

City of Spokane Periodic Update Preferred Alternative

Urban Experience
April 20, 2026



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Plan Commission Hearing April 14, 2026

Forwarding a recommendation of approval to City Council on

“Preferred Alternative Growth Map”

- **City Council Resolution** (anticipated May 18, 2026)
 - Directs staff to work on Land Use Plan Map (Future Land Use Map) using Preferred Alternative Map for guidance
 - Directs staff to complete the Final EIS which will use the Preferred Alternative
 - Preferred Alternative Information will allow chapters to be finalized

Next Action: Council will adopt the Comprehensive Plan, including the Land Use Plan Map/Future Land Use Map Q4 2026



Agenda packet

- Staff Report prepared for PC Hearing
- Preferred Alternative Draft Map dated 4/14/2026
- DEIS Summary, with DEIS Alternative illustrated (Alts 1,2,3)
- DEIS Comment Summary
- Public Participation Summaries
- Accommodating Affordable Housing report, June 2025
- Climate Integration Report (CRSB Resolution 2026-001)





Climate Planning Integration

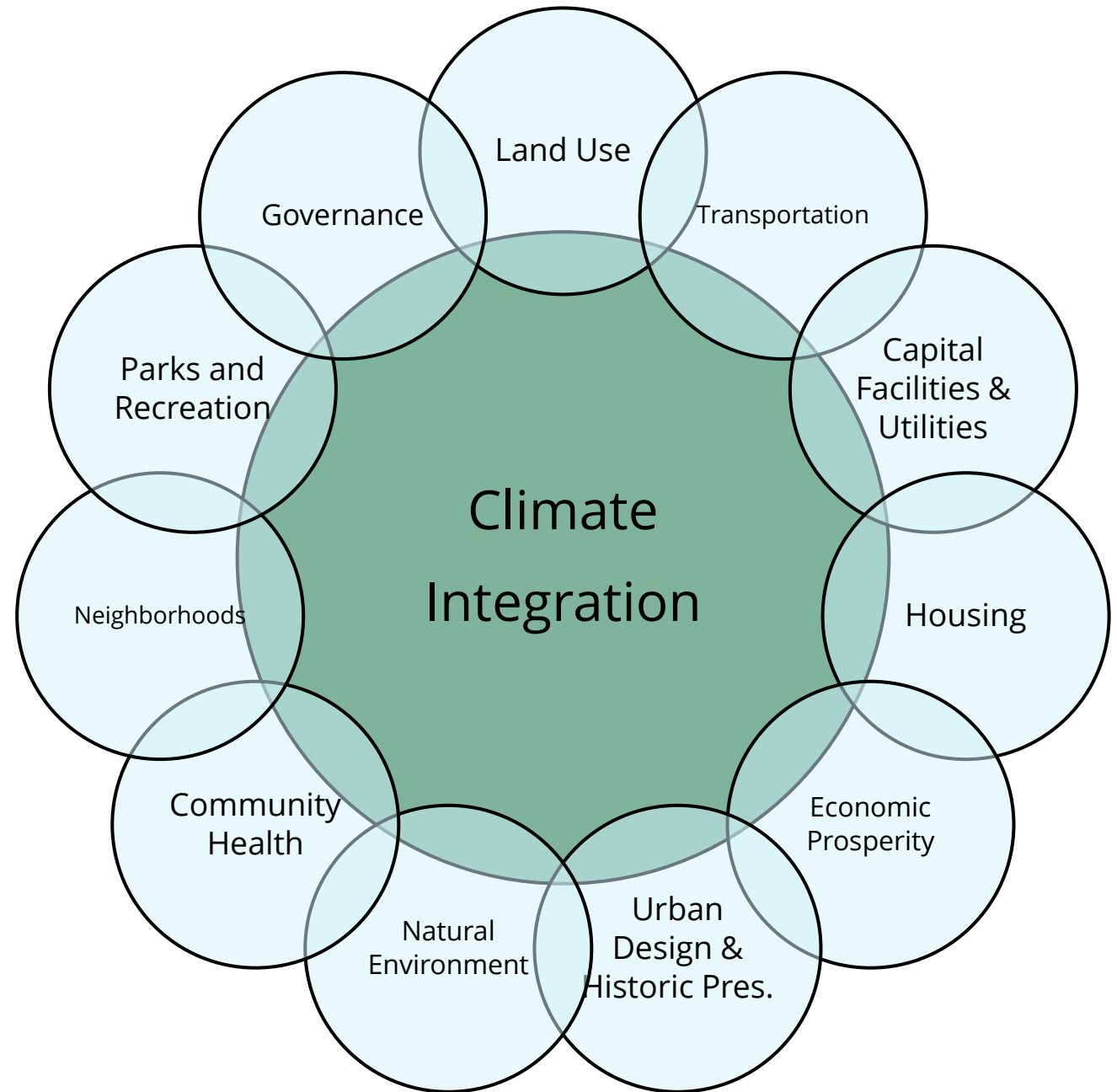


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Integrate into Comprehensive Plan

- Following months of robust community engagement and analysis:
 - Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB) voted to recommend policies to the Plan Commission on 2/12/2026.
- Policies are being integrated throughout the Comprehensive Plan.





Draft EIS & Growth Alternatives



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Environmental Impact Statement

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is an informational document that provides the City, public, Tribes, and agencies with information related to environmental impacts to be considered in the decision-making process



Earth, water quality, and water resources



Relationship to plans, policies, and regulations



Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions



Transportation, including multiple modes and city and state facilities



Plants and animals, including critical areas and habitat



Public services: police, fire and emergency medical services, parks, schools, libraries, solid waste



