



PlanSpokane Community Visioning Engagement Summary

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Community Visioning Engagement **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



Over 300 community members provided insightful feedback for Spokane's future vision.



Feedback will help direct the PlanSpokane 2046 Periodic Update and inform the growth options of our city for the next twenty years!

COMMON THEMES :

- Access to nature
- Sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Healthy and clean



NATURE

- Welcoming and diverse
- Accessible
- Family-friendly
- Connected
- Human-centered
- Safe



COMMUNITY

- Good jobs
- Culture and arts economy
- Cutting-edge
- New industries
- Reuse



INNOVATION

- Affordable
- Walkable and bike-friendly
- Access to neighborhood services
- Attractive



LIVABLE

Background

The City of Spokane is commencing a periodic update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. A "periodic update" is the state's term for a full review of a Comprehensive Plan to make sure it's in conformance with any legislative changes to state law. The update also provides an opportunity to learn about any changes supported by the community.

The City's first Growth Management Act compliant Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2001 after a robust community engagement process. It is made up of 14 Chapters which include Housing, Land Use, Transportation, Neighborhoods, Capital Facilities, Natural Environments, and more. Minor annual amendments are processed most years, which primarily look at individual properties to adjust land use designations to meet project needs. Then, every ten years the City goes through a periodic update as required by the Growth Management Act, which takes a deeper look at the entire document. Spokane's last periodic update was in 2017, producing a plan called "Shaping Spokane".

The next periodic update is due in 2026, and is dubbed PlanSpokane 2046, as it is looking at the next twenty-year planning horizon. While regular updates have occurred, this will be the **first substantial update since the Comprehensive Plan was first adopted in 2001**. With the significant population growth and changing local factors Spokane has experienced since then, this update provides the community with an opportunity to reevaluate the vision. The goals of this update are to meet all state legislative requirements updated since 2017, incorporate community input around changing needs and wants, and to streamline the Plan to make it more user friendly.

Being the first substantial update since 2001, the City of Spokane has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant and potentially negative impact on the environment. As such, an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared as part of the PlanSpokane 2046 effort. The Determination of Significance is the first step towards updating the Comprehensive Plan to reflect visions, goals, and legislation to support Spokane's growth into 2046, and will provide insight into how to mitigate any potential impacts of future growth.

The first step of the EIS process is known as "scoping". Ultimately, the "scope" of the EIS identifies different ways the City can meet its goals for growth or put differently, **how to meet Spokane's**

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is the community's vision for how the city grows and invests. It is mandated by state law requiring a "road map" for fast-growing cities, known as the Growth Management Act. Spokane must have a Comprehensive Plan to manage population growth, with goals that include reducing sprawl, supporting efficient multimodal transportation, protecting the environment, and many more. The Comprehensive Plan establishes a vision for the city – looking at a horizon of twenty years. It guides implementation through Capital projects, City programs, and regulations.

envisioned future. A request for comment on the scope of the EIS was issued on February 5, 2025 and ran through April 7, 2025. Both before and during the scoping comment period, the City of Spokane Department of Planning and Economic Development provided opportunities for the community to be engaged in the process of identifying that future vision for Spokane’s next twenty years.

Feedback received during the Vision Board, Community Visioning Workshop Series, Community Visioning Survey, and Spring Market Visioning are documented below and will help inform the Environmental Impact Statement and PlanSpokane 2046 update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Board

Launched on January 9, 2025 and open for three months through April 10, 2025, the City of Spokane Vision Board provided an early opportunity for community members to share their future vision for Spokane. A vision board is a collection of images and words that inspire and motivate you to reach your goals. Looking towards the Periodic Update of Spokane’s Comprehensive Plan, this vision board sought to identify the community’s goals for Spokane for the next twenty years.



Figure 1. City of Spokane Vision Board was open from January 9, 2025 through April 10, 2025.

Of the 36 individual responses to the vision board activity, the common themes revolved around **nature and environmental stewardship, community connection, opportunities** for housing and jobs, improved **access to public spaces**. The list of responses can be found below.

A roof over every head	Human-centered urban planning
Dedicated dog parks	Make Spokane more walkable
Promote a mindset and local economy of recycling and upcycling	Increased public green spaces in all neighborhoods
Improved lighting on streets	Preservation of historic architecture
Conversion of residential arterials to boulevards	Build homeownership opportunities in infill housing
Ensure public access to school playfields	Rewild Spokane
A green, wet, and cool Spokane	A Spokane River regatta
Neighborhood signs and identify	Natural spaces preserved for wildlife
Pride in a cleaner city	Neighborhood historic character preserved
Wilderness in every neighborhood	Teach Peace
A welcoming Spokane to all people	End of the housing shortage

