



Spokane Falls Boulevard Rebuild Planning Study



11/19/2025 – Stakeholder Workshop



**Spokane Falls
BOULEVARD**

What Is This Project?



PURPOSE

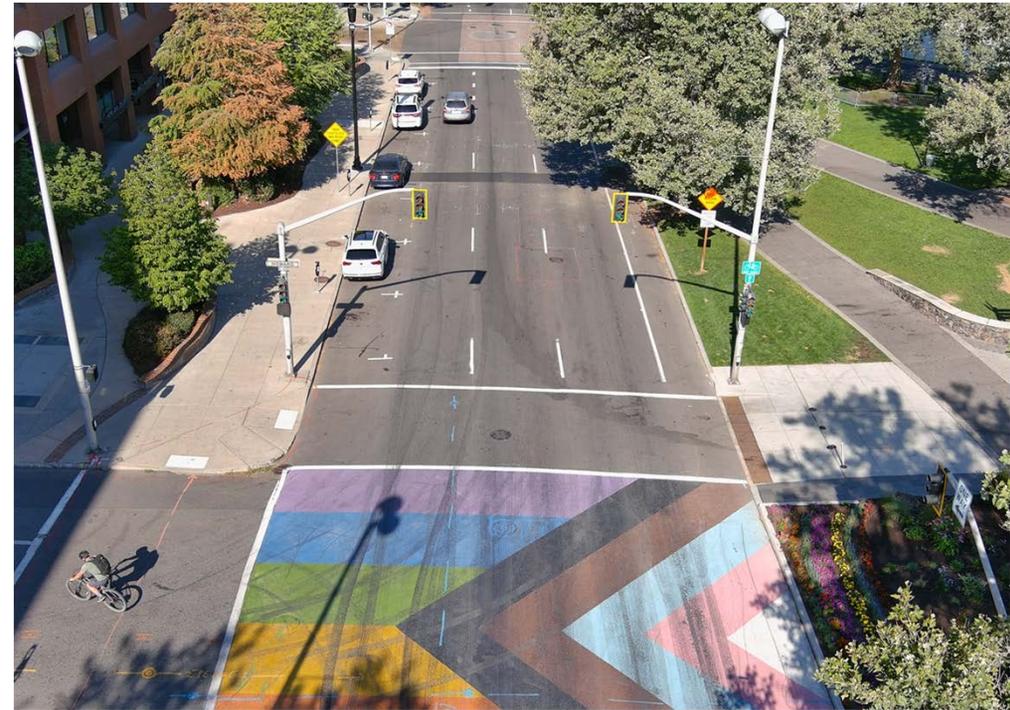
- This is a **planning study** to select a street reconstruction configuration for Spokane Falls Blvd.

IMPACTED AREA

- Downtown core **between Lincoln St. and Division St.**

PROJECT DRIVER

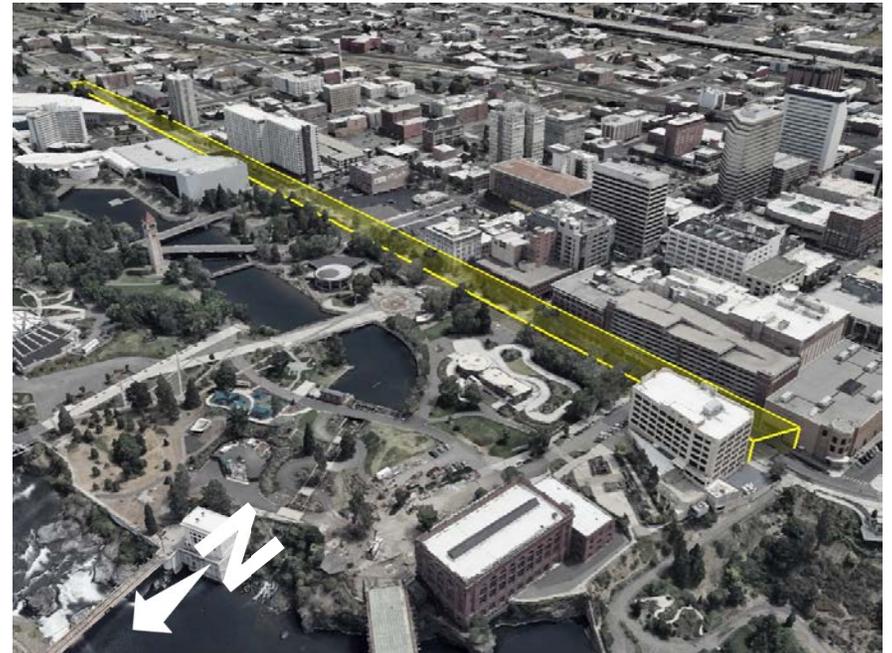
- Project is driven by **urgent need to replace** aging street and utility systems.