Land use patterns and urban form, including historic and cultural resources

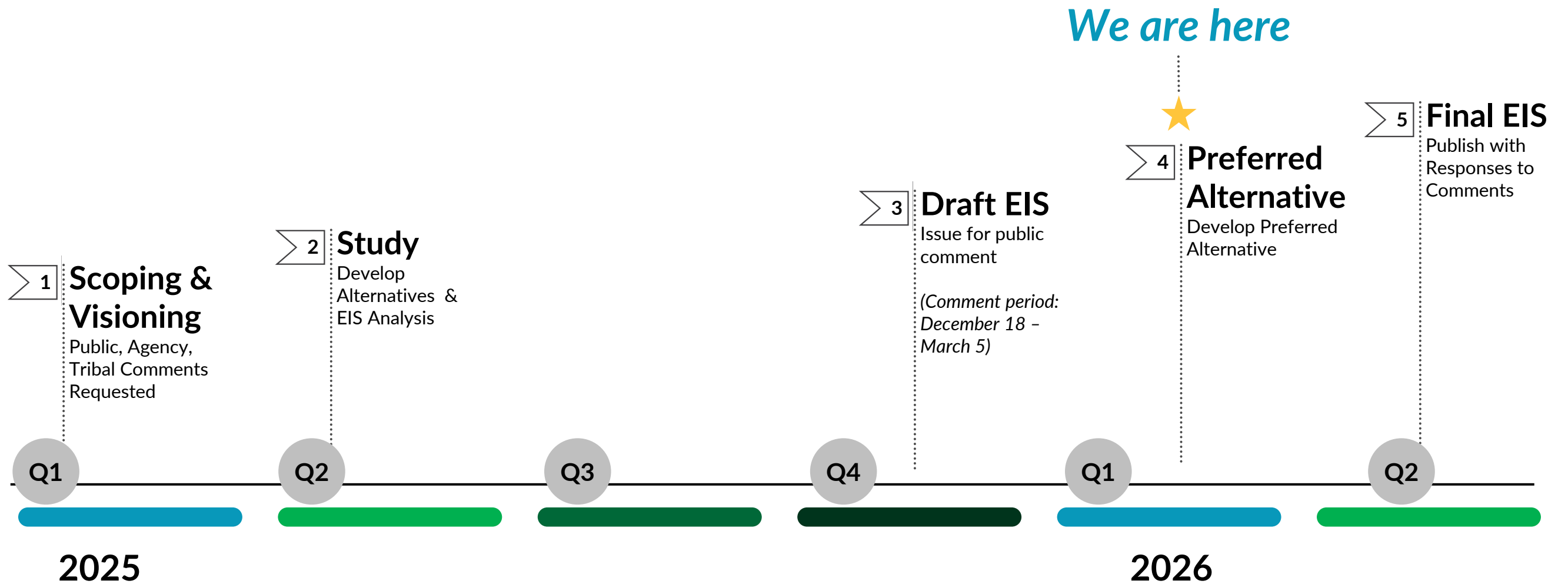


Utilities: power, water, wastewater, and stormwater



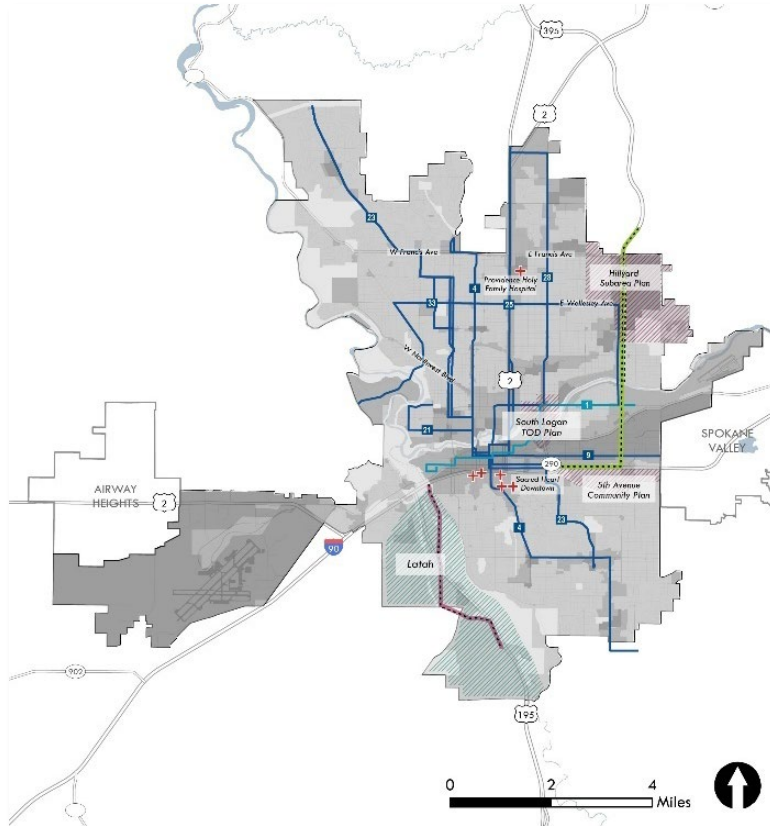
Population, employment, and housing

EIS Steps

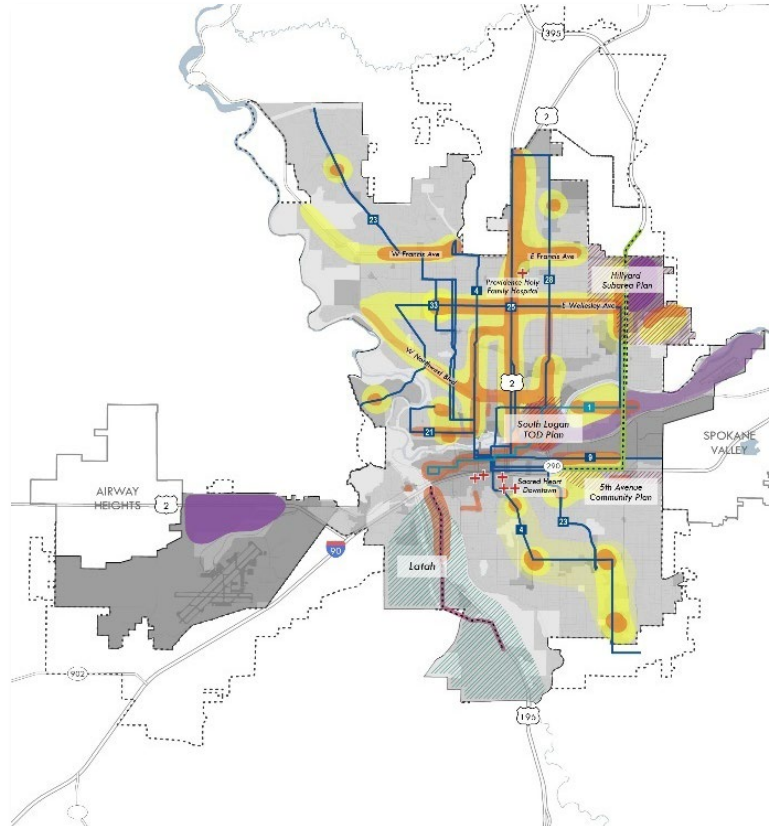


Growth Alternatives

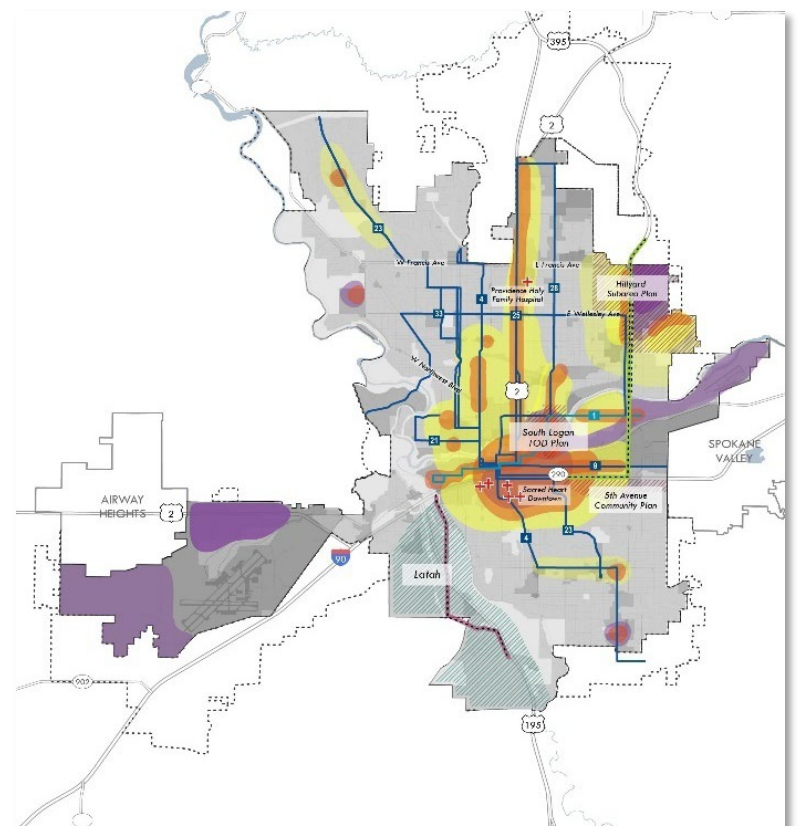
Alternative 1: Stay the Course



Alt 2: Distributed & Balanced



Alt 3: Center City & Regional Hub



Key Features

- Subarea Planning
- Additional Infrastructure Study
- Transit Routes, Selected
- North Spokane Corridor/ US 395
- Children of the Sun Trail
- Inland Empire Way + connections
- Hospitals

Growth Intensity

- Low
- Moderate
- Moderate-High
- High
- High Density Housing
- Moderate Density Housing
- Mixed-use/Commercial
- Employment/Industrial Light
- Employment/Industrial Heavy



	Alternative 1 Stay the Course	Alternative 2 Distributed & Balanced	Alternative 3 Center City & Regional Hubs
Housing / population growth*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 21,739 new housing units from 2022-2046 (about 21% more housing units than present)* <p><i>* This is the 2020-2046 housing growth target minus the units already added from 2020 to 2022.</i></p>		
Housing mix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 63% of the City's total housing as single unit housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 59% of the City's total housing as single unit housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Same as Alternative 2
Housing Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meets total target ▶ Does not meet 0-80% Affordability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meets total housing target and all affordability levels ▶ Provides more capacity in low rise and mid-rise ▶ Large capacity for single-family and missing middle housing to promote housing ownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Same as Alternative 2





How Community Feedback Shaped the Preferred Alternative



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2025 was a busy year for community engagement...



