



Spokane Falls Boulevard Rebuild Planning Study



8/20/26 – Transportation Commission



**Spokane Falls
BOULEVARD**

What Is This Project?



PURPOSE

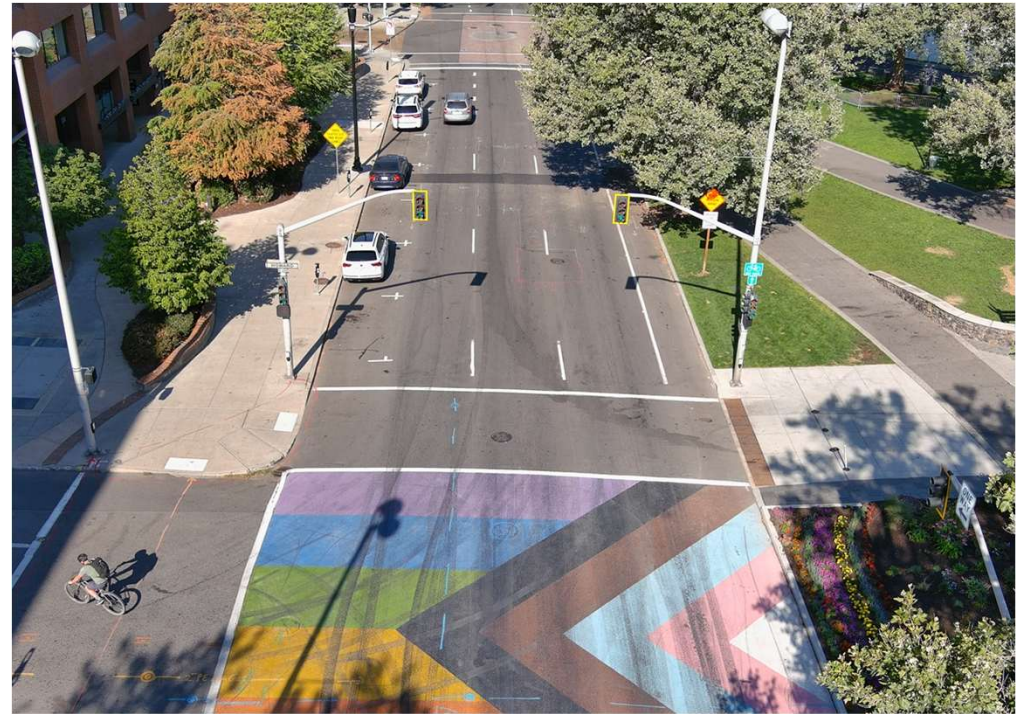
- This is a **planning study** to select a street reconstruction configuration for Spokane Falls Blvd.

IMPACTED AREA

- Downtown core **between Lincoln St. and Division St.**

PROJECT DRIVER

- Project is driven by **urgent need to replace** aging street and utility systems.