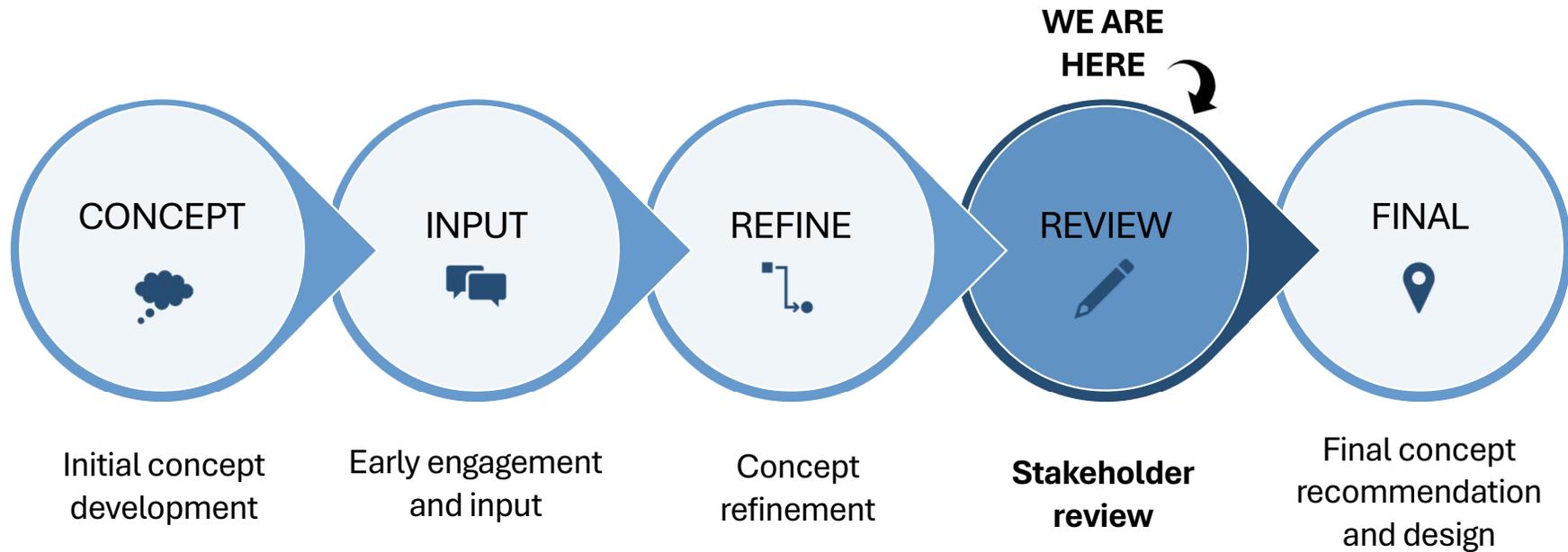
Project Area



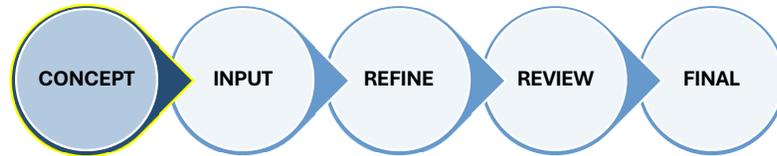
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Planning Process Overview