Over 3,400 total
community
responses



Over 50 City Boards
and Commissions
workshops



Over 20 community
tabling events and
meetings



2025 Engagement Summary



➔ All summaries available at PlanSpokane.org ←



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PlanSpokane Interactive StoryMap



- Draft Preferred Alternative interactive StoryMap page
 - Transition video with narration
 - Slider map between growth and intensity changes
 - Zoomed in maps of Northwest, Northeast, and South Spokane

Find the link at PlanSpokane.org on the About or Draft Environmental Impact Statement buttons





Preferred Alternative



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Periodic Update

Implementation

Preferred Alternative

PlanSpokane 2046
Comprehensive
Plan

Includes the Future
Land Use Map

Final Environmental
Impact Statement

BUILD Spokane
Development Code
Zoning Map

Programs, plans, and
initiatives

Implementation
Check-In – 5-year look
at Housing numbers,
GHG, VMT



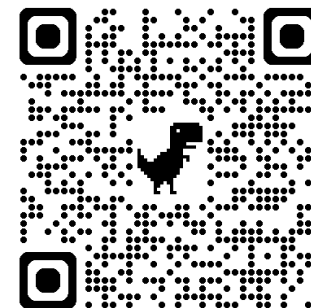
Draft Preferred Alternative

A draft Preferred Alternative has been developed based on community feedback and analysis from the Draft EIS. The proposal includes:

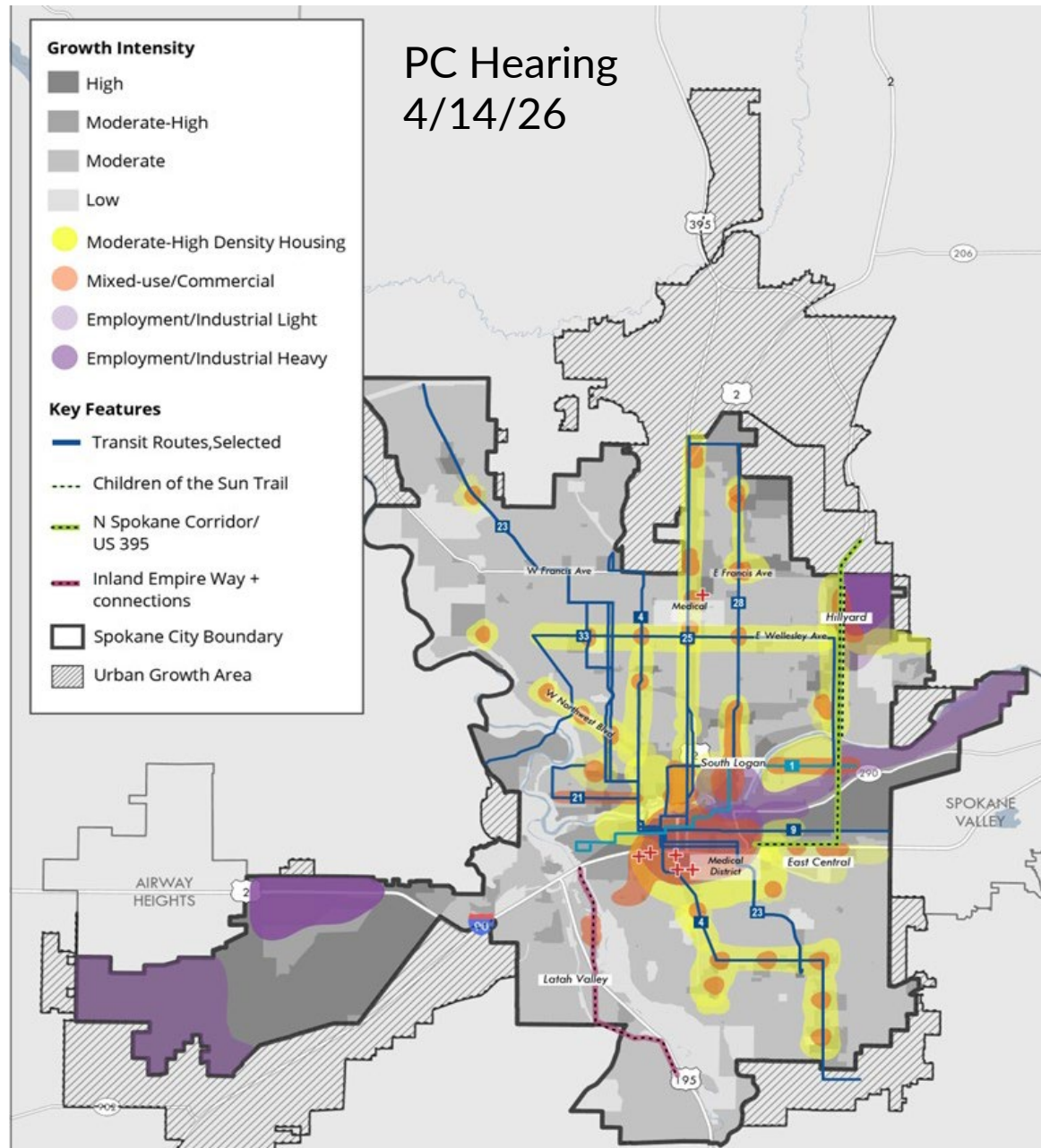
- **An increase in moderate-high density housing near the major transit lines and within areas with planned capacity**
- **Increased mixed-use and commercial uses are proposed throughout the city, including within the moderate-high density housing to support current and future residents**
- **Areas for increased employment and industrial uses, supporting a resilient economy with local jobs and opportunities**



Watch the draft Preferred Alternative transition video on the interactive StoryMap