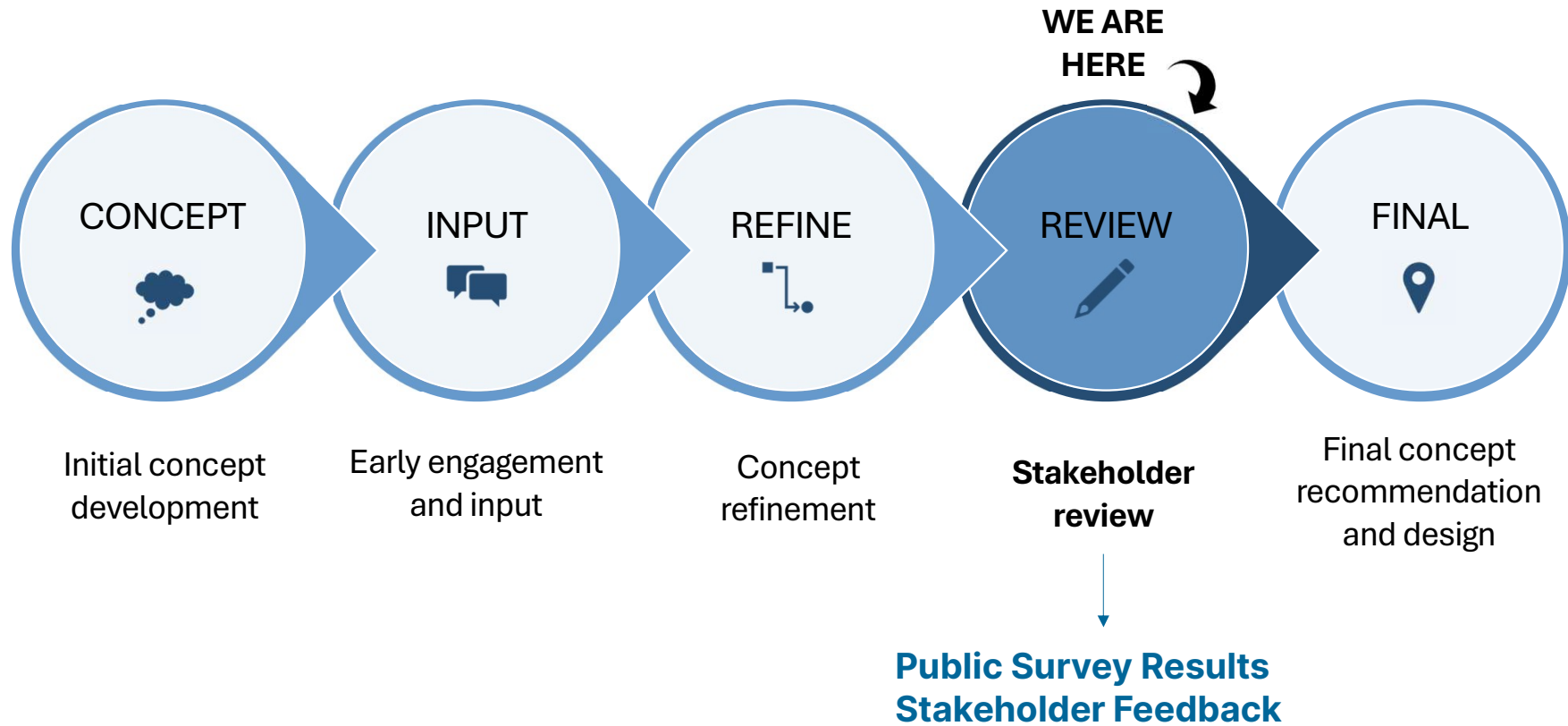
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Planning Process Overview





Public Survey Results



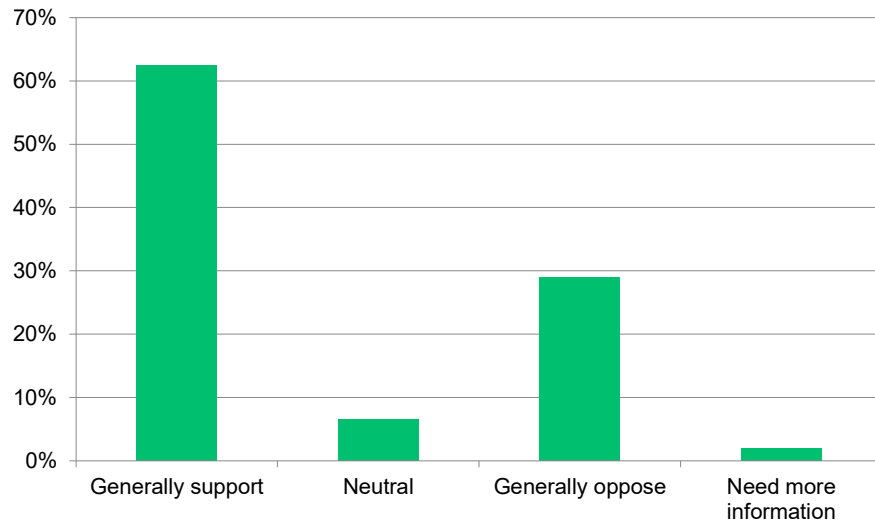
Survey Results – At a Glance

- 690 responses
- Communication deployment
 - Community Newsletters
 - Boards at Library Branches, City Hall, Riverfront Park
 - Project website – included video
 - Media engagement