Initial **CONCEPT** Development

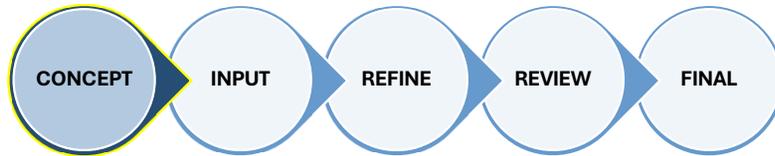


Initial Brainstorming by ICM

Traffic Modeling

Interdepartmental Coordination and Feedback	
Streets	Wastewater Management (Sewer and Stormwater)
Planning	IT
Parks and Recreation	Parking Enforcement
Water	Fire

Initial **CONCEPT** Development



Department Coordination Summary: **Utility** Impacts

Water

- **Existing:** 12 to 16-in cast iron (installed 1901)
- **Proposed:** replace and upsize

Wastewater

- **Existing:** 54-in (brick?) interceptor (installed 1945) and 10 to 12-in vitrified clay service line (installed 1897)
- **Proposed:** rehab/reinforce interceptor, replace service line

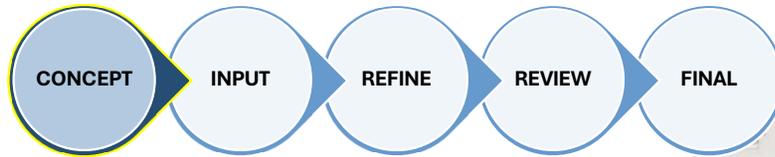
Stormwater

- **Existing:** curb inlets to CSO system
- **Proposed:** stormwater separation and treatment, wherever practical

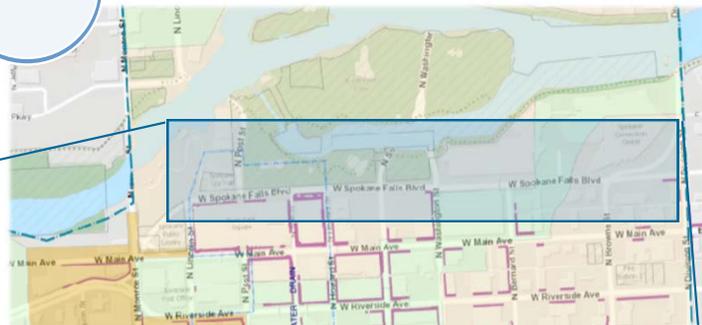
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- To be determined

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Downtown Stormwater Management Zones
 (per 2020 Downtown Stormwater Guidance Study)



Legend

Structural Sidewalks

-  < 6' Wide
-  > 6' Wide

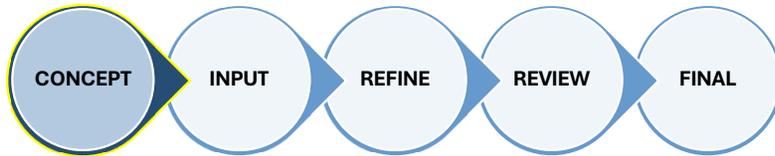
 DownTwn_Storm_Boundary

 City Owned Property

DownTwn_Storm_Boundary_SubClass

-  Clean Water Drain
-  Convey to Paleo
-  Onsite Treat/Infiltrate
-  Stay in CSS
-  Unassigned
-  Spokane River
-  Parks

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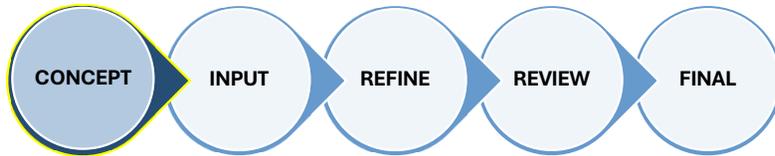
Riverfront Park Coordinated **Frontage** Improvements

Spokane Falls Blvd. **rebuild will incorporate Riverfront Park frontage** improvements (separated shared use path) for block between Washington St. and Stevens St.

Coordinated with Riverfront Park Master Plan (2014) and Parks Master Plan (2022).



