

Weekly Newsletter

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WELCOME!

In this issue, we discuss myths about H.O.M.E. Starts Here, Division Street BRT, and new Council Office Hours.

MYTHBUSTERS



Myth 1: "What Spokane is hearing and responding to is that Prop 1 enforcement is gone ... seven days of camping citywide, no tracking, no enforcement"

The proposed Obstruction and Unauthorized Camping ordinance fulfills the will of the voters and the intent of Proposition 1. The proposed Obstruction and Unauthorized Camping ordinance prohibits unauthorized camping on public property citywide, regardless of shelter availability. It provides that a notice be posted up to seven days before a citation may be issued to an individual violating the prohibition on unauthorized camping. Importantly, notice is not required to enforce the obstruction provisions of the proposed ordinance.

Myth 2: The obstruction and Unauthorized Camping ordinance will "tie the hands of law enforcement" and will prevent people in need of help dealing with addiction and mental health issues from getting the treatment that they desperately deserve.

The proposed ordinance was drafted in consultation with the City Attorney's Office and with the support of law enforcement and housing and human services professionals. More specifically, the proposed Obstruction and Unauthorized Camping ordinance establishes an opportunity for an individual subject to enforcement under the ordinance to avoid a citation by accepting navigation to substance use treatment, crisis stabilization, or housing.

Myth 3: The Obstruction and Unauthorized Camping ordinance repeals sit and lie [or expands sit and lie citywide].

The proposed Obstruction and Unauthorized Camping ordinance is a citywide tool with a clear conduct-specific that is enforceable by law enforcement in all twenty-nine neighborhoods. The proposed ordinance consolidates components of sit and lie, unauthorized camping and pedestrian/vehicle interference into a single unified enforcement tool, citywide.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 15 - June 21

Public Infrastructure, Environment & Sustainability Committee (PIES)

Monday, June 16 at 12:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Public testimony will be taken on the committee's agenda.

Use [this link](#) to sign up to speak for 2 min on any and all items on this month's agenda.

Agenda Review

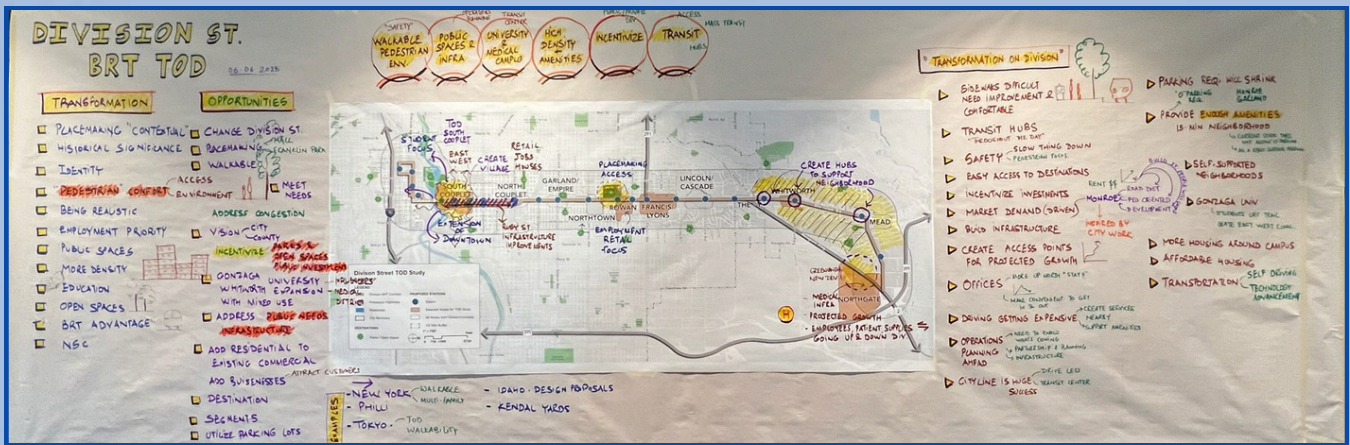
Monday, June 16 at 3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Council approves amendments and agendas for upcoming legislative meetings.