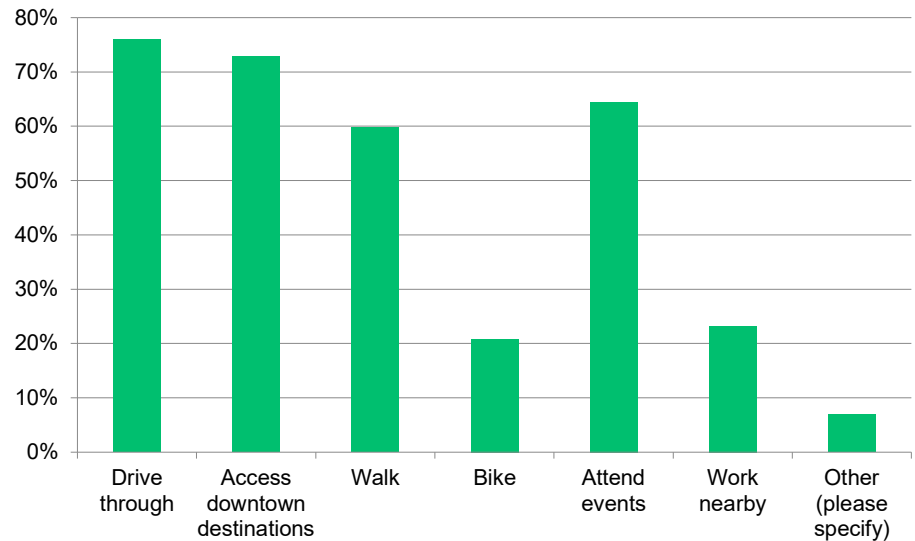


Survey Responses

What is your overall reaction to the proposed concepts for Spokane Falls Boulevard?



How do you typically use Spokane Falls Boulevard? (Select all that apply)

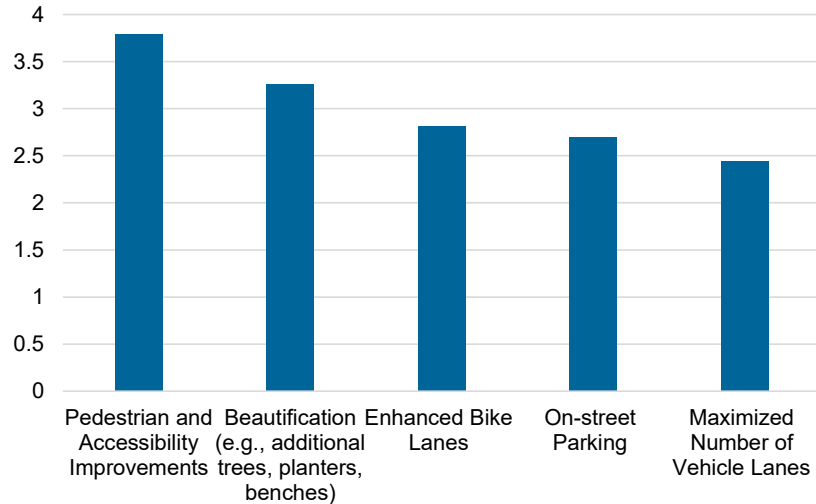


Other: scooter, deliveries, transit, live downtown

Reference – Previous Survey (June 2024)



Prioritize surface improvements from most to least important.



	Most				Least
	1	2	3	4	5
Pedestrian and Accessibility Improvements	382	347	220	151	32
Beautification (e.g., additional trees, planters, benches)	216	240	396	182	98
Enhanced Bike Lanes	188	209	256	163	316
On-street Parking	120	225	169	423	195
Maximized Number of Vehicle Lanes	226	111	91	213	491

