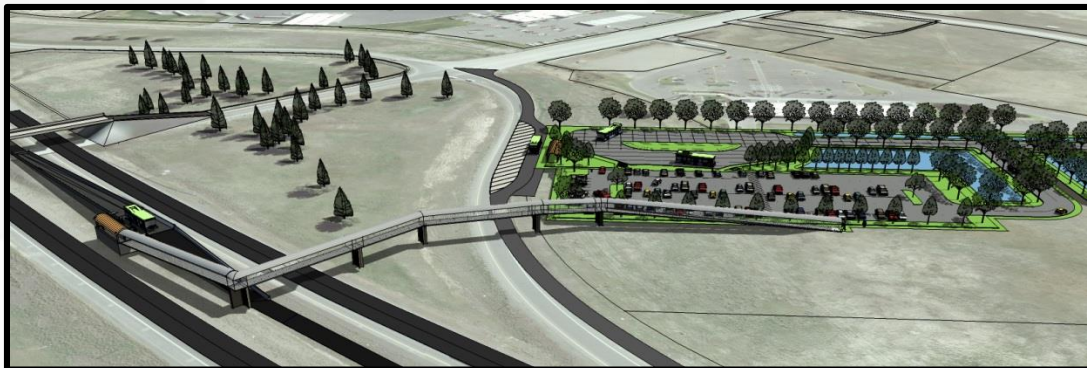


# West Plains Transit Center

Core Stakeholder Group Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

1:30 – 3:00 PM



# Meeting Outline

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- Review of the Agenda
- Review & Approval of February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes
- Review of Project Description and Purpose
- Core Stakeholder Group, Roles and Responsibilities
- Project Update
- Impacts of Proposition 1 Outcome
- IJR Review and Recommendation
- Next Steps
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# Meeting Notes

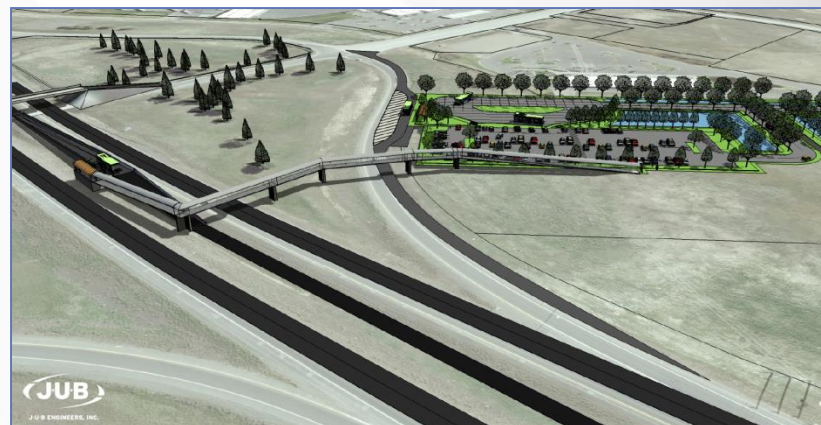
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- Any changes or comments on the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting notes?



# West Plains Transit Center

- Park and Ride lot
  - 100+ spaces with room for future expansion
  - Passenger loading and alighting platform
  - Shelters, bicycle lockers, real time signage
- Eastbound off-ramp flyer stop
  - Passenger loading and alighting platform
  - Shelter, possible real time information signage
- Westbound center median flyer stop
  - Passenger loading and alighting platform
  - Shelter, possible real time information signage
  - Pedestrian bridge from the park and ride lot to the loading platform





# Project Purpose

The purpose of the transit center is to:

- Improve connectivity between cities in the West Plains
- Provide transit access to developing areas south of I-90
- Increase productivity on existing routes in the area
- Provide park and ride capacity for bus and vanpool commuters



