The LID Process

Call Engineering Services at (509) 625.6700 and ask to speak to the LID Coordinator. The City will supply a district map, a property ownership list, and petition to gather neighborhood signatures.

Submit your LID petition, with 50% or more approval, to the LID Coordinator. Projects with a higher approval percentage of approval will be given priority.

The City will complete a project estimate, send property owners their estimated assessment, and hold required meetings/hearings.

If the project is recommended by the Hearing Examiner and approved by the City Council, your LID will officially be formed.

The City will design and prepare the project for public bid.

A contractor will be selected, and then the project will be constructed.

Actual construction costs will determine your final assessment.

LIDs are a legislative means of assisting benefited properties in financing capital improvements through the formation of special assessment districts as defined in RCW 35.43-35.56.
Many of us would like to enhance the safety, quality and value of the neighborhoods where we live and work. If your neighborhood or business district needs street improvements, the City of Spokane’s Local Improvement District (LID) program can help make these improvements a reality.

The 10-Year Street Bond provides assistance for paving neighborhood streets under the LID program. The City of Spokane prepares the plans and specifications, selects a contractor and oversees construction of the project.

You and your neighbors are involved in the process by helping to plan, implement and finance the LID.

Programs are available to help pay for community improvements. The 10-Year Street Bond may pay between one-third to a maximum of one-half of the project cost. Also, a cost sharing fund is available for qualifying low-income property owners that will fund 50%, 75% or 100% of their street assessment. This is a great opportunity to improve your neighborhood, increase your property values, and reduce dust pollution—all at a reduced cost.

For more information on forming a Local Improvement District call the LID Coordinator, City of Spokane Engineering Services Department, at (509) 625.6700.

Did You Know?

- Spokane has nearly 50 miles of unpaved streets.
- The City of Spokane will pave 14 miles of unpaved neighborhood streets through LIDs, utilizing the 10-Year Street Bond.
- Petition LIDs received from property owners and will receive first priority for processing.
- A Cost Sharing Fund is available to help qualifying low-income property owners.

Payment Options

- Approximately six to nine months after construction you will be billed by the City’s Treasurer’s office.
- You will have the option to pay part or all of the assessment within 30 days, and no interest will be charged. Any balance carried forward will be billed annually over the next 10 years. The annual payment will include the payment plus interest.
- You may pay down the balance at any time without any pre-payment penalties. Interest rates vary depending on the market purchases of construction bonds, but usually are between 4% and 8%, and the rate will be locked in for the life of the loan.