Input
- ★ CRSB Idea

Transportation – Electric Vehicles

Goal	Draft Text
3	Expand electric vehicle infrastructure. [Climate Policy Explorer, AD]

In the works / givens

- WA Clean Vehicles Program rule

Key Policy Topics

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public and private land

Zero-emissions public fleets



Subsidies for low-income residents to purchase or lease electric vehicles

- ◆ Spokane Analysis
- ↑ Engagement Theme
- ❖ Draft Chapter
- ✕ CTAC Input
- ★ CRSB Idea

How to Be Engaged



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