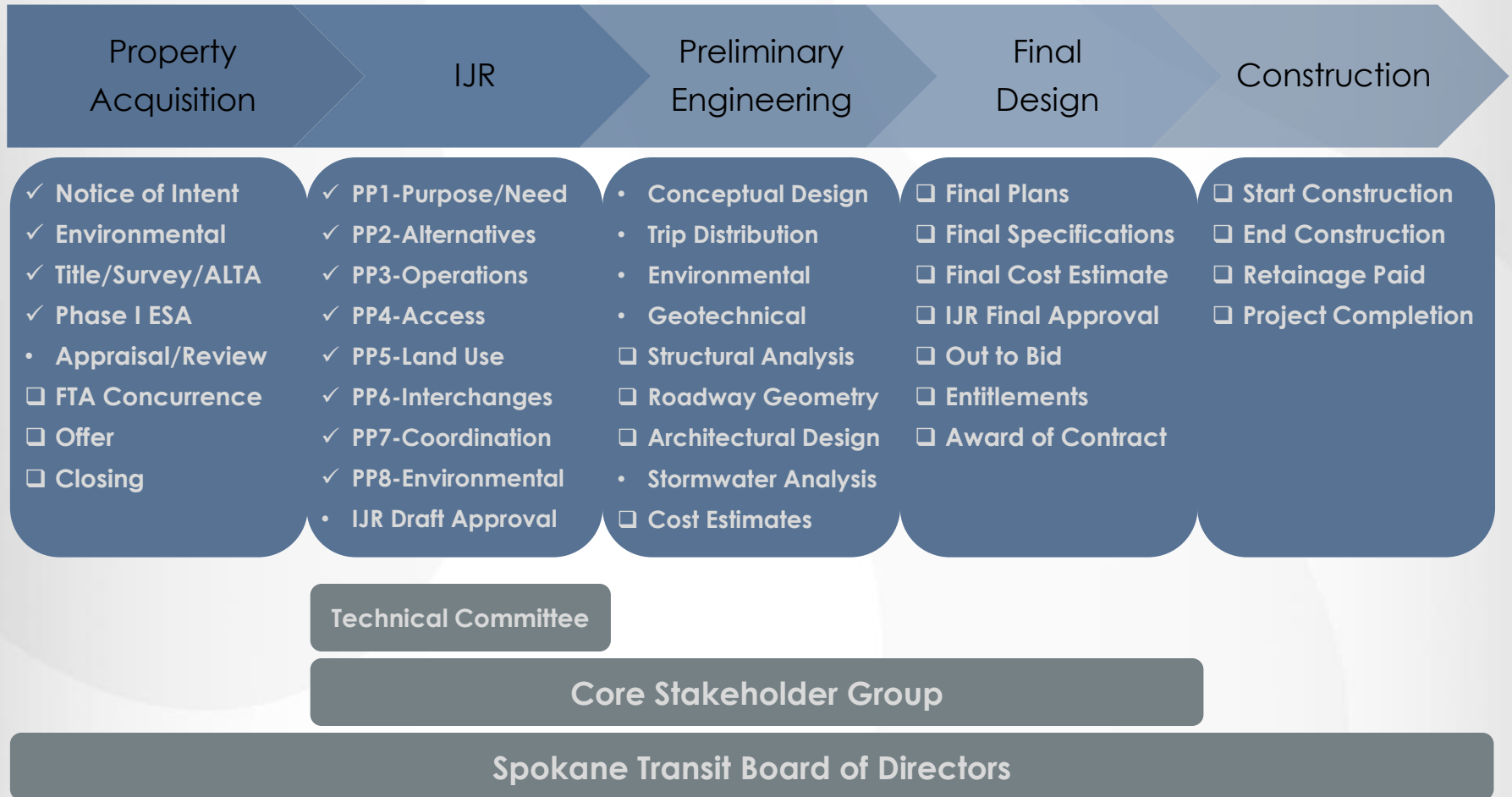
# Core Stakeholder Group Roles and Responsibilities

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- Serve as a sounding board for management
- Meet periodically for project briefings
- Provide overall policy input
- Identify opportunities for partnerships
- Assist in conflict resolution, if needed
- Review preferred alternatives
- Confirm recommendations for project implementation

*Charter Agreement, West Plains Transit Center IJR*

# Process to Date

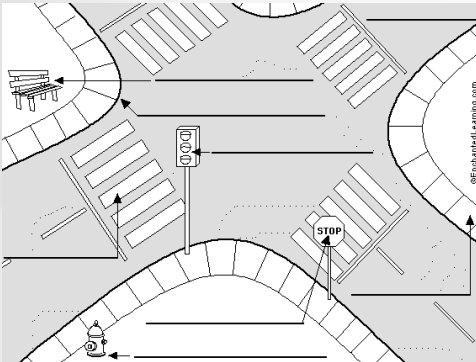
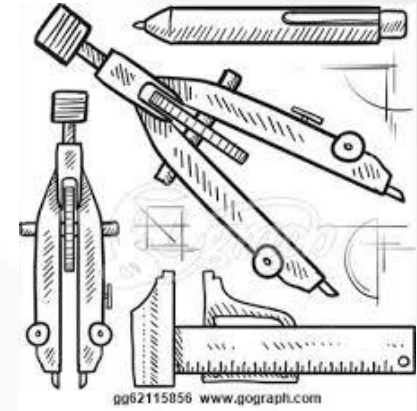


☒ Task Completed     • Task in Process     ☐ Task Not Started

# Project Update

# Conceptual Design

- Conceptual site plan completed
- Conceptual flyer stops completed
- Stormwater analysis in process
- Additional land area may be needed



# Traffic Analysis

- Working with Spokane County/WSDOT
- Draft Trip Distribution Letter is completed
- A Traffic Impact Analysis will not be required



# Project Update



## NEPA Documentation

- NEPA Process for Property Acq. Complete
- NEPA Process for Onsite Geotech Complete
- NEPA Process for Offsite Geotech in Process

## Property Acquisition

- Draft appraisal is pending
- Draft ALTA survey complete
- Pending final property boundary location based on conceptual design



# Milestone Schedule

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**	
June 2015	Draft IJR Complete
July 2015	Submit draft IJR to WSDOT
Oct 2015	Final IJR Approval
Nov 2015	30% Design Complete
Feb 2016	60% Design Complete

Future phases contingent on funding.

