

Spokane Transit Authority  
1230 West Boone Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99201-2686  
(509) 325-6000

**NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors of the Spokane Transit Authority of Spokane County, Washington, that the Board will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Spokane Transit Boardroom, 1230 West Boone Avenue, Spokane Washington. A virtual video conference option is available, and the joining information is listed below.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that business to be discussed and/or action taken shall be in accordance with the attached agenda, which is also on file at the STA Administrative Offices.

THE MEETING SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

BY ORDER OF THE STA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

DATED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

  
Dana Infalt  
Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Clerk of the Authority

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*Optional virtual joining links available on agenda*

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** APPROVE BOARD AGENDA

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Al French, STA Board Chair Pro Tempore

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**SUMMARY:**

At this time, the STA Board will review and approve the meeting agenda with any revisions provided.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Approve Board agenda.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head // Chief Executive Officer // Legal Counsel //

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## BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 21, 2023

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### STA Boardroom

**1230 West Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA**

*w/Virtual Public Viewing Option*

Optional Virtual Link: [Join Here](#)

Password: **Members:** 2023 | **Guests:** 1223

Call-in Number: 1-408-418-9388 | Event #: 2488 011 2958

## DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approve Board Agenda (*Al French, Chair pro tem*)
3. Public Expressions
4. Recognitions and Presentations: *5 minutes*
  - A. Mark Freimuth, Paratransit Operator - Retirement (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
5. Board Action – Board Consent: *5 minutes*
  - A. Minutes of the November 16, 2023, Board Meeting – Corrections/Approval
  - B. Approval of the November 2023 Vouchers (*Monique Liard*)
  - C. Approval of Public Works Contracts Under \$35,000: Final Acceptance (*Monique Liard*)
  - D. Tire Shop Door Modification Contract: Final Acceptance (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
  - E. 2021-10628 Fuel Facility: Final Acceptance (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
  - F. Fleck Fuel Facility Replacement: Award of Contract and Budget Revision (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
6. Board Action – Committee Recommendation: *10 minutes*

Planning & Development Committee

  - A. Final Proposed 2024 Budget – Resolution (*Monique Liard*)  
**(Majority vote of five required for 7A)**
7. Board Action - Other: *20 minutes*
  - A. 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar (*Dana Infalt*)
  - B. Draft 2024 State Legislative Priorities (*Carly Cortright*)
  - C. 2024 Performance Measures (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
8. Board Report: *15 minutes*
  - A. Connect 2035 Strategic Plan Phase 2 Update (*Karl Otterstrom*)
  - B. Safety & Security Update (*Nancy Williams*)
9. Board Operations Committee: *5 minutes*
  - A. Chair Report (*Al French*)
10. Planning & Development Committee: *5 minutes*
  - A. Chair Report (*Al French*)

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11. Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee: *5 minutes*
  - A. Chair Report (*Pam Haley*)
12. CEO Report: *15 minutes*
13. Board Information – *no action or discussion*
  - A. Committee Minutes
  - B. November 2023 Sales Tax Revenue (*Monique Liard*)
  - C. October 2023 Financial Results Summary (*Monique Liard*)
  - D. October 2023 Operating Indicators (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
  - E. Connect Spokane Comprehensive Plan: Discuss Draft Revisions (*Karl Otterstrom*)
  - F. January 2024 Service Changes (*Karl Otterstrom*)
  - G. September 2024 Service Revisions: Draft Recommendation (*Karl Otterstrom*)
  - H. Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Funding Opportunity Update (*Karl Otterstrom*)
  - I. Finalize 2024 Planning and Development Committee Work Program (*Karl Otterstrom*)
  - J. Rideshare Program Overview (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)
  - K. Fixed Route Methodology Update (*Karl Otterstrom*)
14. New Business: *5 minutes*
  - A. Election of the 2024 Board Chair and Presentation of Gavel (*Chair pro tem*)  
**(Majority vote of five required for 14A)**
15. Board Members' Expressions: *5 minutes*
  - A. Presentation of Commendation to Karen Stratton - Retiring Board Member (*2024 Board Chair*)
16. Executive Session: *none*
17. Adjourn

Cable 5 Broadcast Dates and Times of December 21, 2023, Board Meeting:

Saturday, December 23, 2023	4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25, 2023	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	8:00 p.m.

Next Committee Meetings - Wednesday:

Board Operations	January 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
Planning & Development	January 31, 2024, 10:00 a.m. ( <b>February Meeting</b> )
Performance Monitoring & External Relations	January 31, 2024, 1:30 p.m. ( <b>February Meeting</b> )

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 1:30 p.m. STA Boardroom, 1230 West Boone Avenue, Spokane, Washington

*(Virtual joining options will be available for all STA Committee and Board meetings)*

Agendas of regular Committee and Board meetings are posted the Friday afternoon preceding each meeting on STA's website: [www.spokanetransit.com](http://www.spokanetransit.com). A video of the Board meeting may be viewed on the website the week after the meeting. Discussions concerning matters to be brought to the Board are held in Committee meetings. The public is welcome to attend and participate. Anyone wishing to address the Board of Directors on a specific subject at a Board meeting may do so by submitting written comments to the STA Chair of the Board (1230 West Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201-2686) 24 hours prior to the Board meeting. Mail addressed to the Board of Directors will be distributed by STA at its next meeting. Mail addressed to a named Board Member will be forwarded to the Board Member, unopened. Spokane Transit assures nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information, see [www.spokanetransit.com](http://www.spokanetransit.com). Upon request, alternative formats of this information will be produced for people who are disabled. The meeting facility is accessible for people using wheelchairs. For other accommodations, please call 325-6094 (TTY Relay 711) at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

## 3.

### PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

At this time, the STA Board of Directors will give the public the opportunity to express comments or opinions.

Anyone wishing to comment at the meeting should follow the directions below to sign up for Oral Public Expressions or to submit Written Public Expressions to be read at the meeting. Comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person and, if requested, answers will be provided by staff at a later date.

To provide **Oral Public Expressions** via telephone or computer, please complete this [form](#) and email it to [clerk@spokanetransit.com](mailto:clerk@spokanetransit.com) to be added to the Public Expressions Speakers' list.

To provide **Written Public Expressions** to be read at the meeting, please complete this [form](#) and/or email your comments to [clerk@spokanetransit.com](mailto:clerk@spokanetransit.com).

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5A :** MARK FREIMUTH, PARATRANSIT OPERATOR – RETIREMENT

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Janet Stowe, Senior Paratransit & Vanpool Transportation Manager

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**SUMMARY:** We are here to recognize the career and well-earned retirement of Mark Freimuth, concluding an admirable 33 years of providing service with Paratransit.

During Mark's impressive career, he drove over 800,000 miles and transported more than 110,000 passengers. These numbers represent countless moments of reliability and trust Mark built with Paratransit customers.

Mark also achieved 30 years of safe driving during his career. This is an extraordinary accomplishment that reflects his unwavering commitment to the well-being of those he has transported throughout the years.

As Mark embarks on this new chapter in his life, we want to express our deep appreciation for his years of hard work, professionalism, and acknowledge the positive impact he has made on our organization.

Thank you, Mark, for your incredible service and the impression you've left on Spokane Transit Authority.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Recognize Mark for his 33 years of service and dedication to Spokane Transit and Paratransit.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head brb Chief Executive Officer BSM Legal Counsel //

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5A :** MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023, BOARD MEETING -  
CORRECTIONS AND/OR APPROVAL

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Dana Infalt, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Clerk of the Authority

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**SUMMARY:** The minutes of the November 16, 2023, Board meeting are attached for your information, corrections and/or approval.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Corrections and/or approval.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head DI Chief Executive Officer BSM Legal Counsel MC

Attachment

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### DRAFT Minutes of the November 16, 2023, STA Board Meeting

1230 W Boone Ave., Spokane  
*with a WebEx Video Conference Option*

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Kinnear, City of Spokane, *Chair*  
Al French, Spokane County, *(Chair Pro Tempore)*  
Betsy Wilkerson, City of Spokane  
Chris Grover, Small Cities (Cheney) *Ex Officio*  
Dan Dunne, Small Cities Representative (Liberty Lake)  
Dan Sander, Small Cities (Millwood) *Ex Officio*  
Hank Bynaker, Small Cities (Airway Heights) *Ex Officio*  
Josh Kerns, Spokane County  
Karen Stratton, City of Spokane  
Pamela Haley, City of Spokane Valley  
Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley  
Zack Zappone, City of Spokane *(Virtual)*  
Rhonda Bowers, Labor Representative, *Non-Voting*

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Don Kennedy, Small Cities (Medical Lake) *Ex Officio*

#### STAFF PRESENT

E. Susan Meyer, Chief Executive Officer  
Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Carly Cortright, Chief Communications & Customer Service Officer  
Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Dana Infalt, Clerk of the Authority

#### PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Clark, Etter, McMahon, Lamberson,  
Van Wert and Oreskovich, P.C.  
Michael Connelly, Etter, McMahon,  
Lamberson, Van Wert and Oreskovich, P.C.

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#### 1. Call To Order and Roll Call

Chair Kinnear called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

#### 3. Public Expressions *(taken out of order)*

Ms. Corey Ann Hanson, STA Coach Operator, submitted a public expression in writing which was distributed to Board members.

Ms. Ronette Richardson appeared in person to share her appreciation for and thoughts on retention bonuses. She asked STA to reconsider the retention incentive policy for those employees who were suspended or disciplined.

#### 2. Approve Board Agenda

Ms. Bowers requested to provide her Member Expressions before the Agenda was approved. Chair Kinnear noted that wasn't the normal process but with no objections from board members, agreed.

Ms. Bowers expressed her thoughts about her service as a board member, who she represents, an issue of concern from the prior meeting, potential loopholes in the Rules of Procedure, public record requests, and transparency as an agency.

**Mr. French moved to approve the November Board Agenda. Mr. Hattenburg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

4. Public Hearing

A. Proposed 2024 Budget

Chair Kinnear opened the Public Hearing at 1:44 pm and asked Ms. Liard to provide details.

Ms. Liard provided a high-level recap of the proposed 2024 Budget, including background, an overview of the plan which consisted of the 2024 Action Plan, Operating Budget for revenue and expense, the Capital Budget, and the timeline. She noted the proposed core actions are aligned with the Connect 2035 Strategic Plan goals to 1) elevate the customer experience, 2) lead and collaborate with community partners to enhance the quality of life in the region, and 3) strengthen STA's capacity to anticipate and respond to the demands of the region. She provided details of achievements and progress for each of the actions.

A budget comparison overview was provided showing the 2023 budget, proposed 2024 budget, the amount of change and the percentage of change from the 2023 budget.

Ms. Liard also provided the 2024 operating revenue, noting the 2024 vs. 2023 operating revenue budget and the detailed operating revenue by category.

The 2024 Operating expense revenue was reviewed, as well as a breakdown by category and a comparison of 2024 vs. 2023 operating expense budget, showing a total operating expense change of \$7,428,570, or 6.5% increase.

Ms. Liard reviewed 2024 cash and reserve analysis and explained next steps, which included the public hearing today, a recommendation of the final Proposed 2024 budget to the Planning & Development Committee on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and Board adoption, by Resolution, of the Final Proposed 2024 Budget. Discussion ensued on a variety of topics.

Additional information was requested by a Board member on the Communications budget. Discussion ensued.

Chair Kinnear opened the testimony portion of the Public Hearing at 2:00 and called for comments three times. There were no comments. Chair Kinnear closed the Public Hearing at 2:01.

5. Board Action - Consent Agenda

**Mr. French moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5B. Mr. Hattenburg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

- A. Minutes of the October 19, 2023, Board Meeting – Corrections/Approval
- B. Approval of the following October 2023 Vouchers:

DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER/ACH NUMBERS	AMOUNT
Accounts Payable Vouchers (October)	Nos. 624267 – 624654	\$ 10,910,606.04
Worker's Comp Vouchers (October)	ACH – 2286	\$ 97,373.27
Payroll 10/06/2023	ACH – 10/06/2023	\$ 2,651,644.86
Payroll 10/20/2023	ACH – 10/20/2023	\$ 1,929,020.61
WA State – DOR (Excise Tax)	ACH – 1767	\$ 2,697.23
WA State – DOR (Leasehold Tax)	ACH – 1767	\$ 8,631.13
<b>OCTOBER TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 15,599,973.14</b>

6. Executive Session (Etter McMahon) –

At 2:04, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency – per RCW42.30110(iii). The chair noted the members would return in 15 minutes.

At 2:19, the Chair advised they would be an additional ten minutes. The Clerk updated the Board attendees. At 2:29, the Chair advised they would be an additional five minutes. The Clerk updated the Board attendees. At 2:34 the Board returned. There was no action taken.

7. Board Action – Committee Recommendation

A. Board Operations

i. Draft Rules of Procedure

Ms. Clark advised the Rules of Procedure were being presented to the Board for the third time in ten months. Everything that was reviewed in September had been included and she redlined the changes from September which will be discussed today.

Ms. Clark reviewed the redlined changes.

Chair Kinnear asked for questions or comments. None were forthcoming.

Ms. Clark said the final Rules of Procedure without the redline are in the packet. She noted the recommendation to the Board is to approve the updated draft Rules of Procedure as presented.

Ms. Wilkerson suggested a deferral of the vote and to have the Board policy reviewed before Rules of Procedure approved.

Ms. Clark mentioned the Rules of Procedure are from 1993 and there is a need to update. She reminded of the need to have a discussion for reviewing policies and revising bylaws or other resolutions and that this has taken ten months to get here with the Rules of Procedure. Ms. Clark reiterated there was good reason to have these rules in place because the current rules were outdated.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Kinnear asked for a motion.

**Mr. Dunne moved to approve the updated draft Rules of Procedure as presented. Mr. Hattenburg seconded.**

**Mr. Zappone proposed an amendment to Rule 2.4 B from “The Chairperson may only cause removal of a Board Member from any meeting by majority vote of the Board.” He would like to amend that to be 2/3 majority of the board. Ms. Wilkerson seconded.**

Chair Kinnear asked for comments.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Kinnear called for the vote. **Mr. Zappone, Ms. Wilkerson, Ms. Stratton voted yes. Mr. French, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Kerns, Ms. Haley, Mr. Hattenburg, and Chair Kinnear voted no. The amendment did not pass.**

**Mr. Zappone proposed an amendment to Rule 2.11 F** which states: “a quorum for the purpose of conducting a Committee meeting or Committee business is two eligible voting members”. **Mr. Zappone proposed the amended language read: “quorum for the purpose of conducting a Committee meeting or Committee business is a simple majority of the eligible voting Committee members in case there is no quorum present on a day set for a Committee meeting, the committee members present may adjourn until a quorum is obtained or may adjourn said meeting to find a time and place to which the meeting matter will be continued.”**

Ms. Clark advised that with respect to that proposed amendment, STA has other guidelines that govern this that would require change, structurally, before we could make this a Rule of Procedure because the structure and guiding documents, which are the Committee Functioning Guidelines and Committee Descriptions, say a quorum is two. Without a change to documents, we cannot make a Rule of Procedure that conflicts internally with governing documents.

Chair Kinnear said she did not have a second to the amendment. **Ms. Wilkerson seconded.**

Discussion ensued.

Chair Kinnear called for the vote.

**Mr. Zappone, and Ms. Wilkerson voted yes. Mr. French, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Kerns, Ms. Haley, Mr. Hattenburg, Ms. Stratton, and Chair Kinnear voted no. The amendment did not pass.**

**Mr. Zappone made a motion to amend the proposed language of 2.11F** which also states: “Board members may attend, but not directly or indirectly participate in any Committee meeting of which they are not a member”. **Mr. Zappone proposed language was: “votes or actions taken by a Committee shall not be deemed as official actions of the Board but rather as recommendations to the Board. Only members appointed as voting members of a committee may vote at a committee meeting. Any Board member who attends a committee member and is not an eligible voting member may participate in the meeting discussion”.** **Ms. Stratton seconded.**

Discussion ensued.

**Chair Kinnear called for a vote on the amended motion. Mr. Zappone and Ms. Wilkerson voted yes. Mr. French, Ms. Stratton, Mr. Kerns, Ms. Haley, Mr. Hattenburg, Mr. Dunne and Chair Kinnear voted no. The motion did not pass.**

Chair Kinnear called for the vote on the original motion on the floor to approve the updated draft Rules of Procedure as presented. (made by Mr. Dunne and seconded by Mr. Hattenburg).

**Mr. French, Mr. Kerns, Ms. Haley, Mr. Hattenburg, Mr. Dunne, Ms. Stratton, Mr. Zappone, and Chair Kinnear voted yes. Ms. Wilkerson voted no. The motion passed.**

8. Board Report

A. Safety & Security Update

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the December Board meeting.

9. Board Operations Committee

A. Chair Report (*Lori Kinnear*)

Due to time constraints, no report was made.

10. Planning & Development Committee

A. Chair Report (*Al French*)

Due to time constraints, no report was made.

i. Connect 2035 Strategic Plan Update: Workshop Review

Due to time constraints, Mr. Otterstrom advised this item was in the packet and he was available to be contacted for additional information.

11. Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee

A. Chair Report (*Pam Haley*)

ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Measures – Results

Due to time constraints, Mr. Rapez-Betty advised the information was in the packet and he was available to be contacted for additional information.

12. CEO Report

Ms. Meyer deferred her CEO report with the exception of advising Labor Negotiations were starting with ATU1015 on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She noted coach operators, maintenance of vehicles and facilities and grounds, customer service, and clerical were covered by this contract which will run for the term 4/1/24 – 3/31/2027. She reminded Board members to avoid communication with union representatives and employees about any matters subject to bargaining.

*Ms. Wilkerson left at 3:16 pm.*

Ms. Meyer offered to answer questions. None were forthcoming.

11. Board Information

A. Committee Minutes

B. October 2023 Sales Tax Revenue (*Monique Liard*)

C. September 2023 Financial Results Summary (*Monique Liard*)

D. September 2023 Operating Indicators (*Brandon Rapez-Betty*)

E. Draft 2024 Planning and Development Committee Work Program (*Karl Otterstrom*)

F. Connect Spokane Comprehensive Plan: Equity and Inclusion (*Karl Otterstrom*)

G. 2024 Service Revisions: Preliminary Proposal Outreach Update (*Karl Otterstrom*)

H. Third Quarter Service Planning Input Report (*Karl Otterstrom*)

I. STA's Holiday Services & Office Hours (*Dana Infalt*)

12. New Business

13. Board Members' Expressions

Chair Kinnear asked Ms. Bowers if she had anything to add. She did not have additional comments.

Mr. Sander asked to receive all documents that he wasn't aware of that were discussed today. He noted receiving the bylaws. Ms. Meyer said staff would happily resend the Bylaws, and Committee Guidelines and Functions which had been previously sent.

Mr. Dunne expressed his gratitude for the diligent work of the staff.

A. Presentation of Commendation to Lori Kinnear Outgoing Board Chair (*2023 Chair Pro Tem*)

Mr. French presented a commendation to Lori Kinnear for her service to STA. Mr. French said it was a delight to work with her, she is passionate about transit and the mission of this board. He read the plaque into the record: "Presented to Lori Kinnear by STA in appreciation of your outstanding leadership and dedication as Chair of the Board in 2023". Mr. French went on to say Ms. Kinnear had been on the board for six years and served as an alternate for City of Spokane. In addition to Chairing the Board in 2023, Ms. Kinnear chaired PMER in 2019 and 2020. He thanked her personally and said we are better because of your leadership. Ms. Kinnear thanked Commissioner French and Kinnear shared her thoughts about serving as Board Chair. She noted the successful City Line launch was a highlight for her. She credited staff and the CEO for a successful launch and expressed her confidence in the upcoming project for Division BRT being equally as successful.

14. Adjourned

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Kinnear adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Infalt

Clerk of the Authority

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

AGENDA ITEM **5B**: NOVEMBER 2023 VOUCHERS

REFERRAL COMMITTEE: n/a

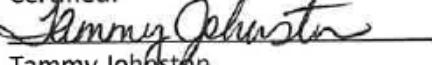
SUBMITTED BY: Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Tammy Johnston, Senior Financial Services Manager

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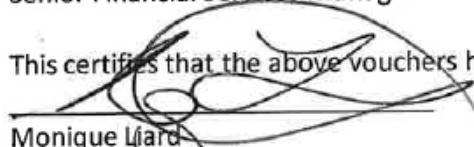
**SUMMARY:** The following warrants and ACH transfers for the period of November 1 through 30, 2023, have been audited and processed for payment by the Finance Department in accordance with RCW 42.24.080 and are hereby recommended for STA Board approval. Supporting invoices are in the Finance Department for review.

DESCRIPTION	VOUCHER/ACH NUMBERS	AMOUNT
Accounts Payable Vouchers (November)	Nos. 624655 – 625105	\$ 4,944,312.60
Worker's Comp Vouchers (November)	ACH – 2286	\$ 148,471.45
Payroll 11/03/2023	ACH – 11/03/2023	\$ 2,636,759.28
Payroll 11/17/2023	ACH – 11/17/2023	\$ 1,946,544.75
WA State – DOR (Excise Tax)	ACH – 1767	\$ 8,510.47
<b>NOVEMBER TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 9,684,598.55</b>

Certified:

  
Tammy Johnston  
Senior Financial Services Manager

This certifies that the above vouchers have been audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080

  
Monique Liard  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Auditing Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Approve claims as listed above.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head ml

Chief Executive Officer SSAN

Legal Counsel //

Spokane Transit Authority  
Vouchers - November 2023

Check Date	Check #	Payee	Reference	Amount
11/03/2023	624655	ABCORP NA INC	2814	6,444.63
11/03/2023	624656	ASH & ROWAN HARDWARE LLC	2278	196.72
11/03/2023	624657	FRANCIS AVENUE HARDWARE	2279	59.27
11/03/2023	624658	AFSCME	1328	676.39
11/03/2023	624659	AFSCME	1328	126.00
11/03/2023	624660	ALCOBRA METALS INC	2140	577.98
11/03/2023	624661	ALSCO INC	2196	2,328.60
11/03/2023	624662	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	2098	1,611.12
11/03/2023	624663	STEVEN W NILES JR	2276	97.94
11/03/2023	624664	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LLC	1058	560.75
11/03/2023	624665	ARNETT INDUSTRIES LLC	2331	116.91
11/03/2023	624666	AMALG TRANSIT UNION #1015	1055	24,114.25
11/03/2023	624667	AMALG TRANSIT UNION #1598	1056	1,128.24
11/03/2023	624668	AVISTA CORPORATION	1081	11,327.71
11/03/2023	624669	BLANCHARD ELECTRIC & FLEET SUPPLY	2589	590.38
11/03/2023	624670	BIXBY MACHINE TOOL SUPPLY INC	1106	557.57
11/03/2023	624671	BLACK PROINVEST SCHADE TOWER LLC	2767	6,808.30
11/03/2023	624672	BDI	1022	108.60
11/03/2023	624673	DANIEL H BRUNNER TRUSTEE	1124	1,491.38
11/03/2023	624674	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES	1130	162.46
11/03/2023	624675	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	1154	501.31
11/03/2023	624676	CARLSON SHEET METAL WORKS INC	1139	128.62
11/03/2023	624677	CDW-GOVERNMENT	1132	1,711.38
11/03/2023	624678	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS	1133	1,048.45
11/03/2023	624679	CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT	2335	5,000.00
11/03/2023	624680	QWEST CORPORATION	1148	74.03
11/03/2023	624681	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	1825	392.30
11/03/2023	624682	CITY GLASS SPOKANE INC	2599	152.60
11/03/2023	624683	CITY OF SPOKANE	1601	114.00
11/03/2023	624684	CITY OF SPOKANE	1601	2,214.72
11/03/2023	624685	COFFMAN ENGINEERS INC	1162	5,881.82
11/03/2023	624686	COMCAST	1170	323.30
11/03/2023	624687	COMMERCIAL TIRE INC	2451	8,285.97
11/03/2023	624688	COMPUNET INC	1166	125.00
11/03/2023	624689	CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION	1177	63.92
11/03/2023	624690	WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	1708	207.10
11/03/2023	624691	CUMMINS INC	1027	10,987.51
11/03/2023	624692	DELTA KITS INC.	2771	518.00
11/03/2023	624693	EMPLOYEE ADVISORY COUNCIL	1236	689.50
11/03/2023	624694	ELITE ENTRY SYSTEMS LLC	2632	959.65
11/03/2023	624695	EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT	1237	98,260.99
11/03/2023	624696	EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT	1237	64,616.56
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11/22/2023	624979	DOW JONES & COMPANY	2698	176.58
11/22/2023	624980	DOWNTOWN SPOKANE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	1217	314.00
11/22/2023	624981	EL JAY OIL CO INC	1003	37,846.56
11/22/2023	624982	ELITE ENTRY SYSTEMS LLC	2632	300.00
11/22/2023	624983	FASTENAL COMPANY	1249	3,387.90
11/22/2023	624984	FEDEX	1808	381.88
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11/22/2023	624987	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	1271	9,111.67
11/22/2023	624988	THE GENERAL STORE	1956	627.81
11/22/2023	624989	GENFARE LLC	1268	5,058.83
11/22/2023	624990	GILLIG LLC	1279	9,047.70
11/22/2023	624991	H & H BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1298	364.21
11/22/2023	624992	HOGAN MFG INC	1008	205.57
11/22/2023	624993	IBI GROUP	1336	25,721.67
11/22/2023	624994	KERSHAW'S INC	1374	91.75
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11/22/2023	624996	KPFF INC	2510	56,985.38
11/22/2023	624997	M & L SUPPLY CO INC	1413	207.77
11/22/2023	624998	MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS	1418	466.52
11/22/2023	624999	MOHAWK MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY CO	1011	866.12
11/22/2023	625000	MOTION AUTO SUPPLY INC	1012	130.36
11/22/2023	625001	BLACK REALTY MANAGEMENT INC	1658	7,466.55
11/22/2023	625002	NAPA AUTO PARTS INC	1014	2,011.53
11/22/2023	625003	NATIONAL COLOR GRAPHICS INC	1455	6,702.41
11/22/2023	625004	THE AFTERMARKET PARTS COMPANY LLC	1015	10,720.72
11/22/2023	625005	OPENSQUARE	2013	6,570.36
11/22/2023	625006	PACIFIC OFFICE SOLUTIONS	2288	1,543.35
11/22/2023	625007	PARAMETRIX INC	2062	78,669.35
11/22/2023	625008	PROTERRA INC	2519	564.88
11/22/2023	625009	ROMAINE ELECTRIC CORPORATION	1548	526.27
11/22/2023	625010	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS INC	1564	1,124.53
11/22/2023	625011	SIX ROBBLES INC	1017	633.49

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11/22/2023	625012	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL	1592	1,796.32
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11/22/2023	625015	SPOKANE VALLEY POWER TOOL	1615	3,375.88
11/22/2023	625016	WESTERN EQUIPMENT DIST INC.	2799	76,644.15
11/22/2023	625017	VERITECH INC	2049	766.00
11/22/2023	625018	WA STATE DEPT OF ECOLOGY	1706	311.44
11/22/2023	625019	WALTER E NELSON CO	1721	1,549.91
11/22/2023	625020	WESCO GROUP LLC	2368	5,123.17
11/22/2023	625021	ZAYO GROUP LLC	2321	60,911.26
11/30/2023	625105	NEW FLYER OF AMERICA INC	2528	1,006,824.70
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>				<b>4,944,312.60</b>
<b>11/1/2023-11/30/2023</b>	<b>ACH</b>	<b>WORKER'S COMPENSATION</b>	<b>2286</b>	<b>148,471.45</b>
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER WORKER'S COMPENSATION DISBURSEMENTS</b>				<b>148,471.45</b>
11/03/2023	730050-730074	PAYROLL AND TAXES PR 22, 2023	VARIES	2,636,759.28
11/17/2023	730075-730099	PAYROLL AND TAXES PR 23, 2023	VARIES	1,946,544.75
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER PAYROLL AND TAXES</b>				<b>4,583,304.03</b>
11/15/2023	ACH	WA STATE - DOR (EXCISE TAX)	1767	8,510.47
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER EXCISE AND LEASEHOLD TAX DISBURSEMENT</b>				<b>8,510.47</b>
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS FROM TO1 ACCOUNTS</b>				<b>9,684,598.55</b>
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS FROM TO5 TRAVEL ADVANCE ACCOUNT</b>				<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS TO1 &amp; TO5 ACCOUNTS</b>				<b>9,684,598.55</b>

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5C:** PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000: FINAL ACCEPTANCE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Jordan Hayes-Horton, Senior Procurement Manager

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**SUMMARY:** Per RCW 39.08.030, all Public Works contracts require Board of Directors acceptance for completion and an approved affidavit of wages paid from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries.

The table summarizes completed projects in October 2023, below \$35,000 for the Board's approval:

Purchase Order Number	Project Description	Contractor	Purchase Order Value	Final Completion Date
20230297	Plaza Window Washing	ABM Onsite Services West	\$ 11,366.78	10/28/2023
20232362	Plaza – Cable for Snow Melt System	Arctic Lighting & Electrical	\$ 4,632.50	10/30/2023

Public Works contracts with a value of \$35,000 or more (before tax) also require release of retainage authorization from the Washington State Employment Security Department, Department of Revenue, & Department of Labor & Industries. These contracts are presented individually to the Board for approval as part of the consent agenda when needed.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Recommend the Board approve acceptance of the above contracts as complete and authorize release of retainage security subject to receipt of Department of Labor & Industries approved prevailing wage affidavits.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head ml

Chief Executive Officer SSAN

Legal Counsel //

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5D:** TIRE SHOP DOOR MODIFICATION CONTRACT: FINAL ACCEPTANCE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Nick Hanson, Capital Projects Manager

**SUMMARY:** All Public Works construction contracts require Board of Directors acceptance for completion.

<b>Public Works Contract for:</b>	Tire Shop Door Modifications
<b>Contract Number:</b>	2022-10772
<b>Capital Project Number:</b>	926
<b>Contractor:</b>	Halme Builders
<b>Notice to Proceed:</b>	September 19, 2023
<b>Substantial Completion:</b>	October 11, 2023
<b>Final Completion:</b>	October 16, 2023
<b>Scope of Work:</b>	Modifications to increase the existing tire shop garage door opening to accommodate double-decker buses. Work consisted of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design and installation of temporary shoring to support existing roof truss during construction.</li><li>• Demolition of existing concrete wall and concrete slab.</li><li>• Installation of steel framing and anchoring to existing concrete wall and below grade footing.</li><li>• Concrete finish-work and grouting around base plates and steel beam.</li></ul>

<b>Contract Authority, Including Contingency</b>	<b>\$73,600.00</b>
<b>Awarded Construction Contract</b>	<b>\$64,000.00</b>
<b>Additive Change Orders (Applied Contingency)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Deductive Change Orders</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Final Contract Value</b>	<b>\$64,000.00</b>
<b>Unspent</b>	<b>\$9,600.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Approve, by motion, to accept the contract with Halme Builders for Tire Shop Door Modifications as complete and authorize release of retainage security subject to receipt of such certificates and releases as are required by law.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head brb

Chief Executive Officer BSAN

Legal Counsel //

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5E :** 2021-10628 FUEL FACILITY: FINAL ACCEPTANCE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning and Development Officer  
Jeff Hall, Capital Projects Manager

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**SUMMARY:** All Public Works construction contracts require Board of Directors acceptance for completion.