Children own the streets	No one feels alone
Good jobs with higher wages	People-oriented streets
Third places in every neighborhood (corner stores, coffee shops, etc.)	Property crime enforced and a greater feeling of safety
Promote home ownership over workforce housing	Spaces where bicyclists and pedestrians are protected from vehicles
An ability to age in place	Attainable and accessible housing for all
Inclusive and welcoming community that caters to the needs of everyone	Robust community gardens and sharing of local crops
Public art and cultural arts economic growth	Walkable and lively neighborhoods

Community Visioning Workshop Series

To further identify the community's desires for Spokane's future, the City of Spokane hosted a Community Visioning Workshop Series in March 2025. One workshop was held in each Council District, with one community-wide workshop located in downtown. Over 150 individuals attended one or more of the workshops, providing valuable feedback to help shape the vision and future policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

These in-person workshops included discussion, mapping exercises, and feedback opportunities related to various aspects of the Comprehensive Plan and future growth options for the City. Each station sought reactions and comments on how community members envisioned the next twenty years of Spokane.



Figure 2. Community members participate in the District 2 Community Visioning Workshop.

Station 1: Vision

The current City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan – Shaping Spokane – has unique vision statements for the majority of the chapters. This station aimed to receive feedback on the general future they envisioned for Spokane while also working towards the creation of a singular vision statement for the updated Comprehensive Plan that will allow all chapters to work towards the same future.

When asked to write down one word that describes their ideal future, community members provided the following themes:

Vibrant	Affordable
Walkable	Industries/Jobs
Safe	Resilient/Sustainable
Bike-Friendly	Attractive
Diverse	Dense

Art/Culture	Family-Friendly
Access to Nature/Green	Thriving
Community/Connected	Accessible
Inclusive/Diverse/Welcoming	Livable
Healthy	Cutting-Edge/Innovation

Having thought of their ideal future for Spokane, community members were asked to rank rough drafts of vision statements derived from the existing statements found in the Comprehensive Plan. Though similar, the different statements were intended to identify the phrasing and general direction for the new vision statement. The vision statements voted on were as follows:



Figure 3. A word cloud created from the existing vision statements in the Shaping Spokane Comprehensive Plan.

Staff Vision Rewrite A: More Collaborative

“Spokane will support its vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods by balancing livability, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality, while cherishing its unique cultural and natural assets. The city will ensure safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, access to green spaces, neighborhood services, and a high quality of life for all residents through responsible planning and community partnership.”

Staff Vision Rewrite B: More Active

“Spokane will foster livability, connectivity, and resiliency throughout the city by balancing economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and the diverse needs of residents, while cherishing its unique and vibrant neighborhoods. The city will ensure access to safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, natural environments, and walkable neighborhood services to support a high-quality of life for all residents.”

Staff Vision Rewrite C: Preserve Existing Traits

“Spokane is a livable, connected, and resilient city that balances the needs of its diverse residents, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship to support vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods that have access to safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, green spaces, and services that result in a high-quality of life for all residents.”

Statement B received the most votes with 33. Statement A came in a close second with 31 votes. Statement C received 20 votes.

When asked what may be missing from the rough draft statements, common themes were:

Arts and Culture	Safety/Safe Streets
Housing and Food Security	Acknowledgement of Tribal Sovereignty
Economic Mobility	Connected Community
Access to Nature	Pedestrian Focus

Station 2: Commercial Use Preference

Community members were asked to identify which commercial types they wanted to see more of throughout Spokane and within their neighborhood. Participants were asked to vote between convenience/groceries/big-box, restaurants, boutique stores, shopping/retail complex, pharmacies/clinics, mixed-use/ground-floor retail, neighborhood corner stores/cafes, and hotel/lodging. The top three selected uses were **neighborhood corner stores/cafes** (83 votes), **mixed-use/ground-floor retail** (79 votes), and **restaurants** (42 votes).



Figure 4. Community members participate in the District 3 Community Visioning Workshop.

Additional uses or considerations provided included childcare, senior housing, adaptive reuse of existing building, neighborhood groceries, community spaces, breweries, and bike repair/rentals.

Station 3: Your Spokane Mapping Exercise

Workshop participants were asked to indicate where they currently live, work, and play in Spokane to provide an understanding of who was providing comments and what areas in Spokane are currently appealing to its residents. The four workshops had a wide range of geographic input, with participants living and working throughout the city. District specific locations can be found in the attached appendices.

Comments were also received on initial thoughts about Spokane's current needs. Common themes included **increased walkability and bikeability**, **more frequent and expanded public transportation**, **fire and traffic management**, and **public meeting places**.

Station 4: Your Future Spokane Mapping Exercise

Next, community members were asked to think about the future of Spokane. **Local businesses** and **job opportunities** were desired throughout Spokane, with specific locations identified during the



Figure 5. Community members participate in the District 2 Community Visioning Workshop.

individual workshops found in the attached appendices. However, large retailers were only indicated to be desired in downtown and the North Hill Neighborhood.