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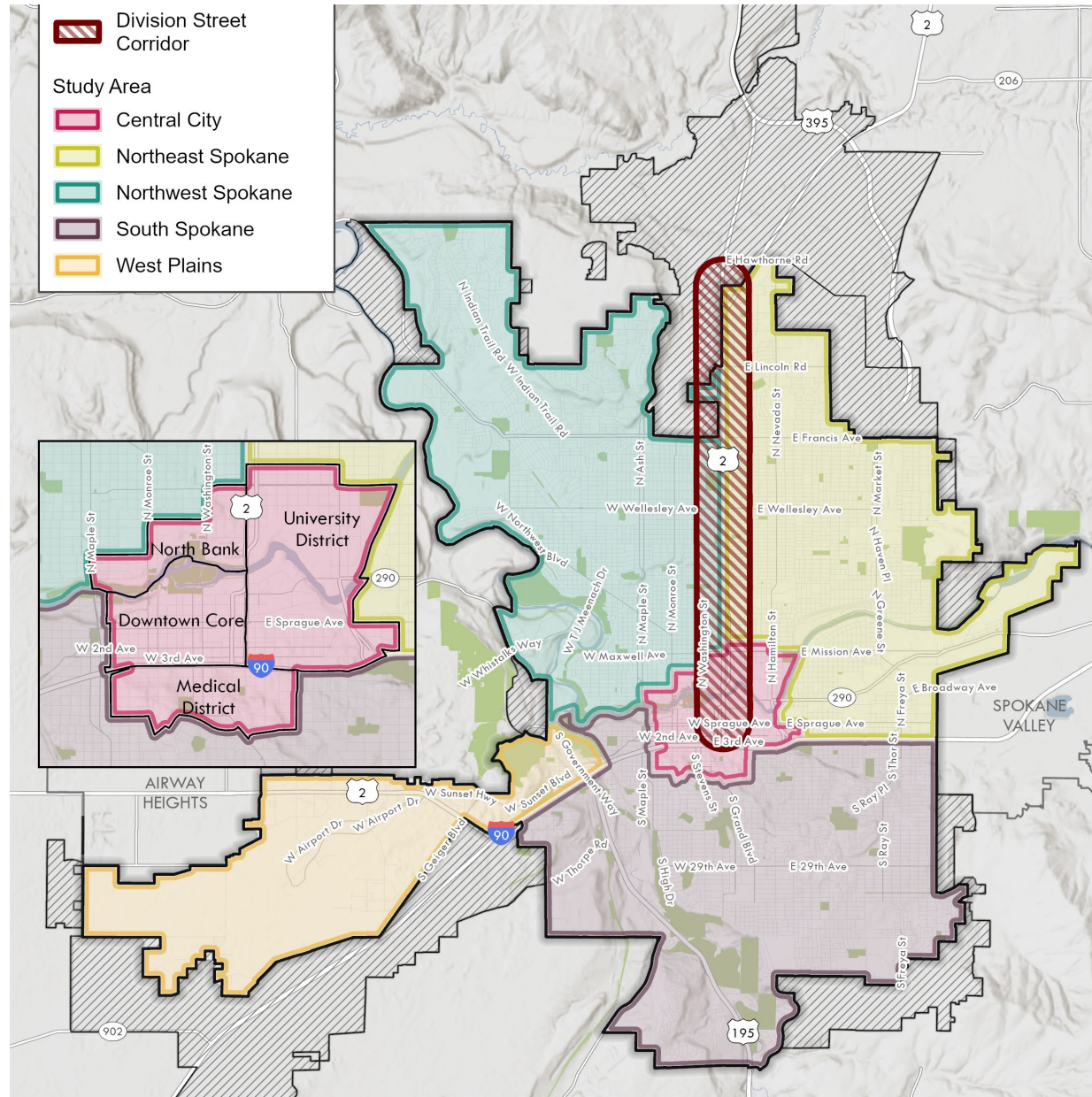