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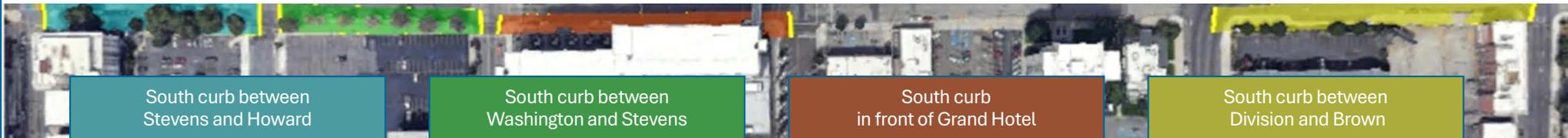


SEGMENT-SPECIFIC TREE RECOMMENDATIONS

STREET TREES

General Recommendations

Prioritize Retaining:	Removal Negotiable:	Preferred Removal:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Planes • Established Pine Trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple Trees • Douglas Fir (on NE corner of SFB/Stevens) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pear Trees • Dogwood Trees (in front of O'Doherty's)



South curb between Stevens and Howard

- Adequate existing setback from curb; may be opportunity to move curb line without impacting trees

South curb between Washington and Stevens

- Inadequate existing setback from curb. Limited opportunity to modify existing curb.
- Would like to see widening planter area, and pull off existing tree well lids (too small)

South curb in front of Grand Hotel

- No additional planting required

South curb between Division and Brown

- Would like to see additional planting/irrigation

Early Engagement and INPUT



Stakeholder Open House:

- Summer 2024
- Attendees provided with link to request one-on-one audience with the City's project team*

General Public Online Survey:

- August/September 2024
- >1200 responses

Meetings with:

- Spokane Public Facilities District (x2)
- Downtown Spokane Partnership
- WSDOT
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)
- Spokane Transit Authority (STA)
- Davenport Grand Hotel
- Centennial Properties (Riverpark Square)*
- Bennett Block*
- US Foods/Sysco

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What We've Heard

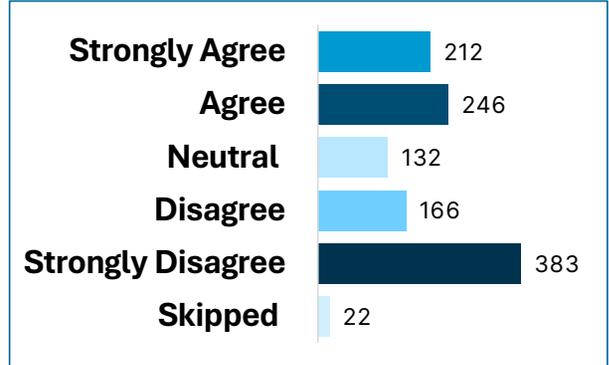
- Strong support for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- Desire for beautification and placemaking
- Safety and accessibility are top priorities
- Parking and vehicle flow still matter
- Homelessness and social concerns noted
- Creativity and community vibrancy is encouraged

Question:
"Please prioritize the following surface improvements from most (1) to least (5) important."

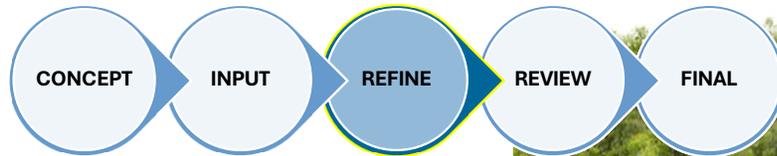
Results

Pedestrian and Accessibility Improvements	MOST Important
Beautification (additional trees, planters, benches, etc)	
Bike Lanes	
On Street Parking	
Maximum Number of Vehicle Lanes	Least Important

Question:
"...do you support reconfiguring Spokane Falls Blvd from a one-way to two-way roadway from Washington to Division St?"



Concept **REFINEMENT**



Project to include several foundational elements:

Upgraded lighting and signals

Safer crosswalks and traffic calming features, such as curb bump-outs

A protected bike lane

A continued separated shared-use path along Riverfront Park

Utility improvements (Water, Sewer, Storm)



Simplifying Alternatives



Decision A: **How many travel lanes** between Post St and Washington St?