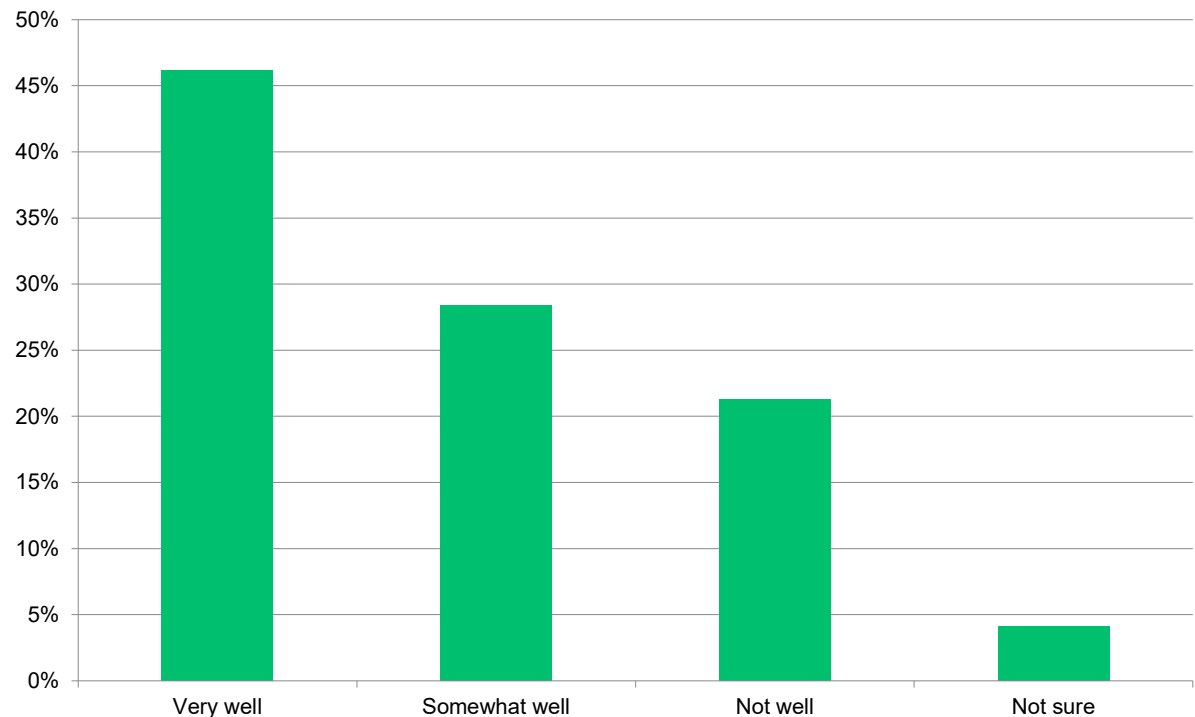
First survey received ~1,130 responses



Survey Responses - Continued

The concepts you saw in the video were developed to reflect the previous community survey result priorities of improved pedestrian safety and access, beautification and streetscape enhancement, and the addition of a protected bicycle facility, while maintaining traffic flow and parking.

How well do the proposed concepts reflect these priorities?

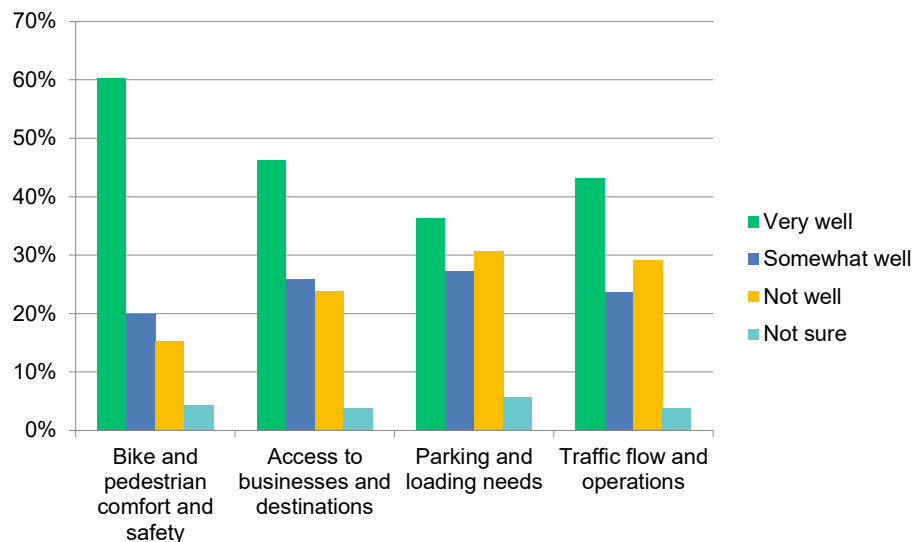


Nearly **75%** viewed generally favorably

Survey Responses - Continued

The refined west bound one-way concept of Spokane Falls Boulevard between Post Street and Washington Street reduces three westbound lanes to two, maintains on-street parking, and adds a protected bike facility.