<b>Public Works Contract for:</b>	STA Fuel Facility Contract
<b>Contract Number:</b>	2021-10628
<b>Capital Project Number:</b>	207
<b>Contractor:</b>	Halme Construction, Inc.
<b>Notice to Proceed:</b>	March 28, 2022
<b>Substantial Completion:</b>	July 12, 2023
<b>Final Completion:</b>	August 24, 2023
<b>Scope of Work:</b>	<p>The Fuel Facility contract consisted of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closure of Six (6) 20,000 gal. diesel Underground Storage Tanks (UST) and installation of Three (3) new 20,000 gal. diesel Above Ground Storage Tanks (AST) in an alternative location.</li><li>• Excavation, shoring, and construction of Three (3) underground concrete storage vaults for the new ASTs.</li><li>• Replacement of four (4) diesel fuel dispensers in the South Boone Garage facility.</li><li>• Installation of diesel fuel piping between the new ASTs and the dispensers, along with the installation of new fuel monitoring and alarm systems.</li><li>• All pre-existing tanks were properly cleaned prior to closure.</li><li>• Installation of two (2) new concrete driveways, one located off W Boone Ave, and another off W Gardner Ave and installation of a pervious drive aisle between the two driveways.</li><li>• Asphalt pavements and concrete slabs demolished as part of the work were replaced.</li><li>• Installation of landscape plant materials, trees, and sod along with irrigation system modifications.</li></ul>

<b>Contract Authority, Including Contingency</b>		<b>\$6,266,400.00</b>
<b>Awarded Construction Contract</b>		\$5,222,000.00
<b>Additive Change Orders (Applied Contingency)</b>		\$250,245.32
<b>Deductive Change Orders</b>		\$0.00
<b>Total Final Contract Value</b>		\$5,472,245.32
<b>Unspent</b>		<b>\$794,154.68</b>

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Recommend the Board approve, by motion, to accept the contract with Halme Construction, Inc. for the STA Fuel Facility contract as complete and authorize release of retainage security subject to the receipt of such certificates and releases as are required by law.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head ko

Chief Executive Officer ASAN

Legal Counsel //

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5F :** FLECK FUEL FACILITY REPLACEMENT: AWARD OF CONTRACT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Performance Monitoring & External Relations (*Haley*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Jessica Kelch, Senior Project Manager / Facilities Master Planning & Implementation

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Spokane Transit's procurement policy, staff is seeking Board approval to award a construction contract and request a budgetary increase to accommodate the expected funding required to deliver the project.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 4, 2023, the Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee approved the general scope of work for the Fleck Fuel Facility Replacement. This locally funded project has a current Board Approved budget of \$1.5M. At time of approval, based on projections, staff estimated the need for a revised project budget of \$3.1M.

The Fleck Fuel Facility Replacement project will construct a new fuel facility for one of STA's remote garages by constructing below-grade concrete vaults to house one 500-gallon gasoline tank and one 10,000-gallon diesel tank along with all associated apparatus, monitoring, alarms, sensors, dispensers, etc. An existing fuel island and canopy will be demolished and replaced. Repairs of concrete drives and minor updates to stormwater flow paths are also included. The work will be done in two phases to allow STA to maintain operations.

The Invitation for Bid was advertised in the Spokesman Review on October 11, 2023. On-site pre-bid meetings were held on October 18 and October 30, 2023. STA received five (5) qualifying bids on November 7, 2023.

The responsive bids from responsible contractors are as follows:

Name of Firm		Total Bid Amount
1	<b>Granite Petroleum, Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,738,630.90</b>
2	D-McP Construction, LLC.	<b>\$1,793,395.96</b>
3	Garco Construction, Inc.	<b>\$1,878,000.00</b>
4	Halme Builders, Inc.	<b>\$2,320,000.00</b>
5	Halme Construction, Inc.	<b>\$2,328,000.00</b>
	<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$2,008,664.00</b>

Granite Petroleum, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. As such, staff recommend Award of Contract to Granite Petroleum, Inc. for the Total Bid Amount of \$1,738,630.90 plus applicable Washington State sales tax. Staff recommend retention of a construction

contingency equal to 20 percent of the construction contract value given the perceived level of risk associated with the work.

In light of the size of the winning bid, combined with other required expenses, including but not limited to A&E design and engineering, special inspections, secure access, permitting fees with jurisdictional authorities, diesel fuel, advertising, capital labor costs, Washington State sales tax, and reserved construction contingency, the overall budget requires a budgetary increase.

Staff, therefore, recommend a revised project budget of \$2.9M as outlined below, to accommodate the necessary costs to complete the project. If approved by the committee, this change will be reflected in proposed 2024 budget.

Description	Expense
Construction Contract	\$1,738,630.90
STA Reserved Construction Contingency (20% of Construction)	\$347,726.00
Washington State Sales Tax (Estimated)	\$13,443.10
Consulting Services (actuals and estimates for construction services)	\$600,000.00
Miscellaneous (advertising, permits, fuel, capital labor, etc.)	\$200,000.00
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$2,899,800.00</b>
<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>\$2,900,000.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:** Recommend the Board approve, by motion, an increase to the overall project budget from \$1.5M to a revised total of \$2.9M.

Recommend the Board approve, by motion, the award of contract for the Fleck Fuel Facility Replacement project to Granite Petroleum, Inc. for \$1,738,630.90 plus applicable Washington State sales tax, and authorize the CEO to apply contingency funds, as necessary.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Approved as presented and forwarded to the Board Consent agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Approve, by motion, an increase to the overall project budget from \$1.5M to a revised total of \$2.9M.

Approve, by motion, the award of contract for the Fleck Fuel Facility Replacement project to Granite Petroleum, Inc. for \$1,738,630.90 plus applicable Washington State sales tax, and authorize the CEO to apply contingency funds, as necessary.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head brb Chief Executive Officer ASAN Legal Counsel //

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 6A :** FINAL PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Planning & Development Committee (*French*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer

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**SUMMARY:** The Final Proposed 2024 Budget combines the action plan and the operating and capital budget into one comprehensive report, which is attached for the Board's review. The budget preparation and review process for 2024 was carried out as presented below.

The Draft 2024 Budget was presented as follows:

- October 4, 2023 Planning and Development Committee Meeting
- October 19, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

The Proposed 2024 Budget was presented as follows:

- November 1, 2023 Planning and Development Committee Meeting
- November 2, 2023 Narrated public presentation of the Proposed 2024 Budget made available on the Spokane Transit website
- November 8, 2023 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
- November 16, 2023 Public Hearing at the Board of Directors Meeting

The Planning & Development Committee reviewed the Final Proposed 2024 Budget on December 6, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:** Review and recommend the Board adopt, by Resolution, the Final Proposed 2024 Budget.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Approved as presented and forwarded to Board agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Adopt, by Resolution 815-23, the Final Proposed 2024 Budget.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head ml

Chief Executive Officer SSM

Legal Counsel //

# RESOLUTION NO. 815-23

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE STA 2024 BUDGET AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Spokane County, Washington

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY as follows:

WHEREAS, the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is a municipal corporation operating and existing under and pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington, pursuant to RCW Title 36, Chapter 57.A, Public Transportation Benefit Area;

WHEREAS, the STA Board of Directors, pursuant to state law and the STA Bylaws, Article III Section 3.1(5), shall have the power to prepare and adopt a budget and establish financial policies;

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a proposed 2024 budget, provided public access to the budget and the STA Board of Directors has held a public hearing on the proposed budget;

WHEREAS, the STA Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the final proposed 2024 budget at its December 6, 2023 meeting and has recommended adoption by the STA Board of Directors at its December 21, 2023 meeting;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 630A-07, the Board shall annually review and approve the level of cash reserves in conjunction with the budget adoption process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of STA as follows:

Section 1. The STA Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the 2024 budget including:

SOURCE OF FUNDS		USE OF FUNDS	
Revenues	\$ 143,197,532	Operating Expenses	\$ 122,190,047
Capital Grants	\$ 20,282,766	Capital Projects	\$ 75,281,079
From Cash Balance	\$ 53,358,544	Fleet Replacement Allocation	\$ 19,367,716
<b>Total Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 216,838,842</b>	<b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 216,838,842</b>

BOARD DESIGNATED CASH RESERVES	
Operating Reserve (15% of Operating Expenses)	\$ 18,328,507
Risk Reserve	\$ 5,500,000
Right-of Way Acquisition Reserve	\$ 4,950,000
Real Estate Acquisition Reserve	\$ 25,000,000
<b>Total Board Designated Cash Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 53,778,507</b>

Section 2. The STA Board of Directors hereby authorizes and instructs the Chief Executive Officer to carry out the purposes intended by the budget and to administer the provisions and appropriations as approved.

Adopted by STA at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of December 2023.

ATTEST:

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Dana Infalt  
Clerk of the Authority

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

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Al French  
Board Chair Pro Tempore

Approved as to form:

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Megan Clark  
Legal Counsel

# FINAL PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET



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# INTRODUCTION

## Agency Overview

The Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is a Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) which provides public transportation services within its boundaries which extend to roughly 248 square miles. The State of Washington Office of Financial Management estimates that 467,839 people were living within the PTBA in 2022. STA services include:

1. Local fixed route bus services within Spokane County, City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, City of Liberty Lake, City of Millwood, City of Airway Heights, City of Medical Lake, City of Cheney and parts of the unincorporated County;
2. Paratransit services for those who live within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of a bus route and who, because of their disability, are unable to use the regular bus service;
3. A public rideshare (formerly vanpool) and ride match program.

The organization currently employs nearly 700 people and is overseen by a 14-member regional board.

## Governance and Organization

The Board of Directors provides the policy and legislative direction for STA and its administrators and approves its actions, budgets, and long-term plans. It also has the authority to levy taxes as authorized by state law (with voter approval).

The STA Board is composed of nine voting members who are elected officials appointed by the jurisdictions served by the Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA). Jurisdictions served include the cities of Airway Heights, Cheney, Medical Lake, Millwood, Liberty Lake, Spokane, and Spokane Valley as well as Spokane County. Additionally, there are four non-voting elected officials from area small cities, and one non-voting labor member, for a total 14 board members. The current make-up of the Board is shown in the following table.

### **2023 Board of Directors**

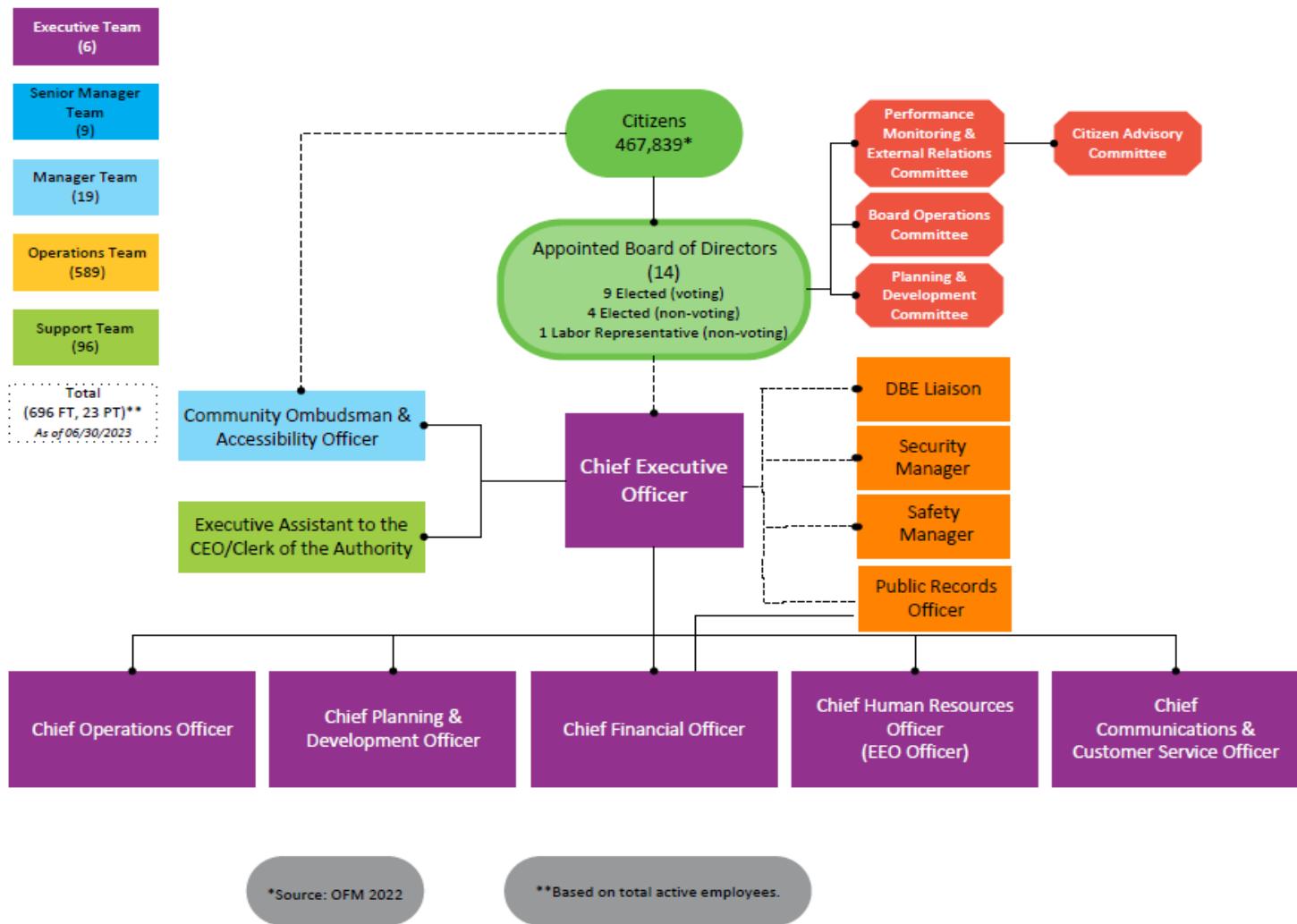
Name	Jurisdiction
<b>Council President Lori Kinnear, Chair *</b>	City of Spokane
<b>Commissioner Al French, Chair <i>Pro Tem</i></b>	Spokane County
<b>Commissioner Josh Kerns</b>	Spokane County
<b>Council Member Karen Stratton</b>	City of Spokane
<b>Council Member Betsy Wilkerson **</b>	City of Spokane
<b>Council Member Zack Zappone</b>	City of Spokane
<b>Mayor Pamela Haley</b>	City of Spokane Valley
<b>Council Member Tim Hattenburg</b>	City of Spokane Valley
<b>Council Member Dan Dunne</b>	City of Liberty Lake
<b>Mayor Chris Grover</b>	City of Cheney (Ex-Officio)
<b>Council Member Don Kennedy</b>	City of Medical Lake (Ex-Officio)
<b>Council Member Dan Sander</b>	City of Millwood (Ex-Officio)
<b>Council Member Hank Bynaker</b>	City of Airway Heights (Ex-Officio)
<b>Ms. Rhonda Bowers</b>	Labor Representative (non-voting)

\* Term ended November 28, 2023

\*\*Council President as of November 28, 2023

## Spokane Transit Organizational Chart

The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Board of Directors and directly oversees Legislative Activity, Board Relations, Ombudsman and Accessibility Activity, Finance, Human Resources, Communications, Operations, Planning and Development, as depicted in the Organization Chart below.



## *Vision, Mission & Organizational Priorities*

STA strives to encourage increased ridership while providing high quality, convenient and reasonably priced services by living by its Vision and embodying its Mission every day in everything it does. The Organizational Priorities convey STA's key tenants in upholding its promise to its riders, employees and the broader community it serves.

## Vision

*Connecting everyone to opportunity*

## **Mission**

*We provide safe, inclusive, convenient, and efficient public transportation services to Spokane area communities. We are leaders in transportation and a valued partner in the region's social fabric, economic infrastructure, and quality of life.*

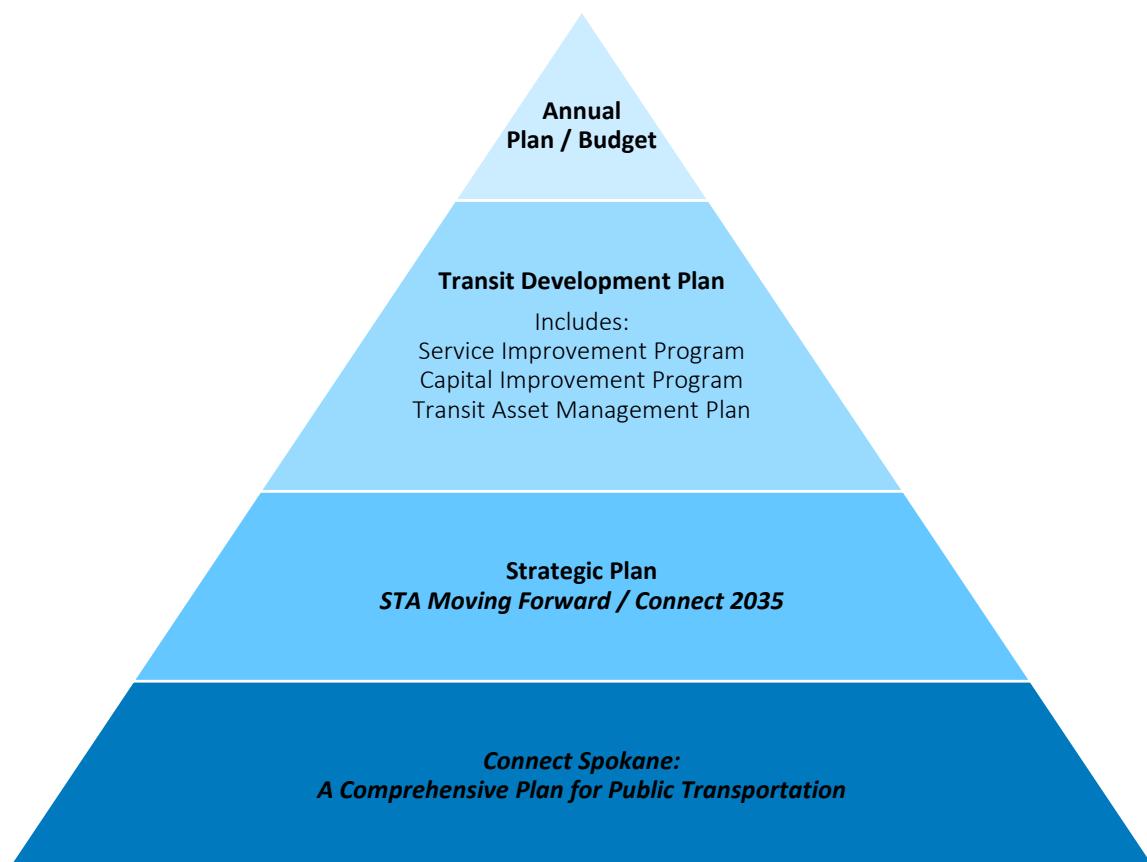
## **STA Organizational Priorities**

1. Ensure Safety
2. Earn and Retain the Community's Trust
3. Provide Outstanding Customer Service
4. Enable Organizational Success
5. Exemplify Financial Stewardship

## ***STA Planning Framework***

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STA's strategies, plans and actions are anchored in a framework which includes a series of documents which range in scope and time horizons beginning with its comprehensive plan, *Connect Spokane*, the core long-range planning and policy-setting document for the Agency. The next level in the framework is comprised of strategic planning, with STA in the late delivery stage of its current 10-year plan, *STA Moving Forward*, and in the development stage of its next 10-year plan, *Connect 2035*. The six-year Transit Development Plan (TDP), a state-required annual report, provides mid-range guidance, over a six-year period, about the deliverables for the Agency from a service and capital perspective. Lastly, the Annual Plan and Budget, the focus of this report, encapsulates the one-year efforts STA will undertake for 2024. Depicted in the following pyramid is the hierarchy of those plans to guide STA as it architcts its future.



## 2024 Action Plan

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The 2024 Action Plan links STA's vision, mission and priorities to actions and activities which the Agency will undertake in 2024, bound together by a definition of organizational success. It reflects the ongoing implementation of the *STA Moving Forward* plan, in what will be its eighth year of realization, while creating the groundwork for STA's next 10-year plan, *Connect 2035*.

The actions and activities for 2024 are centered around the strategic goals defined and adopted in the foundation of the *Connect 2035* strategic plan to create alignment as the Agency begins the transition to its next future milestone in 2035.

### *Action 1: Elevate the customer experience.*

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STA exists to connect customers to opportunity. Fostering an easy-to-use, safe, and inviting experience promotes STA as a compelling transportation choice across the region. STA strives to improve the customer experience in every interaction they may have with the Agency. From how to plan a trip, pay a fare, and provide feedback, STA wants every touch to reinforce the value it places on its riders. The following projects will be the Agency's key deliverables in supporting this first action along with the continued expansion and refinement of its existing service.

- **Deliver on City Line frequency** – In July 2023, STA officially launched the City Line, its first Bus Rapid Transit service. In 2024, STA will hire and train drivers to be able to fulfill the committed 10-minute frequency mid-day along with 7.5-minute frequency at peak times and extended late night service.
- **Division Street BRT** – Division Street Bus Rapid Transit is a crucial multimodal project complementary to the North Spokane Corridor and supportive of continued transit effectiveness and community vitality in north Spokane. STA has secured state, federal, and local funding to begin Project Development. STA expects to reach 30 percent design on this project in 2024, working towards seeking project evaluation and rating under the FTA Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant program in 2025 as a Small Starts project.
- **Sprague Line** – STA expects to substantially complete all the station and stop improvements in 2024. STA will continue to partner with the cities of Spokane and Spokane Valley on locations that can be integrated into other road improvements to the greatest extent possible. Funding has been set aside to support HPT along the West Broadway route, a logical westward extension of the Sprague Line. STA expects to undertake corridor development planning for this segment prior to beginning design work in 2024.
- **I-90/Valley Corridor** – Interstate 90 represents a major east-west axis for regional trip-making. In 2024, STA expects to complete improvements at the Mirabeau Point Park and Ride and ready the property for the future Appleway Station near I-90 east of Barker Road. Design will begin on Argonne Station Park and Ride, a corridor element that secured state funding in 2023. STA will also design corridor station and stop improvements along the corridor outside major off-street facilities.
- **Expand adoption of the Connect card and introduce enhancements** – Expanding on the introduction of contactless credit card payments on the bus, STA will also develop a mobile application for its partners in the



Universal Transit Access Pass (UTAP) program to aid in the transition to the Connect fare collection system. The retail outlets where Connect cards can be purchased will continue as a key focus to provide even greater convenience for riders. STA will create new partnerships with groups who will benefit from transit access and expand opportunities for youth to take advantage of the state-supported zero-fare program by expanding access through school districts, libraries, and other venues where youth interact.

## *Action 2: Lead and collaborate with community partners to enhance the quality of life in the region.*

STA operates in its region's ecosystem, delivering transportation options for community members. Creating strong partnerships will ensure that the Agency makes informed choices, through collaboration, that benefit everyone and contribute to the vibrancy and sustainability of this region now and in the future. The Agency will focus its efforts to support this second goal in 2024 through the following undertakings:

- **Partner in planning, developing, and implementing regional transportation and land use decisions** – STA's investments in High Performance Transit and Bus Rapid Transit are shifting the land economics and investment decisions around these corridors. A broad group of stakeholders including city staff, investors, developers, homebuyers, tenants, and riders are realizing the benefit of the high-quality, frequent, and predictable service that the Agency provides. STA strives to facilitate increased private and public investment in corridors served by High Performance Transit and around key transit stations and facilities. In 2024, STA will accomplish this through proactive engagement with these stakeholders in updates to the Urban Growth Area (UGA) as well as in updates to Horizon 2045 in addition to other local comprehensive planning efforts. In addition, STA will make the case for residential and employment- growth near its service by identifying and selecting a suitable location to begin a pilot Transit-Oriented Development project in 2024.
- **Establish framework to analyze and report on residential and employment development near transit and across the County overall** – As STA seeks to concentrate growth near its service and infrastructure investments, the Agency currently has little information to share with the development community that documents the impact in terms of household and employment growth. Generally, this information is not easily accessed nor provided by any one entity. By mid-2024, STA will document and characterize on an annual basis housing and employment trends within the region. This will enable STA to be recognized as the annual source for development analysis in the region.
- **Expand outreach to community partners, especially civic and community-based organizations, and local governments to collaborate with STA on key efforts including updates to its comprehensive plan, Connect Spokane, the ongoing development of its strategic plan, Connect 2035, and its Title VI Program** – Throughout 2024, STA will engage within the region to gather feedback on the various planning endeavors, such as the updates to *Connect Spokane* and the continued development of *Connect 2035*, along with other service improvements and projects being considered to ensure that underrepresented voices are being solicited, listened to, and reflected across these plans and efforts.

- **North Bank/Downtown mobility options** – Recent additions to the Spokane North Bank sports and entertainment district includes the Podium and ONE Spokane Stadium. STA recently increased night and weekend service on Washington Street. Additional investments to the Arena/Downtown Shuttle are planned, with opportunities to link the North Bank to Downtown and City Line stations.



- **Expand involvement with community organizations** – STA leadership and staff will increase their service on local community-based organization boards and volunteer for community events to create a tighter bond and weave into the fabric of the region.

### *Action 3: Strengthen STA's capacity to anticipate and respond to the demands of the region.*

STA needs to grow and adapt to ever-changing conditions. Having a team who is well equipped and focused on the Agency's mission, along with strong supporting infrastructure, will provide the foundation required to deliver on the goals of this plan, balanced with providing reliable daily service. In support of this third goal, STA will deliver the following:

- **Prepare and finalize the ten-year strategic plan, Connect 2035, to identify critical initiatives to execute STA's vision of connecting everyone to opportunity** – In 2022, the STA Board of Directors charted a course to refresh its vision for the future, extending the horizon for strategic investments and actions through 2035. In 2024, efforts to bring this effort to reality will include a robust community engagement underpinning all activities which will consist of a funding scenario review, comprehensive organizational capacity analysis, Fixed Route network assessment, prioritized and programmed initiative list, and performance measure target setting, culminating into the adoption of a final *Connect 2035* plan.
- **Develop the Facilities Master Plan to position STA for strategic growth that supports STA's growing and changing role in the region** – This plan will address future system-wide requirements for its maintenance, operations, and administration. It is anticipated to identify requirements that are beyond STA's current capital program and will support strategic actions, such as zero-emission fleets and growing service to the region, in conjunction with work on the new 10-year strategic plan, *Connect 2035*.
- **Implement STA's fleet replacement plan, including acquisition of clean diesel buses, while preparing for the next steps in transitioning of the fleet toward zero emission vehicles in the future** – In 2024, STA will continue its development of a fleet transition plan to maximize its use of zero-emission vehicles in line with state requirements, in conjunction with its strategic planning and master facilities planning efforts.
- **Training and Development** – from staff to the Board, adapting to the needs of the future will be critical. STA will invest in its team members by developing and delivering comprehensive programs which will impart the skills and training required to respond to and anticipate these evolving needs.



# 2024 BUDGET

## Executive Overview

2023 has been a year marked with key milestones for STA. Ridership continues its rapid recovery and is on track to meet or exceed targets for 2023. Progress on key projects has continued, including the launch of STA's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, the City Line. Among other important projects, the STA Board of Directors and staff have begun working on the second phase of the new 10-year strategic plan to guide the Agency and its partners in improving mobility through 2035 and have advanced the next BRT project, Division, into the Project Development phase with the Federal Transit Administration for a federally funded project. STA is also beginning a major update to its comprehensive plan, *Connect Spokane*, which will update foundational guidance and policies for the Agency.

As STA looks to 2024 and beyond, the Agency keeps front of mind the uncertainties that surround it from economic to workforce challenges, to name a few. The Spokane region continues to experience strong growth which comes with increasing traffic congestion, making STA's efforts to partner with the region to improve transportation essential. The Agency is working creatively and tirelessly to combat labor shortages, inflation, and other economic volatility. The 2024 actions and budget consider and provide as much anticipation to these elements which are outside of STA's control as possible and the Agency remains committed to planning and responding to changing expectations.

For STA in 2024, success will be defined by the adoption of the *Connect 2035* 10-year strategic plan which will provide the roadmap for impactful transportation investment in the region. The Agency's focus continues to be on making transit a convenient and easy option for travelers, which will support economic growth and address the associated traffic challenges of a strong region. With this in mind, the STA Board of Directors will be defining the initiatives and projects which will make transit an enticing choice for the residents of the region STA serves into the future.

Building on a strong legacy and the support of those STA serves, the Agency is committed to the next phase of public transportation in the Spokane region by providing existing and new customers with more choices and tools to improve their experience with an Agency they can trust. STA is excited at the new opportunities which will come forward in the strategic planning work and the ability to translate those into reality for customers and across communities, as the Agency strives to realize its vision of connecting everyone to opportunities.



## Budget Process

STA's budget process starts in late June each year. A Budget Calendar is published along with an Action Plan and Budget Guidance to aid staff in planning for any new Agency-wide initiative which may impact their department. In July, staff submit staffing requests that are then reviewed by the CEO and Executive Team to determine whether the positions requested are approved for addition to the budget. During July and August, department managers analyze and propose non-personnel budget amounts for the following year while the Finance Department calculates the salaries and benefits for all approved positions. The revenue budget is developed by the Finance Department as well. The Draft Budget is presented to the Executive Team for review in late August with final draft documents completed in September.

The Budget is presented to the Board's Planning & Development Committee and to the Board of Directors three times in October, November, and December each year. First, in October, the initial Draft Budget is presented to the Planning & Development Committee and the STA Board. The Proposed Budget is then presented at the Planning & Development Committee Meeting and at the Public Hearing held during the November Board meeting. A video summarizing key elements of the budget is published on the STA website for citizen and public outreach in November. The Final Proposed Budget is presented to the Planning & Development Committee and to the Board for review and adoption at the December meeting.

## Operating Budget

STA's 2024 Operating and Capital Budget is shown in summary below. Operating revenue of \$143.2M exceeds operating expenses of \$122.2M. The capital budget, net of capital grant revenue, is \$55.0M. Cash of \$53.4M is intentionally used to balance the budget in support of STA's priority of exemplifying financial stewardship by remaining debt-free. Total Sources and Uses of Funds are \$216.8M. Items in blue in the table below indicate changes from the previous Proposed 2024 Budget publication due to updated assumptions described in the following sections.