# Impacts of Proposition 1 Outcome

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- A total of 76,842 votes cast
- Overall, Prop 1 was rejected by only 573 votes
  - Approved by a majority of voters in Spokane, Cheney, Airway Heights, Medical Lake and residential areas on the south side of Exit 272
- Project design will continue to move forward
  - \$1.1 million has been approved for project design
- Additional funding source options
  - \$8.7 million Regional Mobility Grant (subject to approval of House version of 2015-2017 State Transportation Budget)
  - Additional grant opportunities: TIGER Grant (2016)
  - STA Board will begin discussions on moving forward with the next steps

# Draft Interchange Justification Report (IJR)

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## Interchange Justification Report (IJR)

An Interchange Justification Report (IJR) is the document used to justify a new access point or access point revision on existing limited access freeways and highways in Washington State.

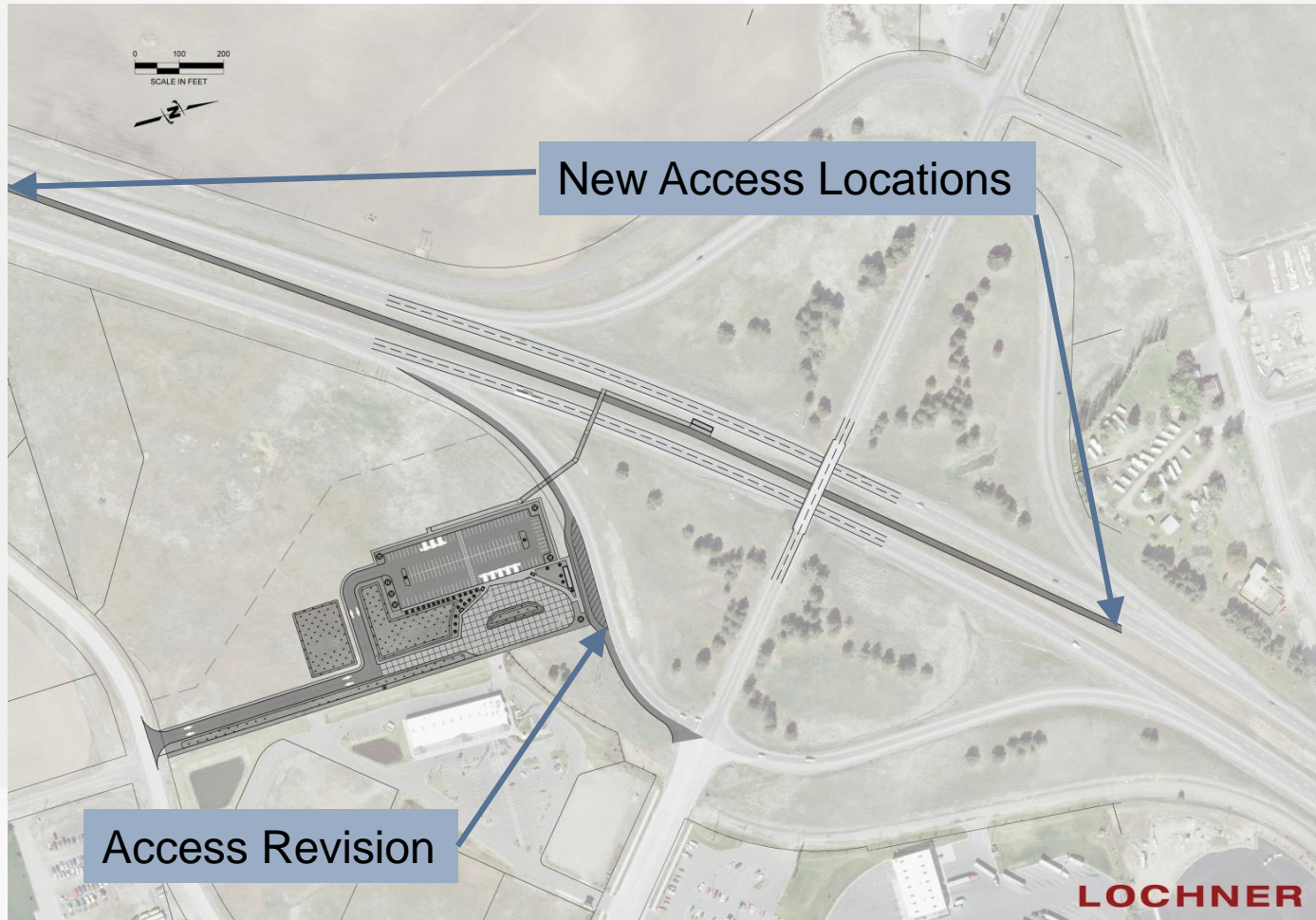
*WSDOT Design Manual, Chapter 550 - Interchange Justification Report*

