



The City of Spokane  
**2017**  
State of the City



For five years the city has worked hard toward a safer, stronger and smarter Spokane. Experience and learning has matured our thinking about those critical focus areas and is providing us greater clarity in our approach.

We have made significant progress toward a safer and smarter Spokane and have redefined our focus stronger to a healthier city to better include financial, educational, physical, emotional and other critical considerations.


Our current thinking about the strategy needed to deliver in each of these areas can be found on the following pages. We will continue to push for innovation in all areas as the conversation continues.




David A. Condon  
Mayor, City of Spokane


## Safer


Collaborated with DOJ COPS to re-engineer the Spokane Police Department


 Realigned patrol resources in neighborhoods to introduce geographic accountability

Received MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge grant

 Extended ARU pilot program, which sends smaller response vehicles to non-life-threatening calls


 Developed youth programs focused on intervention, diversion and mentorship


 Enhanced fire and emergency medical services to better meet changing needs


 Completed crisis intervention training for 300 SPD officers and enhanced training for 15 officers




## Smarter

 Launched one click, one call, one visit MySpokane 311 customer service center

 Launched single-stream curbside recycling

 Right-sized projects to manage combined wastewater and stormwater overflows, saving ratepayers \$150 million

 Integrated street, utility and park improvements, including street levy projects


Established sustainable public safety capital replacement plan




Secured Smart Growth America grant to stimulate new investment in the East Sprague business area


## Healthier


Realized more than \$1.5 billion in economic investment over the past four years


 Engaged community on a vision for the 21st century library

Drove household income up 11%, more than double the rest of the county, highest level in more than a decade

 Prioritized recognition, promotion and celebration of diversity

 Received *Friends of National Service Award*

 Launched *Spokane Gives* initiative to highlight need for year-round giving

 Supported catalytic investments in infrastructure and strategic capital to drive job and economic growth

Recognized as All-America City

Helped nearly 200 homeless veterans and their families find a permanent home





## One vision. One plan. One voice.

It started as a conversation about jobs and economic growth. The common desire was to advance economic prosperity for individuals and families. We wanted to open doors and create new opportunities for people in Spokane.

A number of factors that will profoundly influence the success of our efforts emerged from the early discussions. The community's collective safety, health and compassion, the sustainability of our infrastructure, and how we differentiate ourselves as a city, all impact Spokane's economic vitality.

We quickly realized we were talking about an integrated strategic framework that advances the fundamentals identified in the city's Comprehensive Plan. This was a chance to foster an environment where people want to live and businesses want to invest and grow.

For the past several months we have talked about our vision, our plan and our voice. Those thoughts organized around four initiatives that support a common vision for Spokane.

There is still much work to do as the plan comes into sharper focus and the attention shifts to implementation and execution. Strategies must be paired with initiatives, but only after they answer a crucial question: How does this advance the plan?

Communication, engagement and marketing will be critical. It must be done thoughtfully and intentionally as we advance one vision, one plan and one voice.

That is our challenge and an even greater opportunity for Spokane.

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VISION  
2020

Safer  
Smarter  
Healthier







Purple  
Heart City



The City of Spokane strives to deliver efficient and effective services that facilitate economic opportunity and enhance quality of life.



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*My*Spokane **311**  
for city services