Legislative Session

Monday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd

Sign-up opens beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, via the [online testimony sign-up form link here](#) OR in person outside council chambers beginning at 8:00 a.m. on June 16, 2025. You must sign up by 6:00 p.m. to be called on to testify.



Neighborhood Councils: WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

- [Audubon-Downriver](#)
- [Balboa/South Indian Trail](#)
- [Browne's Addition](#)
- [Emerson/Garfield](#)
- [Five Mile Prairie](#)
- [North Hill](#)
- [North Indian Trail](#)
- [Northwest](#)
- [Peaceful Valley](#)
- [West Central](#)

DIVISION STREET BRT

With the confirmation that the North/South Corridor (U.S. 395) is scheduled to be completed in 2030, we are even more excited for Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to open concurrently in 2030!

With north/south vehicle traffic using U.S. 395, Division St. will be opened up for **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)**. With dedicated bus lanes, bike infrastructure, and plans to upzone the entirety of Division St. within the City of Spokane, the combination of BRT and TOD will bring a vibrant, walkable, bikeable central backbone to Spokane.

Division St. historic and current designation as the confluence of Highway 2 and U.S. 395 fostered a development pattern of big box stores, large parking lots, and very little on-street activation. With the proposed developments around BRT, Division St. will evolve from a major thoroughfare for freight and personal vehicles to an actual destination in itself.

Walkable neighborhoods are extremely popular in the places that implement them. Spokane already has several walkable nodes such as Downtown, South Perry, Garland District and Browne's Addition. Activating Division St. with the aspects of these neighborhoods people already love will transform Spokane's busiest street for the better. BRT also opens up connectivity within the city. People will be able to get to their destinations safely *and* quickly, regardless of the transportation mode they choose.

Council Member Klitzke was able to attend the Division St. BRT Round Table last week, where community members envisioned what opportunities for transformation these exciting changes will bring!

STUFF TO ATTEND

June 15 -
June 21

Comprehensive Plan Update

Sign up for the PlanSpokane 2046 newsletter to get updates on engagement opportunities and progress. PlanSpokane 2046 is a state-required update to Spokane's comprehensive plan for urban growth.

District 3 Council Member Office Hours

CM Klitzke and CM Zappone will be available to chat, answer questions, and discuss the issues with you!

Wednesday, July 2
3 - 4 p.m.

Elliotts: An Urban Kitchen
2209 N Monroe St.

Come visit and have a bite!



Boards and Commissions:

WHERE DO WE REPRESENT YOU?



Council Member Klitzke:

- [Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability Committee](#) (Chair)
- [Plan Commission](#) (Liaison)
- [GMA Steering Committee of Elected Officials](#)
- [Library Board](#) (Liaison)
- [Spokane Transit Authority](#)
- [Spokane Regional Transportation Commission](#)
- [Spokane Regional Solid Waste](#)
- [Salmon Restoration Lead Entity](#)
- [City Transportation Commission](#) (Liaison)
- [Veterans' Advisory Board](#)
- [Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council](#)

Council Member Zappone:

- [Public Safety and Community Health Committee](#) (Chair)
- [Regional Homeless Authority](#)
- [Legislative Committee](#)
- [Association of Washington Cities](#)
- [Spokane Transit Authority](#)
- [Fiscal Impact Workgroup](#)
- [City Transportation Commission](#) (Liaison)
- [Tourism and Cultural Investment Committee](#) (Chair)
- [TPA Commission](#)
- [Visit Spokane Board](#)

Juneteenth Celebrations

There are several celebrations around Spokane for Juneteenth, which is Thursday June 19th.

Find the list of events [happening here!](#)

Browne's Addition Neighborhood Concerts

The 28th annual Browne's Addition Summer Concerts will begin on Thursday, June 19th and run until August 7th.

You can read the full lineup at the link above!

Concerts Under the Pines

July 10 - 6-8 p.m.

Lilac City Community Band



July 17 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.




John Wayne Williams & Art Baker

July 24 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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**In Spokane
We All Belong**