

# City Multi-Modal and Integrated Transportation Plan Development

## FAQ SHEET, Rev. 12/2013

*The City is committed to an on-going development of a multi-modal transportation system to ensure Spokane is a great place to live, work, and play. Multimodal transportation planning includes bike and pedestrian elements as an integral part of overall system planning and development.*

- **Who is the City's bike /ped coordinator?**

As a part of the ongoing transportation plan update the City has pulled together an interdisciplinary team of senior level staff to continue the work of developing our multi-modal planning approach. This will give greater attention to the bike/ped plan and broader representation being integrated into the overall transportation plan.

- **What is the timeline for the multi-modal transportation plan?**

The updated multi-modal transportation plan (pedestrian, bike, transit, freight) will continue to be developed through the end of 2014.

- **Why is the bike/ped coordinator position changing to a more inclusive holistic multi-modal transportation model?**

Bike/ Ped functions were moved from Engineering Capital Programs to Planning in 2013 to integrate these functions within multimodal transportation planning. Previously, Bike/ Ped functions stood alone, in a "silo," rather than being part of the overall planning effort. Leadership of this effort in 2014 is assigned to a Principal Planner to ensure all modes of transportation are considered in all city transportation planning decisions. This Principal will also serve the Bicycle Advisory Board, representing the PDS director.

- **Is there any neighborhood involvement with the multi-modal transportation model?**

Recent transportation tours of the City brought together neighborhood representatives, City Council members, business leaders, technical staff, and other community members to discuss a variety of transportation issues in the field.

- **What is the long term goal for this multi-modal transportation model?**

At a city-wide scale, Spokane Planning & Development is facilitating the major update to the city Comprehensive Plan titled, The Plan of Spokane. The Plan will have strong neighborhood focus and emphasis for growth and development consistent with long-held value for walkable neighborhoods and places. The Plan will offer solid policy guidance for the value of bike/ ped connections and linkages throughout the city.

**For more information:** [http://www.spokaneplanning.org/docs/Long\\_Range/ROW/00\\_Best\\_Practices\\_11-4-13.pdf](http://www.spokaneplanning.org/docs/Long_Range/ROW/00_Best_Practices_11-4-13.pdf), <http://www.spokaneplanning.org/row.html>, or email Julie Happy, [jhappy@spokanecity.org](mailto:jhappy@spokanecity.org)