Originally: Four configurations for Decision A



FEEDBACK AND INPUT



Now: Two Configurations

Decision B: Should the segment between Washington St and Division St **remain one-way travel or converted to two-way travel?**

Originally: Three configurations for Decision B

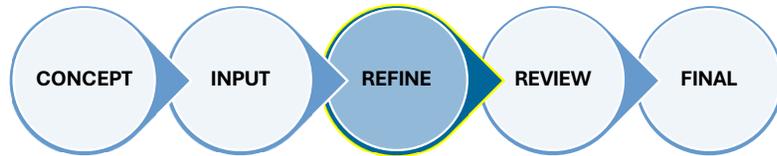


Internal Core Team: ICM
+
Technical Team: City Department Leads



Now: Two Configurations

Decision A: How Many Travel Lanes?



Decision A impacts the segment between Post St. and Washington St.

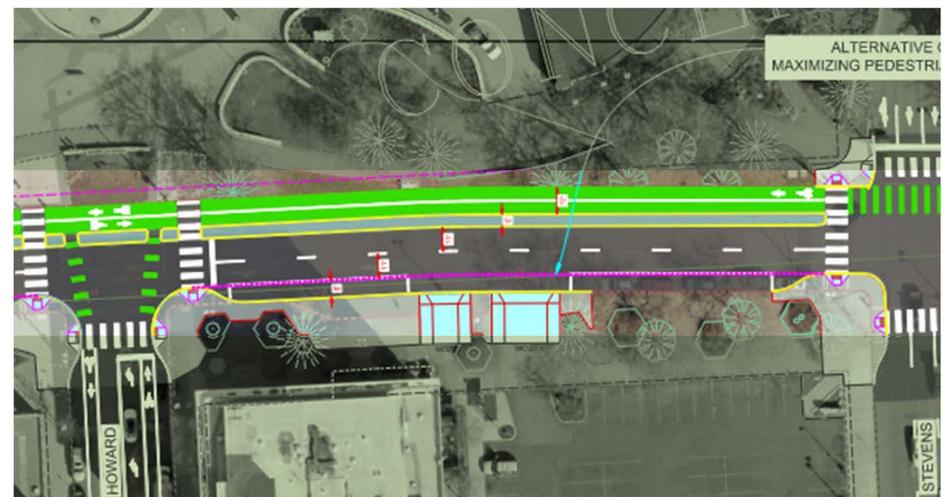


3 TRAVEL
LANES

TWO CONCEPTS:



2 TRAVEL LANES
WITH PED/BIKE FOCUS



Decision B: One-way or Two-way?

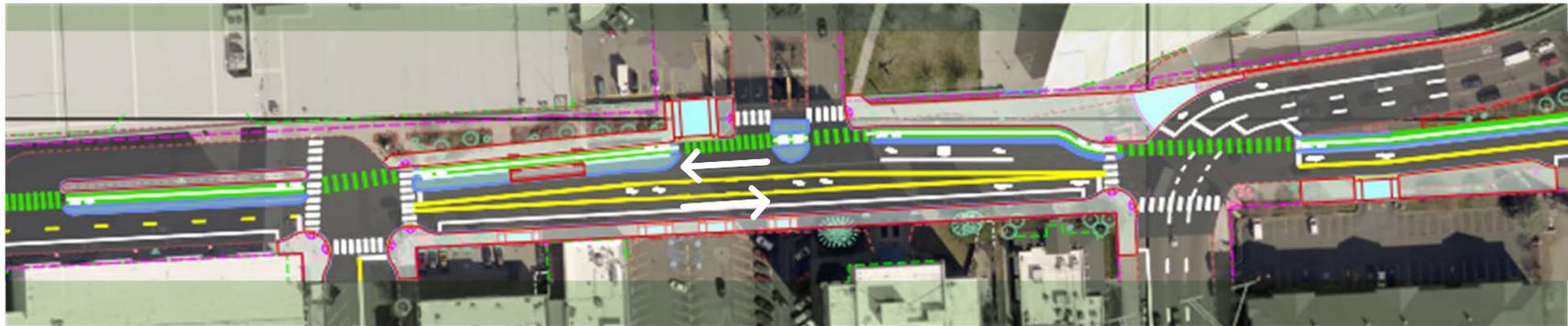
Decision B impacts the segment between
Washington St. and **Division St.**