Additional uses and considerations for Spokane’s future included:

Community gardens	Increased fire infrastructure
Small grocery stores	More housing types (including senior housing)
Improved pedestrian infrastructure	Use of vacant properties
More natural areas and habitats	Improved transit services
Public community spaces	Balanced development (density + open space)

Station 5: Climate Ready Spokane

While the integration of climate and resiliency policies into the Comprehensive Plan is going through a [separate engagement process](#) to gather even more feedback about the community’s experiences with climate hazards and their impacts, the visioning workshops provided an additional opportunity to reflect on ways to increase resiliency in Spokane. Specific mapped concerns or considerations can be found in the attached appendices for each workshop. Common themes to support resiliency were:

Provide more covered bus shelters	Provide electric car charging stations
Plant more trees	Increase public transit access
Reduce community water usage	Increase recycling
Further incentivize low-water landscaping	Improve walkability and bikeability
Fire management	Provide public education on resiliency

Station 6: What Did We Miss?

At the end of the workshops, community members were asked to document any other topic or theme that was missed, or any additional comments they wished to provide. Those comments can be found in the attached appendices. Larger concepts that the community wants to also be considered as part of the PlanSpokane 2046 update included **services for Spokane’s unhoused residents, food policy, urban design, connectivity, and all-age and all-ability usability of the city.**

Community Visioning Survey

In order to provide a feedback opportunity for members of the community who were unable to attend one of the in-person workshops, an online Community Visioning Survey was launched. Though only open two weeks during the beginning of April to ensure feedback was timely and able to be included in the scoping process of the PlanSpokane 2046 effort, 64 responses were received that will help direct the scope of the Periodic Update.

Survey respondents were first asked what one word describes their ideal future for Spokane. Shared themes include:

Inclusive/Diverse	Prosperous
Sustainable/Nature/Conservation	Safe/Clean
Affordable/Housed	Accessible
Community	Walkable/Bikeable
Healthy	Family-Friendly
Vibrant	Resilient

When asked to rank the available draft vision statement (reference Station 1: Visioning section above), vision statement B was ranked the most preferred. 25 votes ranked the statement the most preferred and 22 votes ranked it second most preferred. Vision station A came in second.

Vibrant, walkable neighborhoods, environmental stewardship, balanced, and affordable housing were all concepts in the draft statements that stood out to respondents. Missing terms from the vision statements were also called out, including **accessibility**, **clean**, an emphasis on **safety**, leveraging **existing investment**, and **all-age amenities**. This feedback largely mirrors the preferences of the Community Visioning Workshop Series and will help shape the final vision statement of the PlanSpokane 2046 Comprehensive Plan.



Figure 6. Scout the Marmot encourages you to get involved in PlanSpokane 2046.

To better understand desired uses throughout Spokane's neighborhoods, the Community Visioning Survey also asked about opinions on commercial uses. The majority of respondents *agreed* in some capacity that they would like more **local businesses** and **job opportunities** within their neighborhoods. Conversely, the majority of respondents *disagreed* in some capacity that they would like more **larger retailers**. When asked to rank commercial uses, **neighborhood corner stores/cafes** ranked first, followed by **restaurants** and **groceries**.

When asked what other uses they would like to see in their neighborhood, survey respondents responded with:

Child Care	Affordable Housing/Accessory Dwelling Units
Safe Sidewalks/Walking Trails	Amenities in Parks
Professional Services	Community Spaces/Maker Spaces
Farmer's Markets/Community Gardens	Bike Shops
Access to Transit	Electric Charging Stations
Neighborhood Events/Art Walk	Fire Services
Mental Health Support	Memory-Friendly Public Spaces

Spring Market Visioning

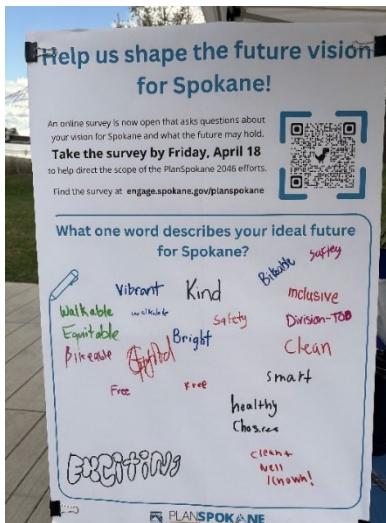


Figure 7. Comments received during the 2025 Spring Riverfront Market.

To wrap up the community engagement for the PlanSpokane 2046 visioning process, Planning staff attended the Spring Riverfront Market in early April to advertise the Community Visioning Survey and learn additional themes for Spokane’s future. Approximately 50 community members attended the tabling booth to learn about the PlanSpokane 2046 project, Climate Planning efforts, and ongoing transportation projects.

