REGULAR MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA OF THE SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023, 11:00 A.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A regular meeting of the Spokane City Council will be held at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 20 2023,** in City Council Chambers - City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. The meeting can also be accessed live on CityCable5 and streamed online at <u>https://my.spokanecity.org/</u> <u>citycable5/live/and https://www.facebook.com/spokanecitycouncil</u> or by calling 408-418-9388 and using access code 2499 197 1781.

The meeting will be conducted in a study session format and will be open to the public both virtually and in person. No legislative action will be taken. No public testimony will be taken, and discussion will be limited to appropriate officials and staff.

Executive Session

At any time during or after the regular Study Session Agenda, the City Council may choose to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing privileged legal matters. This portion of the meeting would be closed to the public pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

Agenda:

Bicycle Advisory Board Interview - Karim Habib (5 min)

WSDOT Presentation on NSC/I-90 Connection - Terrence Lynch (40 min)

Water Conservation Update - Kristen Zimmer (30 min)

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US395 North Spokane Corridor Spokane City Council

Todd Trepanier, Regional Administrator – Eastern Region Terrence Lynch, NSC Project Engineer Roger Millar, Secretary of Transportation Amy Scarton, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

April 20, 2023



Introductions

Update on NSC projects and timeline

• Funding Status

NSC to I-90 Connection

- Brief History of Connection
- Review Alternate 1 and Alternate 2
- Alternate 3 Design
- Operational Results Comparisons
- Alternate 1 and 2 Tradeoffs
- WB Off-ramp to 2nd Ave./Altamont
- 3D Visuals
- Avista Relocation
- Next Steps on Public Engagement

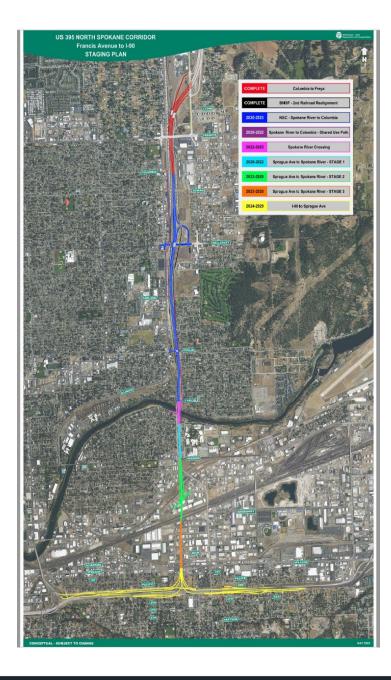


Connecting Washington Segments

- Columbia to Freya Completed 2020
- 2nd BNSF Rail Realignment Completed 2021
- Spokane River to Columbia under const. 2021-2023
- Children Of the Sun Trail under const. 2021-2023
- Spokane River Crossing 2023-2025
- Sprague Ave to Spokane River Phase 1 under const. 2021-2023
- Sprague Ave to Spokane River Stage 2 2025-2028
- Sprague Ave to Spokane River Stage 3 2025-2027
- I-90 to Sprague Ave 2025-2030

Connecting Washington Funding (Dollars Shown in Millions)

	Prior	19/21	21/23	23/25	25/27	27/29	29/31	Total
Engineering	9.3	12.0	24.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.6
Right-of-Way	44.6	40.0	55.1	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	144.7
Construction	9.4	58.2	127.8	234.7	290.6	132.1	0.0	852.8
Total	63.3	110.2	207.2	242.7	290.6	132.1	0.0	1046.1





Why is WSDOT re-engaging about the NSC Connection to I-90 now?

- A decision on which connection to advance is necessary to keep schedule
- WSDOT desires meaningful engagement:
 - People to have an opportunity to participate in decisions about activities that may affect their environment and/or health;
 - The public's contribution can influence the regulatory agency's decision;
 - Community concerns will be considered in the decision-making process; and
 - Decision makers will seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected.



NSC Connection to I-90 - Access



Alternate 1 and 2 Review











Operational Design Considerations

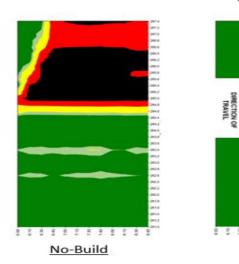
KEY CONSIDERATION: FHWA requires that I-90 must function (operate) at or better than it would without the project (NSC).

Additional Design Considerations

- Practical Solutions that:
 - Provide reasonable access
 - Minimize conflict points
 - Improve Safety