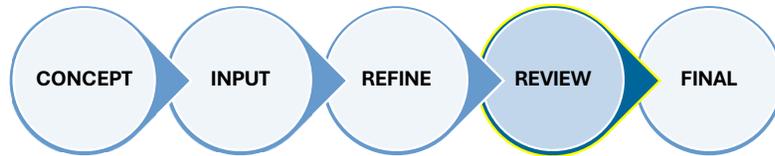
KEEP
ONE-WAY

TWO
CONCEPTS:

FULL TWO-WAY
CONVERSION



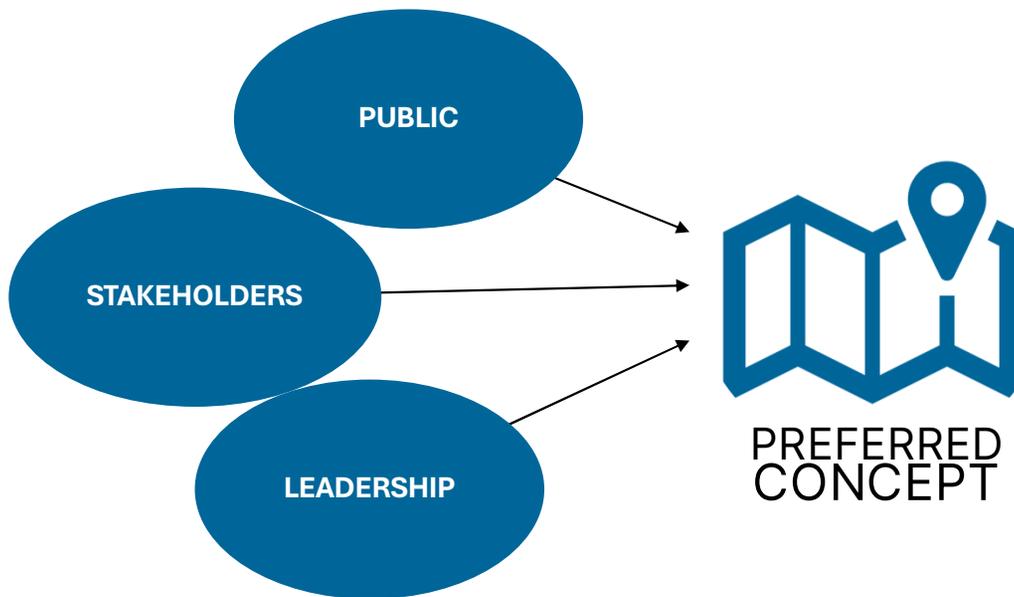
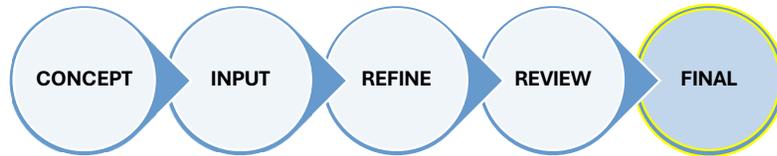
Stakeholder Review



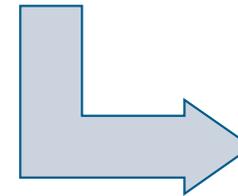
Stakeholder Review Schedule

Activity	Targeted Audience	Status
1: Internal Technical Working Session	ICM, Parks and Rec, Water Dept., WWM, Streets, IT, Parking Enforcement, Fire Dept.	✓
2: Businesses, Property Owners, and Economic Development Workshop	DSP, PFD, Freight, Event Coordinators (Hoopfest, Bloomsday) Impacted Property Owners, Campuses*	✓
3: Legislative Check-ins	PIES Subcommittee Bicycle Advisory Board Transportation Commission	✓
4: Elected and Directors Workshop	COS Elected Officials (Mayor/Council) Public Works Director Transportation Commission Representative STA, SRTC, WSDOT	
5: Public Open House	Will leverage Riverside Neighborhood Council, Libraries, etc. for information roll-out	

Final Concept Recommendation and Design



DESIGN PHASE
to begin in 2026



CONSTRUCTION PHASE
targeted
for 2028



Questions?

[Spokane Falls Boulevard Planning Study - City of Spokane, Washington \(spokanecity.org\)](http://spokanecity.org)

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