Shared themes for Spokane’s ideal future include:

Walkable/Bikeable	Equitable
Healthy	Safe/Clean
Well Known	Exciting/Vibrant

Next Steps

Feedback received during the visioning, or scoping, process will inform the next steps of the PlanSpokane 2046 effort. Based on the identified vision, potential “hows” of meeting that vision will be identified. These different ways that the City may grow, called Growth Alternatives, will be reviewed through the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. These Growth Alternatives look at different scenarios, like different job growth or different zoning and code allowances, and what impact those different scenarios may have on the environment and Spokane as a whole. Those impacts are compared and a Preferred Alternative, the selected “how” for getting to the future vision, will be selected. The Preferred Alternative, along with legislative requirements and document streamlining, will inform changes to the actual Comprehensive Plan document. Final adoption of the PlanSpokane 2046 Comprehensive Plan is expected in the later part of 2026.

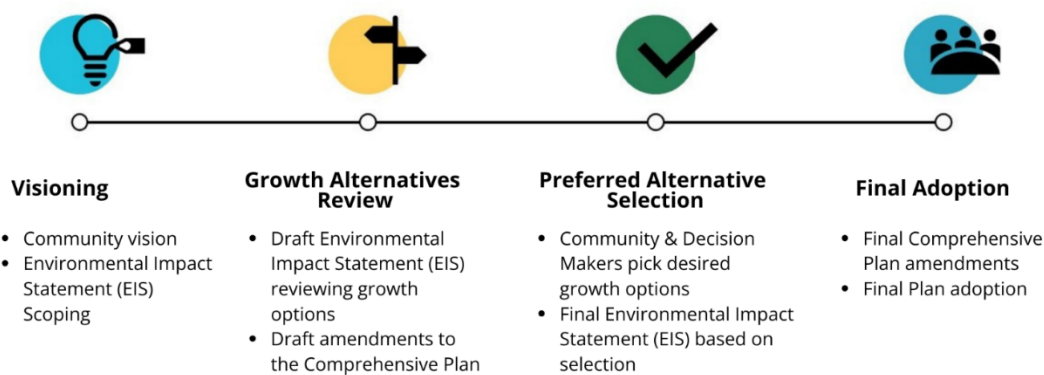


Figure 8. PlanSpokane 2046 process timeline

Community feedback will be accepted throughout the entire PlanSpokane 2046 process, from helping select the Preferred Alternative to weighing in on proposed goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

We invite your participation:

- Visit the project webpage at PlanSpokane.org to learn more about the planning process
- Learn more about the Climate Planning efforts at my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning
- [Subscribe to the PlanSpokane monthly newsletter](#) to receive timely updates
- Attend future workshops, meetings, and hearings hosted by the City of Spokane
- Provide written comments or ask questions of the Planning team by emailing PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org

Appendices –

District 1 Memo

District 2 Memo

District 3 Memo

Community-Wide Memo



Memo

Date: April 2, 2025

Re: District 1 Visioning Workshop Engagement Summary

The District 1 Visioning Workshop occurred on March 5 at the Northeast Community Center. Approximately 30 community members attended. Feedback received at each station activity is summarized below. A full visioning engagement summary will be developed at a later date.

Station 1: Vision Statement – One Word

Community members were asked to write down one word that describes their ideal future. The themes were:

- Community
- Resilient / Sustainable / Nature
- Affordable
- Walkable
- Innovation

Station 1: Vision Statement – Statement Ranking

Community members were asked to rank three similar vision statements based off themes found in the existing vision statement in the Comprehensive Plan. With 6 votes, vision statement B received the most votes: “Spokane will foster livability, connectivity, and resiliency throughout the city by balancing economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and the diverse needs of residents, while cherishing its unique and vibrant neighborhoods. The city will ensure access to safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, natural environments, and walkable neighborhood services to support a high-quality of life for all residents.”

When asked what was missing from the sample vision statements, the themes were:

- Investment
- All-age access
- Engage / Active voice
- Open spaces access
- Emphasis on non-personal vehicle transportation
- Historic connections

Station 2: Commercial Preference

Community members were asked to identify which commercial types they wanted to see throughout Spokane.

Neighborhood corner stores/cafes received the most votes, with 14.

Mixed-use/ground-floor retail came in second, with 10 votes.

Restaurants came in third, with 9 votes.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- Gathering places / Community meeting spaces
- Corner stores in walkable areas
- Evening / weekend childcare
- Reuse of small-scale commercial that's currently vacant

Station 3: Your Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to indicate where they currently live, work, and play in Spokane. Participants indicated a wide array of areas in the city, showing geographic diversity in living, working, and leisure activities. Despite the range, there were more people who live in District 1. Downtown also contained a significant number of pins indicating work and favorite places.