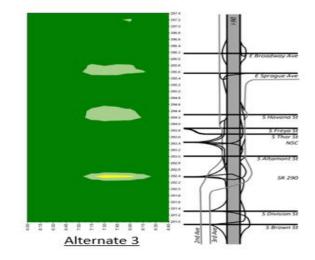


2040 Operational Results (WB/AM & PM)

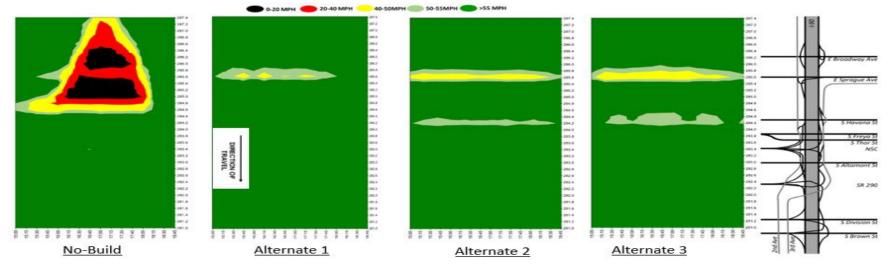


2040 AM VISSIM Modeling - WB

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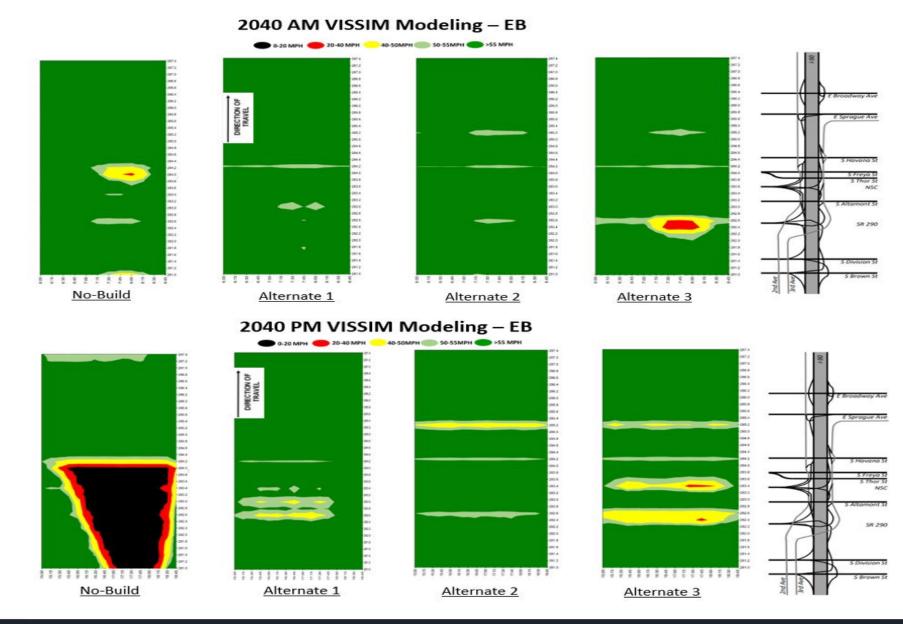


2040 PM VISSIM Modeling – WB





2040 Operational Results (EB/AM & PM)





Conclusion

Due to the results of the operational analysis, WSDOT does not recommend or support Alternate 3 as a design alternative for the connection between the North Spokane Corridor and Interstate 90.

Additionally, FHWA supports WSDOT's decision to eliminate Alternate 3 from consideration and move forward with either Alternate 1 or Alternate 2, pending public feedback.



Trade-Offs Discussion

Alternate 1

- Adds connection to NSC from 2nd Ave. as requested
- Adds roundabouts at Altamont as requested
- Leaves Hamilton onramp directly connected to I-90 EB as-is
- Leaves offramp to Altamont from EB I-90 as-is
- Leaves offramp to Freya from EB I-90 as-is
- Has one less access point to EB I-90
- Reduces infrastructure
- Less costly (- ~\$27M)
- Takes ~ 2 minutes longer to get to EB 90 from Altamont area
- Slightly less motorists through East Central neighborhood south of I-90 west of Thor/Freya
- More opportunity for locating pedestrian bridges over I-90
- More opportunity for place-making and surplus land redevelopment



Trade-Offs Discussion

Alternate 2

- Adds connection to NSC from 2nd Ave. as requested
- Adds roundabouts at Altamont as requested
- Provides one more access point (Altamont on-ramp to EB I-90)
- Routes Hamilton traffic to 3rd Ave and through roundabout to I-90
- Requires metering SB Altamont
- More infrastructure
- More expensive (+ ~\$27M)
- Takes ~ 2 minutes less to get to EB I-90 from Altamont area
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- Less opportunity for locating pedestrian bridges over I-90
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Potential Surplus Land Comparison



Potential Off-ramp to 2nd Ave/Altamont





View 3D Visuals



Avista Relocation

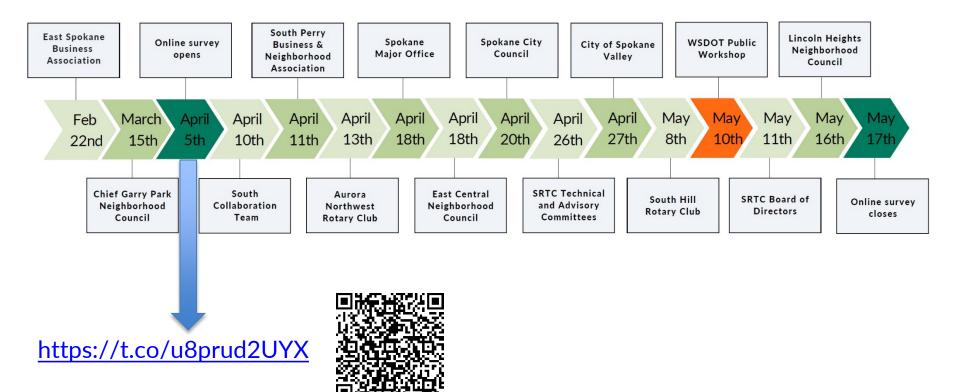
- NSC connection to I-90 forces relocation to south side of I-90
- Avista will likely remain on WSDOT right-of-way
- Preferred route has been proposed
- Relocation will result in less infrastructure and expanded capacity
- Avista looks forward to collaborating with the neighborhood and WSDOT to envision new amenities



Next Steps on Public Engagement

NORTH SPOKANE CORRIDOR AND I-90 CONNECTION

Community Engagement Timeline





Questions/Comments?