### Budget Comparison 2023 to 2024

	2023 Budget	Final Proposed 2024 Budget	\$ Change from 2023 Budget	% Change from 2023 Budget
<b>Estimated Revenues:</b>				
Fares & Other Transit Revenue	\$ 7,805,387	\$ 7,548,864	\$ (256,523)	-3.3%
Sales Tax	107,001,541	108,869,671	1,868,130	1.7%
State Grants	8,279,696	10,190,867	1,911,171	23.1%
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,212,000	5,398,945	2,186,945	68.1%
Federal Operating Grants	19,959,412	-	(19,959,412)	-100.0%
Federal Preventive Maintenance	10,786,108	11,189,185	403,077	3.7%
<b>Subtotal: Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 157,044,144</b>	<b>\$ 143,197,532</b>	<b>\$ (13,846,612)</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
Federal Capital Revenue	18,758,176	8,104,582	(10,653,594)	-56.8%
State Capital Revenue	4,566,422	12,178,184	7,611,762	166.7%
<b>Subtotal: Capital Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 23,324,598</b>	<b>\$ 20,282,766</b>	<b>\$ (3,041,832)</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>180,368,742</b>	<b>163,480,298</b>	<b>(16,888,444)</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>
Decrease in Cash Balance*	25,763,758	53,358,544	27,594,787	107.1%
<b>Total Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 206,132,500</b>	<b>\$ 216,838,842</b>	<b>\$ 10,706,342</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures:</b>				
Fixed Route	\$ 74,964,941	\$ 78,970,783	\$ 4,005,842	5.3%
Paratransit	17,089,137	20,026,632	2,937,495	17.2%
Rideshare	728,852	908,949	180,097	24.7%
Plaza	2,846,699	3,525,016	678,317	23.8%
Administration	18,192,782	18,758,667	565,885	3.1%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 113,822,411</b>	<b>\$ 122,190,047</b>	<b>\$ 8,367,636</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
Capital Expenditures - Includes FR & PT Fleet	76,201,204	75,281,079	(920,125)	-1.2%
FR & PT Fleet Replacement Allocation	16,108,885	19,367,716	3,258,831	100.0%
<b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 206,132,500</b>	<b>\$ 216,838,842</b>	<b>\$ 10,706,342</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

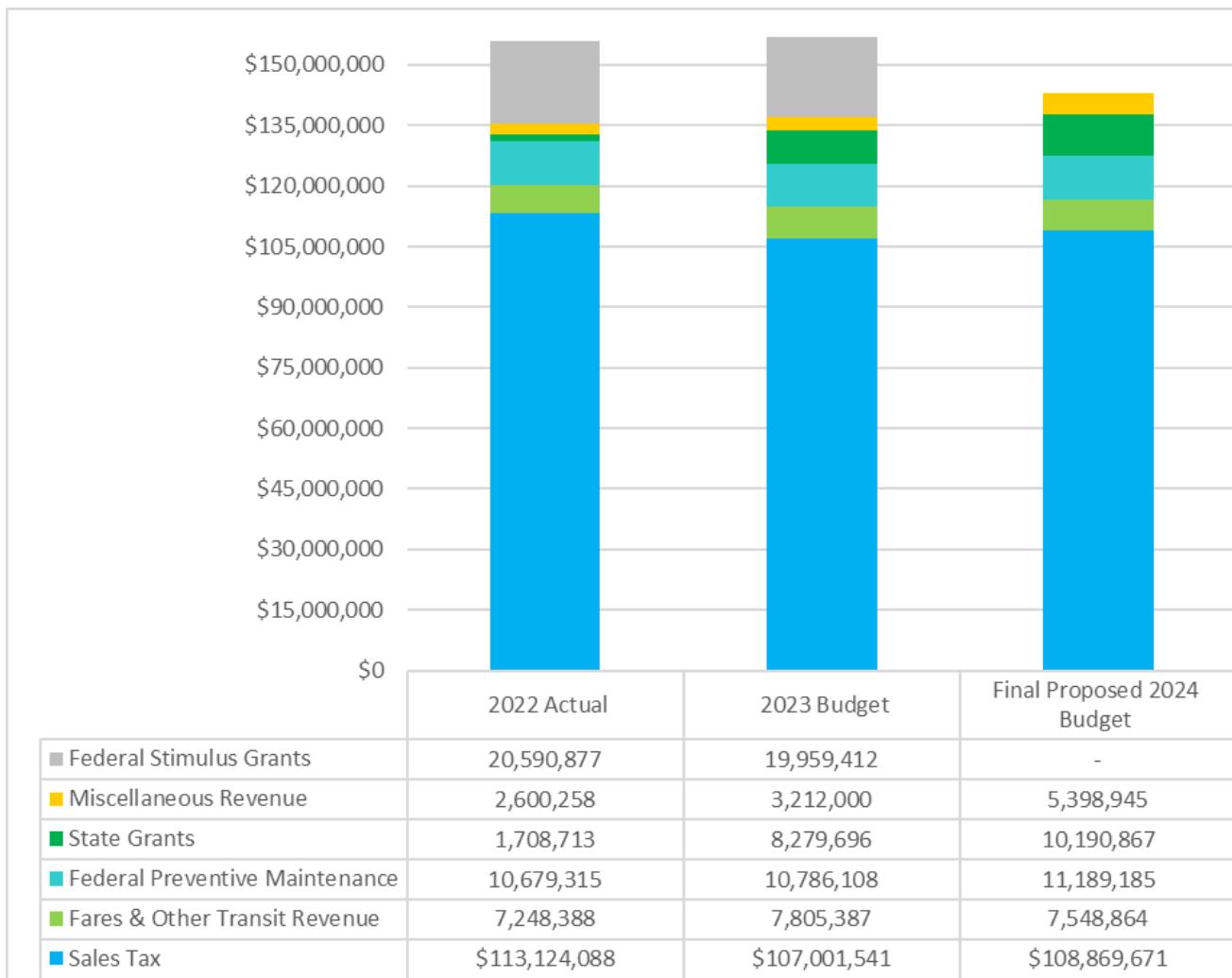
\* Represents net decrease in cash from Cash & Reserve Analysis of \$36,981,314 plus \$16,377,230 from reduction in Fleet Replacement Fund for purchase of vehicles.

## Operating Revenues

STA relies on three primary sources of revenue to fund its operations: 1) local, voter-approved sales tax, 2) operating grant funding, both state and federal, and 3) fares, along with interest and miscellaneous income. The Final Proposed 2024 Budget includes Operating revenues of \$143,197,532. The following chart shows the major sources of revenue in tabular and graphical formats:

Operating Revenues by Category – 2022 Actual, 2023 Budget, Final Proposed 2024 Budget

Revenue Type	Revenue Type by Category			Final Proposed 2024 Budget	Change 2024 to 2023 (\$)	Change 2024 to 2023 (%)
	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget			
Sales Tax	\$ 113,124,088	\$ 107,001,541	\$ 108,869,671	\$ 1,868,130	1.7%	
Fares & Other Transit Revenue	7,248,388	7,805,387	7,548,864	(256,523)	-3.3%	
Federal Preventive Maintenance	10,679,315	10,786,108	11,189,185	403,077	3.7%	
State Grants	1,708,713	8,279,696	10,190,867	1,911,171	23.1%	
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,600,258	3,212,000	5,398,945	2,186,945	68.1%	
Federal Stimulus Grants	20,590,877	19,959,412	-	(19,959,412)	-100.0%	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 155,951,638</b>	<b>\$ 157,044,144</b>	<b>\$ 143,197,532</b>	<b>\$ (13,846,612)</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>	



**Sales Tax** – Budgeted sales tax, provided by a local voter-approved sales tax rate of 0.8 percent levied within the PTBA, is the most significant yet unpredictable source of operating revenue as it relies on consumer spending. Sales tax represents 76.0 percent of the 2024 Operating Revenue budget. STA has experienced favorable sales tax growth over the last five years against its budget, with rates between a low of 0.9 percent in 2020 and a high of 17.6 percent in 2021. Sales tax revenue for the 2024 Budget looks at both the current year trending growth rate and the broader state of the national and local economy where there continue to be mixed signals.

As such, STA budgeted sales tax to reflect performance for the actual 2023 months collected to date combined with monthly 2023 budgeted amounts for those months yet to be received. For 2024, this creates a modest growth of 1.7 percent against the 2023 budget. STA continues to closely monitor collections of sales tax so it can take any necessary compensating actions should economic conditions deteriorate. Any excess revenue generated by favorable sales tax collection variances are reinvested in the Agency's capital and operating program to support initiatives to be developed in the next 10-year strategic plan, *Connect 2035*.

**Passenger Fares** – Fare revenue is derived based on historical and forecasted ridership information, as shown below, combined with average fare per boarding.

## Ridership Summary

	2022		Final		Change 2024 to 2023	Change 2024 to 2023 (%)
	Actual	2023 Budget	Proposed	2024 Budget		
Fixed Route	6,581,876	7,156,204	9,159,766	2,003,562		28.0%
Paratransit	310,316	366,132	413,184	47,052		12.9%
Rideshare	90,576	119,792	119,792	-		0.0%
<b>Total Ridership</b>	<b>6,982,768</b>	<b>7,642,128</b>	<b>9,692,742</b>	<b>2,050,614</b>		<b>26.8%</b>

The average fare per boarding is expected to be \$0.68 per fixed route boarding. Average fare per boarding varies due to the blend of fare types and overall ridership for those categories. There is no projected fare increase included in the 2024 Budget. The last standard fare increase was in 2019. The current Adult Fare is \$2.00 with a daily cap of \$4.00. The current Reduced Fare is \$1.00, with a daily cap of \$2.00. Youth who are 18 years of age and younger ride free.

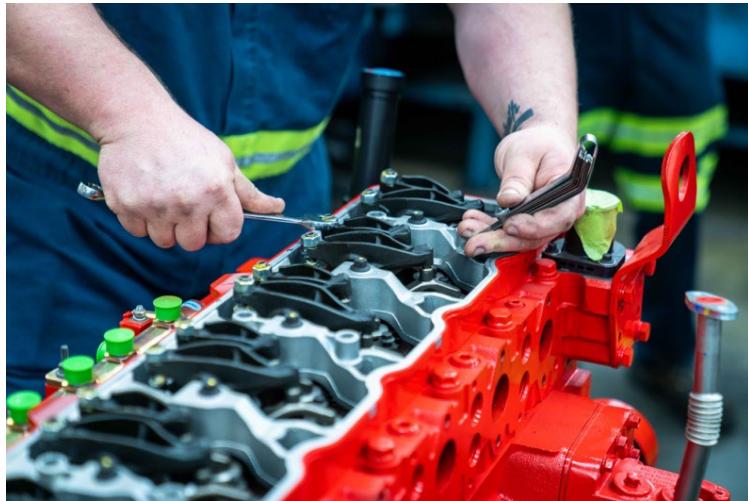
STA's fare philosophy is anchored in its comprehensive plan, *Connect Spokane*, which articulates that ridership increases are achieved by making public transportation cost effective and simple to use. Depending on the operating environment, type of transit service, and current market demand, fare changes can play a role in the increase or decrease of ridership. The imposition of fares means there is opportunity to provide more service to more people with the additional revenues. With this in mind, STA has a stated farebox return objective of at least 20% of the fully allocated costs of the fixed route service, computed as the total fares collected for that mode of service divided by total costs to operate the service.

Historical and budgeted farebox recovery for Fixed Route bus service is as follows.

	Final Proposed 2024 Budget	2023 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
<b>Operating Expense (allocated)</b>	\$96,584,875	\$92,085,674	\$71,694,572	\$54,964,429	\$57,856,254	\$55,543,627
<b>Revenue Hours</b>	530,131	508,550	465,683	451,920	448,142	444,299
<b>Farebox Revenue</b>	\$6,238,086	\$6,631,422	\$6,135,110	\$5,528,141	\$4,648,547	\$9,901,089
<b>Farebox Recovery Ratio (allocated)</b>	6.5%	7.2%	8.6%	10.1%	8.0%	17.8%

Since the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, farebox recovery has seen a marked decrease given the reduction in ridership. This combined with the continued investment in fixed route service has caused the recovery ratio to decrease.

**Federal Preventive Maintenance** - STA is a recipient of Federal section 5307 formula grant funds for preventive maintenance, which is usually received in the year awarded. Use of these funds for maintenance is authorized by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). An increase came with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which apportioned additional funding to transit agencies across the United States beginning in 2022 and is expected to continue over the next 5 years. In 2024, this federal operating funding represents 7.8 percent of Operating Revenues.



**State Grants** - STA receives funding from the Washington State Department of Transportation for special needs related service. In addition, STA started receiving funding in 2023 from the Move Ahead Washington Transit Support Grant, the new state transportation package that will provide funding for public transportation over the next 16 years. These operating grants have increased since 2022 and represent 7.1 percent of 2024 Operating revenues.

**Miscellaneous** - This revenue consists primarily of investment earnings. Interest income has increased due to higher interest rates, assumed to be 2.5% in 2024, on higher average cash balances.

**Federal Stimulus Grants** - One-time Federal contributions such as Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security 2020 (CARES), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act 2022 (ARPA) were included in Operating Revenues in 2022 and 2023 based on when STA expected to utilize the funds. No one-time Federal contributions are anticipated for 2024 and beyond.

## Operating Expenses

The Final Proposed 2024 Operating Expense budget totals \$122,190,047 which represents the cost to maintain and expand existing operations in line with STA's Action Plan. Expenses are comprised of the following major functional and natural categories:

Expense Type by Function						
Expense Type	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2023 (\$)	Change 2024 to 2023 (\$)	Change 2024 to 2023 (%)
Fixed Route	\$ 62,473,105	\$ 74,964,942	\$ 78,970,783	\$ 4,005,842		5.3%
Paratransit	15,062,876	17,089,137	20,026,632	2,937,495		17.2%
Rideshare	630,179	728,852	908,949	180,097		24.7%
Plaza	2,174,408	2,846,699	3,525,016	678,317		23.8%
Administration	14,205,055	18,192,782	18,758,667	565,885		3.1%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 94,545,623</b>	<b>\$ 113,822,411</b>	<b>\$ 122,190,047</b>	<b>\$ 8,367,636</b>		<b>7.4%</b>

Expense Type by Natural Category						
Expense Type	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2023 (\$)	Change 2024 to 2023 (\$)	Change 2024 to 2023 (%)
Salaries & Wages	\$ 39,586,461	\$ 49,152,896	\$ 50,154,096	\$ 1,001,200		2.0%
Benefits	24,987,006	29,948,579	32,016,242	2,067,663		6.9%
Services	5,012,987	6,401,306	7,388,405	987,099		15.4%
Contract Transportation	5,936,610	5,400,685	8,135,235	2,734,550		50.6%
Materials	13,867,187	16,863,281	17,060,893	197,612		1.2%
Other	5,155,373	6,055,664	7,435,176	1,379,512		22.8%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 94,545,623</b>	<b>\$ 113,822,411</b>	<b>\$ 122,190,047</b>	<b>\$ 8,367,636</b>		<b>7.4%</b>

Operating expenses are most directly impacted by the number of revenue hours (a passenger vehicle in passenger carrying service for one hour) of service STA provides. Revenue miles are also a valuable indicator of the level of service activity. STA tracks each of these indicators by mode. The mode describes the type of service that STA provides:

**Fixed Route (Motor Bus)** - Fixed Route refers to regularly scheduled buses operating on established routes. This service is directly operated by STA. In 2023, STA introduced its first Bus Rapid Transit route, the City Line, which contributed to the budgeted increase in service hours with 15-minute service. The 2024 increase encapsulates full deployment of the City Line to committed service frequency of 10-minutes mid-day and extended late night service, including 7.5-minute peak frequency, along with other improvements.

**Paratransit (Demand Response)** - Paratransit refers to the mode of service that provides a complementary service for those unable to use the regular bus because of the effects of their disability as provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Directly operated service is provided by STA personnel during the day on weekdays while purchased service is provided by a private contractor on nights and weekends, and when weekday support is needed.

**Rideshare** - Rideshare (formerly known as Vanpool) is a service for prearranged groups of riders who commute to a common destination in a van or SUV owned and maintained by STA. One of the passengers is designated as the driver. Employers participating in the program may provide a subsidy to their employees as a part of the regional commute trip reduction (CTR) program.

The following charts shows the comparison of revenue hours and revenue miles by mode for 2022 Actual, 2023 Budget, and Final Proposed 2024 Budget:

## Revenue Hours by Mode

	Final				
	2022		Proposed	Change from	% Increase
	Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	from 2023
Fixed Route	465,683	508,550	530,131	21,581	4.2%
Paratransit	129,282	148,166	165,861	17,695	11.9%
Rideshare	25,973	26,830	30,142	3,312	12.3%
<b>Total Revenue Hours</b>	<b>620,938</b>	<b>683,546</b>	<b>726,134</b>	<b>42,588</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

## Revenue Miles by Mode

	Final				
	2022		Proposed	Change from	% Increase
	Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	from 2023
Fixed Route	6,485,325	7,134,734	7,276,488	141,754	2.0%
Paratransit	2,018,751	2,482,956	2,642,377	159,421	6.4%
Rideshare	905,990	991,779	1,070,516	78,737	7.9%
<b>Total Revenue Miles</b>	<b>9,410,066</b>	<b>10,609,469</b>	<b>10,989,381</b>	<b>379,912</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

**Salaries & Wages** – While directly influenced by the 2024 revenue hours assumptions and the associated labor required to provide the services, STA administers a competitive compensation program with salaries & wages reflective of step increases for employees based on their tenure with the Agency, along with agreed to general wage increases. New staffing requests for 2024 amounted to 27 new positions, bringing the total budgeted count to 773 employees. Departmental employee detail can be found in the Employee section below. In 2024, the Agency will implement a six-month retention program for its employees compared to the two-year retention program, adopted by the STA Board in 2022, which had an annual cost of \$3.4 million. Overall, the increase in salaries & wages over 2023 reflects the addition of 27 new positions, general wage increases for management & administrative staff offset by the shorter retention program duration.

**Benefits** – The benefits budget includes assumptions for established cost increases, as well as known changes in required contribution rates. The two primary medical insurance programs offered by STA to its employees will increase by 6.22 percent and 4.00 percent, respectively, while the dental insurance premium will remain unchanged from 2023.

**Services** – The services budget consists of professional and technical services, contract and custodial maintenance, printing, security, and other services. The increase is reflective of the work that will be undertaken with STA's consultants to complete the *Connect 2035* strategic plan in 2024 as well as increased needs for custodial services at the Plaza.

**Contract Transportation** – As previously mentioned, STA engages a contractor to provide its Paratransit service on nights and weekends. Since 2021, STA has experienced a strong recovery in ridership which has necessitated higher utilization of its contractor in responding to customer demand. In 2024, STA expects to request significantly more service hours than it had budgeted for 2023, thereby driving the increase in costs for this expense item.

**Materials** – The 2024 supplies budget anticipates a 1.2 percent increase from the 2023 budget. This increase is impacted by the budget assumption for the cost of fuel, with diesel fuel being the largest component. The 2024

budget assumes a cost per gallon of diesel fuel at \$4.45 as compared to the 2023 budget assumption of \$4.32 per gallon. The number of gallons of diesel required is diminishing as STA introduces more battery-electric buses into its fleet in 2024, up to 25% from 15% in 2023, which helps mitigate the higher fuel costs. In addition, the cost of vehicle repair parts is anticipated to increase in 2024.

**Other** – Other expenses consist of utilities, insurance and miscellaneous items which are reflecting an increase of 22.8 percent over the 2023 budget. Utilities are one of the key drivers of this increase as STA puts in service more battery-electric buses which will generate higher energy costs.

For the Final Proposed 2024 Budget, STA expects insurance costs to increase by approximately 16 percent based on the draft rates provided by the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP), reflective of challenging insurance markets as insurance providers reduce the limits available for purchase. WSTIP determines the experience factor on an annual basis by comparing STA's claim costs benchmarked against other WSTIP members with five (5) million or more miles driven over the course of a calendar year.

Miscellaneous items includes training and meetings as well as dues and subscriptions. 2024 reflects increases associated with the continuing return to in-person meetings and conferences, and new or higher dues for various industry groups STA belongs to.

## ***Departmental Overview***

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### Operations

#### **Fixed Route**

Fixed Route is the core of the Agency service and consists of the administration and delivery of fixed route bus service to customers, 365 days a year. Agency-wide, Fixed Route coordinates service delivery with other Departments, and formulates and implements Agency goals consistent with the mission of STA. Fixed Route includes all Coach Operators, Supervisors, Dispatch and Transportation administrative functions.



#### **Paratransit**

Paratransit is a complementary service to Fixed Route and is comprised of the administration and delivery of the Paratransit van service provided by STA. Paratransit includes Transportation administration, Reservations, Dispatch and Van Operators. Paratransit service is provided by a contractor on nights and weekends. Paratransit also administers the Special Use Van and Surplus Van grant programs which provide transportation solutions to nonprofit organizations and community groups.

#### **Rideshare**

Rideshare manages and coordinates STA's rideshare program, providing rideshare vehicles for groups of commuters who have at least one end of their commute in Spokane County. Rideshare operations provides day-to-day support to Rideshare participants including vehicle maintenance, recruitment and retention of participants as well as training of volunteer coordinators, drivers, and bookkeepers.

## ***Vehicle Maintenance***

Vehicle Maintenance is primarily responsible for providing safe and reliable vehicles and equipment for the delivery of transportation services to customers, and in support of all other Agency business. They are involved in the selection and procurement of vehicles and parts, supplies, tools, and equipment while looking for ways to improve vehicle performance and safety to provide a clean, safe, reliable, and efficient environment for customers. The Department provides guidance and administrative support for the annual Transit Asset Management Plan.

## ***Facilities & Grounds Maintenance***

Facilities & Grounds Maintenance is responsible for STA's buildings and grounds, building systems, furnishings, and all park and ride lots and bus stops. This includes STA's Administrative, Operating, and Maintenance Facilities and all Park and Ride facilities throughout STA's service area. The Facilities team is also responsible for many of the Agency's compliance programs for its buildings.

## **Administrative**

### ***Executive***

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) sets the overall direction, while providing supervision and coordination of the activities of the Agency in support of the vision and mission and in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors. This includes the development and administration of Agency plans, services, programs, and policies and procedures along with the effective communication and coordination between employees, departments, the Board of Directors, and the broader community STA serves.



### ***Planning & Development***

Planning & Development oversees the service planning, capital project delivery and grant administration and reporting activities for STA. Departmental staff design, monitor, and optimize fixed route bus services and develop routes for operators to select. The group is responsible for annual submittal of the Transit Development Plan, the National Transit Database (NTD) report and STA's comprehensive plan. Further, the department is responsible for the design and delivery of capital and operating projects approved by the Board of Directors.

## ***Human Resources***

Human Resources seeks to create a team of highly effective individuals to further STA's vision and mission. Department staff accomplish this through the hiring, training and retention of individuals committed to delivering outstanding public transportation. Human Resources manages the safety and security functions for the Agency. Safety responsibilities include the risk assessments, root cause analysis of accidents and incidents, creation and review of all safety related documents, and Agency-wide safety trainings while Security covers oversight and patrolling of the Agency's facilities and vehicles to monitor and manage for security and safety-related conditions.

## ***Finance***

Finance is responsible for recording and maintaining the Agency's financial transactions and supporting documentation in conformance with all state and federal accounting regulations, generally accepted accounting principles and the Agency's own policies. In addition, reporting to Finance are Information Services and Purchasing. Information Systems (IS) is responsible for the support, maintenance, and governance of the Agency's information technology needs, including the management of cybersecurity risks. Purchasing administers the

procurement of goods and services including oversight and monitoring of vendors, consultants, and contractors as well as contract development. Purchasing is also responsible for managing facility and vehicle parts, fuel, and operating supplies inventory.

### **Communications & Customer Service**

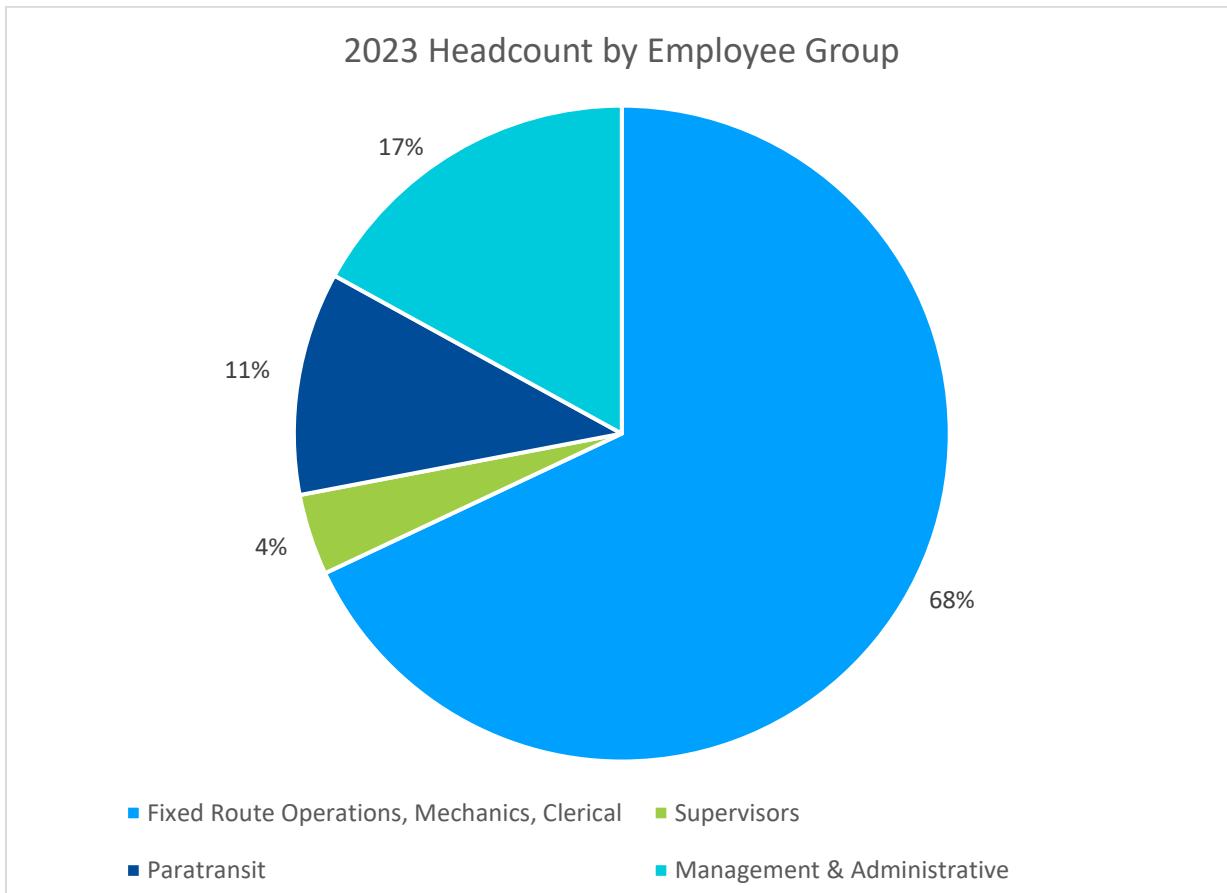
Communications & Customer Service produces informational and educational materials about the Agency and promotes awareness about the use of STA's services. The Department manages the website and real-time customer communications, printed materials, public information pieces, and social media. All marketing and communications, along with media relations, are handled by Communications. The Customer Service team handles sales of fare media, provides general information about schedules and trip planning.

### **Employees**

STA's Final Proposed 2024 budgeted workforce consists of 742 full-time and 31 part-time employees, summarized across Departments as follows. A full detail of positions by functions is included in the Appendix section.

Department	Headcount		Total
	Full-Time	Part-Time	
<b>Operations</b>			
Fixed Route	366	25	391
Paratransit (directly operated)	90	5	95
Rideshare	2	0	2
Vehicle Maintenance	111	0	111
Facilities & Grounds Maintenance	34	0	34
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>Administrative</b>			
Executive	5	0	5
Planning & Development	24	0	24
Human Resources	44	0	44
Finance	40	1	41
Communications & Customer Service	26	0	26
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Total Agency Headcount</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>773</b>

STA staff are represented by 3 bargaining units in addition to non-represented management & administrative staff. The breakdown by employee group is as follows:



The 2024 headcount represents an increase of 27 positions from the 2023 budget.

The new positions include by function:

**Fixed Route**

14 Fixed Route Operators  
2 General Repair Vehicle Technicians

**Rideshare**

1 Rideshare Coordinator

**Security**

1 Lead Transit Officer  
5 Transit Officers

**Administration**

1 Sr. Cybersecurity Analyst  
1 Peripheral/IOT Specialist  
1 Web & Digital Content Specialist  
1 Parts Clerk

## Capital Budget

The full Capital Improvement Plan by Projects is included in the Appendix section.

Spokane Transit Authority 2024 Capital Budget Summary							
Program Category	Program Name	2024 Capital Budget in TDP	Quantity	2024 Capital Budget Updated	State Funding	Federal Funding	Local Funding
Vehicles	Fixed Route Fleet Replacement	\$ 14,279,442	20	\$ 14,279,442	\$ -	\$ 966,145	\$ 13,313,297
	Paratransit Van Replacement	3,063,933	20	3,063,933	-	-	3,063,933
	Rideshare Vehicle Replacement	852,000	16	852,000	455,611	-	396,389
	Non-Revenue Vehicles	190,000	0	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Vehicles</b>		<b>\$ 18,385,375</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$ 18,195,375</b>	<b>\$ 455,611</b>	<b>\$ 966,145</b>	<b>\$ 16,773,619</b>
Facilities - Maintenance & Administration	Boone - Preservation and Enhancements	\$ 3,134,200		\$ 3,916,200	\$ 283,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,333,200
	Fleck Center - Preservation and Improvements	1,033,668		3,347,000	528,475	-	2,818,525
	Miscellaneous Equipment and Fixtures	154,200		308,933	-	-	308,933
	Facility Master Plan Program	450,000		500,000	-	-	500,000
<b>Total Facilities - Maintenance &amp; Administration</b>		<b>\$ 4,772,068</b>		<b>\$ 8,072,133</b>	<b>\$ 811,475</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,960,658</b>
Facilities - Passenger & Operational	Park and Ride Upgrades	\$ 234,613		\$ 415,017	\$ -	\$ 185,000	\$ 230,017
	Plaza Preservation and Improvements	698,045		1,574,216	-	-	1,574,216
	Route & Stop Facility Improvements	3,642,811		7,350,558	-	-	7,350,558
	Near Term Investments	3,123,500		4,667,652	-	-	4,667,652
<b>Total Facilities - Passenger &amp; Operational</b>		<b>\$ 9,198,969</b>		<b>\$ 15,207,443</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 185,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,022,443</b>
Technology	Business Systems Replacement	\$ 750,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Capital Program Management Software	100,000		306,000	-	-	306,000
	Communications Technology Upgrades	425,356		175,854	-	-	175,854
	Computer Equipment Preservation and Updates	427,500		427,500	-	-	427,500
	IS Infrastructure and End User Equipment	671,100		1,290,000	-	-	1,290,000
	Operating & Customer Service Software	334,808		417,833	-	-	417,833
	Security and Access Technology	482,000		496,100	-	-	496,100
<b>Total Technology</b>		<b>\$ 3,190,764</b>		<b>\$ 3,113,287</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ 3,113,287</b>
High Performance Transit Implementation	City Line	\$ 14,808,433		\$ 6,678,532	\$ -	\$ 5,310,237	\$ 1,368,295
	Cheney Line	35,000		778,000	396,780	-	381,220
	I-90/Valley Line	7,765,289		6,965,289	3,318,464	343,200	3,303,625
	Monroe-Regal Line	1,143,290		1,593,290	-	-	1,593,290
	Sprague Line	1,810,734		5,532,279	2,154,552	-	3,377,727
	West Broadway Line	1,240,000		640,000	-	-	640,000
<b>Total High Performance Transit Implementation</b>		<b>\$ 26,802,746</b>		<b>\$ 22,187,390</b>	<b>\$ 5,869,796</b>	<b>\$ 5,653,437</b>	<b>\$ 10,664,157</b>
Connect 2035	Connect 2035 Future Initiatives	\$ 25,000,000		\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,000,000
	Division Street BRT	4,250,000		6,005,451	5,041,302	500,000	464,149
<b>Total Connect 2035</b>		<b>\$ 29,250,000</b>		<b>\$ 8,505,451</b>	<b>\$ 5,041,302</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,464,149</b>
<b>Total 2024 Capital Budget</b>		<b>\$ 91,599,922</b>		<b>\$ 75,281,079</b>	<b>\$ 12,178,184</b>	<b>\$ 8,104,582</b>	<b>\$ 54,998,313</b>

### ***Rolling Stock (Vehicles)***

Revenue Vehicles – The Capital Budget includes \$18.2 million for procurement of 56 revenue vehicles. Revenue vehicles are those coaches and vans used to provide revenue service to passengers in the STA public transportation benefit area. There are 20 fixed route forty-foot clean diesel coaches planned for replacement at a

cost of \$14.3 million, 20 paratransit vans at about \$3.1M, and 16 rideshare vehicles at about \$0.8 million. STA expects to receive \$1.4 million in federal and state funding to support the purchase of these vehicles.