**Two new access points are created and one access point revision is created as a result of the flyer stops**





# Draft Interchange Justification Report (IJR)



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An IJR must include an analysis of the following:

Previously reviewed by  
Core Stakeholder  
Group

- Methods and Assumptions
- Purpose and Need Statement
- Policy Point 1: Need for the Access Point Revision
- Policy Point 2: Reasonable Alternatives
- Policy Point 3: Operational and Collision Analysis

Reviewed by  
Technical Committee

- Policy Point 4: Access Connections and Design
- Policy Point 5: Land Use and Transportation Plans
- Policy Point 6: Future Interchanges
- Policy Point 7: Coordination
- Policy Point 8: Environmental Process

# West Plains Draft IJR

## Policy Point 4 – Access Connections and Design

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### Requirement:

*Will the proposal provide fully directional interchanges connected to public streets or roads, spaced appropriately, and designed to full design level geometric control criteria?*

### West Plains IJR:

The West Plains Transit Center and freeway flyer stops are designed to:

- Provide fast and convenient transit service along I-90 corridor
- Improve connectivity between the cities of the West Plains
- Provide faster connections between Spokane and Cheney/EWU
- Maintains existing interchanges
- Full WSDOT Design Standards



# West Plains Draft IJR

## Policy Point 5 – Land Use and Transportation Plans

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### Requirement:

*Is the proposed access point revision compatible with all land use and transportation plans?*

### West Plains IJR:

Existing land use and transportation plans for the area include:

- Connect Spokane – A Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation (revised 2014)
- I-90/SR 902 Interchange Improvements (2013)
- Spokane County Comprehensive Plan (2012)
- Horizon 2040 – Spokane Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2013)
- The Washington State Transportation Plan (WTP 2007 – 2026, and WTP 2030) (revised 2013)





# West Plains Draft IJR

## Policy Point 6 – Future Interchanges

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### Requirement:

*Is the proposed access point revision compatible with a comprehensive network plan? Is the proposal compatible with other known new access points and known revisions to existing points?*

### West Plains IJR:

- Beyond the modifications proposed in this IJR, there are no new WSDOT or FHWA access points planned from I-90/SR-904 (west) to I-90/South Grove Road (east) within the project vicinity
- The preferred alternative is compatible with the WSDOT I-90/SR 902 Interchange Improvement project

# West Plains Draft IJR

## Policy Point 7 – Future Interchanges

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### Requirement:

*Are all coordinating projects and actions programmed and funded?*

### West Plains IJR:

#### Funding sources:

- \$951,500 CMAQ Grant, \$148,500 in STA local funds
- Submitted Regional Mobility Grant for \$8.7 million (2015-17 & 2017-19)
- STA has programmed remaining funding using local funds

#### Coordination

- Federal Transit Administration
- Federal Highway Administration
- W.S. Dept. of Transportation
- Spokane County
- Spokane Regional Trans. Council
- Spokane International Airport
- West Plains Chamber
- Regional Transit Providers
- Open Houses (3/24/15)
- Traffic Scoping Mtg (3/24/15)
- STAMF (extensive outreach)



# West Plains Draft IJR

## Policy Point 8 – Environmental Process

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### Requirement:

*What is the status of the proposal's environmental processes?*

### West Plains IJR:

#### NEPA

- FTA will be the lead agency with FHWA acting as a cooperating agency
- Data gathering and study preparation began in April 2015
- A Categorical Exclusion is anticipated

#### SEPA

- Spokane County will be lead agency
- Process will begin upon conclusion of the NEPA process

# West Plains Draft IJR Recommendation

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Does the Core Stakeholder Group concur with the findings of the draft West Plains Transit Center Interchange Justification Report?





# Next Steps

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## Draft Interchange Justification Report

- Will be considered by the STA Board on June 18<sup>th</sup>
- If approved, the draft IJR will be forwarded to WSDOT for review
- Address comments, finalize report, submit to WSDOT
- WSDOT will submit the report to FHWA for final approval

## Project Design

- Preliminary design will continue to move forward
- Property acquisition will move forward subject to STA Board approval



# Next Steps

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## Next Meeting Date

- Will be contingent upon STA Board and WSDOT review
- If there are significant revisions they will be considered by the Technical Committee and Core Stakeholder Group
- Possible meeting in November to review 30% project design

## Questions?