School District & City Facility Improvement Partnership Projects

June 2018
Schools, City, Library, & Park Facility Interests

- Additional schools for class size reduction at elementary level – need 3 additional middle schools to accommodate moving 6th graders into a 6-8 grade configuration to reduce class size and overcrowding at elementary schools
- Modernizing or replacing old schools to improve learning environments and school safety
- Additional space for option programs
- Modernizing or replacing aging stadium
- More recreational facilities for City Park users
- Expanding and transforming City libraries
- Better use of City’s non-performing properties and assets
Reasons & Benefits for Partnership Ideas

- **Tax Rates:** School levy tax rates in Spokane are dropping significantly, starting in 2019, due to State assuming more responsibility for basic education funding.

- **School District Bond Schedule:** Accelerate reduction in class size and replacement/modernization of old schools.

- **School District/City Bond Plan:** Opportunity to improve School District and City facilities while still reducing tax rate.

- **Government Efficiencies:** Save citizens monies by partnering for community benefit.
## School Tax Rate Information

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Tax Rate Goal of Proposed School District/City Bond Plan

$2.20  
(per thousand of assessed valuation)  
total local tax rate reduction, starting in 2020

$1.10  
(per thousand of assessed valuation)  
local investment in schools, libraries and recreation

$1.10  
(per thousand of assessed valuation)  
local tax rate reduction for citizens
The Partnership
Locations of Potential Partnerships

1. Foothills
2. Mullan
3. Albi Stadium Option 1
4. Downtown Stadium Option 2
5. Shadle Library
6. Hillyard Library
7. Sprague Library
The Partnership
Foothills — Northeast Middle School

- City provides property for new school
- School District builds new neighborhood middle school on property for Northeast area of School District
- New school would provide gyms and athletic fields for school and community use
- Site could accommodate use by City departments and new middle school
The Partnership
Mullan — Southside Middle School

• City provides property for new school
• School District builds new middle school on property for Southside of School District
• New school would provide gyms and athletic fields for school and community use
The Partnership
Joe Albi Stadium — Current Conditions

Facility feels empty during events
No lighting at parking lot
Significant maintenance required
Supervision challenges
Scoreboard needs to be replaced
Facility is too large for most events
Concession roof has failed
Significant maintenance required
Buildings are in disrepair
Supervision challenges
Supervision challenges around facility and site
The Partnership
Albi Site — Northwest Middle School Option 1

• Modernize and downsize Joe Albi Stadium from 30,000 to 5,000 seats

• School District builds new middle school for Northwest area of School District on existing dirt parking area

• Site located adjacent to City’s Merkel Fields
Renovated Albi Stadium — Capacity 5000 seats

Amenities
Field Surface: New Artificial Turf
Field Lighting: New Lighting
Sound System: New System
Concessions: Full Capacity Concessions
Toilet Facilities: New

Locker Rooms: 2 Dedicated Locker Rooms
Ticket Booths: New
Parking: New Paved and Lighted Lot
Bus Drop-Off: Yes
Scoreboard: Yes
The Partnership
Downtown Albi Stadium – Option 2

• School District builds new middle school for Northwest area on 20 acres at Albi site

• School District builds new, centrally located, 5,000 seat stadium downtown to replace Albi

• Spokane Public Facility District (SPFD) provides downtown site for stadium by Spokane Arena and new Sportsplex

• SPFD operates stadium for School District as owner – parking free for school events

• City adds additional recreational fields at Merkel on Albi stadium site to meet growing use and recreational demands
New Downtown Stadium  —  Capacity 5000 seats

Amenities
- Field Surface: New Artificial Turf
- Field Lighting: New Lighting
- Sound System: New System
- Concessions: Full Capacity Concessions
- Toilet Facilities: New
- Locker Rooms: 2 Dedicated
- Locker Rooms
- Ticket Booths: New
- Parking: Additional parking included
- Bus Drop-Off: Yes
- Scoreboard: Yes
Convert Albi Stadium to Additional Fields – Capacity Six Fields

**Amenities**
- Demolition of Existing Stadium & Supporting Structures
- Field Surface: Six New Artificial Turf Fields
- Field Lighting
- Concessions: N/A
- Toilet Facilities: N/A
- Parking: New Paved and Lighted Lot
- Drop-Off: Yes
The Partnership Libraries

- Expand Shadle Library to meet demand and include space for Spokane Virtual Learning (SVL)
- Build new Library on School District property adjacent to Libby Center on Sprague and include space for SVL and School District training rooms
- Build new Hillyard Library in conjunction with new Shaw Middle School
School District Projects in Proposed Bond Plan - 2018 to 2024

**School District Projects**
- 3 new middle schools
  - Northeast, Northwest, Southside
- 3 replacement middle schools
  - Glover, Sacajawea, Shaw
- Stadium project
- Lewis & Clark commons
- On Track Academy
- Libby remodel
- Technology
- Safety
- Smaller building improvement projects

**City Projects**
- 3 new libraries
  - Hillyard, Sprague, East Central
- 4 modernized libraries
  - Shadle, Downtown, Southhill, Indian Trail
- Expansion of fields at Merkel Park

**Bond = $103.0 million**

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Tax Rate Impact of Proposed School District/City Bond Plan

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$1.10  local investment in schools, libraries and recreation (per thousand of assessed valuation)

$1.10  local tax rate reduction for citizens (per thousand of assessed valuation)
Considerations

• Cost of same projects significantly more than a 2018-2024 bond schedule - approximately $100 mil more due to construction cost escalation

• Tax rate increase for 2021 bond – approximately $.80 per thousand of assessed valuation

• Delays reduction of K-3 class size for 3+ years

• Delays moving 6th grade to middle schools for 3+ years

• Property acquisition for new middle schools may be needed
Feedback on Proposed Partnership Plan from Key Focus Groups

• Citizens Advisory Committee
• Grade Configuration and Boundary Study Committees
• Sports Booster Groups
• Greater Spokane Incorporated Board
• Spokane Education Association Executive Council
• Citizens for Spokane Schools
• Spokane Sports Commission Board
• Survey of parents and staff
School District/City Partnership Ideas

Next Steps

• Refine various School District and City facility cost estimates
• Determine stadium option
• Continue to study, seek legal input, and determine agreements needed for implementing partnership ideas
• Decide by mid-July whether to place School District/City facility bond projects on November 2018 election ballot
• Hold joint School Board and City Council meeting on August 1, 2018 to adopt bond election resolutions for November 6, 2018 election
• Continue to study School District/City Phase 2 partnership ideas (Hamblen Park, Qualchan, Comstock, Space of Community School)