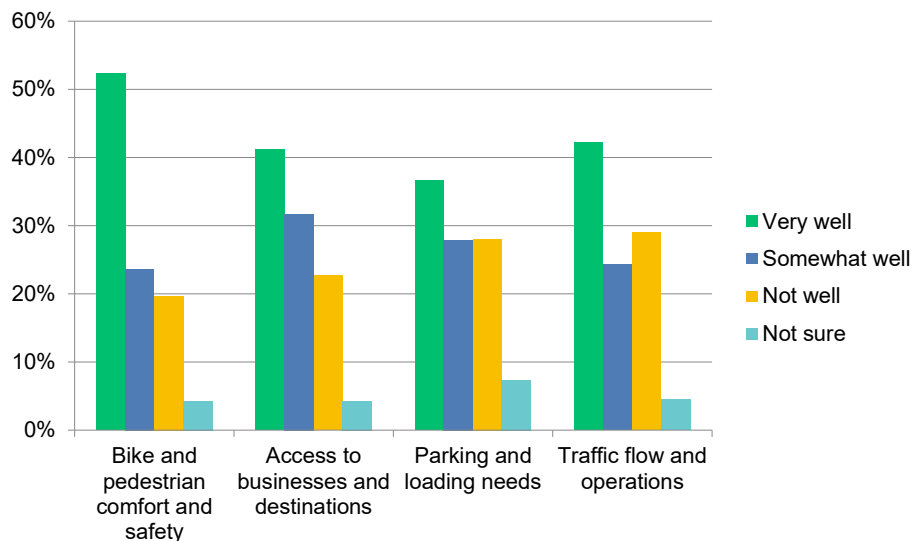
How well do you think this concept will work for the following?