**Non-Revenue Vehicles** – Non-revenue vehicles include vehicles needed for operations such as supervisor trucks, security vehicles, maintenance trucks, and road cars. STA does not anticipate a need to purchase non-revenue vehicles in 2024.

### ***Facilities – Maintenance & Administration***

STA's Facilities Maintenance & Administration total budget for 2024 amounts to \$8.1 million. This includes \$3.9 million for preservation and enhancement of the STA maintenance and administration facilities at Boone which includes battery electric bus charging infrastructure, electric system audit for the Boone facilities, HVAC maintenance, and Clean Building audit. Fleck Center preservation and improvements of \$3.4 million for 2024 include replacement of underground fuel storage tanks and the bus/van washer. The capital budget for Facilities Maintenance and Administration also includes \$0.5 million for an update to the Facility Master Plan as well as \$0.3 million for other miscellaneous equipment and fixture needs of the Agency.

### ***Facilities – Passenger & Operational***

STA Facilities for Passenger and Operational needs 2024 budget is \$15.2 million. Upgrades to Park and Rides, and Transit Centers, \$1.6 million which includes improvements to the South Hill Park and Ride as well as continuation of the Five Mile Mobility Hub Design and West Plains Transit Center Upgrades. STA plans to spend \$1.6 million for preservation and improvements to the STA Plaza most of which will be focused on the Clean Building improvements. Route and Stop Facility Improvements and Near-Term Investments focus on those operational improvements for passengers and operations such as shelters, lighting, service changes, updates to bus stops, and other comfort and accessibility improvements. The 2024 budget for Route and Stop Facility Improvements and Near-Term Investments is \$12.0 million.



### ***Technology***

The total budget for Technology projects for 2024 is \$3.1 million. This includes Communications Technology, Computer Equipment Preservation and Updates, Information Systems Infrastructure and End User Equipment, Operating and Customer Service applications, and Security and Access Technology.

### ***High Performance Transit Implementation***

STA's budget for 2024 High Performance Transit Implementation totals \$22.2 million. This includes continuing City Line obligations of \$6.7 million and the Cheney Line at \$0.8 million. In addition, STA has budgeted \$7.0 million for I-90/Valley Line projects such as Mirabeau Transit Center Improvements and the new Appleway Station Park & Ride Design. The Sprague Line will continue with a 2024 budget of \$5.5 million along with the Monroe-Regal Line and the West Broadway Line at \$1.6 million and \$0.6 million respectively.

### ***Connect 2035***

The Capital Budget for 2024 includes the Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project as part of the Connect 2035 plan as well as other Connect 2035 future projects including facilities that will be established as the Connect 2035 plan is finalized. The 2024 Budget for Division Street BRT is \$6.0 million with an additional \$2.5 million for Connect 2035 Future Initiatives for a total of \$8.5 million.

## Cash and Reserves

STA is a debt-free Agency and, as such, manages its sources and uses of cash to create a sustainable and balanced budget. The Cash balance represents the remaining available cash resources of the Agency as of the end of the Budget period after 2024 budgeted operating and capital activities and Reserves, which are Board Committed amounts.

## Cash and Reserves Analysis

	Final Proposed 2024 Budget
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Revenue (excluding capital grants)	\$ 143,197,532
Operating Expense	(122,190,047)
<b>Revenue Over / (Under) Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,007,485</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACTIVITIES (Local Funds)</b>	
Purchase of Property, Plant, and Equipment	(38,621,083)
FR & PT Fleet Replacement Allocation	(19,367,716)
<b>Total Local Cash Used for Capital Activities</b>	<b>\$ (57,988,799)</b>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>\$ (36,981,314)</b>
CASH (Projected beginning 2024)	\$ 234,868,038
<b>CASH (Projected ending 2024)</b>	<b>\$ 197,886,722</b>
<b>BOARD DESIGNATED AND OTHER RESERVES</b>	
Operating Reserve (15% of Operating Expenses)	\$ (18,328,507)
Risk Reserve	(5,500,000)
Right of Way Acquisition Reserve	(4,950,000)
Real Estate Acquisition Reserve	(25,000,000)
Claims Reserve - L&I required	(357,000)
<b>Total Board Designated &amp; Other Reserves</b>	<b>\$ (54,135,507)</b>
<b>2024 Estimated End of Year Cash Balance After Reserves<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 143,751,215</b>
<b>2024 Estimated End of Year Fleet Replacement Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 18,299,045</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated end of year cash balance after reserves are used for future capital expenditures included in the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

### Reserves

The Board of Directors adopted Board Resolution 630A-07 and 804-22 to establish selected designated cash reserve policies to include Self-Insurance, Operating Reserve and Real Estate related Reserves.

**Self-Insurance Risk Reserve** — A total of \$5.5 million dollars was designated to provide catastrophic self-insurance coverage for underground storage tanks to protect the Agency from exposures beyond the financial resources available through the Agency's insurance program.

**Operating Reserve** — A reserve equal to 15% of the annual adopted operating expense budget was established to protect the Agency from sudden and unforeseen financial challenges from fluctuating revenues or expenditures, by creating access to short-term liquidity when needed.

**Right of Way Acquisition Reserve** – In the normal course of its operations and capital development efforts, STA works in the right of way of others and must have a mechanism to quickly address issues that may impact delivery of service or capital projects. This reserve of \$4.95 million allows the Board to quickly move on any actions to remedy right of way issues which cannot be planned.

**Real Estate Reserve** – STA's current and next strategic plans contain projects which call for significant investments in real estate to accomplish the desired capital and operational elements of these projects. Being able to act quickly and decisively in what may prove to be competitive situations for acquisitions of real property will prove essential for STA. This reserve of \$25 million provides a mechanism for the Board of Directors for such future acquisitions of real estate.

#### ***Fleet Replacement Fund***

This fund was created as a mechanism to smooth the impact to cash of replacement of fixed route buses and paratransit vans. While not an officially designated reserve, it is used specifically for capital investments related to vehicles used to provide STA service. Annually as part of the budget, STA funds and the Board of Directors approved the contribution to bring the fund to the appropriate funding level based on future replacements on the horizon.

# KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Fixed Route Key Operating Indicators	Final Proposed 2024 Budget	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$96,584,875	\$92,085,674	\$71,694,572
<b>Revenue Hours</b>	530,131	508,550	465,683
<b>Passengers</b>	9,159,766	7,156,204	6,581,876
<b>Revenue Miles</b>	7,276,488	7,134,734	6,485,325
<b>Farebox Revenue</b>	\$6,238,086	\$6,631,422	\$6,135,110
<b>Farebox Recovery Ratio</b>	6.5%	7.2%	8.6%
<b>Average Fare</b>	\$0.68	\$0.93	\$0.93
<b>Cost per Passenger</b>	\$10.54	\$12.87	\$10.89
<b>Operating Cost per Revenue Hour</b>	\$182.19	\$181.07	\$153.96
<b>Operating Cost per Revenue Mile</b>	\$13.27	\$12.91	\$11.05
<b>Passengers per Revenue Hour</b>	17.28	14.07	14.13
<b>Passengers per Revenue Mile</b>	1.26	1.00	1.01
<b>Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service</b>	164	164	157

Paratransit Key Operating Indicators	Final Proposed 2024 Budget	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$24,493,486	\$20,959,411	\$17,588,314
<b>Revenue Hours</b>	165,861	148,166	129,282
<b>Passengers</b>	413,184	366,132	310,316
<b>Revenue Miles</b>	2,642,377	2,482,956	2,018,751
<b>Farebox Revenue</b>	\$568,416	\$598,899	\$531,284
<b>Farebox Recovery Ratio</b>	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%
<b>Average Fare</b>	\$1.38	\$1.64	\$1.71
<b>Cost per Passenger</b>	\$59.28	\$57.25	\$56.68
<b>Operating Cost per Revenue Hour</b>	\$147.67	\$141.46	\$136.05
<b>Operating Cost per Revenue Mile</b>	\$9.27	\$8.44	\$8.71
<b>Passengers per Revenue Hour</b>	2.49	2.47	2.40
<b>Passengers per Revenue Mile</b>	0.16	0.15	0.15
<b>Vehicles Operated in Max Service-Directly Operated</b>	67	68	63
<b>Vehicles Operated in Max Service-Contracted</b>	49	40	41

Rideshare Key Operating Indicators	Final Proposed 2024 Budget	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$1,111,686	\$893,919	\$749,084
<b>Revenue Hours</b>	30,142	26,830	25,973
<b>Passengers</b>	119,792	119,792	90,576
<b>Revenue Miles</b>	1,070,516	991,779	905,990
<b>Farebox Revenue</b>	\$328,888	\$248,066	\$247,718
<b>Farebox Recovery Ratio</b>	29.6%	27.8%	33.1%
<b>Average Fare</b>	\$2.75	\$2.07	\$2.73
<b>Cost per Passenger</b>	\$9.28	\$7.46	\$8.27
<b>Operating Cost per Revenue Hour</b>	\$36.88	\$33.32	\$28.84
<b>Operating Cost per Revenue Mile</b>	\$1.04	\$0.90	\$.83
<b>Passengers per Revenue Hour</b>	3.97	4.46	3.49
<b>Passengers per Revenue Mile</b>	0.11	0.12	0.10
<b>Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service</b>	83	79	70

# DRAFT BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2024 BUDGET

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

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE STA 2024 BUDGET AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Spokane County, Washington

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY as follows:

WHEREAS, the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is a municipal corporation operating and existing under and pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington, pursuant to RCW Title 36, Chapter 57.A, Public Transportation Benefit Area;

WHEREAS, the STA Board of Directors, pursuant to state law and the STA Bylaws, Article III Section 3.1(5), shall have the power to prepare and adopt a budget and establish financial policies;

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a proposed 2024 budget, provided public access to the budget and the STA Board of Directors has held a public hearing on the proposed budget;

WHEREAS, the STA Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the final proposed 2024 budget at its December 6, 2023 meeting and has recommended adoption by the STA Board of Directors at its December 21, 2023 meeting;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 630A-07, the Board shall annually review and approve the level of cash reserves in conjunction with the budget adoption process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of STA as follows:

Section 1. The STA Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the 2024 budget including:

SOURCE OF FUNDS		USE OF FUNDS	
Revenues	\$ 143,197,532	Operating Expenses	\$ 122,190,047
Capital Grants	\$ 20,282,766	Capital Projects	\$ 75,281,079
From Cash Balance	\$ 53,358,544	Fleet Replacement Allocation	\$ 19,367,716
<b>Total Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 216,838,842</b>	<b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 216,838,842</b>

BOARD DESIGNATED CASH RESERVES	
Operating Reserve (15% of Operating Expenses)	\$ 18,328,507
Risk Reserve	\$ 5,500,000
Right-of Way Acquisition Reserve	\$ 4,950,000
Real Estate Acquisition Reserve	\$ 25,000,000
<b>Total Board Designated Cash Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 53,778,507</b>

Section 2. The STA Board of Directors hereby authorizes and instructs the Chief Executive Officer to carry out the purposes intended by the budget and to administer the provisions and appropriations as approved.

Adopted by STA at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of December 2023.

ATTEST:

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

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Dana Infalt  
Clerk of the Authority

Al French  
Board Chair Pro Tempore

Approved as to form:

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Megan Clark  
Legal Counsel

# APPENDIX

## Glossary

**Accrual Basis of Accounting** – A method of accounting that matches revenues and expenditures with the period to which they relate rather than received or distributed.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** – Federal legislation mandating specific requirements for vehicles and facilities to accommodate the disabled.

**Agency** – As a government agency, Spokane Transit is referred to as “the Agency” throughout this document.

**Appropriation** – A legal authorization granted by a legislative body to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes.

**ARPA** – The American Rescue Plan Act, which President Biden signed on March 11, 2021, includes \$30.5 billion in federal funding to support the nation’s public transportation system as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and support the President’s call to vaccinate the U.S. population.

**Beginning Balance** – The cash balance as of January 1.

**Benefits** – Employer paid costs provided for employees such as retirement contributions, medical and dental insurance premiums, workers’ compensation, and paid time off.

**Boardings** – Passengers are counted each time they board revenue vehicles no matter how many vehicles they use to travel from their origin to their destination. The official name of this statistic in National Transit Database (NTD) terms is “unlinked passenger trip.”

**Budget** – A financial plan for revenues and expenditures, according to a set of strategic decisions made by Agency leadership, which is approved by the Board of Directors annually. The budget funds initiatives and controls expenditures within boundaries.

**Budget Amendment** – A budget amendment is a formal action of the Board of Commissioners to approve changes after the initial budget adoption.

**Budget Revision** – A budget revision is a record of change to the budget with no financial impact, such as reclassification of costs.

**Bus Rapid Transit** – Bus Rapid Transit systems are designed to carry larger numbers of riders with greater speed, reliability, and frequency than a standard fixed-route bus.

**Capital** – Purchase or construction project that has a cost of greater than \$5,000, or \$50,000 aggregate, and a useful life of greater than one year.

**Capital Budget** – A portion of the annual budget that appropriates funds for the purchase of capital items.

**CARES** – The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on March 27th, 2020. The CARES Act, a \$2+ trillion economic relief package, provided direct economic assistance for American workers and families, for small businesses, and for state and local governments, as well as preserves jobs for American industries.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** – A statistical description of price levels provided by the U.S. Department of Labor that measures the change in the cost of goods purchased in comparative timeframes.

**Cost per Passenger** – The cost of carrying each passenger determined by dividing the total cost of carrying all passengers by the total number of passenger trips.

**Cost per Vehicle Mile** – The cost of traveling one mile determined by dividing the total cost of providing service by the total number of miles traveled.

**CRSAA** – The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act was signed into law on December 27, 2020. This includes \$900 billion in supplemental appropriations for COVID-19 relief. Of that, \$14 billion was allocated to support the transit industry during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Deadhead Time** – The number of hours a bus is traveling while not in revenue service. Includes travel between the garage and the beginning/end of a route or travel between two routes when the vehicle is not actually in service.

**Department** – An organizational unit of the Agency responsible for carrying out Agency functions.

**Encumbrances** – A classification of expenditures committed for goods or services for which payments have not been made.

**Ending Balance** – The cash balance as of December 31.

**Expenditure** – The payment of cash or the transfer of property or services for the purpose of acquiring an asset, service, or materials.

**Expenses** – Decreases in net total assets that represent the total cost of operations during a period regardless of the timing of related expenditures.

**Farebox Recovery Ratio** – The total fares collected divided by total costs to operate the service.

**Fiscal Year** – The fiscal year for Spokane Transit is the calendar year January 1 through December 31.

**Fixed Route** – Bus operations that adhere to a published schedule on specific routes.

**Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)** – A unit used for measuring personnel according to the percentage of hours worked annually, based on a 40-hour workweek / 52 weeks / 2080 hours.

**Grants** – A contribution by a government or other organization to support a particular function.

**Insurance Budget** – A portion of the annual budget that appropriates funds for Property and Liability Insurance provided by WSTIP (defined below).

**Insurance Reserve** – Reserves set at a level to adequately protect the Agency from self- insurance risks that are evaluated annually.

**Key Performance Indicators (KPI)** – Measures by which Spokane Transit evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of its operations.

**Maintenance and Operation Expenditures (M&O)** – This term refers to expenditures paid to obtain goods or services, including services, supplies, fuel, utilities, insurance, etc. This category does not include personnel or capital expenditures.

**Operating Budget** – A portion of the annual budget that appropriates funds for continued operations.

**Paratransit** – A program whereby transportation services are provided to those with a qualifying disability within ½ of a mile of our fixed bus routes.

**Personnel** – This item includes the cost of all salaries, wages, overtime, and benefits associated with the Agency's staff.

**PTBA** – Public Transportation Benefit Area is a special taxing district established by Washington State for the purpose of providing public transportation. The PTBA includes the cities of Airway Heights, Cheney, Medical Lake, Millwood, Liberty Lake, Spokane, and Spokane Valley, as well as portions of the unincorporated county of Spokane surrounding those municipalities. where the Agency provides public transportation services within its boundaries which extend to roughly 248 square miles.

**Reserve** – Reserves maintained to provide sufficient working capital and balance to finance cash flow requirements, unanticipated downturns in revenues, and provide funds for emergency expenditures set by Board of Commissioners.

**Revenue** – Income received by the Agency in support of its program of services to the PTBA.

**Revenue Hours** – A calculation of service based on the number of hours a vehicle is in service providing passenger trips (and is potentially collecting fare revenue). Revenue hours do not include deadhead time but do include layover time between trips.

**Revenue Miles** – A calculation of service based on the number of miles in which a vehicle is in service providing passenger trips (and is potentially collecting fare revenue).

**Revenue Vehicle** – Any vehicle which provides service resulting in fare revenue for the Agency.

**Ridership** – The total number of passenger boardings on fixed route, paratransit, or rideshare in a year.

**Rideshare** – A group of 3 to 15 people sharing the ride in an 8, 12, or 15-passenger van.

**Rolling Stock** – A category of capital assets consisting transit vehicles such as buses, vans, cars, as well as vehicles used for support services.

**Sales Tax** – Tax on certain forms of consumption levied by the State of Washington within the service district for the Agency in the amount of eight-tenths of one percent (0.8 percent) effective in April 2019.

**Self-insurance** – The items determined to be administered by the Agency rather than covered by an insurance policy.

**Service Hours** – A calculation of service based on the number of hours a vehicle is on the road, includes revenue, recovery, and deadhead hours.

**WSTIP** – The Washington State Transit Insurance Pool consists of twenty-five Washington State public transit agencies, who combine their resources in order to provide and purchase insurance coverage, manage claims and litigation, and receive risk management assistance and training.

## 2024 Staffing by Function

	FUNDED 2015	FUNDED 1/01/16	FUNDED 2017	FUNDED 2018	FUNDED 2019	FUNDED 2020	FUNDED 2021	FUNDED 2022	FUNDED 2023	FUNDED 2024	2024 Change Compared to 2023 Funded
<b>01 FIXED ROUTE DIVISION - FUNCTION</b>											
ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION (010)	24	24	24	25	25	25	27	32	32	32	0
SCHEDULING OF TRANSPORTATION (021)	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	0
REVENUE VEHICLE OPERATIONS (030)	226	226	238	245	266	277	290	296	313	327	FT 14
REVENUE VEH ICLE OPERATIONS (030)	28	28	28	25	25	25	25	22	25	25	PT 0
ADMINISTRATION OF MAINTENANCE (041)	5	5	5	5	6	7	7	8	8	8	0
FACILITIES ASST. MANAGER (042)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
SERVICE REVENUE VEHICLES (051)	12	12	12	13	15	15	20	20	24	24	0
INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE REVENUE VEHICLES (061)	41	41	43	46	48	51	54	56	58	64	2
MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (124)	20	20	22	24	25	27.0	32.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	0
FARE COLLECTION (150)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	0
SECURITY (161)	11	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	19	27	6
TELE INFORMATION/CUSTOMER SERVICE (162)	12	12	12	13	14	14	14	15	16	15	FT 0
TELE INFORMATION/CUSTOMER SERVICE (162)	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	PT 0
LOSS CONTROL (165)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2.5	0.5
SAFETY AND TRAINING (166)	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	6.5	-0.5
PURCHASING AND STORES (172)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	6	1
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (176)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0
<b>FIXED ROUTE STAFFING TOTALS:</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>23.0</b>
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	1.5%		4.0%	2.4%	6.6%	3.7%	5.9%	3.0%	6.8%	5.1%	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE HOURS (BUDGETED)</b>	<b>402,126</b>		<b>408,312</b>	<b>426,689</b>	<b>453,013</b>	<b>465,480</b>	<b>459,196</b>	<b>482,774</b>	<b>508,550</b>	<b>530,131</b>	
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	1.4%		1.7%	4.5%	6.2%	2.8%	-1.4%	5.1%	5.3%	4.2%	
<b>02 PARATRANSIT DIVISION - FUNCTION</b>											
ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION (010)	14	14	15	15	15	19	19	19	20	20	0
SCHEDULING OF TRANSPORTATION (021)	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8.00	0
REVENUE VEHICLE OPERATIONS (030)	55	51	57	57	61	61	52	56	62	62	FT 0
REVENUE VEH ICLE OPERATIONS (030)	5	5	3	3	2	2	2	1	5	5	PT 0
SERVICE REVENUE VEHICLES (051)	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	0
INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE REVENUE VEHICLES (061)	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	0
<b>PARATRANSIT STAFFING TOTALS:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	0.0%		1.1%	1.1%	4.2%	4.0%	-8.7%	4.2%	11.1%	0.0%	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE HOURS (BUDGETED)</b>	<b>153,693</b>		<b>157,821</b>	<b>160,583</b>	<b>164,038</b>	<b>160,084</b>	<b>107,634</b>	<b>121,188</b>	<b>142,441</b>	<b>165,861</b>	
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	0.0%		-2.5%	1.8%	2.2%	-2.4%	-32.8%	12.6%	17.5%	16.4%	
<b>03 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION - FUNCTION</b>											
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (145)									4	4	0
OMBUDSMAN (162)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
COMMUNICATIONS (163)	5	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	10	11	1
HUMAN RESOURCES (167)	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	0
INFORMATION SYSTEMS (170)	7	7	8	9	10	10	11	11	11	13	2
FINANCE (171)	8	8	10	10	10	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	0
PURCHASING AND STORES (172)	2	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	8	8	0
ENGINEERING (173)		0	5	5	6	8	8	9	11	11	0
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT (174)								1	0	0	0
RECORD COORDINATOR (175)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	0
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (176)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0
PLANNING (177)	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	9	9	0
PROJECT (185)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATA COLLECTION (190)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING TOTALS:</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>61.60</b>	<b>63.60</b>	<b>68.60</b>	<b>78.60</b>	<b>81.60</b>	<b>3</b>
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	2.4%		18.6%	3.9%	9.4%	6.2%	3.2%	7.9%	14.6%	3.8%	
<b>04 PLAZA DIVISION - FUNCTION</b>											
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (176)									1	0	0
<b>VANPOOL STAFFING TOTALS:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>								
<b>05 VANPOOL DIVISION - FUNCTION</b>											
INSP/MAINT REV VEH (061)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (176)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
<b>VANPOOL STAFFING TOTALS:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>							
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-50.0%	100.0%	
<b>REVENUE HOURS (BUDGETED)</b>	<b>34,548</b>		<b>37,853</b>	<b>29,933</b>	<b>31,081</b>	<b>29,079</b>	<b>28,092</b>	<b>26,970</b>	<b>26,830</b>	<b>30,142</b>	
% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	0.0%		1.5%	-20.9%	3.8%	-6.4%	-3.4%	-4.0%	-0.5%	12.3%	
<b>STAFFING GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>535.00</b>	<b>533.00</b>	<b>565.00</b>	<b>578.00</b>	<b>615.00</b>	<b>639.60</b>	<b>660.60</b>	<b>684.60</b>	<b>739.60</b>	<b>772.60</b>	<b>27.00</b>

# Capital Improvement Plan by Projects

Program Category	Program Name	ID	Project Name	Budget Control	Qty	2024 by Funding Source			2024 Total	2025 Total	2026 Total	2027 Total	2028 Total	2029 Total	2024-2029	
						2024 - Local	2024 - State	2024 - Federal								
■ Vehicles	■ Fixed Route Fleet - Expansion	■ 533	■ MF: Fixed Route Fleet Expansion-2025-Signature Coaches	8,354,885	7	-	-	-	-	8,354,885	-	-	-	-	8,354,885	
		■ 570	■ MF: Fixed Route Fleet Expansion-2026	2,194,222	3	-	-	-	-	-	2,194,222	-	-	-	2,194,222	
		■ 905	■ MF: Fixed Route Fleet Expansion-2025	3,560,049	5	-	-	-	-	3,560,049	-	-	-	-	3,560,049	
	■ Fixed Route Fleet - Expansion Total			14,609,156	15	-	-	-	-	12,414,934	2,194,222	-	-	-	14,609,156	
	■ Fixed Route Fleet - Replacement	■ 492	■ Fixed Route Fleet Replacement-2026	7,314,074	10	-	-	-	-	-	7,314,074	-	-	-	7,314,074	
		■ 493	■ Fixed Route Fleet Replacement-2024	14,279,442	20	13,313,297	-	966,145	14,279,442	-	-	-	-	-	14,279,442	
		■ 494	■ Fixed Route Fleet Replacement-2026	4,364,853	4	-	-	-	-	-	4,364,853	-	-	-	4,364,853	
		■ 877	■ Fixed Route Fleet Replacement-2027	4,508,329	6	-	-	-	-	-	4,508,329	-	-	-	4,508,329	
		■ 904	■ Fixed Route Fleet Replacement-2025	12,816,176	18	-	-	-	-	12,816,176	-	-	-	-	12,816,176	
		■ 1029	■ Fixed Route Fleet Replacement-2029	3,840,735	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,840,735	3,840,735	
	■ Fixed Route Fleet - Replacement Total			47,123,609	61	13,313,297	-	966,145	14,279,442	12,816,176	11,678,927	4,508,329	-	3,840,735	47,123,609	
	■ Paratransit Vans	■ 489	■ Paratransit Fleet Replacement-2024	3,063,933	20	3,063,933	-	-	-	3,063,933	-	-	-	-	3,063,933	
		■ 491	■ Paratransit Fleet Replacement-2025	965,139	6	-	-	-	-	965,139	-	-	-	-	965,139	
		■ 837	■ Paratransit Fleet Replacement-2026	1,857,892	11	-	-	-	-	-	1,857,892	-	-	-	1,857,892	
		■ 961	■ Paratransit Fleet Replacement-2028	3,724,229	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,724,229	-	-	3,724,229	
		■ 1031	■ Paratransit Fleet Replacement-2029	3,910,441	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,910,441	3,910,441	
	■ Paratransit Vans Total			13,521,634	77	3,063,933	-	-	-	3,063,933	965,139	1,857,892	-	3,724,229	3,910,441	13,521,634
	■ Rideshare Vans	■ 761	■ Rideshare Replacement-2024	852,000	16	396,389	455,611	-	852,000	-	-	-	-	-	852,000	
		■ 826	■ Rideshare Replacement-2025	605,000	11	-	-	-	-	605,000	-	-	-	-	605,000	
		■ 827	■ Rideshare Replacement-2026	635,000	11	-	-	-	-	-	635,000	-	-	-	635,000	
		■ 881	■ Rideshare Replacement-2027	665,000	11	-	-	-	-	-	665,000	-	-	-	665,000	
		■ 947	■ Rideshare New/ Replacement-2028	700,000	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	700,000	-	-	700,000	
		■ 1030	■ Rideshare Replacement-2029	714,000	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	714,000	714,000	
	■ Rideshare Vans Total			4,171,000	71	396,389	455,611	-	852,000	605,000	635,000	665,000	700,000	714,000	4,171,000	
	■ Non-Revenue Vehicles	■ 776	■ Security Vehicles	80,000	2	-	-	-	-	80,000	-	-	-	-	80,000	
		■ 778	■ F/R Service Vehicles	90,000	2	-	-	-	-	90,000	-	-	-	-	90,000	
		■ 818	■ Supervisor Support Vehicles	90,000	2	-	-	-	-	-	90,000	-	-	-	90,000	
		■ 879	■ Security Patrol Vehicles	90,000	5	-	-	-	-	-	90,000	-	-	-	90,000	
		■ 880	■ Supervisor Support Vehicles	300,000	5	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000	
		■ 932	■ Shelter Response Truck	52,000	1	-	-	-	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	52,000	
		■ 944	■ Security Support Vehicle	50,000	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	50,000	
	■ Non-Revenue Vehicles Total			752,000	18	-	-	-	-	-	170,000	142,000	390,000	50,000	752,000	
	<b>Vehicles Total</b>			<b>80,177,399</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>16,773,619</b>	<b>455,611</b>	<b>966,145</b>	<b>18,195,375</b>	<b>26,971,249</b>	<b>16,508,041</b>	<b>5,563,329</b>	<b>4,474,229</b>	<b>8,465,176</b>	<b>80,177,399</b>	
■ Facilities - Maintenance & Administration	■ Boone - Preservation and Enhancements	■ 324	■ Boone Facility Fire Alarm Upgrade	350,000	0	175,000	-	-	175,000	-	-	-	-	-	175,000	
		■ 745	■ West Boone Avenue Crosswalk	150,000	0	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	
		■ 779	■ Capital Replacement of BEB Electric Charging- 2023-2027	530,914	0	103,000	-	-	103,000	106,090	109,273	112,551	-	-	430,914	
		■ 876	■ Steam PIT Lift	150,500	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,500	-	-	150,500	
		■ 908	■ Boone NWG Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Charging Infrastructure Ad	2,800,000	0	2,162,000	283,000	300,000	2,245,000	600,000	-	-	-	-	3,345,000	
		■ 917	■ Audit, Electrical System for N/S Boone	300,000	0	300,000	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	
		■ 918	■ Electrical System Upgrade N/S Boone 2026	2,890,000	0	-	-	-	-	1,390,000	1,500,000	-	-	-	2,890,000	
		■ 920	■ HVAC, Capital Replacement M&A Facilities 2023-2027	177,350	0	26,250	-	-	26,250	40,000	42,000	44,100	-	-	152,350	
		■ 921	■ HVAC, Capital Replacement M&A Facilities 2028-2032	365,520	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,150	69,458	-	135,608	
		■ 926	■ Overhead Garage Door Replacement 2023-27	350,943	0	66,950	-	-	66,950	68,958	71,027	73,158	-	-	280,093	
		■ 927	■ Overhead Garage Door Replacement 2028-32	400,058	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,353	-	-	152,966	
		■ 963	■ Capital Replacement of BEB Electric Charging- 2028-2032	615,474	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,928	119,405	-	235,333	
		■ 971	■ Automated Load Management	300,000	0	100,000	-	-	100,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	300,000	
		■ 1024	■ Boone Clean Buildings- Dept of Commerce Work	1,350,000	0	250,000	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,350,000	
		■ 1025	■ NW Boone Fire Suppression Upgrade	1,600,000	0	-	-	-	-	1,600,000	-	-	-	-	1,600,000	
	■ Boone - Preservation and Enhancements Total			12,330,759	0	3,333,200	283,000	300,000	3,916,200	4,095,048	2,012,300	620,309	497,431	506,476	11,647,764	
	■ Fleck Center - Preservation and Improvements	■ 787	■ Fleck Center Drain/Slab UST	1,500,000	0	2,685,000	-	-	2,685,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,685,000	
		■ 862	■ Fleck Bus/Van Wash Replacement	385,000	0	133,525	528,475	-	662,000	295,000	-	-	-	-	957,000	
	■ Fleck Center - Preservation and Improvements Total			2,395,000	0	2,818,525	528,475	-	3,347,000	295,000	-	-	-	-	3,642,000	
	■ Miscellaneous Equipment and Fixtures	■ 858	■ Mobile Aerial Work Platform	17,510	0	17,500	-	-	17,500	-	-	-	-	-	17,500	
		■ 861	■ Big Fan Install	100,000	0	37,233	-	-	37,233	-	-	-	-	-	37,233	
		■ 867	■ Drill Press Replacements	30,000	0	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	
		■ 913	■ Bandsaw, Industrial	10,000	0	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	
		■ 915	■ Main Boone II Projects 2023-2027	530,914	0	203,000	-	-	203,000	106,090	109,273	112,551	-	-	530,914	
		■ 916	■ Main Boone II Projects 2028-2032	615,477	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,928	119,406	-	235,334	
		■ 922	■ Lift, six post replacement	87,500	0	-	-	-	-	-	87,500	-	-	-	87,500	
		■ 924	■ Miscellaneous Equipment and Fixtures 2023-2027	214,980	0	41,200	-	-	41,200	42,436	44,558	46,786	-	-	174,980	
		■ 925	■ Miscellaneous Equipment and Fixtures 2028-2032	255,844	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,189	49,635	-	97,324	
		■ 930	■ Press	25,000	0	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000	
	Miscellaneous Equipment and Fixtures Total			1,887,225	0	308,933	-	-	308,933	173,526	183,831	246,837	164,117	169,041	1,246,285	
	■ Facility Master Plan Program	■ 828	■ Facilities Master Plan Update	600,000	0	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	
	■ Facility Master Plan Program Total			600,000	0	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	
	■ Facilities - Maintenance & Administration Total			17,212,984	0	6,960,658	811,475	300,000	8,072,133	4,563,574	2,196,131	867,146	661,548	675,517	17,036,049	