Preferred Alternative Growth Map

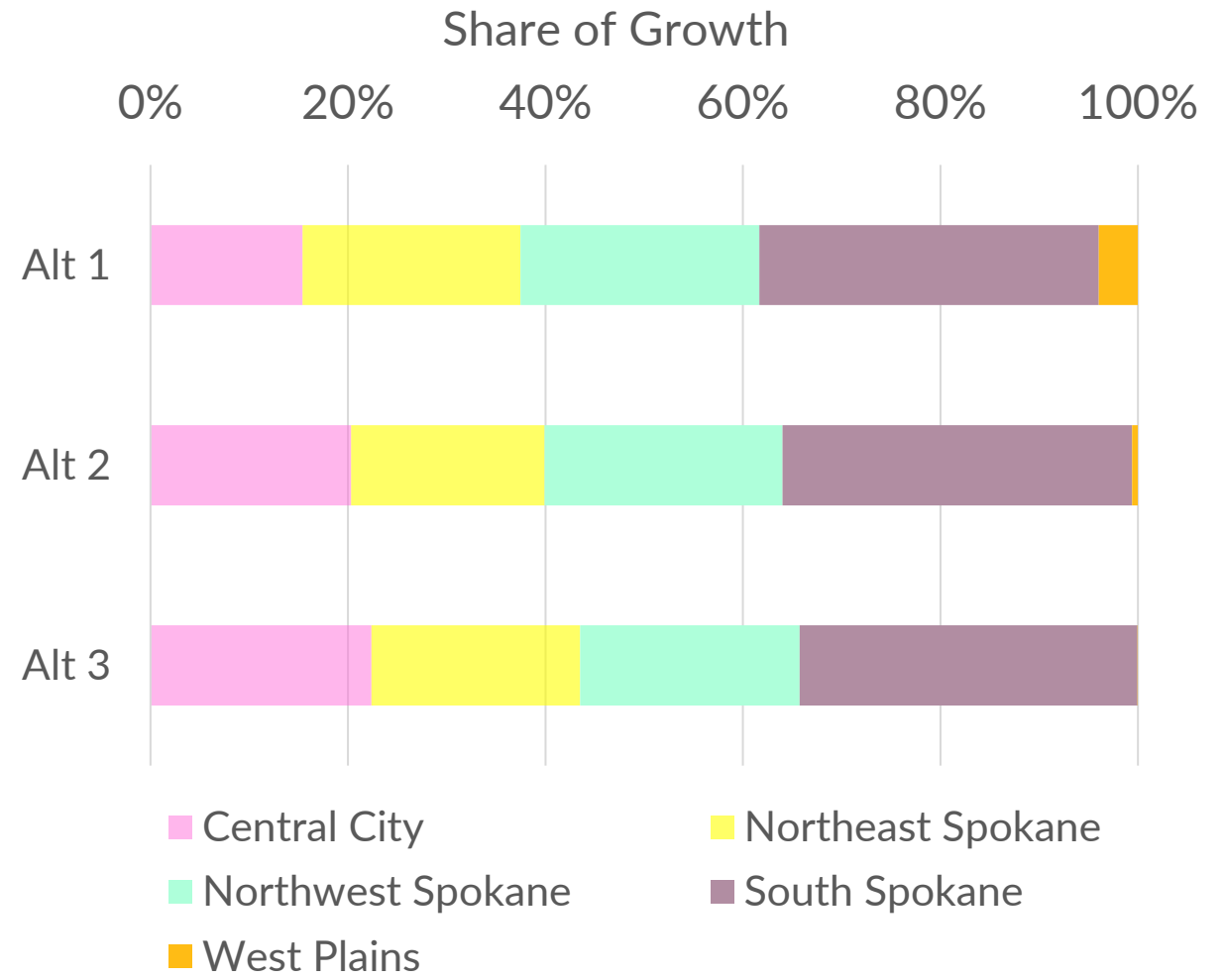
- Blends features of Alternatives 1, 2 and 3
 - Focus mixed use on hubs like Downtown and selected corridors
 - Areas of moderate and high-density housing and mixed use along frequent transit routes
 - Incorporates subarea plans
 - Beyond hubs and corridors, retains current growth intensity in most neighborhoods, recognizing middle housing efforts



Share of Housing by Study Area



City would see residential growth in Central City, NW, NE and South
 In hubs and corridors multifamily is more likely, and outside of these areas, growth would be single family & middle housing.



Preferred Alternative Next Steps

- Plan Commission has made a recommendation of approval to City Council
- City Council will consider a resolution selecting the Preferred Alternative for the periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan (likely May 18, 2026)
- A Final Environmental Impact Statement will analyze the selected Preferred Alternative
- Planning Staff will develop a Future Land Use Plan Map based on the selected Preferred Alternative and finalize goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan
- Q3/Q4 2026
 - Plan Commission will hold hearings on the final Comprehensive Plan, making recommendations to City Council
- Q4 2026
 - Council action on final Comprehensive Plan



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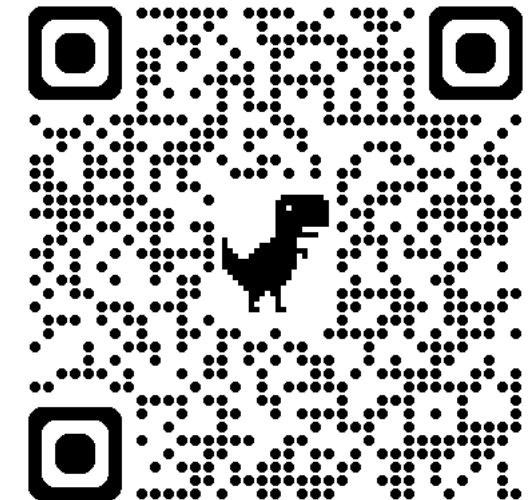
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Be on the look out for future ways to be engaged



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