Spokane Falls Blvd. looking west toward Washington Street intersection

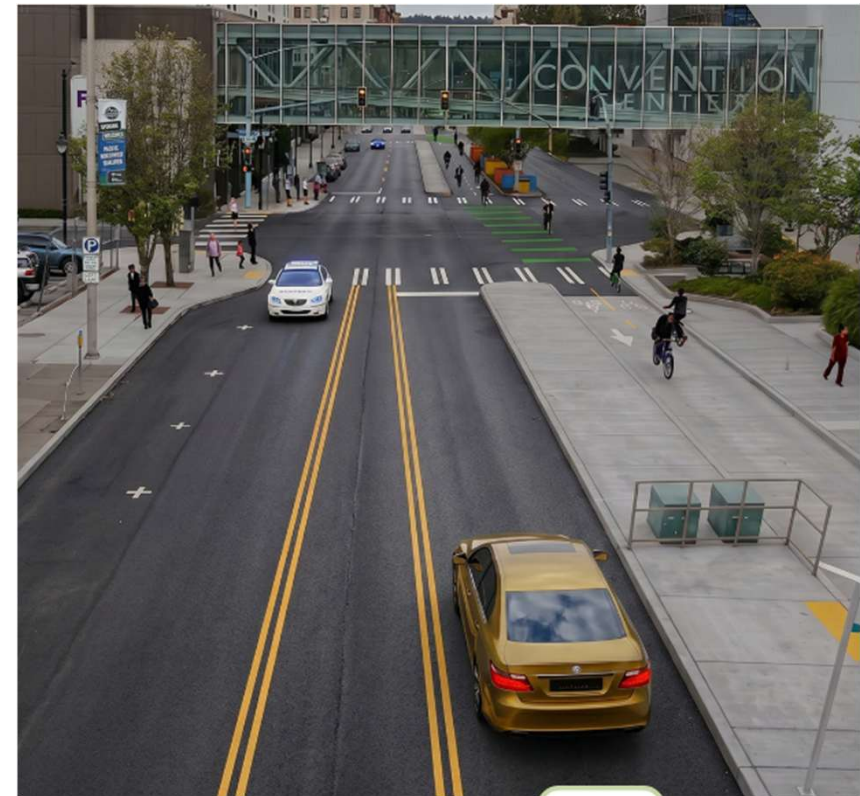
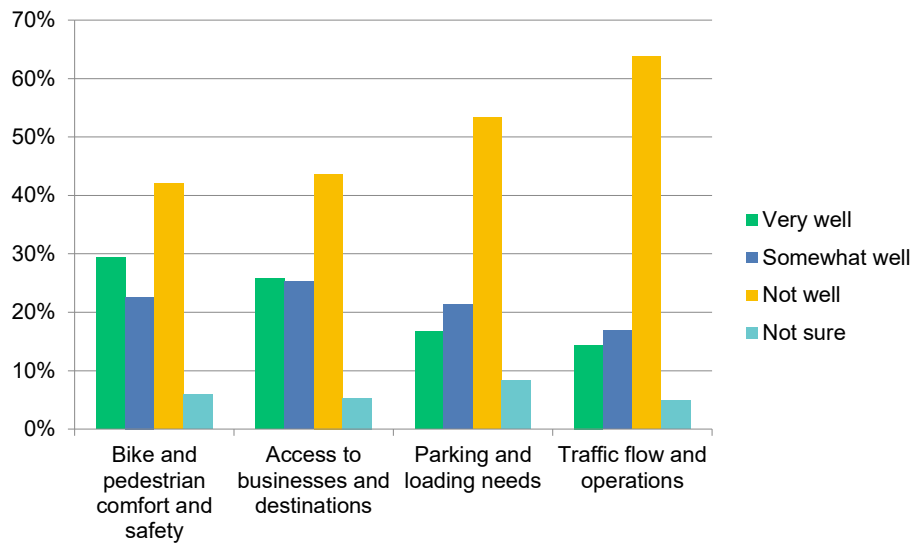
Survey Responses - Continued

For the **refined one-way segment** between Washington Street and Division Street, please indicate how well you think the concept supports the following:



Survey Responses - Continued

For the **refined two-way segment** between Washington Street and Division Street, please indicate how well you think the concept supports the following:

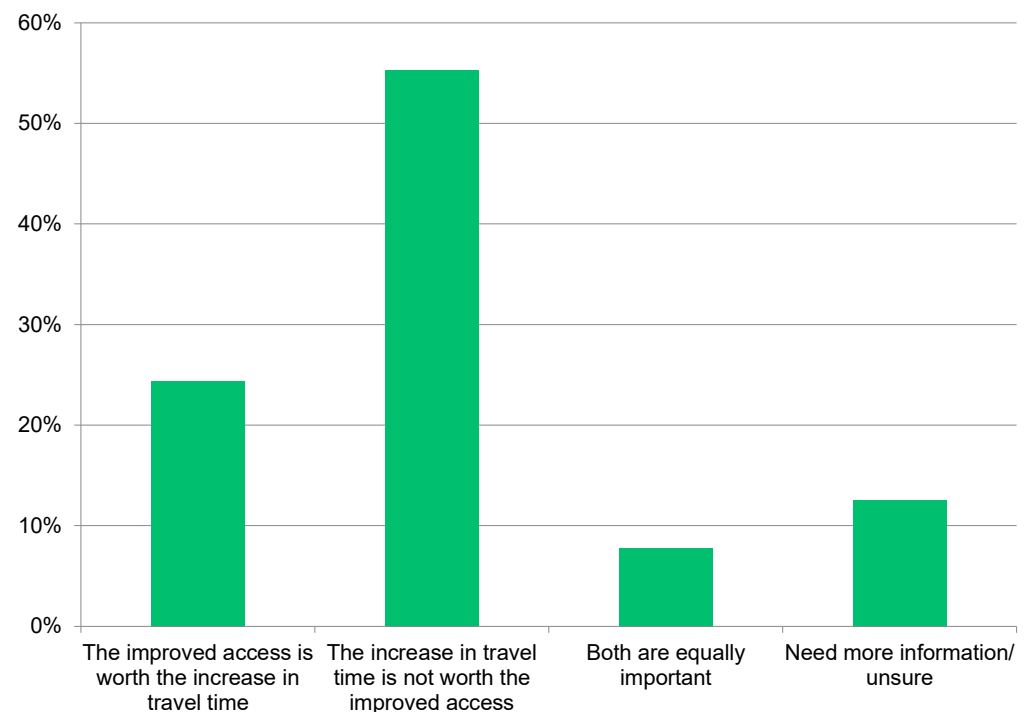


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The two-way option may allow more direct access to business and destinations and reduce the travel time for drivers from the southwest destined for certain locations such as the convention center.