Program Category	Program Name	ID	Project Name	Budget Control	Qty	2024 by Funding Source						2024-2029		
						2024 - Local	2024 - State	2024 - Federal	2024 Total	2025 Total	2026 Total	2027 Total		
Facilities - Passenger & Operational	Park and Ride Upgrades	754	Five Mile Mobility Hub Preliminary Design	225,000	0	74,489	-	185,000	229,489	-	-	-	259,489	
		900	West Hill P&R Improvements	700,000	0	74,928	-	-	74,928	-	-	-	74,928	
		902	West Plains Transit Center Retrofit & Layover	208,811	0	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	
		928	Park and Ride Major Preservation 2023-2027	106,182	0	20,600	-	-	20,600	21,218	21,854	22,510	36,182	
		929	Park and Ride Major Preservation 2028-2032	123,091	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,185	23,880	
	Park and Ride Upgrades Total			1,373,084	0	230,017	-	185,000	415,017	21,218	21,854	22,510	23,880	
	Plaza Preservation and Improvements	765	STA Plaza Loudspeaker System Replacement	45,000	0	45,000	-	-	45,000	-	-	-	45,000	
		794	Plaza Exterior Signage	80,000	0	-	-	-	-	73,535	-	-	73,535	
		845	Plaza Preservation and Improvements 2023-2027	273,420	0	130,000	-	-	130,000	54,636	56,275	57,964	298,875	
		958	Plaza Preservation & Improvements 2028-2032	316,971	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,703	61,494	
		359	Plaza Building and Systems Assessment	300,000	0	299,216	-	-	299,216	-	-	-	299,216	
		1026	Plaza Clean Buildings - Dept of Commerce Work	1,657,690	0	800,000	-	-	800,000	315,000	330,750	347,288	364,652	
		1027	Plaza Automatic Door Replacement	300,000	0	300,000	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000	
	Plaza Preservation and Improvements Total			2,973,081	0	1,574,216	-	-	1,574,216	443,171	387,025	405,252	424,355	
	Route & Stop Facility Improvements	464	MF: Rural Highway Stop Improvements 2022-2025	700,000	0	698,371	-	-	698,371	300,000	-	-	993,371	
		743	MF: Service Change Bus Stops 2021-2023	1,850,940	0	104,741	-	-	104,741	-	-	-	104,741	
		753	Transit Shelter Lighting Retrofits 2020-2024	175,000	0	155,000	-	-	155,000	20,000	-	-	175,000	
		789	North Havana Street Sidewalk Improvement Project	270,000	0	85,000	-	-	85,000	150,000	-	-	235,000	
		791	MF: 2024 Service Change Operational Requirements	215,000	0	215,000	-	-	215,000	205,000	-	-	420,000	
		822	Bus Stop Improvements - 2026	100,000	0	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	
		823	Operational Improvements - 2026	200,000	0	-	-	-	-	200,000	-	-	200,000	
		824	Transit Shelter Replacement - 2022-2026	207,500	0	156,416	-	-	156,416	43,000	44,500	-	243,916	
		887	2023 Bus Stop Accessibility Improvement Project	205,250	0	205,250	-	-	205,250	-	-	-	205,250	
		888	Bus Stop Accessibility Improvement Project 2024-2028	1,116,250	0	185,500	-	-	185,500	218,000	224,000	230,000	1,064,750	
		894	Cooperative Projects - 2022-2027	3,000,000	0	994,110	-	-	994,110	500,000	500,000	500,000	-	
		896	Indian Trail Layover Improvement Project	225,000	0	75,000	-	-	75,000	25,000	-	-	100,000	
		898	Route Segment Investment Projects	1,767,500	0	1,500,000	-	-	1,500,000	354,250	364,000	395,750	-	
		899	Shelters & Lighting Program	991,200	0	417,329	-	-	417,329	249,800	200,400	71,500	939,029	
		903	Whitworth University Comfort Station	354,757	0	315,000	-	-	315,000	284,172	25,000	-	624,172	
		957	Mead & Faith Hillyard	436,500	0	-	-	-	-	21,825	65,475	261,900	87,300	
		965	Cheney Eagle Station Bay 1	300,000	0	298,811	-	-	298,811	25,000	-	-	323,811	
		1013	Portable Restrooms	1,100,000	0	-	-	-	-	800,000	100,000	-	-	
		1014	North Freya Corridor Bus Stops	400,000	0	75,000	-	-	75,000	200,000	-	-	275,000	
		1015	North Spokane Bus Stops (2027-2029)	1,580,000	0	-	-	-	-	85,000	515,000	515,000	465,000	
		1016	South Spokane Bus Stops (2027-2029)	1,580,000	0	-	-	-	-	85,000	515,000	515,000	465,000	
		1017	Spokane Valley Bus Stops (2027-2029)	1,580,000	0	-	-	-	-	85,000	515,000	515,000	465,000	
		1018	West Plains Bus Stops (2027-2029)	1,580,000	0	-	-	-	-	85,000	515,000	515,000	465,000	
		1019	Sprague - Bernard to Division	3,700,000	0	500,000	-	-	500,000	3,000,000	200,000	-	-	
		1022	Veterans Administration Bus Stop & Crosswalk	500,000	0	75,000	-	-	75,000	400,000	25,000	-	-	
		1039	Service Change Improvements - 2024	1,500,000	0	1,300,000	-	-	1,300,000	-	-	-	1,300,000	
	Route & Stop Facility Improvements Total			25,634,397	0	7,350,558	-	-	7,350,558	6,796,047	2,388,375	3,519,150	2,324,300	
	Near Term Investments	948	Bus Stops for Hayford & Midland (West Plains)	600,000	0	479,000	-	-	479,000	198,000	23,000	-	700,000	
		949	New Bus Stops & Comfort Stn - Spokane Valley	794,000	0	766,962	-	-	766,962	38,000	-	-	804,962	
		950	East Fifth Avenue Bus Stop Accessibility & Improvements	348,000	0	175,690	-	-	175,690	29,580	-	-	205,270	
		951	Implement Capital Improvements for Plaza/Arena Service	1,246,000	0	1,246,000	-	-	1,246,000	109,430	-	-	1,355,430	
		1011	Airway Heights Connector	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	
	Near Term Investments Total			4,988,000	0	4,667,652	-	-	4,667,652	375,010	23,000	-	-	
	Hillyard Station	1012	Hillyard Station	7,200,000	0	-	-	-	-	860,000	6,140,000	200,000	-	7,200,000
	Hillyard Station Total			7,200,000	0	-	-	-	-	860,000	6,140,000	200,000	-	7,200,000
	Transit Center Upgrades	1023	West Plains Transit Center - Operational Expansion & Enhancements	7,000,000	0	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000	5,400,000	100,000	-	-	
	Transit Center Upgrades Total			7,000,000	0	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000	5,400,000	100,000	-	-	
Facilities - Passenger & Operational Total				49,168,562	0	15,022,443	-	185,000	15,207,443	13,035,446	3,780,254	10,086,912	2,971,840	
Technology	Business Systems Replacement	841	Enterprise Asset Management System Implementation	1,100,000	0	-	-	-	-	350,000	-	-	350,000	
	Business Systems Replacement Total			1,100,000	0	-	-	-	-	350,000	-	-	350,000	
	Capital Program Management Software	763	Project Management Software	306,000	0	306,000	-	-	306,000	-	-	-	306,000	
	Capital Program Management Software Total			306,000	0	306,000	-	-	306,000	-	-	-	306,000	
	Communications Technology Upgrades	796	Digital Monitors for Customer Information	745,000	0	175,854	-	-	175,854	-	-	-	175,854	
	Communications Technology Upgrades Total			745,000	0	175,854	-	-	175,854	-	-	-	175,854	
	Computer Equipment Preservation and Updates	972	Mobile Data Router Replacement 2024	427,500	0	427,500	-	-	427,500	-	-	-	427,500	
		1007	Mobile Data Router Replacement 2028	500,000	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000	
		1008	Mobile Data Router Replacement 2029-All except FR	513,000	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	513,000	513,000	
	Computer Equipment Preservation and Updates Total			1,440,500	0	427,500	-	-	427,500	-	-	500,000	513,000	
	IS Infrastructure and End User Equipment	336	Fiber Communications	1,213,456	0	-	-	-	-	109,300	112,600	115,900	119,400	
		883	Interior Firewalls	300,000	0	300,000	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000	
		934	Network Switch Replacement	720,000	0	-	-	-	-	-	720,000	-	-	
		935	Storage Appliance Update	140,000	0	140,000	-	-	140,000	-	-	-	140,000	
		936	Cyber Security Technologies	290,000	0	-	-	-	-	75,000	-	-	75,000	
		937	Desktop and Laptop Refresh	620,000	0	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	250,000	
		938	Plaza Network Additions	300,000	0	275,000	-	-	275,000	-	-	-	275,000	
		941	Desktop and Laptop Refresh	663,000	0	-	-	-	-	428,000	225,000	-	-	
		1009	Network Access Controls	150,000	0	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	150,000	
		1024	Northside Conference Room Equipment	25,000	0	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	25,000	
		1036	Southside Conference Room Equipment	150,000	0	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	150,000	
	IS Infrastructure and End User Equipment Total			4,561,455	0	1,290,000	-	-	1,290,000	184,300	1,260,600	340,900	119,400	
	Operating & Customer Service Software	1032	PASS Web Trip Booking and PASS App	334,808	0	217,833	-	-	217,833	-	-	-	217,833	
		1038	Fare Collection System Upgrades - 2024-2028	1,000,000	0	200,000	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	200,000	
	Operating & Customer Service Software Total			1,334,808	0	417,833	-	-	417,833	-	-	-	417,833	
	Security and Access Technology	608	Park and Ride Camera System - Hastings	71,500	0	71,500	-	-	71,500	-	-	-	71,500	
		610	Park and Ride Camera System - South Hill	74,600	0	74,600	-	-	74,600	-	-	-	74,600	
		1010	Security Camera System Refresh - Boone	250,000	0	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	250,000	
		1037	Security Camera Upgrade - VTC	100,000	0	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	
	Security and Access Technology Total			496,100	0	496,100	-	-	496,100	-	-	-	496,100	
Technology Total				9,983,863	0	3,113,287	-	-	3,113,287	534,300	1,260,600	340,900	619,400	
													513,000	
													6,381,487	

Program Category	Program Name	ID	Project Name	Budget Control	Qty	2024 by Funding Source						2024-2029		
						2024 - Local	2024 - State	2024 - Federal	2024 Total	2025 Total	2026 Total	2027 Total		
High Performance Transit Implementation	Central City Line	347	MF: Design and Construction	85,410,407	0	1,368,295	-	5,310,237	6,678,532	-	-	-	6,678,532	
	Central City Line Total			85,410,407	0	1,368,295	-	5,310,237	6,678,532	-	-	-	6,678,532	
	Cheney Line	764	MF: Cheney Corridor Improvements	4,490,000	0	381,220	396,780	-	778,000	-	-	-	778,000	
	Cheney Line Total			4,490,000	0	381,220	396,780	-	778,000	-	-	-	778,000	
	I-90/Valley Line	469	MF: Mirabeau Transit Center Improvements	6,360,000	0	1,987,625	2,777,664	4,265,289	224,489	-	-	-	4,489,778	
		477	MF: Appleway Station Park and Ride	10,388,000	0	216,000	640,800	343,200	1,200,000	5,000,000	2,888,000	-	9,088,000	
		955	Argonne Station Park and Ride	13,000,000	0	100,000	400,000	-	500,000	2,500,000	6,250,000	3,750,000	-	
		1020	I-90/Valley HPT, Route 7	3,100,000	0	700,000	-	-	700,000	2,400,000	-	-	3,100,000	
		1021	Valley Transit Center BEB Charging Infrastructure	3,200,000	0	300,000	-	-	300,000	2,800,000	100,000	-	3,200,000	
	I-90/Valley Line Total			36,048,000	0	3,303,625	3,318,464	343,200	6,965,289	12,924,489	9,238,000	3,750,000	-	32,877,778
Monroe-Regal Line	Monroe-Regal Line	479	MF: Monroe-Regal Shelter and Stop Enhancements	5,810,798	0	1,093,290	-	-	1,093,290	-	-	-	1,093,290	
		897	Monroe-Regal Line HPT Branding	688,937	0	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	500,000	
	Monroe-Regal Line Total			6,499,735	0	1,593,290	-	-	1,593,290	-	-	-	1,593,290	
	Sprague Line	540	MF: Sprague HPT Improvements	6,556,000	0	2,170,120	2,154,552	-	4,324,672	-	-	-	4,324,672	
		901	Sprague Line HPT Branding	1,207,607	0	1,207,607	-	-	1,207,607	545,000	81,107	-	1,833,714	
	Sprague Line Total			7,763,607	0	3,377,727	2,154,552	-	5,532,279	545,000	81,107	-	6,158,386	
	West Broadway Line	952	West Broadway Line Improvements	1,880,000	0	340,000	-	-	340,000	376,000	-	-	716,000	
		953	Broadway Cooperative Reconstruction Infrastructure	400,000	0	240,000	-	-	240,000	120,000	-	-	360,000	
		954	Broadway Supporting Amenities	200,000	0	60,000	-	-	60,000	100,000	40,000	-	200,000	
	West Broadway Line Total			2,480,000	0	640,000	-	-	640,000	596,000	40,000	-	1,276,000	
High Performance Transit Implementation Total				142,691,749	0	10,664,157	5,869,796	5,653,437	22,187,390	14,065,489	9,359,107	3,750,000	-	49,361,986
Connect 2035	BRT Fleet	1028	2035: BRT Fleet -2029	33,269,424	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,269,424	
	BRT Fleet Total			33,269,424	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,269,424	
	Connect 2035 Future Initiatives	1033	2035: Future Projects, including Facilities	160,000,000	0	2,000,000	-	500,000	2,500,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	82,500,000
	Connect 2035 Future Initiatives Total			160,000,000	0	2,000,000	-	500,000	2,500,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	82,500,000
	Division Street BRT	830	2035: Division Line - PE and NEPA Scoping	2,642,715	0	464,149	-	-	464,149	-	-	-	464,149	
		895	2035: Division Line BRT: Project Development	15,000,000	0	-	5,041,302	500,000	5,541,302	4,500,000	4,750,000	894,000	-	15,685,302
		956	2035: Division BRT Construction and Implementation	154,476,082	0	-	-	-	-	-	54,000,000	90,000,000	10,476,082	154,476,082
	Division Street BRT Total			172,118,797	0	464,149	5,041,302	500,000	6,005,451	4,500,000	4,750,000	54,894,000	90,000,000	10,476,082
Connect 2035 Total				365,388,221	16	2,464,149	5,041,302	1,000,000	8,505,451	29,500,000	29,750,000	64,894,000	100,000,000	53,745,506
Grand Total				664,622,778	258	54,998,313	12,178,184	8,104,582	75,281,079	88,670,058	62,854,133	85,502,287	108,727,017	65,374,823
													486,409,397	

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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 7A:** 2024 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR – RECOMMENDATION

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Dana Infalt, Clerk of the Authority

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**SUMMARY:** Attached is the proposed schedule for the 2024 Board and Committee meeting dates.

- The Planning and Development (P&D) and Performance Monitoring and External Relations (PMER) Committee meetings will be held in person on the first Wednesday of the month at the Spokane Transit Southside Conference Room, 1230 West Boone Avenue, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.
- The Board Operations Committee meetings will be held in person on the second Wednesday of the month at the Spokane Transit Northside Conference Room, 1230 West Boone Avenue, at 1:30 p.m.
- STA Board meetings will be held in person on the third Thursday of the month at the Spokane Transit Southside Conference Room, 1230 West Boone Avenue, at 1:30 p.m.

Virtual joining options will be available for all meetings.

Please note the following exceptions:

JANUARY - There are no Planning and Development or Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee meetings scheduled for January.

FEBRUARY – Planning and Development and Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee meetings will be held one week early on January 31, 2023. The Board Operations Committee meeting will be held one week early on February 7, 2023.

JULY - Due to the Holiday, all meetings are a week later than usual.

AUGUST - There are no Board or Committee meetings scheduled during the month of August.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Review and approve, BY Resolution 816-23, the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting calendar as presented.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head di

Chief Executive Officer ASAN

Legal Counsel //

**SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**DRAFT 2024 BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**P&D, PMER, Board Operations & Board Meetings to be held in person at  
Spokane Transit with Virtual WebEx Joining Option**

<b>Board Meetings (Third Thursday) 1:30pm-3:00pm</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Development Committee (First Wednesday) 10:00am-11:30am</b>
January 18	January – No meeting scheduled
February 15	January 31 (1 week early)
March 21	March 6
April 18	April 3
May 16	May 1
June 20	June 5
July 25 (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday-1 week later)	July 10 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday-1 week later)
August - No meeting scheduled	August – No meeting scheduled
September 19	September 4
October 17	October 2
November 21	November 6
December 19	December 4
<b>Board Operations Committee (Second Wednesday) 1:30pm-3:00pm</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring &amp; External Relations (First Wednesday) 1:30pm-3:00pm</b>
January 10	January – No meeting scheduled
February 7 (1 week early)	January 31 (1 week early)
March 13	March 6
April 10	April 3
May 8	May 1
June 12	June 5
July 17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday-1 week later)	July 10 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday-1 week later)
August - No meeting scheduled	August – No meeting scheduled
September 11	September 4
October 9	October 2
November 13	November 6
December 11	December 4
<b>2024 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (Hybrid) Meeting Schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) 5:00 pm</b>	
February 7 (1 week early)	
April 10	
June 12	
September 11	
November 13	
<b>2024 Board Workshop Schedule</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 – date(s) to be determined	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – date(s) to be determined	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024 – date(s) to be determined	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 – date(s) to be determined	

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 7B :** DRAFT 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE FOCUS AND PRIORITIES

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Carly Cortright, Chief Communications & Customer Service Officer

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**SUMMARY:** Each year the Board of Directors adopts Legislative Priorities to guide the CEO during the session as she communicates Spokane Transit (STA) interests and priorities to the legislature. During the session, staff will watch for and analyze legislation that may pose a threat or offer new opportunities to Spokane Transit.

Because legislation affecting STA's operations and/or service may come forward at any time, the CEO requests authority from the Board to determine STA's interest on specific pieces of legislation, convey those interests to legislators and others, and report to the Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee and the Board during the legislative session.

**Spokane Transit Authority (STA) Focus and Priorities for the Washington State Legislative Session**

**General Focus**

Monitor and provide information to the Washington State Legislature on proposed legislation that may, either positively or negatively, impact STA and/or the Spokane region. Specific priorities are:

- **Preserve local-decision-making**  
Support policies and regulations regarding governance and transit operations.
- **Preserve and expand public transit investments**  
Support policies and legislation regarding zero-emission technology and bus facilities; continue funding for transit support and special needs formula grants.
- **Support transit workforce initiatives**  
Support efforts to address transit hiring and training.

**Developing Priorities**

- **Transit-Oriented Development**  
Support targeted land use policy and infrastructure investments to accelerate increased development around transit.
- **Zero-Emission Transit Fleets**  
Support policies and legislation that provide greater incentives to operate and purchase zero-emission transit vehicles and electric charging capital infrastructure. Continue and expand funding for Green Transportation grants.

**Priorities to Preserve Funding for 2023-2025 biennium.**

Project	Funding Source/Program	2023-2025 Award/Appropriation
Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) <i>\$50M committed to project which will coincide with opening of North South Corridor</i>	Move Ahead Washington	\$7,746,000 <i>\$42.2M requested for future biennia through 29-31</i>
I-90/Valley High Performance Transit (HPT) Corridor Infrastructure: Mirabeau and Appleway Stations	Regional Mobility Grant	\$6,886,000
I90/Valley High Performance Transit (HPT) Corridor Infrastructure: Argonne Station Park and Ride	Regional Mobility Grant	\$9,000,000
Sprague Line High Performance Transit (HPT) Improvements	Regional Mobility Grant	\$2,060,000
Cheney High Performance Transit (HPT) Corridor Improvement & Vehicle Acquisition	Regional Mobility Grant	\$4,260,000
Spokane Transit Battery Electric Bus Infrastructure	Green Transportation Grant	\$295,000
Spokane Transit 2023 Fleet Electrification	Green Transportation Grant	\$4,950,000
Spokane Transit Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan	Green Transportation Grant	\$160,000
Fleck Bus Washer	Bus and Bus Facilities Grant	\$764,000
Special Needs (Paratransit) Formula Grant Funding	Move Ahead Washington	\$6,900,000
Transit Support Grant	Move Ahead Washington	\$13,400,000

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:** Review and recommend the Board approve the 2024 Legislative Focus and Priorities as presented and grant authority to the CEO to determine STA's interest on specific pieces of legislation, convey those interests to legislators and others, and report to the Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee and the Board during the legislative session.

**PMER COMMITTEE ACTION 1:** Mr. Zappone made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2024 Legislative Focus and Priorities as presented, with an amendment to grant the authority to the CEO to convey STA's interest in specific pieces to legislators and others in consultation with the Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee during the legislative session and to add support for the House and Senate bills that would convert the non-voting labor representative on the board to a voting member. Mr. Zappone and Ms. Wilkerson voted yes. Mr. Kerns and Ms. Haley voted no. The vote was tied.

**PMER COMMITTEE ACTION 2:** Mr. Kerns made a motion to recommend the Board approve the 2024 Legislative Focus and Priorities as presented and grant authority to the CEO to determine STA's interest on specific pieces of legislation, convey those interests to legislators and others, and report to the Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee and the Board during the legislative session. Mr. Kerns and Ms. Haley voted yes. Mr. Zappone and Ms. Wilkerson voted no. The vote was tied.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Review Action 1 and vote to approve. If Action 1 vote fails, review Action 2 and vote to approve.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head cc

Chief Executive Officer ASAN

Legal Counsel //

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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 7C :** 2024 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer

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**SUMMARY:** The attached report presents STA's 2024 key operational Performance Measures which staff proposes to keep in line with the 2023 Performance Measures. Each performance measure is intended to support the delivery of a specific Spokane Transit organizational priority, as established and reviewed annually by the STA Board of Directors. These quantifiable benchmarks demonstrate the agency's commitment to accountability.

As the Board of Directors continues its work on the *Connect 2035* Strategic Plan, it will consider and evaluate the establishment of new performance measures alongside these existing measures. Staff expects such additions, modifications or deletions to take effect for calendar year 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:** Review and recommend the Board approve the 2024 Performance Measures as presented.

**PMER COMMITTEE ACTION 1:** Mr. Zappone made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2024 Performance Measures, with an amendment to the Farebox Return goal from 20% to 6.5%. Mr. Zappone and Ms. Wilkerson voted yes. Mr. Kerns and Ms. Haley voted no. The vote was tied.

**PMER COMMITTEE ACTION 2:** Mr. Kerns made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2024 Performance Measures as presented. Mr. Kerns and Ms. Haley voted yes. Mr. Zappone and Ms. Wilkerson voted no. The vote was tied.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Review Action 1 and vote to approve. If Action 1 vote fails, review Action 2 and vote to approve.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head brb

Chief Executive Officer BSW

Legal Counsel //

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Annotated copy to show comparison to 2023

**SUBJECT:** 2024 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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**MISSION**

- We provide safe, inclusive, convenient, and efficient public transportation services to the Spokane area communities.
- We are leaders in transportation and a valued partner in the community's social fabric, economic infrastructure, and quality of life.

**OUR VISION**

- Connecting everyone to opportunity.

**PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

**1. Safety**

Emphasize safety of our customers and employees in all aspects of our operations

**2. Earn and Retain the Community's Trust**

Engender trust and accountability and satisfy and exceed the expectations of citizens, customers, and employees; increase ridership; operate an efficient, cost-effective operation; maintain tight control of operational, administrative, and capital expenditures of public resources; provide service that is responsive and tailored to the area's needs.

**3. Provide Excellent Customer Service**

Provide consistently high-quality service to customers at every interaction with Spokane Transit; be rated by customers, the community, and employees as providing excellent customer service as measured annually in surveys.

**4. Enable Organizational Success**

Have a well-trained and highly productive workforce; promote healthy dialogue on important issues; reduce employee injuries.

**5. Exemplify Financial Stewardship**

Operate an efficient, cost-effective operation; maintain tight control of operational, administrative, and capital expenditures of public resources; establish reasonable, user-based revenue targets; plan for future operational and capital needs.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

### **1. ENSURE SAFETY**

**Emphasize safety of our customers and employees in all aspects of our operations.**

#### **Performance Measures**

- Accident Rate**

##### Fixed Route

Measurement – (1 measure) Preventable accidents

2023 Goal: 0.08 (or less) per 10,000 miles

**2024 Goal: 0.08 (or less) per 10,000 miles**

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.15

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.17**

##### Paratransit

Measurement – (1 measure) Preventable accidents

2023 Goal: 0.10 (or less) per 10,000 miles

**2024 Goal: 0.10 (or less) per 10,000 miles**

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.08

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.11**

- Injury Rate (Employee Days Lost)**

##### Fixed Route

Measurement – Workdays lost due to injury

2023 Goal: 0.02 (or less) per 1,000 employee hours

**2024 Goal: 0.02 (or less) per 1,000 employee hours**

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.02

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.04**

##### Paratransit

Measurement – Workers Comp Lost Days

2023 Goal: 0.04 (or less) per 1,000 employee hours

**2024 Goal: 0.04 (or less) per 1,000 employee hours**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.02

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.03**

##### Maintenance

Measurement – Workers Comp Lost Days

2023 Goal: 0.05 (or less) per 1,000 employee hours

**2024 Goal: 0.05 (or less) per 1,000 employee hours**

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.04

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.01**

## 2024 Performance Measures

- **Injury Rate (Employee Claims)**

Fixed Route

Measurement – Claims per 1,000 hours

2023 Goal: 0.05 claims (or less) per 1,000 hours

**2024 Goal: 0.05 claims (or less) per 1,000 hours**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.09

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.07**

Paratransit

Measurement – Claims per 1,000 hours

2023 Goal: 0.08 (or less) claims per 1,000 hours

**2024 Goal: 0.08 (or less) claims per 1,000 hours**

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.07

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.10**

Maintenance

Measurement – Claims per 1,000 hours

2023 Goal: 0.10 (or less) claims per 1,000 hours

**2024 Goal: 0.10 (or less) claims per 1,000 hours**

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: 0.08

**2023 Q3 YTD: 0.08**

## 2. **EARN AND RETAIN THE COMMUNITY'S TRUST**

**Engender trust and accountability and satisfy and exceed the expectations of citizens, customers, and employees; increase ridership; provide service that is responsive and tailored to the area's needs.**

**Performance Measures**

- **Ridership**

Fixed Route

Measurement – Number of unlinked trips

2023 Goal: 20.6% increase from 2022 (approximately 7.2 million trips)

**2024 Goal: 28% increase from 2023 (approximately 9.2 million trips)**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 25.9% increase (6,595,319 trips)

**2023 Q3 YTD: 34.3% increase**

Paratransit (Excluding SUV)

Measurement – Number of unlinked trips

2023 Goal: 9.5% increase from 2022 (approximately 344,707 trips)

**2024 Goal: 19.9% increase from 2023 (approximately 413,184 trips)**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 29.8% increase (327,316 trips)

**2023 Q3 YTD: 17.3% increase**

## 2024 Performance Measures

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### Rideshare

Measurement – Number of unlinked trips

2023 Goal: 30.1% increase from 2022 (approximately 119,792 trips)

**2024 Goal: 0.0% increase from 2023 (approximately 119,792 trips)**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 28.8% increase (90,576 trips)

**2023 Q3 YTD: 7.2% increase**

- **Service Effectiveness**

#### Fixed Route

Measurement – Passengers per revenue hour

2023 Goal: 15 or above system wide average

**2024 Goal: 17.5 or above system wide average**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 15.70

**2023 Q3 YTD: 17.08**

#### Paratransit

Measurement – Passengers per revenue hour

2023 Goal: 2.1 or above system wide average

**2024 Goal: 2.7 or above system wide average**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 2.47

**2023 Q3 YTD: 2.35**

- **Customer Security**

#### Fixed Route

Measurement – Response to two questions on Annual Ridership Survey: Customer assessment of personal safety & drivers' driving safe

2023 Goal: 4.5 (or above) average

**2024 Goal: 4.5 (or above) average**

Measured – Annually

2022 Survey: 4.1 & 4.4

**2023: Results will be presented at the February committee meeting.**

#### Paratransit

Measurement – Response to two questions on Annual Paratransit Survey: Customer assessment of personal safety & drivers driving safe

2023 Goal: 4.5 (or above) average

**2024 Goal: 4.5 (or above) average**

Measured – Annually

2022: No Survey

**2023 Survey: Schedule date pending for December or January**

- **Public Outreach**

Agency Wide

Measurement – Response to question on annual Community Perception Survey: STA does a good job listening to the public.