Comments received focused on initial thoughts about Spokane's current needs:

- Hillyard needs transit
- River access is priority
- No good N-S bike route to E Sprague
- Need indoor aquatics facilities
- Lack of connectivity & services
- West of Latah/Hangman has equestrian activities

Station 4: Your Future Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to think about the future of Spokane. Pins indicated a desire for more **local businesses** in Chief Garry (Napa and Sprague), Bemiss, Northwest, Balboa/South Indian Trail, Shiloh Hills, and North Indian Trail. More **job opportunities** were desired in North Indian Trail/Balboa and South Indian Trail.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- Focus on vacant / underutilized commercial, particularly in East Central and Chief Garry
- More accessible commercial on South Hill / Cliff Cannon
- Allow hotels in more areas, makes short term rentals less desirable
- More historic activities in every neighborhood
- Community meet-ups / gathering spaces
- Bakery in Hillyard
- Jobs near schools for high schoolers
- More grocery stores, food deserts (North Hill)
- More dense middle housing balanced with open space, trees, food gardens

- Safety concern for Mission bridge crossing
- Create a pedestrian friendly downtown
- More trees, more food forests, daylighting creeks
- Expand commercial along freeway
- More local businesses in all neighborhoods
- Mixed-use on arterials
- Recapture the spirit of Expo '74 and create a community-side festival focusing on the river
- Healthy food / neighborhood grocery
- Faster bus times
- North Indian Trail traffic calming
- Scattered site shelters

Station 5: Climate-Ready Spokane

Community members were asked to reflect on ways to increase resiliency within Spokane. Suggestions included:

- Empower the community to adopt lawn-less, water-less landscaping
- Incentivize low water lawns
- Bring back increased rates for high water users
- Advocate for shift away from natural gas for homes
- Need more neighborhoods with lots of services and housing choices
- Every bike lane should be a protected bike lane
- Provide subsidies for people purchasing an e-bike / other related purchases
- Ensure housing development incorporates non-vehicle transportation to reduce burden on roads

Community members also mapped specific concerns or considerations on a map of the City of Spokane:

- Fire danger and low fire response in N Indian Trail / 5-mile prairie
- Audubon / Downriver needs more bike/ped routes to services
- Need community / neighborhood resiliency hubs
- Help people replace wood / vinyl siding with more fire-resistant materials
- What is planned for potential Yellowstone pipeline issues?
- Need more trees in Bemiss, Logan, Mission, and the City in general
- Dead street trees need replaced
- Need bike crossings at major intersections (e.g. Division / Ruby)

Station 6: What Did We Miss?

Community members were asked to document anything topic or theme that was missed, or any additional comments they wished to provide. Those comments included:

- All-age and all-ability usability of the city
- Solution for homelessness / urban camping
- Security / safety
- Lighting for more public spaces to increase safety
- Access to safe / attractive route to bike to the library, school, high-frequency transit route for all housing
- Make downtown more pedestrian friendly
- City line is great, replicate and incorporate transit-oriented development
- Address existing car parking lots and car dealerships in downtown / underutilized land
- Not enough bus shelters and safe bus stops
- Buffering between railroads / freeways / industrial development and residential
- Arterials as boundaries for neighborhoods makes it harder to advocate for better bike / ped crossings on them (funding limiting within neighborhood boundaries)



Memo

Date: April 2, 2025

Re: District 2 Visioning Workshop Engagement Summary

The District 2 Visioning Workshop occurred on March 25 at the Liberty Park Library. Approximately 45 community members attended. Feedback received at each station activity is summarized below. A full visioning engagement summary will be developed at a later date.

Station 1: Vision Statement – One Word

Community members were asked to write down one word that describes their ideal future. The themes were:

- Accessible
- Thriving
- Inclusive / Diverse
- Density
- Verdant / Sustainable
- Family-friendly
- Cutting-edge
- Safe / Clean
- Creative

Station 1: Vision Statement – Statement Ranking

Community members were asked to rank three similar vision statements based off themes found in the existing vision statement in the Comprehensive Plan. With 13 votes, vision statement A received the most votes: “Spokane will support its vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods by balancing livability, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality, while cherishing its unique cultural and natural assets. The city will ensure safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, access to green spaces, neighborhood services, and a high quality of life for all residents through planning and community partnership.” Vision statement C had 12 votes.

When asked what was missing from the sample vision statements, the themes were:

- Commitment to expanding public transportation / bike lanes
- Safe street for pedestrians / bicyclists
- Retain the elements that distinguish neighborhoods from each other
- Commitment to not only trees, but entire ecosystem

- Connection of Spokane to nature-based building solution
- Improving health of residents
- Economic mobility
- Access to nature
- Connected community / places to gather

Station 2: Commercial Preference

Community members were asked to identify which commercial types they wanted to see throughout Spokane.

Mixed-use/ground-floor retail received the most votes, with 32 votes.

Neighborhood corner stores/cafes came in second, with 28.

Restaurants came in third, with 18 votes.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- Public open space
- Small neighborhood grocery stores
- Parking with rooftop gardens
- Family-friendly businesses
- Alleys – require for new development, build new ones, improve existing alleys
- Preservation of green space
- Mixed-use neighborhood
- Ensure appropriate parking for all uses

Station 3: Your Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to indicate where they currently live, work, and play in Spokane. Most participants indicated living in West Central / Chief Garry Park and south. Downtown also contained a significant number of pins indicating work, as well as East Central and Comstock. People's favorite places were in nearby State park lands, downtown, in local parks, and along the Centennial Trail / Spokane River.