For westbound Spokane Falls Boulevard, travel time through the corridor may increase during peak periods by about 40 seconds.

How do you feel about this tradeoff?

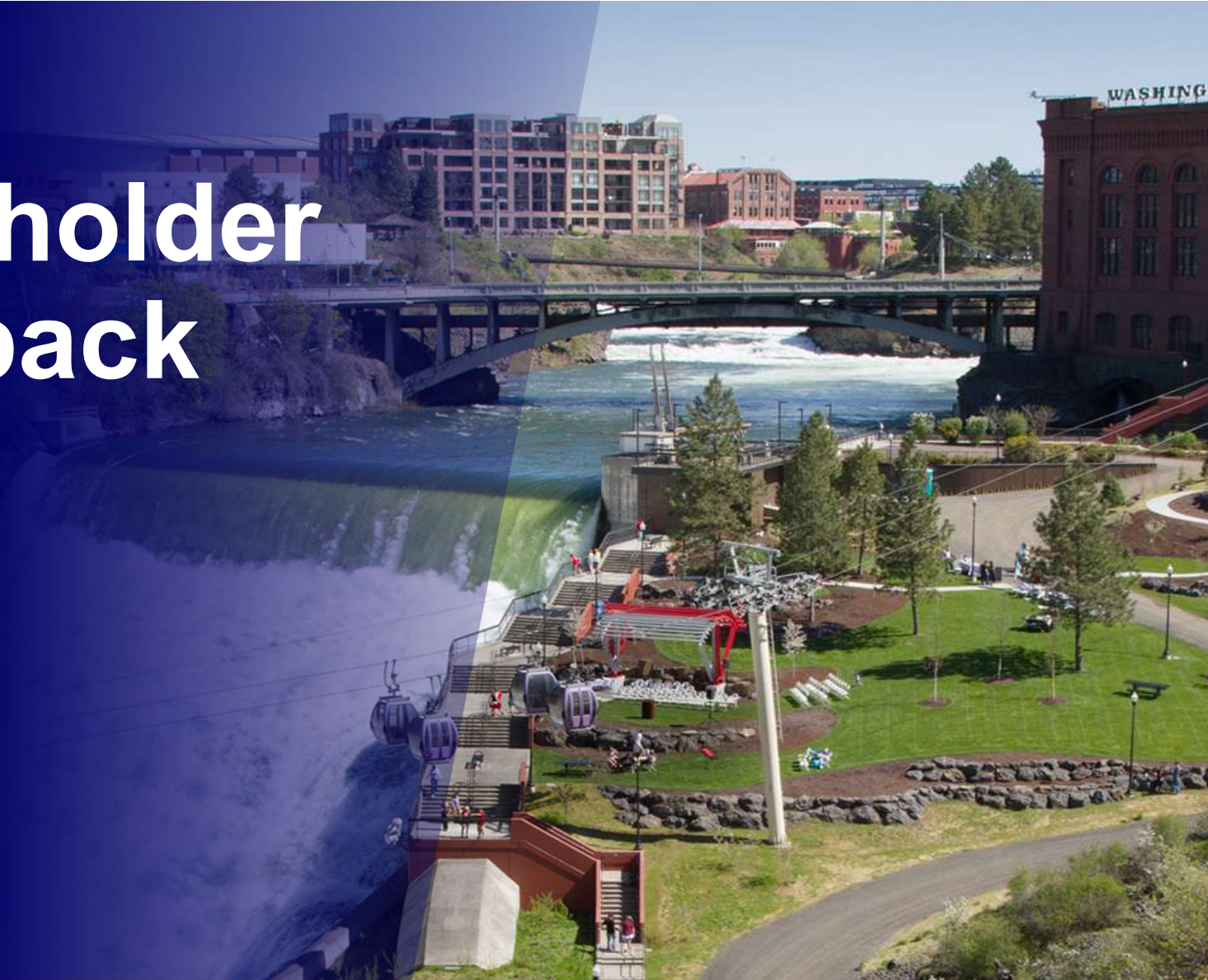


Takeaways

- Strong support for project and traffic lane reallocation element of project
- Lack of support for two-way traffic changes as part of this project
 - **Comment theme** - limited scope of change (3 blocks) seems confusing; concerned the change might lead to more accidents



Stakeholder Feedback



Stakeholder Feedback Overview

- Stakeholders = adjacent property owners and impacted business organizations such as Downtown Spokane Partnership
- Stakeholder workshop – November 2025
 - Invited attendees to reach out for 1-on-1 conversations, if desired