2023 Goal: 4.5 (or above) on a scale of 1 to 5

**2024 Goal: 4.5 (or above) on a scale of 1 to 5**

Measured – Annually

2022 Survey: No Survey

**2023 Survey: Results will be presented at the February committee meeting.**

- **Fixed Route Ease of Use (*not included in slide deck*)**

Agency Wide

Measurement – % of urbanized population with basic bus service within ½ mile walk

2022 Actual: 85%

Measured – Annually

Measurement – % of Fixed Route Passenger boardings occurring at locations where passenger shelter is provided

2022 Actual: 67%

Measured – Annually

### **PROVIDE EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE**

**Provide consistently high-quality service to customers at every interaction with Spokane Transit; be rated by customers, the community, and employees as providing excellent customer service as measured annually in surveys.**

#### **Performance Measures**

- **On Time Performance**

Fixed Route

Measurement – 0 to 5 minutes from scheduled time point

2023 Goal: 93% on time

**2024 Goal: 93% on time**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 92.5%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 93.3%**

Paratransit

Measurement – 0 to 30 minutes from scheduled pick-up time

2023 Goal: 93% on time

**2024 Goal: 93% on time**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 91.1%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 92.5**

- **Call Center**

Fixed Route Customer Service Abandon Rate

Measurement – Percent of calls abandoned in comparison to the total call volume

2023 Goal: 4% or below

**2024 Goal: 4% or below**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 2.0%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 1%**

Paratransit Reservationists Abandon Rate

Measurement – Percent of calls abandoned in comparison to the total call volume

2023 Goal: 4% or below

**2024 Goal: 4% or below**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 2.0%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 2.0%**

Fixed Route (Customer Service) Service Level

Measurement – The percent of time calls are answered within the goal period

2023 Goal: 90%/60 seconds

**2024 Goal: 90%/60 seconds**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 93%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 93%**

Paratransit Reservationists Service Level

Measurement – The percent of time calls are answered within the goal period

2023 Goal: 90%/60 seconds

**2024 Goal: 90%/60 seconds**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 80%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 85%**

- **Complaint Rate**

Fixed Route

Measurement – Number of complaints received

2023 Goal: 8 complaints (or less) per 100,000 boardings

**2024 Goal: 8 complaints (or less) per 100,000 boardings**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual Total Complaints: 9.9

**2023 Q3 YTD Total Complaints: 10.0**

Paratransit

Measurement – Number of complaints received

2023 Goal: 8 complaints (or less) per 10,000 boardings

**2024 Goal: 8 complaints (or less) per 10,000 boardings**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual Total Complaints: 6.0

**2023 Q3 YTD Total Complaints: 4.4**

- **Maintenance Reliability**

Fixed Route

Measurement – Number of Road Calls

2023 Goal: Less than 1 per 7,500 miles

**2024 Goal: Less than 1 per 7,500 miles**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 6,216 miles

**2023 Q3 YTD: 4,903**

Paratransit

Measurement – Number of Road Calls

2023 Goal: Less than 1 per 75,000 miles

**2024 Goal: Less than 1 per 75,000 miles**

Measured – Monthly

2022 Actual: 75,275

**2023 Q3 YTD: 58,747**

**4. ENABLE ORGANIZATIONAL SUCCESS**

**Have a well-trained and highly productive workforce; promote healthy dialogue on important issues.  
Have an active and engaged Board of Directors.**

**Performance Measures**

- **Training Rate (Employee)**

Fixed Route

Measurement – Complete Advanced Operator Training

2023 Goal: 8 hours per Operator annually

**2024 Goal: 8 hours per Operator annually**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: None

**2023 Q3 YTD: 9 hours per Operator annually (BEB Training)**

Paratransit

Measurement – Complete Advanced Operator Training

2023 Goal: 8 hours per Operator annually

**2024 Goal: 8 hours per Operator annually**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: None

**2023 Q3 YTD: On hold**

Maintenance

Measurement – 4 major component training events + variety of general professional classes

2023 Goal: Invest average of 25 hours per maintenance employee per year

**2024 Goal: Invest average of 25 hours per maintenance employee per year**

Measured – Annually

2022 Actual: 41 hours

**2023 Q3 YTD: 44 per employee**

### Managers/Supervisors/Administrative

Measurement – Scheduled Professional Development Class

2023 Goal: 100% of employees receive either on-site or off-site training event per year

**2024 Goal: 100% of employees receive either on-site or off-site training event per year**

Measured – Annually

2022 Actual: 8 hours

**2023 Q3 YTD: In progress**

- **Annual Employee Feedback**

### Fixed Route

Measurement – Supervisor conducts formal ride check/ride along

2023 Goal: 100% of operators receive a successful evaluation on a ride check/ride along annually

**2024 Goal: 100% of operators receive a successful evaluation on a ride check/ride along annually**

Measured – Annually

2022 Actual: 29 out of 270

**2023 Q3 YTD: 241 out of 324**

### Paratransit

Measurement – Supervisor conducts formal ride check/ride along

2023 Goal: 100% of operators receive a successful evaluation on a ride check/ride along annually

**2024 Goal: 100% of operators receive a successful evaluation on a ride check/ride along annually**

Measured – Annually

2022 Actual: 100% Completed

**2023 Q3 YTD: 100% Completed**

- **Governance**

### Board Development

Measurement – Attendance at a transit-related conference/training event

2023 Goal: Two Board members attend annually

**2024 Goal: Two Board members attend annually**

Measured – Annually

2022 Actual: Completed

**2023 Q3 YTD: Completed**

## 5. EXEMPLIFY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Operate an efficient, cost-effective operation; maintain tight control of operational, administrative, and capital expenditures of public resources; establish reasonable, user-based revenue targets; plan for future operational and capital needs.**

### **Performance Measures**

- **Cost Efficiency**

#### Fixed Route

Measurement – Cost per Revenue Hour

2023 Goal: below 95% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

**2024 Goal: below 95% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State**

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 72.5%

**2023 Q3 YTD: 72.8%**

### Paratransit

Measurement – Cost per Revenue Hour

2023 Goal: below 95% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

2024 Goal: below 95% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 69.8%

2023 Q3 YTD: 69.8%

- **Cost Effectiveness**

### Fixed Route

Measurement – Cost per Passenger

2023 Goal: below 95% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

2024 Goal: below 95% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 58.6%

2023 Q3 YTD: 59.7%

### Paratransit

Measurement – Cost per Passenger

2023 Goal: below 94% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

2024 Goal: below 94% of average cost of urban systems in Washington State

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 61.7%

2023 Q3 YTD: 61.7%

- **Cost Recovery from User Fees**

### Fixed Route

Measurement – Farebox Return

2023 Goal: at least 20%

2024 Goal: at least 20%

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 10.84%

2023 Q3 YTD: 7.59%

### Paratransit

Measurement – Farebox Return

2023 Goal: at least 5%

2024 Goal: at least 5%

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 3.95%

2023 Q3 YTD: 2.74%

### Rideshare

Measurement – Fare revenue compared to Operational and Administrative expenses (not including Special Use Rideshare)

2023 Goal: 85%

2024 Goal: 85%

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: 39.8%

2023 Q3 YTD: 44.5%

- **Maintenance Cost**

Fixed Route

Measurement – Cost per total mile by fleet

2023 Goal: \$1.47 per mile

2024 Goal: \$1.67 per mile

Measured - Quarterly

2022 Actual: \$1.10

2023 Q3 YTD: \$1.58

Paratransit/Rideshare

Measurement – Cost per total mile

2023 Goal: \$1.13 per mile

2024 Goal: \$1.25 per mile

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Actual: \$1.17

2023 Q3 YTD: \$1.14

- **Financial Capacity**

Financial Management

Measurement – Adherence to approved Operating Budget

2024 Goal: Operate at or below budgeted expenditures

Measured – Monthly

Service Level Stability

Measurement – Number of years current service level can be sustained

2024 Goal: 6 years

Measured – Annually

Ability to Sustain Essential Capital Investments

Measurement – Fully funded Capital Improvement Plan

2024 Goal: 6 years

Measured – Annually

Public Perception

Measurement – Answer to question on Annual Community Perception Survey: STA is financially responsible

2023 Goal: 4.5 (or above) on a scale of 1 to 5

2024 Goal: 4.5 (or above) on a scale of 1 to 5

Measured – Quarterly

2022 Survey: No Survey

2023 Survey: Results will be presented at the February committee meeting.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 08A:** CONNECT 2035 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Mike Tresidder, Senior Transit Planner

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**SUMMARY:** Staff will review activities completed in the past month and activities planned through the end of January 2024.

**BACKGROUND:** In December 2022, STA adopted Phase 1 of its next 10-year strategic plan, Connect 2035. The deliverables from Phase 1 can be found here:

<https://staconnect2035.com/about/documents/>

A Board Workshop centered on Connect 2035 was held with the STA Board of Directors on November 1, 2023. That workshop established a shared understanding of STA's current position regarding: (a) delivery of STA Moving Forward commitments, (b) Fixed Route network performance and opportunities, and (c) financial sustainability. The workshop also provided an understanding of the impacts and implications of availability and level of revenue sources and gained concurrence from the Board on funding and investment principles for Connect 2035.

Recent engagement efforts have included:

- Direct mail to community-based organizations and key community stakeholders
- Launching the STA Insight Network through the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Debut of Board Engagement and knowledge-share, events
- Miscellaneous work on employee engagement and outreach

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Receive report.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 8B:** SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer

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**SUMMARY:** At this time, staff will provide an update on Safety and Security at STA.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Receive Report

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 9A:** BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Al French, Chair Pro Tempore

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**SUMMARY:** A verbal report will be given at the Board meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Receive report.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 10A :** PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Al French, Committee Chair

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**SUMMARY:** A verbal report will be given at the Board meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Receive report.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 11A :** PERFORMANCE MONITORING & EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
CHAIR REPORT

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Pam Haley, Committee Chair

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**SUMMARY:** A verbal report will be given at the Board meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Receive report.

**SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING OF**

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13A:** COMMITTEE MINUTES – INFORMATION

- Planning & Development Committee
- Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Dana Infalt, Executive Assistant to CEO & Clerk of the Authority

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**SUMMARY:** Approved Minutes of the November 1, 2023, Planning and Development Committee and the Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee meetings are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** For information.

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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the November 1, 2023, Meeting

**Via Virtual Conference**

*w/In person Public Viewing Option*

Spokane Transit Authority, 1230 W. Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Stratton, City of Spokane  
Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley  
Dan Dunne, Small Cities Representative  
(Liberty Lake)  
Chris Grover, Small Cities Representative  
(Cheney), *Ex-Officio*  
Dan Sander, Small Cities Representative  
(Millwood) *Ex Officio*  
E. Susan Meyer, Chief Executive Officer  
*Ex -Officio*

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development  
Officer  
Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Carly Cortright, Chief Communications & Customer  
Service Officer  
Vicki Clancy, Executive Assistant to the Chief  
Planning & Development Officer

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Al French, Spokane County – *Chair*

**PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL**

Megan Clark, Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert  
& Oreskovich, P.C.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Acting Chair, Ms. Karen Stratton, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Ms. Vicki Clancy conducted roll call.

**2. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Stratton had nothing to report.

**3. COMMITTEE ACTION**

**A. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2023, COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Mr. Tim Hattenburg moved to approve the October 4, 2023, Planning & Development Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Karen Stratton seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**4. COMMITTEE ACTION**

**A. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA– None**

**B. BOARD DISCUSSION AGENDA – None**

**5. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**A. PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET**

Ms. Monique Liard gave a brief overview of the Proposed 2024 Budget which was initially presented at October's meeting. Ms. Liard reviewed the Proposed Core Actions which are anchored in the Connect 2035 Strategic Plan Goals. Ms. Liard reviewed the entire budget and provided a comparison of the 2023 Budget to the proposed 2024 Budget.

DESCRIPTION	2023 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE FROM 2023 BUDGET	% CHANGE FROM 2023 BUDGET
Estimated Operating Revenues	\$ 157,044,144	\$ 142,983,582	\$ (14,060,562)	-9.0%
Estimated Capital Revenue	\$ 23,324,598	\$ 26,171,319	\$ 2,846,721	12.2%
Total Source of Funds	\$ 206,132,500	\$ 215,899,776	\$ 9,767,276	4.7%
Estimated Total Operating Expenses	\$ 113,822,411	\$ 121,250,981	\$ 7,428,570	6.5%
Estimated Total Use of Funds	\$ 206,132,500	\$ 215,899,776	\$ 9,767,276	4.7%

Budget/Expenses – Ms. Liard reviewed assumptions for five key sources of revenue: sales tax, fares/other transit revenue, federal grants, state grants, and miscellaneous revenue. The assumptions for each funding category are continually monitored based on environment and could potentially change prior to the Final 2024 Budget.

Mr. Dan Dunne asked with regards to farebox compression if the Washington State Transit Support Grant STA is receiving on condition of instituting a zero-fare for youth policy could be utilized as an offset for farebox recovery. Ms. Liard stated that this grant is not intended to offset farebox revenue. Ms. Liard reviewed the 2024 Operating Expenses by expense categories: labor/benefits, services, contracted transportation, materials, and insurance/utilities/other, along with assumptions for each category. These were given with an assumption of \$121.2M 2024 budget compared to 2023's \$113.8M assumptions.

Ms. Liard provided a 2024 Cash and Reserve Analysis. The total board designated, and other reserves is \$53,994,647, with the 2024-year end cash balance after reserves estimated at \$145,39,075. The 2024-year end fleet replacement fund is estimated at \$21,904,532. Ms. Liard finished with a timeline for the next steps between October and the end of the year.

**B. CONNECT 2035 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: WORKSHOP PREVIEW**

Mr. Karl Otterstrom presented an overview of the November 1<sup>st</sup> board workshop objectives, agenda and key discussion points, and the Connect 2035's Strategic Plan status in relationship to

the Phase 2 project schedule. Mr. Otterstrom reviewed the Phase 2 Board engagement timeline and corresponding topics for the upcoming Board workshops. There will be several opportunities for the board to engage with the project: regular progress updates, monthly ride-alongs and field visits related to strategic plan topics, and community and stakeholder engagement events. Mr. Dunne expressed excitement at the many opportunities to be more involved in the process. Mr. Hattenburg thinks there is added value to the increased board member involvement beyond just decision-making, and the increased connection between Board members and staff. Mr. Otterstrom acknowledged that this is a great way to connect with staff and show appreciation for what staff does. Mr. Otterstrom concluded his report by giving a brief overview of the next steps.

**C. CONNECT SPOKANE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

Mr. Otterstrom presented. This is a follow-up to the conversation last month regarding introducing an element that addresses environmental justice, equity, and inclusion in context of the larger STA vision, mission, and goals. Mr. Otterstrom reviewed early draft language on a proposed Equity and Inclusion element to the comprehensive plan and sought committee member input for further development and refinement toward updating the plan in 2024. This element will further STA's message as a transit agency that it is available to everyone and encourages diversity in ridership and open engagement. Mr. Otterstrom reviewed the draft principles which are the underlying foundation of the element. Element policies include existing Title VI policies, existing DBE policies, and several new policies. A question was brought up regarding the Homeless Coalition and STA's potential future involvement. Discussion ensued. Next steps include a redline review of the *Communication and Public Input Element*, and an overview and discussion of the existing *Fares and Revenues Element* in December. A complete draft of the new Equity and Inclusion element is expected in early 2024.

**D. DRAFT 2024 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Otterstrom presented the first draft of the 2024 work program for committee discussion. The draft program includes the Annual Planning Calendar and identifies other major planning efforts that will take place during 2024. Mr. Otterstrom reviewed the highlights: the 2025-2030 Transit Development Plan (TDP), the 2025 Action Plan, and 2025 Operating and Capital Budget. The draft work program includes the major planning activities including updates on Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the annual FTA Section 5310 Call for Projects, the Facilities Master Plan, the Five Mile Mobility Hub Study, the West Broadway High Performance Transit (HPT), the I-90/Valley HPT Corridor Development Plan, and grant application approvals as necessary. A final draft will be presented next month for committee consideration and action.

**6. CEO REPORT**

Ms. E. Susan Meyer presented the CEO Report:

October 2023 Voter-Approved Sales Tax Revenue (August Sales) Update: Actual (\$9,996,776) compared to budget (\$8,317,585) for a 20.2% favorable variance of \$1,679,191. Sales tax revenue is 5.3% YTD above budget (\$4.8M), 0.4% below October 2022 actual (\$0.04M) and 2.0% YTD above 2022 actual (\$1.9M).

**7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION – None**

8. REVIEW DECEMBER 6, 2023, COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – None

Mr. Dunne reminded the Committee of the upcoming procedural rules regarding this agenda item; the Planning & Development Committee can review the upcoming agenda at this time, but changes to the draft agenda should be brought before the full Board.

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXPRESSIONS

Mr. Dan Sander expressed an interest in learning more about Rideshare, its scope, funding, and development. Ms. Meyer provided a brief description as to how the service works and stated that it is an interesting arrangement that works well where there is not a fixed route bus services, or when a rider needs to travel somewhere outside the Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA). Further discussion ensued. Ms. Meyer offered to have staff provide an overview of the program at the next month's committee meeting.

11. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Committee, acting Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Clancy".

Vicki Clancy, Executive Assistant  
Planning & Development Department

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## PERFORMANCE MONITORING & EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the November 1, 2023, Meeting  
Via Virtual WebEx

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pamela Haley, City of Spokane Valley\*  
Josh Kerns, Spokane County  
Zack Zappone, City of Spokane  
Betsy Wilkerson, City of Spokane  
Don Kennedy, City of Medical Lake (*Ex-Officio*)  
Hank Bynaker, City of Airway Heights (*Ex-Officio*)  
Rhonda Bowers, Non-Voting Labor Representative  
E. Susan Meyer, CEO (*Ex-Officio*)

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning and Development Officer  
Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Carly Cortright, Chief Communications and Customer Service Officer  
Molly Fricano, Executive Assistant to the COO

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

\*Committee Chairwoman

### **PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL**

Megan Clark, Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert & Oreskovich, P.C.

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and roll call was conducted.

#### **2. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Haley had no report at this time.

#### **3. COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

##### **A. Minutes of the October 4, 2023, Committee Meeting**

**Mr. Zappone moved to approve the October 4, 2023, Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Wilkerson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **B. Plaza Facility Engineering Services: Scope of Work Approval**

Mr. Rapez-Betty provided background on position changes which impact building engineering services. The previous Plaza Operations & Customer Service Manager position has been split into two separate roles. There is now a Plaza Operations Manager and a Customer Service Manager. Due to this change, there is no longer a need to contract out property management and leasing services. The current five-year contract with Black Realty Management expires on June 30, 2024. Mr. Rapez-Betty explained the contract scope of work which has a five-year contract total of \$3,057,059.29. He noted there is a 6% Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculation based on future unknowns regarding economic conditions and prevailing wage changes.

**Ms. Wilkerson moved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the general scope of work and authorize staff to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Facility Engineering Services. Mr. Zappone seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

4. **COMMITTEE ACTION (none)**
  - A. Board Consent Agenda
  - B. Board Discussion Agenda
5. **REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**
  - A. 2023 Third Quarter Year-to-Date Performance Measures

Mr. Rapez-Betty presented the 2023 Third Quarter Year to Date Performance Measures Summary. He advised the full packet of the 2023 Third Quarter Year to Date Performance Measure results may be viewed on the STA website. Mr. Rapez-Betty presented a summary of significant measures and highlighted Ridership data.

    - Fixed Route 2023 third quarter year-to-date ridership was up 34.3% compared to ridership in 2022. Fixed Route provided 6,339,078 rides in 2023 vs. 4,719,604 in 2022. The ridership goal for Fixed Route in 2023 is 20.6% higher than 2022 (approximately 7.6M trips).
    - Paratransit 2023 third quarter year-to-date ridership was up 17.3% compared to our ridership in 2022. Paratransit provided 267,018 rides in 2023 vs. 227,658 in 2022. The ridership goal for Paratransit in 2023 is 9.5% higher than 2022 (approximately 344,707 trips).
    - Rideshare 2023 third quarter year-to-date ridership was up 7.2% compared to our ridership in 2022. Rideshare provided 71,627 rides in 2023 vs. 66,844 in 2022. The ridership goal for Rideshare in 2023 is 30.1% higher than 2022 (approximately 122,000 trips).

There was a discussion about the Performance Measures approval process. At the December PMER committee meeting the 2024 Performance Measures will be presented and staff will request a recommendation for Board approval.
6. **CEO REPORT**

Ms. Meyer reported the October 2023 voter-approved sales tax revenue, collected on August 2023 sales, against a budget of \$8,317,585. The actual receipts were \$9,996,776 which is 20.2% above budget with a variance totaling \$1,679,191. Year-to-date is 5.3% above budget and totaling approximately \$4.8M.

Ms. Meyer reported Fixed Route Ridership from September 2016 and compared it to September 2019 and September 2023. September 2023 ridership exceeded September 2019 pre-pandemic levels. Mr. Otterstrom highlighted the Saturday and Sunday/holiday ridership exceeded historic averages.
7. **DECEMBER 6, 2023 – COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW**

The December 6, 2023, Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee Meeting draft agenda was reviewed and there were no changes.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued about obtaining guidance from the Spokane Regional Health District about an appropriate temperature for when to allow a cold weather fare exception for riders going to a warming center and unable to afford the fare. STA staff were considering 20 degrees which is the

same temperature when operators are allowed to keep buses idling while stationary and waiting to depart.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXPRESSIONS

10. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Haley adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in person with a WebEx option.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Fricano

*Molly Fricano*

Executive Assistant to the Chief Operations Officer

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13B:** NOVEMBER 2023 SALES TAX REVENUE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Performance Monitoring & External Relations (*Haley*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Tammy Johnston, Senior Financial Services Manager

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**SUMMARY:** Attached is the November 2023 voter-approved sales tax revenue information. November sales tax revenue, which represents sales for September 2023, was:

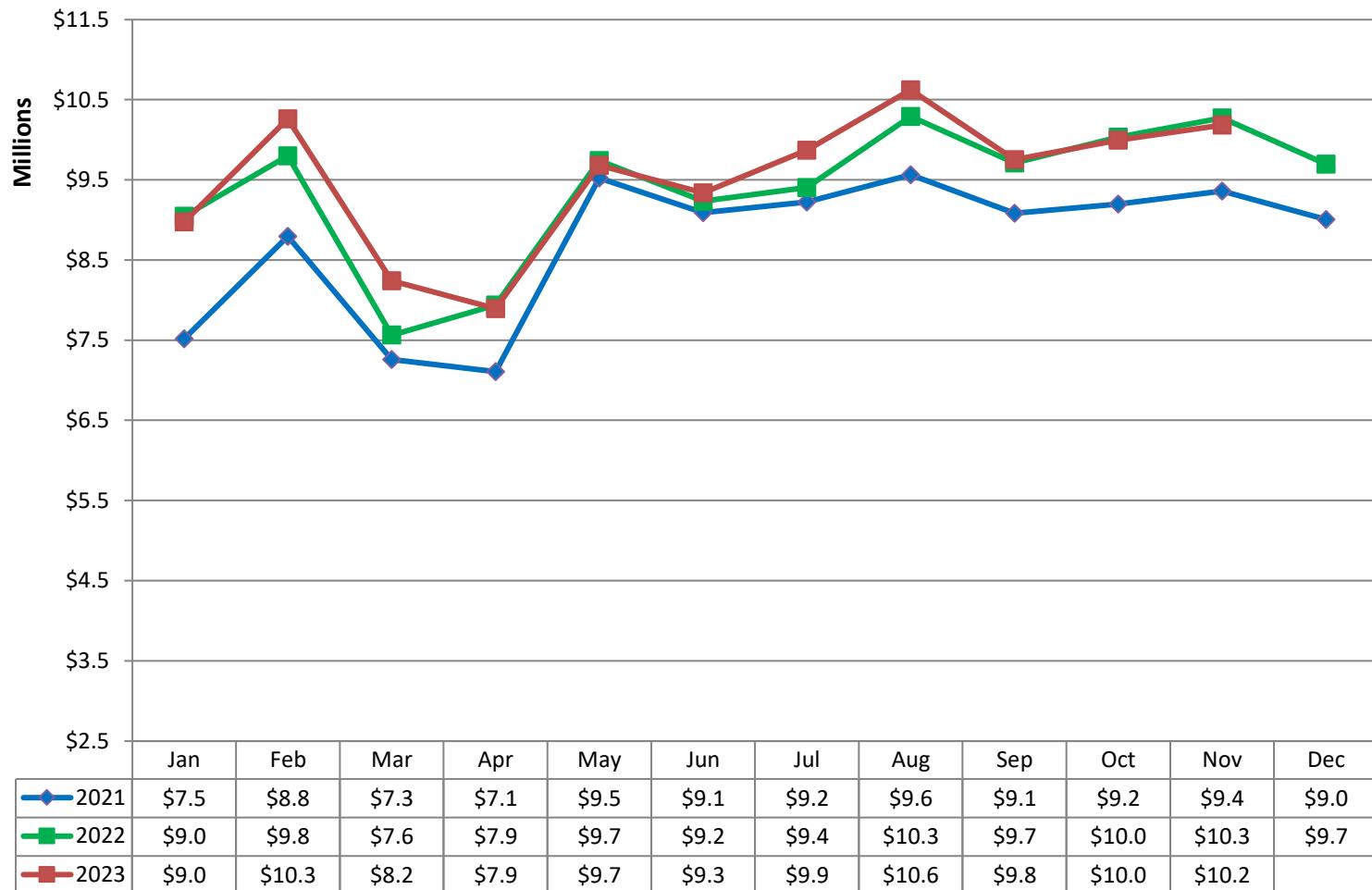
- 16.5% above 2023 budget
- 6.3% above YTD 2023 budget
- 0.9% below 2022 actual
- 1.7% above YTD 2022 actual

Total taxable sales for September were *down* 1.2% from September 2022. 2023 YTD sales are *up* 1.7% from September 2022 YTD. Retail, Construction and Accommodation and Food Services continue to be the top 3 rankings YTD:

- Retail Trade *decreased* by 4.9% (\$-28.4M) in September 2023 vs September 2022 and is *down* by 0.7% (\$-37.4M) September 2023 YTD vs 2022 YTD
  - Other Miscellaneous Retailers *increased* 11.7% or \$80.9M September 2023 YTD over September 2022 YTD
  - Grocery and Convenience Retailers *increased* 6.2% or \$15.7M September 2023 YTD over September 2022 YTD
  - Building Material and Supplies Dealers *decreased* 3.8% or (\$-20.7M) September 2023 YTD over September 2022 YTD
  - Electronics & Appliance Retailers *decreased* 8.8% or (\$-27.7M) September 2023 YTD over September 2022 YTD
  - Other Motor Vehicle Dealers *decreased* 16.1% or (\$-31.6M) September 2023 YTD over September 2022 YTD
  - Furniture and Home Furnishings Retailers *decreased* 30.9% or (\$-61.8M) September 2023 YTD over September 2022 YTD
- Construction *increased* by 4.1% (\$9.0M) in September 2023 vs September 2022 and is *up* by 1.1% (\$18.4M) September 2023 YTD vs 2022 YTD
- Accommodation and Food Services *decreased* by 0.8% (\$-1.0M) in September 2023 vs September 2022 and is *up* by 4.2% (\$43.9M) September 2023 YTD vs 2022 YTD

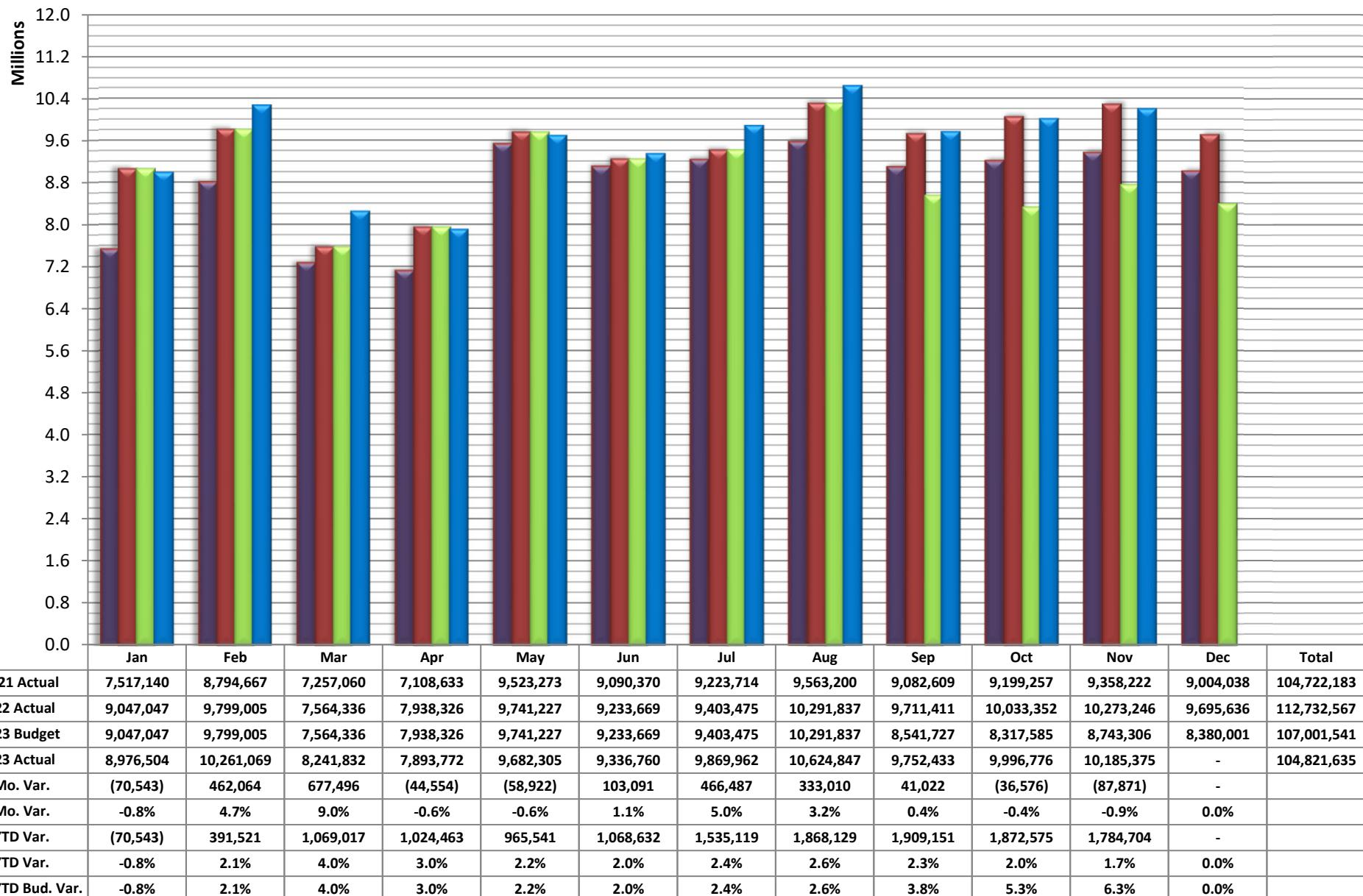
**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

## Sales Tax Revenue History-November 2023<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Voter-approved sales tax distributions lag two months after collection by the state. For example, collection of January's sales tax revenue is distributed in March.