Comments received focused on initial thoughts about Spokane's current needs:

- Plan for traffic in Cliff-Cannon, Vinegar Flats, along 29th, and generally within South Hill
- Support natural environment of Lincoln Park
- Unpaved roads within Hillyard
- Pavement improvements along heavy traffic routes
- Create partnerships to reduce homelessness
- Define what density means for Spokane / avoid comparisons to other cities

Station 4: Your Future Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to think about the future of Spokane. Pins indicated a desire for more **local businesses** in Northwest, North Hill, West Central, East Central, Lincoln Heights, Cliff-Cannon, and Manito/Cannon Hill. More **job opportunities** were desired in Northeast Spokane, downtown in Riverside, East Central, and West Central. **Large retailers** were desired in downtown.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- Need more natural areas and habitats in East Central
- Neighborhood park needed in east of Lincoln Heights
- Mixed-use and arts development in Comstock near 37th and Grand
- Support native habitat / bird habitat in Lincoln Heights
- More transit routes / stops needed in Vinegar Flats, Magnolia and 5th, and near MLK Center
- Neighborhood Center in lower South Hill near 6th and 7th off Maple
- Mixed use in Lincoln Heights along 29th
- Create more indoor community activities during winter
- What is the future plan for cemeteries?
- Reduce front-facing parking lots along N Division St
- Possibility of “tunneling” section s of I90 to reduce separation of neighborhoods (e.g. between Maple and Freya)

Station 5: Climate-Ready Spokane

Community members were asked to reflect on ways to increase resiliency within Spokane. Suggestions included:

- Build more shade structures at parks and over play areas
- More covered bus stops
- Plant more trees
- Incentivize meadow lawns / emphasize Water Wise efforts
- Provide electric car charging stations
- Ensure public transportation is accessible to all new development / treat public transportation like a required utility

Community members also mapped specific concerns or considerations on a map of the City of Spokane:

- Expand greenways for pedestrian connectivity downtown
- Use less water / partner with schools and community gardens to reduce water usage
- Cliff Cannon lacks bus service and considerations for commercial traffic
- Enforce watering restrictions
- Create more resiliency hubs

- Protect tree health
- Improve access and mobility at Lewis and Clark High School
- Promote new infrastructure for clean electricity
- Increase recycling / reduce amount of garbage burned
- Fire concern over Spokanescape encouraging wood mulch groundcover

Station 6: What Did We Miss?

Community members were asked to document anything topic or theme that was missed, or any additional comments they wished to provide. Those comments included:

- Need more frequent and later bus times
- Keep park bathrooms open
- Create a plan to save assets e.g. open space / habitat / water resources
- Install automated recycling at WTEF to increase recycling to 66%
- Support more winter activities within city limits
- Plan for water health / conservation
- Food policy
- Support greater system of bike lanes and transit stops
- Aesthetics of the built environments – landscaping, art, design, open space
- Narrow streets for slower and safer streets
- Photo enforced speed cameras near District 2 public schools
- Support multi-family and mixed-use development
- Reduce parking
- Increase sidewalk network



Memo

Date: April 3, 2025

Re: District 3 Visioning Workshop Engagement Summary

The District 3 Visioning Workshop occurred on March 27 at the Shadle Park Library. Approximately 37 community members attended. Feedback received at each station activity is summarized below. A full visioning engagement summary will be developed at a later date.

Station 1: Vision Statement – One Word

Community members were asked to write down one word that describes their ideal future. The themes were:

- Inclusive / Diverse / Welcoming
- Equity
- Sustainable / Green
- Fun
- Welcoming
- Thriving
- Livable
- Dense
- Bike-friendly
- Healthy
- Connected
- Affordable
- Safe
- Attractive

Station 1: Vision Statement – Statement Ranking

Community members were asked to rank three similar vision statements based off themes found in the existing vision statement in the Comprehensive Plan. With 12 votes, vision statement B received the most votes: “Spokane will foster livability, connectivity, and resiliency throughout the city by balancing economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and the diverse needs of residents, while cherishing its unique and vibrant neighborhoods. The city will ensure access to safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, natural environments, and walkable neighborhood services to support a high-quality of life for all residents.” Statement A came in second with 9 votes.

When asked what was missing from the sample vision statements, the themes were:

- Support for arts and culture
- Housing security
- Food security
- Safety
- Acknowledgement of Tribal sovereignty
- Conservation / preservation of natural spaces

Station 2: Commercial Preference

Community members were asked to identify which commercial types they wanted to see throughout Spokane.

Neighborhood corner stores/cafes received the most votes, with 27.

Mixed-use/ground-floor retail came in second, with 26 votes.