- Strong consternation from Downtown partners and impacted business owners
 - Several letters of concern to Mayor/TC from downtown businesses
- Themes of feedback:
 - Stakeholders split on lane reduction element
 - Unanimous lack of support for 2-way configuration



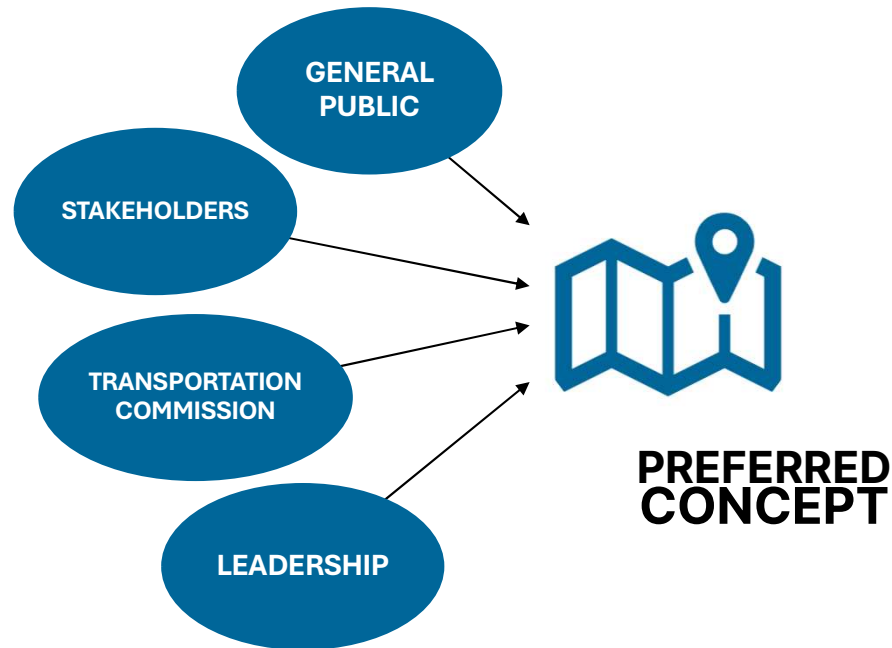
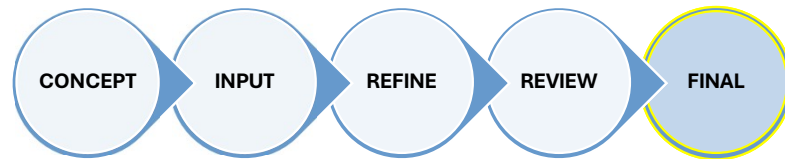
Next Steps



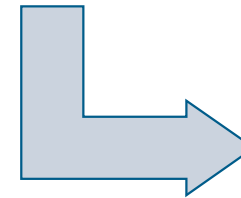
Schedule – Next Steps

- Transportation Commission – August Workshop **(Today)**
- Transportation Commission – Hearing (date to be determined by Commission)
 - Intended outcome → Recommendation from TC

Final Concept Recommendation and Design



DESIGN PHASE
to begin in Q4
2026



**CONSTRUCTION
PHASE** targeted
for 2028 start



Questions?

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