## 2021 - 2023 SALES TAX RECEIPTS <sup>(1)</sup>



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SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13C :** OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL RESULTS SUMMARY

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Performance Monitoring & External Relations (*Haley*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Tammy Johnston, Senior Financial Services Manager

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**SUMMARY:** Attached are the October 2023 financial results. The charts are being shown with a comparison to the YTD budgetary and prior year actual values.

Revenue

Overall, October year-to-date revenue is 8.9% (\$11.7M) higher than budget impacted by the following:

- Fares & Other Transit Revenue is 14.3% lower than budget
- Sales Tax Revenue is 5.3% higher than budget
- Federal & State Grant Revenue is 18.3% higher than budget
- Miscellaneous Revenue is 71.4% higher than budget

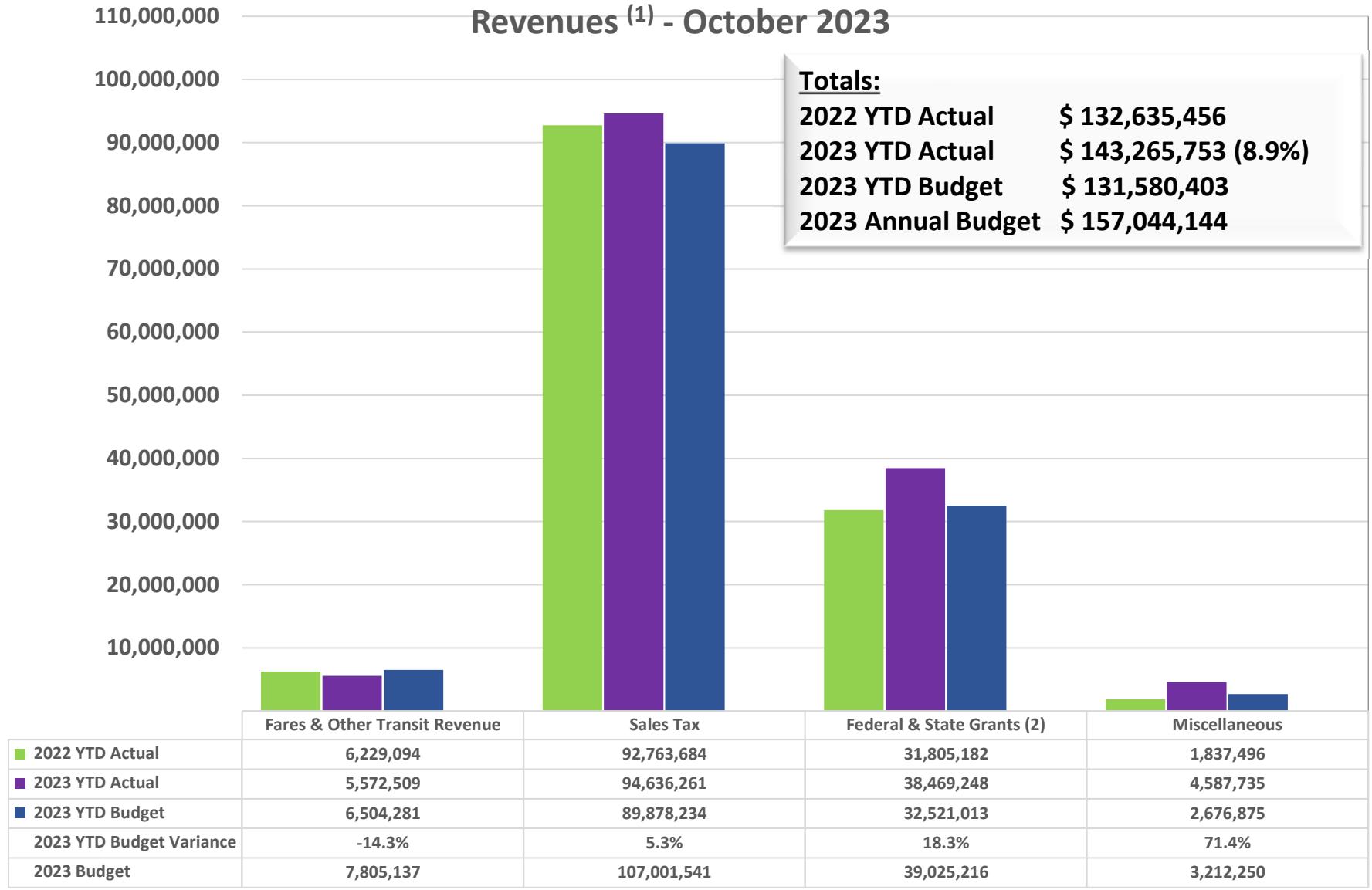
Operating Expenses

Overall, October year-to-date operating expenses are 5.5% (\$5.1M) lower than budget influenced by the timing of payments as follows:

- Fixed Route is 4.9% lower than budget
- Paratransit is 0.9% higher than budget
- Rideshare is 8.6% lower than budget
- Plaza is 13.9% lower than budget
- Administration is 12.7% lower than budget

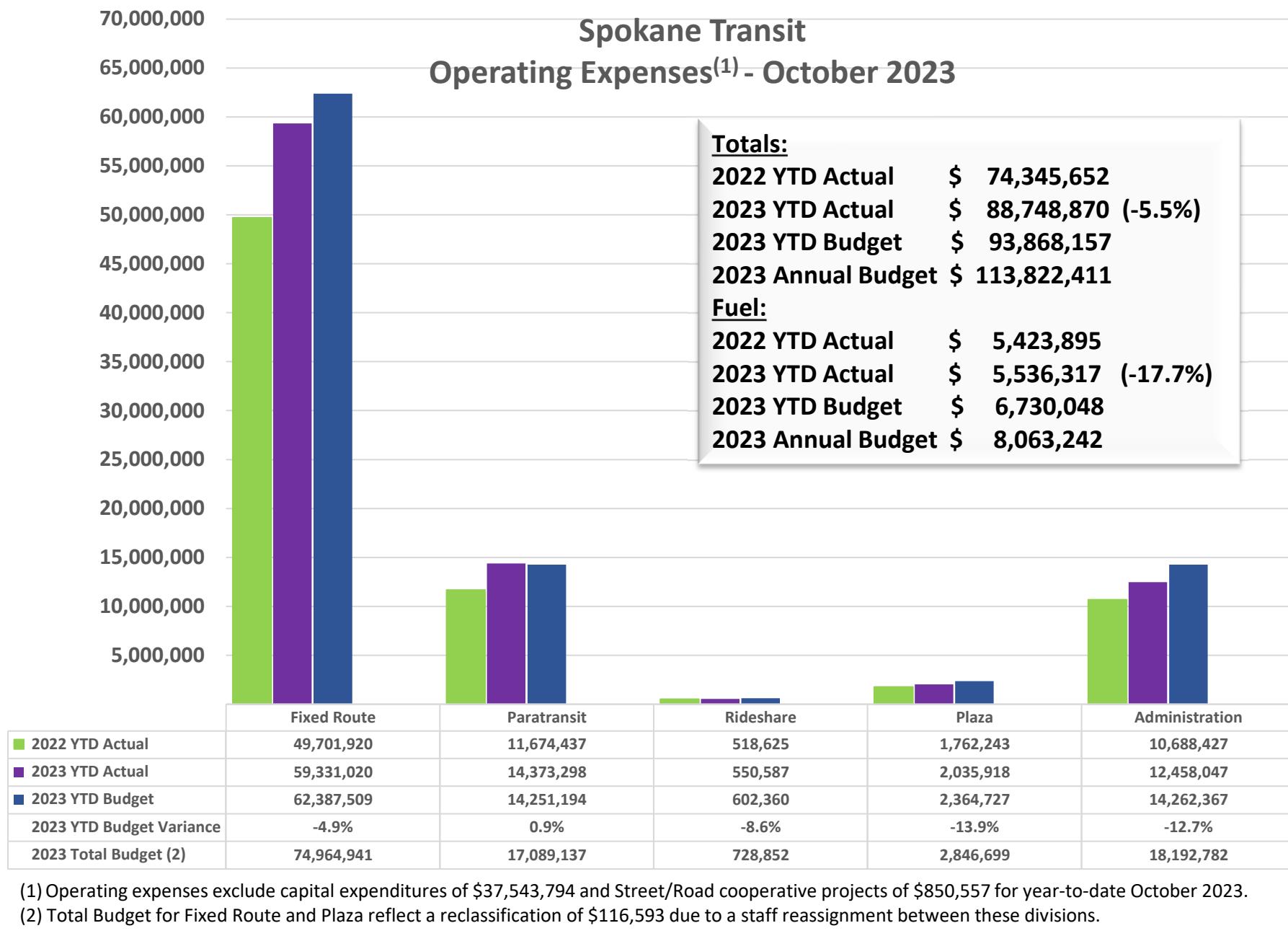
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## Spokane Transit Revenues<sup>(1)</sup> - October 2023



(1) Above amounts exclude grants used for capital projects. Year-to-date October state capital grant reimbursements total \$2,616,270 and federal capital grant reimbursements total \$13,569,971.

## Spokane Transit Operating Expenses<sup>(1)</sup> - October 2023



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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13D:** OCTOBER 2023 OPERATING INDICATORS

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Performance Monitoring & External Relations (*Haley*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer

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**SUMMARY:** There was 1 more weekday in October 2023 compared to October 2022.

**FIXED ROUTE**

Total monthly Fixed Route ridership increased 35.1% (886,787 vs. 656,171) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is up 34.4% (7,039,620 vs. 5,375,738) YTD.

Average weekday ridership increased 31.4% (34,335 vs. 26,125) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is up 31.3% (27,916 vs. 21,259) YTD.

Zero-Fare Youth (formerly Youth) increased 76.9% (201,048 vs. 113,629) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is up 120.9% (1,360,738 vs. 615,989) YTD.

Reduced Fare / Paratransit Ridership increased 42.0% (115,431 vs. 81,280) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is up 40.8% (1,031,000 vs. 732,149) YTD.

CCS Pass Ridership increased 27.8% (36,766 vs. 28,766) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is up 26.9% (215,552 vs. 169,858) YTD.

Eagle Pass Ridership decreased 6.1% (42,492 vs. 45,229) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is down 6.0% (256,017 vs. 272,426) YTD.

56.8% of all passengers used Connect Passes last month.

**PARATRANSIT**

Total monthly Paratransit ridership increased 13.67% (33,751 vs. 29,693) October 2023 compared to October 2022 and is up 16.87% YTD (300,769 vs. 257,351).

**Detailed breakdown:**

Directly operated service increased 17.6% (18,088 vs. 15,379) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and was up 16.8% (163,177 vs. 139,656) YTD.

- Contracted service increased 9.4% (15,663 vs. 14,314) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and was up 16.9% (137,593 vs. 117,695) YTD.
- Special Use Van ridership decreased 39% (1,125 vs. 1,845) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and was down 17.5% (12,360 vs. 14,983) YTD.

**RIDEShare**

Total Rideshare ridership increased 1.5% (8,564 vs. 8,435) in October 2023 compared to October 2022 and was up 6.5% (80,191 vs. 75,279) YTD.

- Rideshare vans in service increased 11.2% (80 vs. 72) in September 2023 compared to September 2022.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES**

### **Total Value Added to Connect Cards:**

Value Added decreased 0.3% (\$243,925 vs. \$244,620) in October compared to September 2023

- Autoload increased 9.0% (\$13,935 vs. \$12,786) in October compared to September 2023
- Call Centers decreased 16.8% (\$6,449 vs. \$7,753) in October compared to September 2023
- Customer Service Terminal decreased 6.2% (\$62,150 vs. \$66,282) in October compared to September 2023
- Customer Website increased 11.4% (\$24,338 vs. \$21,841) in October compared to September 2023
- Mobile Ticketing increased 0.9% (\$109,819 vs. \$108,863) in October compared to September 2023
- Institutional Website decreased 7.5% (\$17,009 vs. \$18,398) in October compared to September 2023
- Open Payments increased 29.3% (\$7,668 vs. \$5,944) in October compared to September 2023
- Retail Network decreased 7.9% (\$2,537 vs. \$2,754) in October compared to September 2023

### **Total Pass Sales:**

Total Pass Sales increased 2.7% (18,400 vs. 17,914) in October compared to September 2023

- 1-Ride Pass decreased 2.9% (6,481 vs. 6,678) in October compared to September 2023
- 7-Day Rolling Pass decreased 18.7% (178 vs. 219) in October compared to September 2023
- Day Pass increased 6.0% (10,233 vs. 9,658) in October compared to September 2023
- Honored Rider 31-Day Rolling Pass decreased 1.9% (53 vs. 54) in October compared to September 2023
- Paratransit Monthly Pass increased 50.0% (33 vs. 22) in October compared to September 2023
- Shuttle Park Pass decreased 1.9% (157 vs. 160) in October compared to September 2023
- Standard 31-Day Rolling Pass increased 12.4% (1,262 vs. 1,123) in October compared to September 2023

### **Total Discounted Passes (Included in Pass Sales above):**

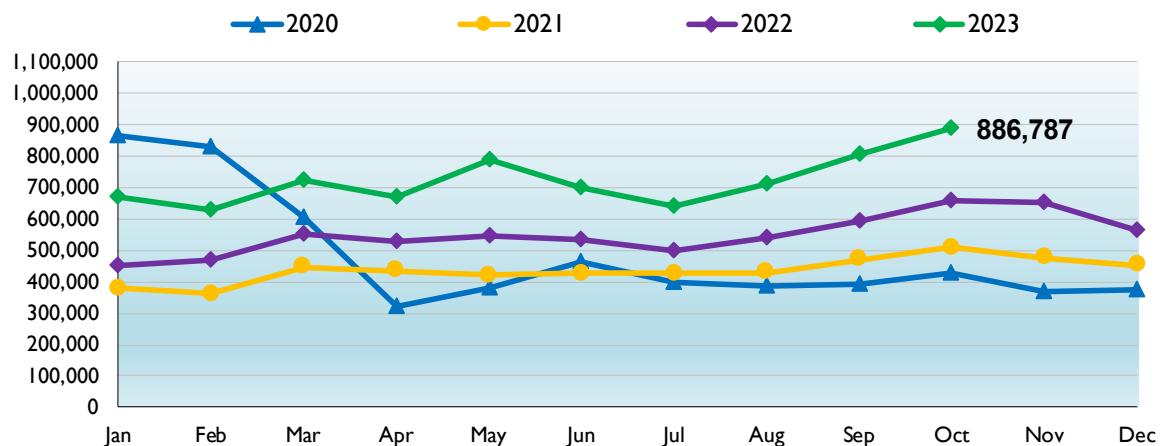
- 1-Ride CAP passes decreased 40.8% (2,340 vs. 3,950) in October compared to September 2023
- Day CAP Passes increased 0.6% (4,262 vs. 4,236) in October compared to September 2023
- Employer-Sponsored Bus Pass Program increased 0.6% (498 vs. 495) in October compared to September 2023

### **Specialty Pass Programs:**

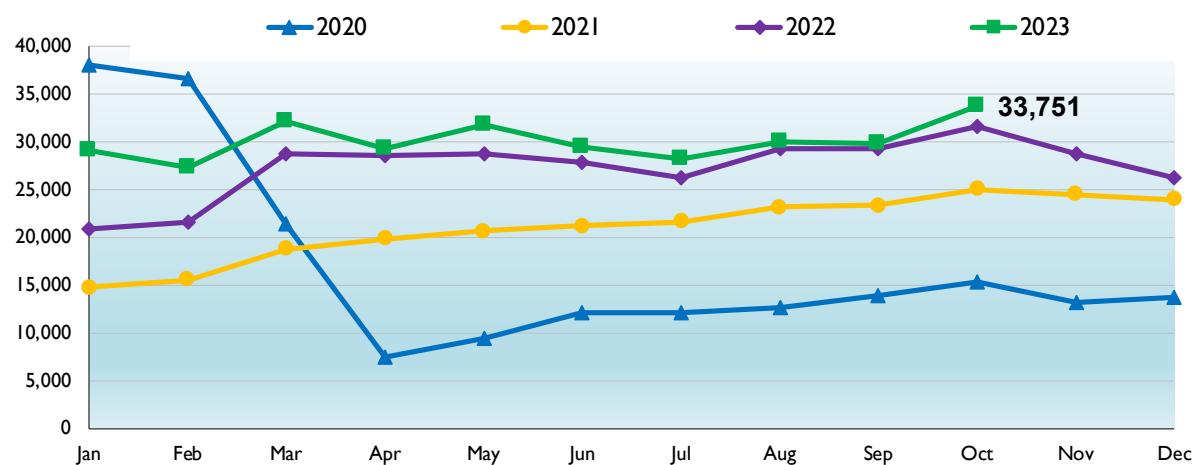
Monthly Data	YTD Data
<b>Shuttle Park monthly sales</b> <span style="color: red;">Decreased</span> 30.2% (157 vs. 160 in 2022)	<b>YTD sales</b> <span style="color: red;">Decreased</span> 18.7% (1,767 vs. 2,173 in 2022)
<b>ESBP monthly sales</b> <span style="color: green;">Increased</span> 155% (498 vs. 195 in 2022)	<b>YTD sales</b> <span style="color: green;">Increased</span> 27.5% (4,398 vs. 3,450 in 2022)
<b>UTAP monthly rides</b> <span style="color: green;">Increased</span> 12.4% (107,068 vs. 95,220 in 2022)	<b>YTD rides</b> <span style="color: green;">Increased</span> 15.1% (670,007 vs. 582,306 in 2022)
<b>Community Access Program</b> <span style="color: red;">Decreased</span> 18.8% (6,602 vs 8,126 in 2022)	<b>YTD CAP Sales</b> <span style="color: green;">Increased</span> 36.5% (88,427 vs 64,800 in 2022)

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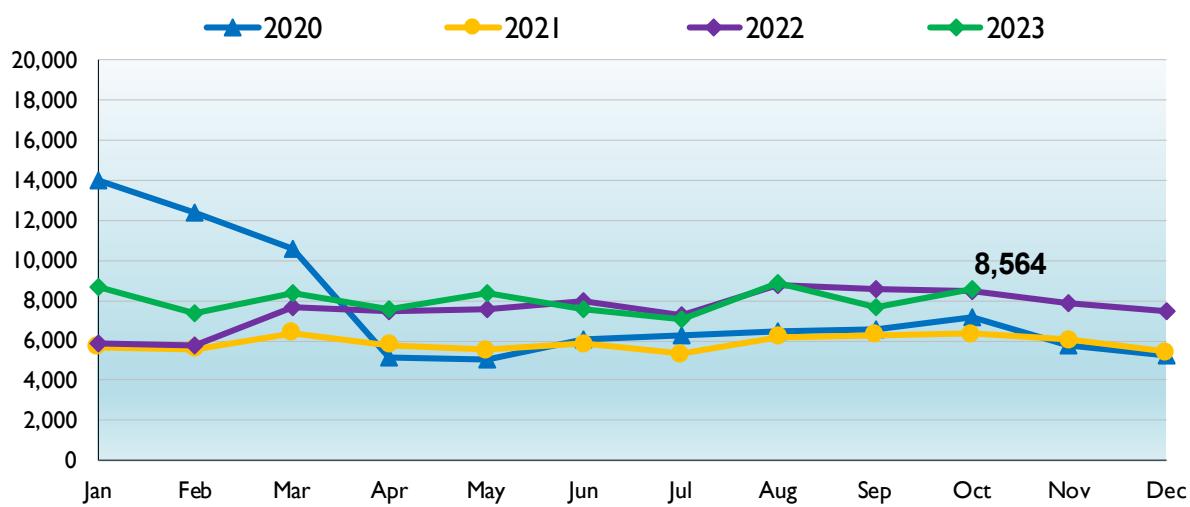
## FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP



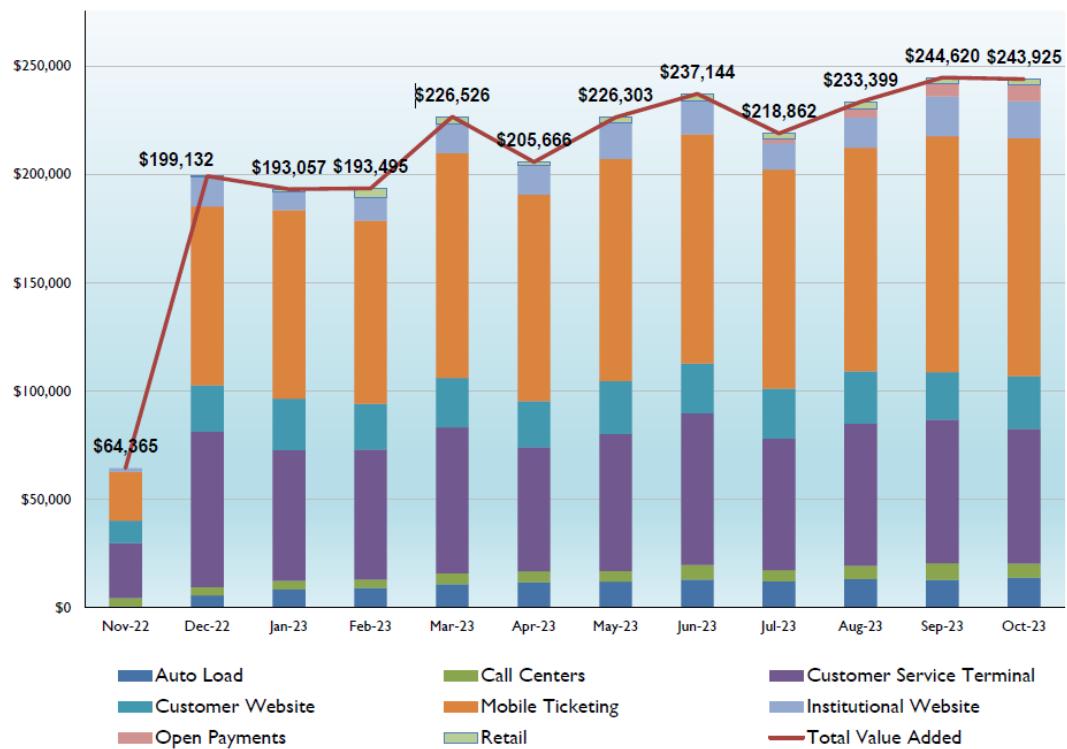
## PARATRANSIT RIDERSHIP



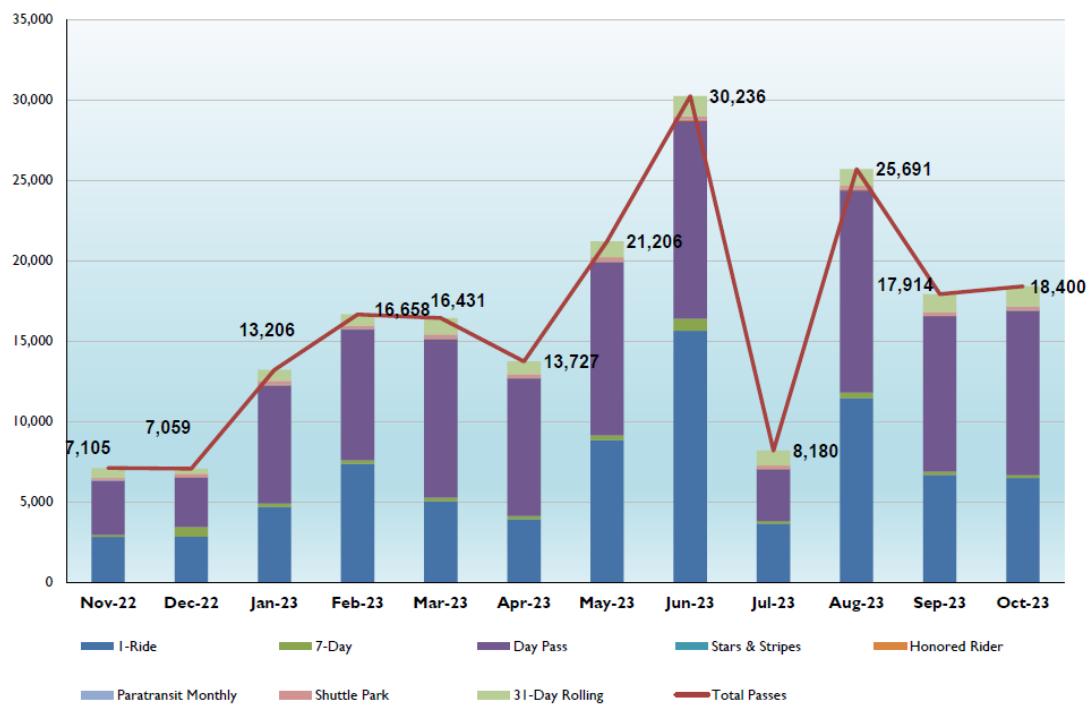
## RIDEShare RIDERSHIP



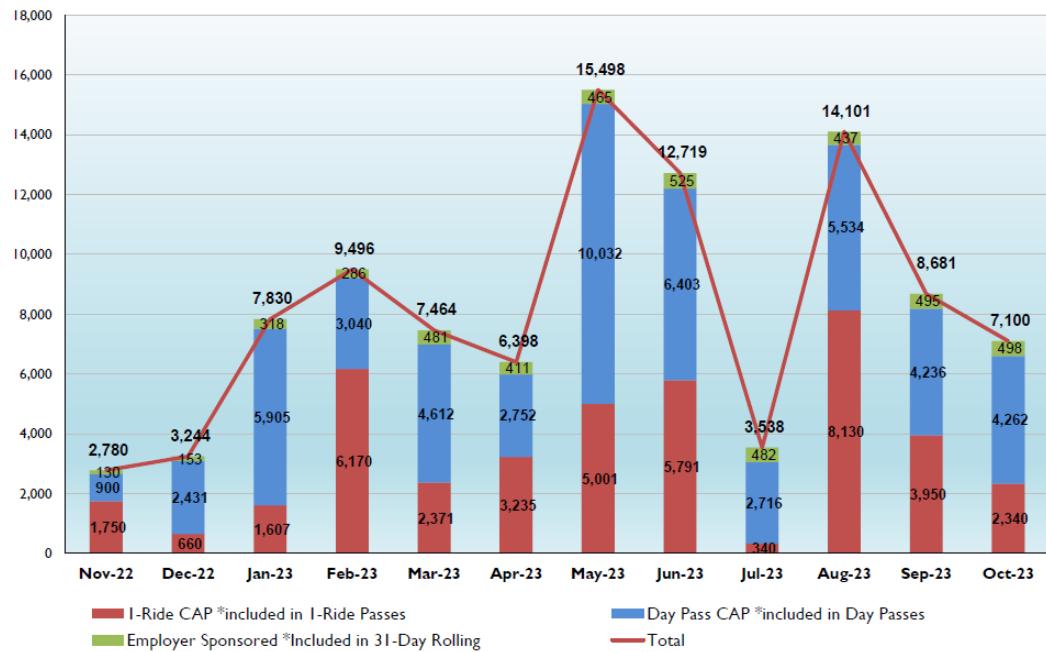
## TOTAL VALUE ADDED TO CONNECT CARDS



## TOTAL PASS SALES



## TOTAL DISCOUNT PASSES



SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13E:** CONNECT SPOKANE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: DISCUSS DRAFT REVISIONS

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Planning & Development (*French*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Mike Tresidder, Senior Transit Planner

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**SUMMARY:** *Connect Spokane* is STA's comprehensive plan, setting forth a planning vision and policy framework to help guide decisions made by the Board of Directors, staff, and partnering agencies for at least the next 30 years. STA is currently in the second phase of a major update to the plan informed by discussion and input at the September and October 2023 Planning & Development Committee meetings. Staff returned to the December 6, 2023, Planning & Development Committee meeting with the attached redline draft to the *Communications and Public Input* Element for review and input. For ease of reference, the current language is also attached.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

## Communications and Public Input

As a public agency, Spokane Transit Authority believes that proper communications and public input is of the highest importance. To ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness, STA must use a broad range of communication tools and tactics to reach as many people as possible. As technology improves, the amount of information available and the speed at which it can reach those interested increases daily, creating both opportunities and challenges. Fortunately, STA is able to utilize a variety of communications tools and tactics to both inform and gather information. ~~The following list is not intended to be a complete list of communications tools which may be used but a sample of some strategies that STA may use for a variety of purposes.~~

Outreach Tool	Definition
Public Hearing	<del>A meeting during which public testimony may be heard and formal action may be taken on any measure before the STA board of directors</del>
Legal Notice	<del>Public posting or advertising in newspapers to announce a legal action or intent</del>
Display Ads in Newspaper	<del>Paid advertisement in the newspaper to alert readers about an upcoming event or action</del>
Website/Online Social Media	<del>Updates to the website and social media are quick and efficient ways of getting notice to the public quickly</del>
Mobile Device Alerts	<del>Real time information can alert customers to important real time information</del>
Signs	<del>Signs on buses, at stop locations, and at transit centers can help to reach people who use transit services</del>
Rider Alerts	<del>Notifications of route, frequency, or other information that is of particular interest to riders</del>
Direct Mailings	<del>Mail sent to an affected group or area to educate, notify, or request input</del>
Workshops/Open Houses/Town Halls	<del>Types of meetings where staff and public interact and discuss various issues</del>
Surveys (scientific and self selected)	<del>Surveying opinions and ideas can help public agencies understand how to better serve the constituency</del>
On-board Information	<del>Pamphlets and posters that alert riders to information</del>
Displays at Transit Centers	<del>Permanent or temporary displays at transit centers are able to reach a large number of system riders</del>
SEPA	<del>The public outreach requirements of Washington State's State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) can be an effective tool for communicating with the public about proposed actions</del>

1. In order meaningful feedback, STA vary each individual to our audience a

## Communications and Public Input Goal

**STA will promote openness, honesty, and fairness through appropriate public ~~outreach engagement~~ efforts.**

In order to increase meaningful feedback, STA provides engagement opportunities that allow for ample participation.

This will vary based on the target audience, but includes:

1. **Frequency:** One opportunity is rarely sufficient, whether due to conflicting obligations or barriers in the effectiveness of that opportunity (such as lack of trust). We will provide multiple opportunities and convey true interest in hearing input and enable more people to participate.
2. **Choice:** Offer multiple ways to engage, as different opportunities are more or less attractive to different people. By offering multiple ways to engage, such as online surveys and in-person open houses, it will encourage everyone to participate, and allow for participation that is convenient and effective for each individual. We will endeavor to offer a remote component to every engagement opportunity.
3. **Accessibility:** Address barriers to access including various disabilities, limited internet or technology capabilities, childcare needs, language differences, lack of availability at various times of the day, and others. The first step to breaking down barriers to access will be identifying them before the engagement. Co-create materials to be culturally relevant, culturally resonant and in-language.
4. **Location:** We will need to engage people in neutral and inclusive locations where they are comfortable. Unfamiliar or formal settings can invoke unease. Additionally, the further the location of engagement is from a community, the less likely it is for robust engagement to occur. Familiar settings will promote comfort, and settings within the community convey that the community is in control of their future. Furthermore, going to the community takes effort, which will convey to our audience a genuine interest in engagement.
5. **Brevity:** We need to seek formats that are approachable and take little time to complete.
6. **Moderation:** To moderate effectively, we will make sure those who are not the loudest voices can be more active in the conversation. Our formats will allow everyone to give equal input and we will use quantitative research to understand how the majority feels.
7. **Input:** We can use both qualitative input methods (for breadth and depth of input) and quantitative input methods (for numbers and representation).
8. **Information:** The information about progress will need to be easily accessible and educate participants on transit in the region. This way, people can jump into engagement at any point with an understanding of public transit and provide meaningful input.
9. **Transparency:** STA promises that it will keep the public informed. We will listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations that are shared with us, which will inform the decision-making. We will share how public input influenced our decision-making.

