School District & City Facility Improvement Partnership Projects

Special Meeting
Spokane School Board & Spokane City Council

August 1, 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 overcrowding at elementary schools
• Modernizing or replacing old schools to improve learning environments and school safety
• Enhancements to school safety/security
• 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:** 2018 bond could accelerate reduction in class size and replacement and 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
Partnerships Deliver Value

Inputs:

- Dollars
- Property
- Leveraging Resources
- Programs
- Facilities

Outputs:

- Healthier Neighborhoods
  - New Neighborhood Schools
  - New Meeting Places
  - New Play Facilities

- Smarter Community
  - Enhanced Educational Opportunities
  - Enhanced Literacy

- Safer Community
  - More Activity
  - More Investment in Neighborhoods

- Economic Growth & Opportunity
  - Jobs
  - Urban Amenities
• 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
• 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
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
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 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
City Library Projects - Proposition #1

• 3 new libraries
  – Hillyard, Sprague, East Central

• 4 modernized libraries
  – Shadle, Downtown, Southhill, Indian Trail

Total = $77.0 million
School District Projects in Proposed Partnership Bond Plans - 2018 to 2024

**School District Projects - Proposition #1**
- 3 new middle schools
  - Northeast, Northwest, Southside
- 3 replacement middle schools
  - Glover, Sacajawea, Shaw
- Stadium project
- Lewis & Clark commons/cafeteria
- On Track Academy option program facility
- Libby renovation (for option programs)
- Technology for all schools
- Safety/security upgrades for all schools
- Smaller building improvement projects for all schools

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Tax Rate Impact of Proposed School District/City Bond Plan

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

$0.98 (per thousand of assessed valuation) estimated local investment in schools, libraries and recreational facilities

$1.22 (per thousand of assessed valuation) local estimated tax rate reduction for citizens
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

- School District Citizens Advisory Committee
- District Grade Configuration and Boundary Study Committees
- Sports Booster Groups
- Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) Board
- Spokane Education Association Executive Council
- Citizens for Spokane Schools
- Spokane Sports Commission Board
The Partnership
Centrally Located Stadium Option

- School District builds new middle school for Northwest area on 20 acres at Albi site
- Spokane Public Facility District (SPFD) provides site for stadium by Spokane Arena and new Sportsplex
- School District builds new, centrally located, 5,000 seat stadium to replace Albi
- City provides funding for parking at multi-use urban stadium
- 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 recreational demands and positively impact local economy
New Centrally Located 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
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
Map of School District/City Projects in Proposed Bond Plans
• Please state name and address for the record

• Limit comments to 3 minutes
School District/City Partnership Projects Discussion & Vote

• Spokane School Board discussion of proposed School District projects and November 6, 2018 bond election resolution
  – School Board Motion and Roll Call Vote

• Spokane City Council discussion of proposed City projects and November 6, 2018 bond election measures
  – City Council Motions and Roll Call Votes
School District/City Partnership Projects

Next Steps

• Deliver bond election resolutions to Spokane County Elections Office by August 7, 2018

• Provide information about the joint partnership facility improvement projects ballot propositions at various meetings and with the media between August and November to inform and educate citizens about the ballot propositions

• Develop agreements needed for implementing partnership project ideas