

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution regarding the adoption of the City of Spokane's 2015 Washington State Legislative Agenda.

WHEREAS, efforts of representation on behalf of the City of Spokane to influence, effect or guide the passage of legislation in the Washington State legislature are enhanced by a comprehensive package of proposals that have been officially adopted by the City Council after consultation with the Mayor pursuant to this resolution;  
-- Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE that the City Council adopts the attached City of Spokane 2015 Washington State Legislative Agenda as the position of the City of Spokane on the items stated therein.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2014.

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Assistant City Attorney

## **City of Spokane 2015 Washington State Legislative Agenda**

Abbreviations denote similar or same item support from either 2014 or 2015 legislative agendas from other cities or organizations. See list at end of document.

### **Top Priorities Specific Priorities for the City of Spokane**

#### Cleaner River Faster

- Work to secure state funding to match the local contribution of 80% or \$250 million of the \$310 million effort to clean up and improve the health of the Spokane River which is a statewide asset.

#### Transportation

- Support for a new Transportation Package that includes full funding of \$750 million to complete the North Spokane Corridor (US395). The City of Spokane supports new revenue, including gas tax, for a new transportation package. In addition the City of Spokane supports the following additional projects to also be included in a transportation package at the cost listed below: Central City Line (\$11.7 million), U-District Bridge (\$8.8 million), Centennial Trail Mission Gap Construction Funds (\$4 million). Any package should have funding for repair and maintenance backlogs, substantial funding for transit, and should improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility. (All preceding projects are listed in SRTC's Horizon 2040 plan.)

#### WSU Medical School Start-Up Funds

- Secure \$2.5 million dollars to begin accreditation process for a new WSU Med-School located in Spokane's University District.

### **Additional Specific Priorities for the City of Spokane**

- Renewable Energy Designation for the City of Spokane's Waste to Energy Plant
- Capital Project Funding: Riverfront Park bond measure construction matching (Carrousel Museum, \$2.9 million), The Women's Club (ADA & kitchen improvements \$300K), Corbin Senior Center (elevator \$200K), Women's and Children's Free Restaurant (Dept. Commerce grant application \$200K), Spokane Children's Theater (Dept. Commerce Grant application, \$18K)
- Secure a deep Capital Budget investment—dollar amount to be determined—in the Housing Trust Fund, with flexibility to support a broad range of local affordable housing needs (SLIHC)
- Support preservation of public health funding, while seeking a stable revenue source (SRHD)
- Support for further regulation of studded tires.
- Support for expansion of the University of Washington WWAMI program in Spokane.

- Protect local levy capacity and local effort assistance (LEA) for school districts until full funding of basic education is achieved. Any reduction in levy and LEA capacity must coincide with increased state funding for basic education from the McCleary decision.

**Statewide Priorities from AWC with Strong Support from the City of Spokane:**

- Maintaining existing funding for infrastructure including the Public Works Trust Fund (AWC, BEL, VAN, YK)
- Maintaining existing state-shared revenues including restoring liquor revenue sharing (AWC, BEL, SEA, TAC, VAN, SV, EV, PA, CH)
- Add housing costs, transportation costs, and median income to factors considered in labor arbitration (AWC, BEL, VAN, YK)
- Reform to the Public Records Act to prevent egregious public record requests (AWC, BEL, SEA, VAN, RL, PA, YK, CH)
- Improved mental health funding (AWC, BE)

**Priorities Shared With Additional Large Cities and other organizations in Washington State:**

- Rail Safety: Implement all legislative strategies identified in Department of Ecology draft study results (SC, WEC, CH).
- Reform of medical cannabis law to consolidate with I-502 regulations (BEL, TAC, RL)
- Support a waiver of the two party consent rules pertaining to police video cameras, similar to the exemption for digital in car video (SEA)
- Allow cities to create Regional Fire Authorities (VAN)
- Systematic legislative review and sunset process for tax expenditures/tax breaks (TAC)
- Improved data collection for biking and walking (BikeWA, WTSC)
- Strengthen distracted driving laws (BikeWA, WTSC)
- Increase Safe Routes to School grant funding (BikeWA, TranCh)
- Campaign finance reform (WPC, LWV)

**Abbreviations:** AWC: Associations of WA Cities, STA: Spokane Transit Authority, BikeWA: Bike Washington, WTSC: Washington Traffic Safety Commission, BEL: Bellevue, SEA: Seattle, TAC: Tacoma, VAN: Vancouver, SV: Spokane Valley, EV: Everett, RL: Richland, PA: Pasco, YK: Yakima, FCT: Friends of Centennial Trail, BE: Bellingham, SC: Sierra Club, WEC: Washington Environmental Coalition, SLIHC: Spokane Low Income Housing Alliance, TranCh: Transportation Choices, WPC: Washington Public Campaign, LWV: League of Women Voters, WSU: Washington

State University, SEIU: Service Employees International Union, SRHD: Spokane  
Regional Health District, CH: Cheney