## Communications and Public Input Principles

These principles describe the foundation for the policies found in this element:

### 1. **Continuous Accountable and Equitable Communication**

***Open, honest, early, and continuous equitable communication with all stakeholders increases public confidence in STA.***

Changes in STA's operations can impact many stakeholders, both inside within and outside of the agency. As a result STA, acknowledges that Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) and low-income populations can continue to be disproportionately impacted by transportation decisions in their communities—increasing the risk resulting in higher risks of harmful outcomes for residents of these neighborhoods those communities. For this reason, care should be taken to ensure all stakeholders are identified and remain well-informed.

## 2. Accountable

***A public account of decisions made and responses to public input regarding these decisions increases STA's accountability to its customers.***

Thorough recordkeeping helps to ensure a common understanding of decisions, policies, and responses. Sharing records with the public demonstrates the transparency with which STA conducts its business.

## 3. Accessible Information

***Providing access and non-technical explanations of relevant reports, records, and documents in a variety of formats demonstrates STA's commitment to transparency.***

STA conducts its business in a fair, honest, and legal manner. For that reason, providing access to relevant documents so that the material may be consumed and understood by people of all abilities broadens the public's perception of STA's high operating standards.

## 4. Two-way Communications

***Consideration of the views of regulators, stakeholders, and the ~~general public~~public in making decisions demonstrates STA's commitment to fairness and equity.***

Transit agencies exist to serve the community. To that end, community members have the right to share their views regarding transit service.

## 5. Timely

***The provision of sufficient time for full public participation, including advance notice of activities and steps in the public process, demonstrates fairness and respect.***

Scheduling events and the overall public process with an appreciation of today's busy lifestyles allows for the broadest public participation process possible.

## 6. Purposeful

***Questions pertinent to issues under consideration should be answered by knowledgeable staff.***

One can appreciate the frustration stemming from poorly answeredpoorly answered questions. Providing complete, accurate information increases the public's confidence in STA.

# Communications and Public Input Policies

## CI 1.0 – Designing Public Engagement and Outreach

Where appropriate, STA staff or consultants will design comprehensive engagement and outreach strategies that follow the principles of this element while utilizing the appropriate tactics. The engagement strategies will be designed to communicate clear expectations regarding the intent of the public participation projects. The Public Participation Spectrum designed by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) is a framework designed to understand the key levels that lie along the spectrum, and that must be considered when designing an effective public engagement and outreach strategy.



INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION					
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. We will seek your feedback on drafts and proposals.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work together with you to formulate solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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~~The following policies are intended to serve as a guide describing public outreach/input requirements for each action. In cases where there are federal or state requirements for public outreach/input, STA will meet the minimum requirements. In cases where STA has requirements in addition to those defined by the state or federal government, STA will follow both.~~

## CI 1.1 – Public Engagement: Service Activities

### 1.1.1 Service Changes

In addition to following Federal Transit Administration guidelines for public outreach for service reductions, STA will also comply with the policy found in the following table.

How to read the following table:

1. Determine cost and ridership impacts.
2. Consider exceptions.
3. The more severe cost or ridership impact determines the category (ex. Cost impacts fall into Category II but ridership impacts fall into Category I, follow the decision making and input/outreach process of Category II)

Any fixed-route adjustment or elimination which would change the paratransit boundary enough to eliminate service from at least one active customer<sup>1\*</sup> will trigger a Category II process.

*\*Active customer is someone who has used paratransit services within a year of the public hearing date.*

<sup>1</sup> *Active customer is someone who has used paratransit services within a year of the public hearing date.*

## Public Input Categories

		I – Minor	II – Moderate	III - Major
Determining Threshold	<b>Cost Impacts</b>	Less than 1.0% growth or reduction in revenue hours of service in any calendar year	1.0% up to 5.0% reduction or <del>12</del> .0% - 10% growth in revenue hours of service in any calendar year	More than 5.0% reduction or more than 10% growth in revenue hours of service in any calendar year
	<b>OR</b>	OR	OR	OR
	<b>Ridership Impacts</b>	Less than .5% of annualized system ridership negatively impacted by loss of bus stop, trips or route at any given service change	.5% up to 5.0% of annualized system ridership negatively impacted by loss of bus stop, trips or route at any given service change	5% or more of annualized system ridership negatively impacted by loss of bus stop(s), trip(s) or route(s) at any given service change
Resulting Actions	<b>Exceptions</b>	Construction-related or emergency changes necessary for a period not exceeding 180 days for changes that would otherwise be moderate or major	Changes that would normally be classified as minor changes, but require a higher classification because of significant public interest or board involvement	None
	<b>Input and Outreach</b>	Employee and customer input, etc. Documented informal outreach for feedback on changes; may include survey or other tools <u>and tactics</u>	Outreach activities including driver and rider input, surveys, meetings with community groups, or other tools <u>and tactics</u> . Report to Board on activities.	Public Outreach Plan approved by Board in advance of outreach, which may include outreach to affected community groups, employers, etc.
Examples	<b>Decision-Making Process</b>	CEO or designee; staff report <u>summarizing detailing</u> changes submitted to the Board <del>prior to changes going into effect (except for exceptions that are reported at least 30 days after) within 30 days of changes going into effect</del>	Public hearing prior to <del>Operations Committee and</del> Board action.	At least one public hearing. Board action following <del>Operations Committee recommendation</del> with Title VI report.
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### CI 1.2 – Public Engagement: Planning Activities

#### 1.2.1 Comprehensive Plan

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**1.3-2.5 Grants**

Public engagement in the grant application process provides the public with additional information on why the agency is seeking state or federal dollars for the project. Public engagement also provides the granting agency with additional information, including overall support of the proposed project.

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Where appropriate or required, STA shall incorporate public outreach and SEPA and NEPA evaluations, with the intent to exceed minimum requirements.

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# Communications and Public Input

As a public agency, Spokane Transit Authority believes that proper communications and public input is of the highest importance. To ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness, STA must use a broad range of communication tools to reach as many people as possible. As technology improves, the amount of information available and the speed at which it can reach those interested increases daily, creating both opportunities and challenges. Fortunately, STA is able to utilize a variety of communications tools to both inform and gather information. The following list is not intended to be a complete list of communications tools which may be used but a sample of some strategies that STA may use for a variety of purposes.

Outreach Tool	Definition
Public Hearing	A meeting during which public testimony may be heard and formal action may be taken on any measure before the STA board of directors
Legal Notice	Public posting or advertising in newspapers to announce a legal action or intent
Display Ads in Newspaper	Paid advertisement in the newspaper to alert readers about an upcoming event or action
Website/Online Social Media	Updates to the website and social media are quick and efficient ways of getting notice to the public quickly
Mobile Device Alerts	Real-time information can alert customers to important real-time information
Signs	Signs on buses, at stop locations, and at transit centers can help to reach people who use transit services
Rider Alerts	Notifications of route, frequency, or other information that is of particular interest to riders
Direct Mailings	Mail sent to an affected group or area to educate, notify, or request input
Workshops/Open Houses/Town Halls	Types of meetings where staff and public interact and discuss various issues
Surveys (scientific and self-selected)	Surveying opinions and ideas can help public agencies understand how to better serve the constituency
On-board Information	Pamphlets and posters that alert riders to information
Displays at Transit Centers	Permanent or temporary displays at transit centers are able to reach a large number of system riders
SEPA	The public outreach requirements of Washington State's State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) can be an effective tool for communicating with the public about proposed actions

## Communications and Public Input Goal

***STA will promote openness, honesty, and fairness through appropriate public outreach efforts.***

## Communications and Public Input Principles

These principles describe the foundation for the policies found in this element:

### 1. Continuous Communication

***Open, honest, early, and continuous communication with all stakeholders increases public confidence in STA.***

Changes in STA's operations impact many stakeholders, both within and outside of the agency. For this reason, care should be taken to ensure all stakeholders are identified and remain well-informed.

### 2. Accountable

***A public account of decisions made and responses to public input regarding these decisions increases STA's accountability to its customers.***

Thorough recordkeeping helps to ensure a common understanding of decisions, policies, and responses.

Sharing records with the public demonstrates the transparency with which STA conducts its business.

### 3. Accessible Information

***Providing access and non-technical explanations of relevant reports, records, and documents demonstrates STA's commitment to transparency.***

STA conducts its business in a fair, honest, and legal manner. For that reason, providing access to relevant documents broadens the public's perception of STA's high operating standards.

### 4. Two-way Communications

***Consideration of the views of regulators, stakeholders, and the general public in making decisions demonstrates STA's commitment to fairness and equity.***

Transit agencies exist to serve the community. To that end, community members have the right to share their views regarding transit service.

### 5. Timely

***The provision of sufficient time for full public participation, including advance notice of activities and steps in the public process, demonstrates fairness and respect.***

Scheduling events and the overall public process with an appreciation of today's busy lifestyles allows for the broadest public participation process possible.

### 6. Purposeful

***Questions pertinent to issues under consideration should be answered by knowledgeable staff.***

One can appreciate the frustration stemming from poorly-answered questions. Providing complete, accurate information increases the public's confidence in STA.

# Communications and Public Input Policies

## CI 1.0 – Public Outreach

The following policies are intended to serve as a guide describing public outreach/input requirements for each action. In cases where there are federal or state requirements for public outreach/input, STA will meet the minimum requirements. In cases where STA has requirements in addition to those defined by the state or federal government, STA will follow both.

### 1.1 Service Changes

In addition to following Federal Transit Administration guidelines for public outreach for service reductions, STA will also comply with the policy found in the following table.

How to read the following table:

1. Determine cost and ridership impacts.
2. Consider exceptions.
3. The more severe cost or ridership impact determines the category (ex. Cost impacts fall into Category II but ridership impacts fall into Category I, follow the decision making and input/outreach process of Category II)

Any fixed-route adjustment or elimination which would change the paratransit boundary enough to eliminate service from at least one active customer\* will trigger a Category II process.

*\*Active customer is someone who has used paratransit services within a year of the public hearing date.*

Public Input Categories				
		I – Minor	II – Moderate	III - Major
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SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13F :** JANUARY 2024 SERVICE CHANGES

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Performance Monitoring & External Relations (*Haley*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Chad Johnson, Senior Transit Planner

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**SUMMARY:** The January 2024 Service Change is comprised of minor adjustments to routes and schedules and an increase in service levels on City Line. The overall revenue service hours impact to the STA fixed route system is an increase of 3,598 hours (annualized) for the January markup period, which begins January 21, 2023.

The following table outlines the planned adjustments as part of the January 2024 Service Change, as well as associated routes, the rationale for each change, and the resource impact of each change in terms of platform hours if applicable. The values listed in the resource impact column below exclude routes that are only impacted as a result of adjustments to their interline pair.

New schedules will be available in print and online at [www.spokanetransit.com](http://www.spokanetransit.com) in the weeks leading up to the change.

January 2024 Service Adjustments

Route	Planned Adjustment	Rationale	Resource Impacts (Revenue Service Hours)
1 City Line	Increase service to 7.5 minutes during weekday AM and PM peaks.	Increase service levels to approach SYGA requirements, with final increase planned for May 2024.	+3,736
4 Monroe / Regal	Change arrival/departure bay at South Hill Park & Ride to new Bay 2 for Route 4 Southbound, and to new Bay 1 for Route 4 Northbound.	South Hill Park & Ride will be reconfigured to have a fourth bay, with routes adjusted accordingly.	n/a
6 Cheney	Minor schedule adjustments.	Address early arrivals at Plaza Bay 10. Evening and weekend timepoint at Betz turn-out optimized for transfers off Route 68 Cheney Loop.	-14

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<b>14 South Adams / Napa</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Address early arrivals at the Plaza.	-21
<b>21 West Broadway</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Address early arrivals at stops before timepoints toward end of line. Adjusting for better OTP and transfer timing.	-25
<b>25 Division</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Reduce conflicts with Routes 1, 6, and 66 arrivals.	+9
<b>26 Lidgerwood</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Early arrivals at stops before timepoints toward end of line. Adjusting for better OTP and transfer timing. Other adjustments.	-10
<b>28 Nevada</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Early arrivals at stops before timepoints toward end of line. Adjusting for better OTP and transfer timing. Other adjustments.	-54
<b>34 Freya</b>	Change arrival/departure bay at South Hill Park & Ride to new Bay 4.	South Hill Park & Ride will be reconfigured to have a fourth bay, with routes adjusted accordingly.	n/a
<b>43 Lincoln / 37th Ave</b>	Change arrival/departure bay at South Hill Park & Ride to new Bay 3.	South Hill Park & Ride will be reconfigured to have a fourth bay, with routes adjusted accordingly.	n/a
<b>45 Perry District</b>	Minor schedule adjustments. Change arrival/departure bay at South Hill Park & Ride to new Bay 4.	South Hill Park & Ride will be reconfigured to have a fourth bay, with routes adjusted accordingly.	-110

Route	Planned Adjustment	Rationale	Resource Impacts (Revenue Service Hours)
<b>66 EWU</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Address early arrivals at Plaza Bay 10.	+10
<b>68 Cheney Loop</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.	Better timed transfers on Evenings/Weekends for Eagle Point passengers.	-3
<b>144 South Express</b>	Bay 10 out-of-service arrivals moved to Bay 13	Reduce conflicts with Routes 1, 6, and 66 arrivals.	-15
<b>247 Lincoln Park / Ferris</b>	Minor schedule adjustments. Change arrival/departure bay at South Hill Park & Ride to new Bay 4.	South Hill Park & Ride will be reconfigured to have a fourth bay, with routes adjusted accordingly.	+127
<b>661 EWU Express</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.		+3
<b>662 EWU North Express</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.		+5
<b>663 EWU VTC Express</b>	Minor schedule adjustments.		-8
<b>664 EWU South Hill Express</b>	Minor schedule adjustments. Change arrival/departure bay at South Hill Park & Ride to new Bay 2.	South Hill Park & Ride will be reconfigured to have a fourth bay, with routes adjusted accordingly.	-8
<b>Other</b>	Hours impacts associated with interlines, modifications to layovers, and other miscellaneous adjustments not directly impacting published schedules.	n/a	-24

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13G:**

SEPTEMBER 2024 SERVICE REVISIONS: DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Performance Monitoring & External Relations (*Haley*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Chad Johnson, Senior Transit Planner

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**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the *STA Moving Forward* (STAMF) plan approved by the board and funding authorized by voters, a collection of Fixed Route bus improvements is scheduled to take place in September 2024. The Draft Recommendation that will be presented is an important step toward board consideration and action toward implementing service changes and improvements.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff presented the 2024 September Service Revisions Preliminary Proposal to the PMER committee in October 2023, and sought public input on this proposal through an online survey, presentations at affected neighborhood council meetings, coordinated with jurisdictional staff, posted notices on-board coaches and at bus stops/park & ride lots, and held a Zoom/Facebook Live event. Over 300 people participated in the online survey. Staff also conducted target field surveys to explore new bus stop locations and to test the running time of prospective route segments. The Draft Recommendation report is the culmination of these efforts to deliver on key commitments of *STA Moving Forward* and respond to ongoing community feedback. The report will be available by December 5, 2023, at the following link:

<https://www.spokanetransit.com/projects/2024-service-revisions/>

As a recap, the Preliminary Proposal included revisions to service in the following focus areas:

- North Bank / Downtown Spokane
- Airway Heights / West Plains
- Northeast Spokane / Hillyard

Notable changes from the Preliminary Proposal to the Draft Recommendation include the following:

- A new Route 13 is included in the Draft Recommendation to operate nights and weekends in lieu of extending the span of Route 11 Arena/Downtown Shuttle, with two route alternatives for the new route presented for public input.
- The report's recommendations for Northeast Spokane / Hillyard looks most like the Preliminary Proposal's Option B, except that new Route 31 is recommended to extend to Northpointe and serve Minnehaha. It also includes adjustments to span to better reflect expected ridership demand.

The Draft Recommendation represents the mid-point for public dialogue which will be critical for a Final Recommendation that will be prepared in advance of the February PMER Committee meeting. The timeline for receiving public input, refining, approving, and implementing the service revisions is provided below.

Date	Activity
December 6, 2023	Present Draft Recommendation to Performance Monitoring & External Relations Committee
December 6, 2023 – January 18, 2024	Receive public comment on Draft Recommendation, including online survey and targeted outreach
January 18, 2024	Public hearing on Draft Recommendation by Board of Directors
January 31, 2024	Present Final Recommendation to Performance Monitoring and External Relations Committee
February 15, 2024	Board of Directors action
May 26, 2024, September 15, 2024	Service revisions go into effect based on Board approval

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13H:**

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 FUNDING  
OPPORTUNITY UPDATE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Madeline Arredondo, Associate Transit Planner

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**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 program's goal is to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The 2023 Section 5310 Call for Projects is currently underway, with preliminary proposals submitted to STA in November 2023. The following report summarizes the status of the application process.

**BACKGROUND:** The FTA Section 5310 program provides annual formula funding to Spokane Transit Authority (STA), who is a designated recipient of these funds, to assist eligible organizations in providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities who have special transportation needs. STA is responsible for administering, contracting, and providing oversight of projects selected through the annual Section 5310 Call for Projects.

On October 19, 2023, the STA Board of Directors approved a local contribution of \$190,000 for the 2023 Section 5310 Call for Projects to partially offset local match requirements for subrecipients. On October 20, 2023, STA issued a Section 5310 Call for Projects with a total of \$805,296 in federal and STA local funds.

The table below describes the funding available in this Call for Projects

Section 5310 Funding Summary 2023 Call for Projects	
Funding Source	Amount Available
FY 2023 Apportionment (Federal Match)	\$615,296
STA Local Match Contribution (Board approved 10/19/2023)	\$190,000
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>\$805,296</b>

After the Call for Projects was released, an informational meeting was held by STA staff on October 25, 2023, for interested agencies to provide program information, review application requirements, and to answer questions. A total of four (4) interested agencies participated in the WebEx meeting. STA also offers office hours every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to answer questions and provide technical assistance with application materials until the Final Project Application due date.

On November 10, 2023, STA received seven (7) preliminary proposals from five (5) different agencies. The total federal funding request is \$780,067 in federal funds, exceeding the available amount for this call. Staff is reviewing proposed projects with applicants to verify projects costs, which may change in the final project applications.

The eligibility review of preliminary proposals is underway by STA staff including the following criteria: the applicant is an eligible subrecipient for Section 5310 funds, the project fits one or more goals/strategies of the Spokane County Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP), the project’s target population is seniors and individuals with disabilities, and an assessment of risk to identify if additional monitoring requirements will be needed to ensure compliance with federal regulations.

Evaluation of Final Project Applications will be conducted by an ad hoc committee comprised STA staff, a Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) representative, and a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) representative. Draft funding recommendations will be presented at the February Planning & Development Committee meeting on January 31, 2023.

The table below outlines the timeline for this call and selection of projects. Emboldened items represent actions that include action of information to STA Board of Directors or this committee.

<b>5310 Call for Projects Timeline</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>October 19, 2023</b>	<b>STA Board approved a local match contribution of \$190,000</b>
October 20, 2023	Call for projects issued
October 25, 2023	Informational meeting for interested applicants
November 10, 2023	Preliminary proposals due
<b>December 6, 2023</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Development Committee receives report on preliminary proposals and next steps</b>
December 8, 2023	Final project applications due
<b>December 21, 2023</b>	<b>STA Board receives report on preliminary proposals and next steps</b>
December 2023 – January 2024	Evaluation and ranking of projects
<b>January 31, 2023 (February Meeting)</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Development Committee recommends project awards</b>
<b>February 15, 2024</b>	<b>STA Board acts on recommended project applications</b>
March 2024	Submission of Program of Projects to FTA
2024	FTA approval and funds obligated
2024	Finalize and execute subrecipient agreements

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13:** FINALIZE 2024 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** Planning & Development (*French*)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer

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**SUMMARY:** Near the conclusion of each year, the Planning & Development Committee prepares a work program to outline activities it expects to undertake the following year. The Committee approved the final draft of the 2024 work program at the December Planning & Development Committee.

**BACKGROUND:** According to STA Board Resolution 681-11, adopted at the September 21, 2011, STA Board Meeting, the Planning & Development Committee is accountable for designing and coordinating the Board's participation in STA strategic and operational planning, including annual budget preparation, and the annual planning calendar. The annual planning calendar is embodied within the Committee work program as presented below.

*Connect Spokane: A Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation* identifies two core planning documents that are prepared annually. First, is the Transit Development Plan (TDP), which includes a six-year capital improvement program (CIP) and a three-year service improvement program (SIP). The second is the annual action plan and accompanying operating and capital budgets. These plans are founded on the principles and policies of *Connect Spokane* and advance STA's strategic goals adopted as part of Phase 1 of *Connect 2035*.

In addition to the planning documents developed annually as described above, the Committee is expected to conclude work next year on two multi-year planning activities. This includes preparing and finalizing updates to STA's comprehensive plan, and Phase 2 of *Connect 2035*, the agency's new strategic plan.

The final draft work program below includes the major planning activities described above, along with other recurring activities that come before the Planning & Development Committee, including updates on Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and the annual Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Call for Projects. Projects enumerated in the concluding row on the work program will be integrated into the Committee's work program as the year progresses and refinements to project schedules are made.

**FINAL DRAFT 2024 Planning & Development Committee Work Program**

Month	Committee Activities
December 2023	Finalize and approve 2024 Work Program
January 2024	<i>No Committee Meetings in January</i>

Month	Committee Activities
February 2024	Review Committee Work Program FTA Section 5310: 2023 Call for Projects Award Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2025-2030: Overview Comprehensive Plan Update: review draft elements Connect 2035: Progress update and draft Initiatives List
March 2024	TDP 2025-2030: Develop mid-range planning guidance Division Street BRT: Design and Public Outreach Update Comprehensive Plan Update: review draft elements Connect 2035: Performance Measures & Targets
April 2024	TDP 2025-2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize mid-range planning guidance</li><li>• Review preliminary revenue and expenditure forecast assumptions</li><li>• Identify major activities</li></ul> Comprehensive Plan Update: draft plan for public hearing
May 2024	TDP 2025-2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed 2025-2027 Service Improvements</li><li>• Review Preliminary Capital Improvement Program (2025-2030)</li><li>• Review Financial Forecasts</li></ul> Comprehensive Plan: final plan for approval Connect 2035: Initiative List & Evaluation Criteria
June 2024	Division Street BRT: Design and Public Outreach Update TDP 2025-2030: complete draft plan Public hearing conducted on draft TDP
July 2024	TDP 2025-2030: Finalize and approve FTA Section 5310: Notice of Funding Opportunity Connect 2035: Refined Initiative List & Programming
August 2024	<i>No Board/Committee Meetings in August</i>
September 2024	Division Street BRT: Design and Public Outreach Update Connect 2035: Draft Plan for Public Input
October 2024	Review draft proposed 2025 Action Plan, Operating and Capital Budgets
November 2024	Prepare 2025 Committee Work Program Public hearing on draft proposed 2025 Action Plan, Operating and Capital Budgets FTA Section 5310: recommend funding awards Connect 2035: Plan Adoption

Month	Committee Activities
December 2024	Approve final proposed 2025 Action Plan, Operating and Capital Budgets Finalize and approve 2025 Work Program
TBD	Other upcoming planning projects that are expected to come before the Planning & Development Committee next year but not yet slotted into specific months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilities Master Plan</li><li>• Five Mile Mobility Hub Study</li><li>• West Broadway High Performance Transit (HPT) – Amendment to Sprague HPT Corridor Development Plan</li><li>• I-90/Valley HPT Corridor Development Plan – Addendum to address alignment, stops and stations on the West Plains</li><li>• Grant application approvals as necessary</li><li>• Transit Oriented Development planning framework</li></ul>

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:** Approve, by motion, the 2024 Planning and Development Committee Work Program and forward to the Board for information.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Approved as presented and forwarded to the Board for information.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13J :** RIDESHARE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer  
Greg Garrett, Rideshare Manager - Paratransit

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**SUMMARY:** STA's services operate through Fixed Route, Paratransit, and Rideshare modes. Spokane Transit Rideshare complements traditional services by offering commuting alternatives in areas where regular bus routes might not be the most efficient choice. This flexibility caters especially well to our region's dispersed employment landscape, supporting employees in low-density areas.

**BACKGROUND:** At the end of 2019, just before COVID, Rideshare had 80 active groups and almost 550 participants. During COVID, STA Rideshare dropped to a low of 59 active groups and was as low as 281 participants.

Presently, Spokane Transit Rideshare has recovered back to 80 groups with around 400 participants, utilizing a fleet of 97 vehicles, including 8 designated for maintenance spares.

A Rideshare participant pays a monthly fare of \$60, \$80, or \$100 a month, depending on their specific route. Rideshare farebox revenue for 2023 is budgeted for \$248,066.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Rideshare faced challenges but remained resilient due to specific measures taken by STA which included the following:

- Rideshare implemented a board-approved fare structure change from a cost-sharing model to a per person model based on Fixed Route monthly fares.
- STA changed the name of the program from Vanpool to Rideshare to coincide with the Washington State legislative changes.
- Introduced non-van vehicles into the fleet, such the AWD SUV Chevy Traverse.

Despite the return to pre-COVID operational levels, Rideshare continues to seek expansion opportunities by creating a promotional plan and securing the following three WSDOT Public Rideshare Grants totaling \$1.125 million.

- \$119,350 towards an incentive program to subsidize employees of worksites that currently do not receive an employer subsidy for Rideshare.
- \$72,000 towards the purchase of telematic technology for the entire Rideshare fleet.
- \$934,007 toward the purchase of 22 replacement Rideshare vehicles

The incentive program aims to increase monthly Rideshare participation by 126 individuals and will run until June 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

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December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 13K :** FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP METHODOLOGY UPDATE

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** n/a

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Tara Limon, Principal Transit Planner

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**SUMMARY:** STA utilizes ridership counts for a variety of performance measurements and reports, both internal and external to the operation. The following report summarizes the recent changes to ridership data collection prompted by the introduction of City Line and adoption of new technologies and the implications for 2023 ridership values.

**BACKGROUND:** Ridership counts are among the most universal and oldest performance indicators for urban transit systems. The National Transit Database (NTD), a program of the Federal Transit Administration, is a central repository for ridership data for all systems receiving federal aid and makes the data freely available for researchers, transit operators and others interested in ridership data. The NTD program also collects passenger miles, representing the total miles traveled by riders on a given system. Other NTD indicators also report operating and capital cost information, with reporting methodologies audited annually to ensure compliance with best practices and written guidance.

Historically, ridership has been collected and reported from farebox tallies, accounting for cash, passes and tallies of non-revenue passengers, such as transfers and courtesy rides. In October 2022, STA introduced the Connect fare system, and with it, assimilated ridership counts using Connect cards with conventional farebox data and tallies.

City Line, STA's first bus rapid transit (BRT) line, began service in July 2023 and introduced all door boardings, meaning passengers no longer enter near the farebox at the front of the vehicle, where they can ensure all passengers are counted. This change has prompted a new ridership reporting methodology using statistical methods that rely on data from automated passenger counters (APCs).

STA's fixed route vehicles have been equipped with automated passenger counter (APC) hardware since about 2013. APCs count the passengers boarding and alighting at each bus stop using infrared sensors above each doorway. APCs are well suited for ridership reporting because they can accurately track key metrics related to passenger counts, including the number of unlinked passenger trips (UPT) and passenger miles traveled (PMT) for NTD reporting. However, they are not considered a complete count of ridership because of anomalies in equipment, computational and environmental conditions that can sometimes interfere with precise counts. However, through data processing and statistical sampling using manual ridership counts, the statistical accuracy of the APC counts are found to be within the acceptable tolerance for ridership report. Before an agency can use APC data for NTD reporting, the NTD requires the agency to certify the statistical accuracy of their APC data with attention to statistical reliability of the data.

Spokane Transit staff have been working to develop new ridership reports and pursue NTD certification with the aid of a contractor who specializes in APC software support and data reporting. NTD certification was approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on November 29, 2023. While STA began using APCs in July 2023 to account for City Line ridership, the entire calendar year of 2023 ridership reporting will be revised to reflect the APC ridership collection methodology to align with the 2023 NTD data submittal package. Due to the methodology collection differences between farebox data and APC data, the ridership data will be revised from what has been historically reported (prior to the month of August 2023) as presented below.

2023 Ridership/Unlinked Passenger Trip Reporting by Source			
Month	Farebox – RevPass Report	APC's - UTA Report (revised data)	Variance
January	668,070	659,664	-1.26%
February	628,823	629,970	+0.18%
March	721,407	730,146	+1.21%
April	670,867	675,634	+0.07%
May	791,260	772,516	-2.37%
June	699,194	727,219	+4.01%
July	642,829	655,308	+1.94%
August*	N/A	710,515	N/A
September	N/A	806,111	N/A
October	N/A	886,787	N/A
Year to Date		7,253,870	

\*Began using APC's for ridership data instead of farebox data for RevPass Report in monthly reporting.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Information only.

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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 14A:** ELECTION OF 2024 CHAIR AND PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Al French, 2023 STA Board Chair Pro Tempore

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the STA Bylaws, the Board Chair is elected annually by a simple majority vote of the voting members of the Board and serves a one-year term from January 1 through December 31 of each year. The office of the Chair rotates each year among the jurisdictions that are located within the boundaries of the Public Transportation Benefit Area and comprise the nine-voting member STA Board. The rotation has the following sequence:

- (1) City of Spokane
- (2) County of Spokane
- (3) City of Spokane Valley
- (4) towns and cities, excluding the Cities of Spokane and Spokane Valley (Small Cities)

According to the regular rotation schedule for the office of the Chair, the County of Spokane is designated as the jurisdiction from which the 2024 Chair should be selected.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** By motion, elect the 2024 STA Board Chair pursuant to STA Bylaws. Following the election of the 2024 Chair, the 2023 Board Chair Pro Tempore will present the gavel to the incoming Board Chair.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head // Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

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BOARD MEETING OF

December 21, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 15A:** PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION TO KAREN STRATTON (RETIRING BOARD MEMBER)

**REFERRAL COMMITTEE:** N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** 2024 Board Chair

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**SUMMARY:** During her tenure as a representative of the City of Spokane, Karen Stratton served on the STA Board of Directors from 2020 to present.

Ms. Stratton has served as a member of the Planning & Development Committee since she joined the STA Board and acted as Committee Chair on multiple occasions.

Ms. Stratton's knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed, as will her joke telling abilities.

In recognition of her outstanding service to Spokane Transit and the citizens of the Public Transportation Benefit Area during her term as a member of the STA Board, a commendation has been prepared.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD:** Recognize Karen Stratton for her service and dedication to Spokane Transit and public transportation.

**FINAL REVIEW FOR BOARD BY:**

Division Head \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Counsel \_\_\_\_\_