Restaurants came in third, with 10 votes.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- Senior housing (Audubon-Downriver, Northwest, Balboa, South Indian Trail)
- Reuse of history buildings prior to new development
- Community spaces
- Greenway or walking path connection Division to Garland District
- Neighborhood grocery (e.g. Downriver)
- Protected bike lanes

Station 3: Your Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to indicate where they currently live, work, and play in Spokane. Participants primarily indicated living, working, and playing within District 3 boundaries. However, participants also worked in downtown, in Chief Garry Park, and Lincoln Heights in addition to concentration of employment in West Central. Favorite places included downtown as well, in addition to areas along Northwest Boulevard, in North Hill, and within natural areas like State park lands.

Comments received focused on initial thoughts about Spokane's current needs:

- More walkability, bike-ability, and access to transit
- Protected bike lanes
- Connect sidewalks and improve crossings on Northwest Boulevard
- Ash and Grace bus stop is dangers for school students
- Need bus access to medical district
- Address high speed cars / traffic calming
- Fire management needed
- Need transit access to natural areas
- Connect northern portions of Spokane to a bike network throughout the city
- Traffic considerations from new housing in North Indian Trail

Station 4: Your Future Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to think about the future of Spokane. Pins indicated a desire for more **local businesses** throughout North Indian Trail, Balboa/South Indian Trail,

Northwest, Audubon/Downriver, West Central, Emerson Garfield, North Hill, and Nevada Heights. More **job opportunities** were desired in Balboa/South Indian Trail along Indian Trail Road and in North Hill. **Large retailers** were desired in North Hill.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- More industrial in the West Hills with a job focus
- Increased fire infrastructure in Latah Valley
- Small, locally owned grocery stores throughout, in West Central
- Various housing types within each neighborhood, including senior housing
- A walkable urban center for Shadle area with connections to the neighborhood
- Pedestrian infrastructure along Northwest Boulevard
- Protective bike lanes connection Garland / Monroe / Downtown
- Park in northeast corner of North Indian Trail
- Conversion of existing homes into cafes / small businesses
- Community gardens
- Yoga studio (North Hill)
- Main Street pedestrian mall with no cars downtown
- Incentivize use of land / do not let land sit unused / vacant
- Tall mixed-use development along Northwest Boulevard
- Increase bus service (Routes 22 and 23, Northwest Boulevard, Maple to Driscoll, throughout)
- Make Northwest Boulevard more walkable

Station 5: Climate-Ready Spokane

Community members were asked to reflect on ways to increase resiliency within Spokane. Suggestions included:

- Increase frequency and number of transit routes
- Water usage – use non-potable water for irrigation, make it easier to use rainwater, reduce lawn watering, increase fees
- Support low water and other Water Wise workshops
- Invest in natural areas
- Make neighborhoods more pedestrian friendly

Community members also mapped specific concerns or considerations on a map of the City of Spokane:

- Transit access needed to recreational areas
- Create bike friendly routes on Cedar Street from Francis to downtown
- More frequent transit / support Bus Rapid Transit / consider light rail
- Provide increased incentives for Spokanescape

- Prioritize pedestrian and alternative transportation for all development
- Northwest road resident with bike lanes
- Create safe crossing points on SR 291, current separates walking and biking pathways
- Provide more “essential stores” such as groceries and pharmacies in North Hill / Garland
- Crosswalks on Ash and Maple
- Connect Children of the Sun to Centennial Trail
- Increase tree plantings for canopy cover
- Fire mitigation along Sunset and Peaceful Valley
- Make Main Street pedestrian only / create pedestrian mall downtown
- Safer bike routes in South Hill / to Garland
- Protected bike lanes needed
- More fire infrastructure in Latah Valley
- Preserve natural areas around Thorpe area
- Increase watering restrictions
- Consider land value tax
- Drop city speed limit
- Bike route to Northwest and Driscoll

Station 6: What Did We Miss?

Community members were asked to document anything topic or theme that was missed, or any additional comments they wished to provide. Those comments included:

- Planning for a large community aquatics center
- Improve greenways by incorporating traffic calming measures



Memo

Date: April 2, 2025

Re: Community-Wide Visioning Workshop Engagement Summary

The Community-Wide Visioning Workshop occurred on March 12 at the Central Library. Approximately 50 community members attended. Feedback received at each station activity is summarized below. A full visioning engagement summary will be developed at a later date.

Station 1: Vision Statement – One Word

Community members were asked to write down one word that describes their ideal future. The themes were:

- Industries / Jobs
- Affordable
- Walkable
- Safe
- Arts / Culture
- Diverse
- Resilient
- Dense
- Vibrant
- Multi Mobile / Good Public Transportation
- Robust
- Thriving
- Access to Nature
- Family-friendly

Station 1: Vision Statement – Statement Ranking

Community members were asked to rank three similar vision statements based off themes found in the existing vision statement in the Comprehensive Plan. With 9 votes, vision statement B received the most votes: “Spokane will foster livability, connectivity, and resiliency throughout the city by balancing economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and the diverse needs of residents, while cherishing its unique and vibrant neighborhoods. The city will ensure access to safe and efficient mobility, attainable housing, natural environments, and walkable neighborhood services to support a high-quality of life for all residents.” Statement A came in second with 5 votes.

When asked what was missing from the sample vision statements, the themes were:

- Pedestrian focus
- Community support (e.g. financial literacy and housing classes)
- Enforcement of laws
- Focus on ownership to build personal stability and wealth
- Understood and defined solution to homelessness

- How to test the benefits of proposed changes

Station 2: Commercial Preference

Community members were asked to identify which commercial types they wanted to see throughout Spokane.

Neighborhood corner stores/cafes received the most votes, with 14. Comments indicated a desire for this use in South Hill, Cliff Cannon, Minnehaha, West Hills, and around Maxwell. Some community members noted a need for design standards with the use.

Mixed-use/ground-floor retail came in second, with 11 votes, with an emphasis of the use in Neighborhood Centers, Downtown, and around Maple and Francis.

Restaurants came in third, with 5 votes. There was a desire for this use on East 5th Avenue and along Mission Avenue.

Boutiques, convenience stores, groceries, and big-box stores all received 4 votes. Mission and Napa, as well as Downtown, were noted as desired areas for those uses. Downtown has an emphasis for groceries.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

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| • Small scale hotels / lodging | • Bike repair & rental |
| • Corner stores near housing, grouped with other businesses, on every corner “where it makes sense” | • “more of everything in Latah Valley” |
| | • Breweries |
| | • Retain existing businesses |

Station 3: Your Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to indicate where they currently live, work, and play in Spokane. Participants indicated a wide array of areas in the city, showing geographic diversity in living and leisure activities. Downtown contained a significant number of pins indicating work. Favorite places included areas in State parks and other recreational areas, in downtown, Manito Park, libraries, and community centers.

Comments received focused on initial thoughts about Spokane’s current needs:

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| • Create a hub on Northwest Boulevard near Audubon/Downriver and Emerson/Garfield border | • Bus route needed near Riverview Drive near Audubon/Downriver and West Hills border |
| | • Need more small grocery store option in West Central |

- Arts and culture events and places in West Central
- Infill development around 3rd
- Add retail / restaurants / mixed-use in University District

Station 4: Your Future Spokane Mapping Exercise

Community members were asked to think about the future of Spokane. Pins indicated a desire for more **local businesses** in Chief Garry, Nevada Heights, Minnehaha, Audubon/Downriver, Manito/Cannon Hill, East Central, and Latah/Hangman. More **job opportunities** were desired downtown in Riverside. **Large retailers** were desired downtown and Southgate.

Additional uses/considerations provided included:

- More retail in Whitworth
- More walkable bus routes throughout city / Route 28
- Small scale retail near and on Five Mile Prairie
- Support and improve existing development and infrastructure
- Encourage more use of transit / cycling / vanpools
- Small retail “like Garland” throughout, in West Central
- Avoid convenience stores
- Small / affordable grocery stores throughout
- Attract more employees to downtown to support downtown local businesses
- More businesses in western portion of Northwest
- Community gardens in East Central
- More South Hill retail due to low commercial vacancy
- Opportunity for mixed-use and pedestrian-oriented development in Lincoln Heights
- Latah / Hangman needs centers / corridors to provide services

Station 5: Climate-Ready Spokane

Community members were asked to reflect on ways to increase resiliency within Spokane. Suggestions included:

- Properties that use more water should pay more
- Do not require traditional landscaping for new construction
- Help get Spokane buildings off gas heat
- Considerations for how much water goes to Airway Heights
- Preserve green space in new developments
- Support walkability with accessible curb cuts, snow clearing
- Provide public education and awareness around low-water plants, landscaping, sustainable choices

Community members also mapped specific concerns or considerations on a map of the City of Spokane:

- Wildfire risk: Northwest and South
- Make it easier to make environment-friendly choices in north and center city
- Provide more green spaces and permeable surfaces throughout Division Street
- More density / housing in Five Mile Prairie
- Francis / Maple / Ash difficult to navigate via bike
- More trees in Hillyard / Northeast Spokane
- Conflict between street trees and sidewalks
- Concern over wood mulch promoted through Spokanescape due to fire risk
- Citywide leaf pickup
- Bike friendly routes on Highway 2

Station 6: What Did We Miss?

Community members were asked to document anything topic or theme that was missed, or any additional comments they wished to provide. Those comments included:

- No gentrification with growth
- Need small neighborhood grocery stores in downtown and in food desert areas
- Ensure continued development of East Central with green space and community gardens
- Grow Spokanescape program / increased use of Spokanescape on city-owned properties
- Maintain good job of listening to residents and departments working together
- Ensure changes are beneficial to city at large, not just those heard from
- Preserve positives in Spokane, don't change
- Increase transit access, connectivity, and frequency between neighborhoods
- Pedestrians and cyclist first policies
- East / west transit connectivity
- Rethink parking minimums
- More permeable surfaces
- All-age use of the city, including bike lanes (design focused on all-age use)
- New sidewalks need planting strip to create pedestrian separation