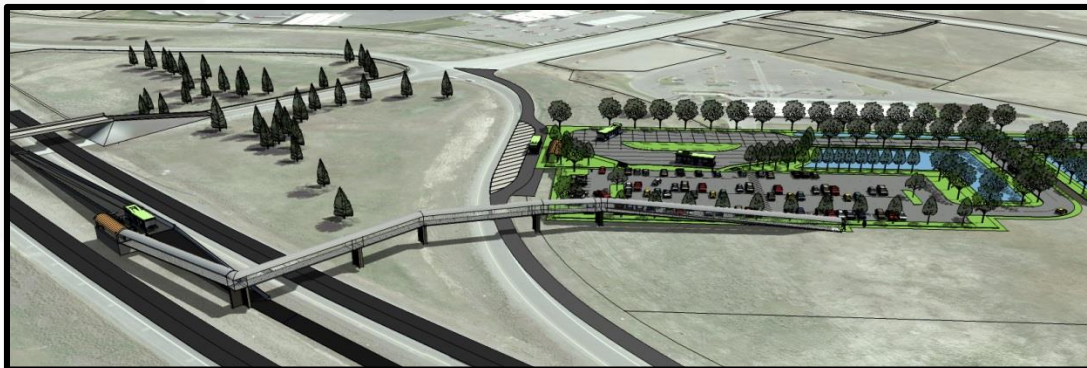


# West Plains Transit Center

Technical Committee Meeting #6  
March 24, 2015



# Meeting Outline

- Review of the Agenda
- Meeting Summary – February 12th
  - Comments and Approval
- Policy Points 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
  - Final Comments and Approval
- Policy Point 7 – Coordination
  - Review and Discuss
- Policy Point 8 – Environmental Process
  - Review and Discuss
- Update on NEPA Process
- County Traffic Study Scoping Meeting Update
- West Plains Transit Center Open House
- Wrap Up & Next Steps
  - Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

# Policy Points Complete

- **Policy Point 2 – Reasonable Alternatives**
  - Revised 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to remove run-on sentence
- **Policy Point 3 – Operational and Collision Analysis**
  - Added reference to TIA as Appendix B
  - Minor grammatical fixes
- **Policy Point 4 – Access Connections and Design**
  - No changes, however we acknowledge that specific signing and striping requirements will be addressed during design
- **Policy Point 5 – Land Use and Transportation Plans**
  - No changes made
- **Policy Point 6 – Future Interchanges**
  - Second paragraph added to address connections to street network
  - Minor grammatical fixes

# Policy Point 7

## Policy Point 7 - Coordination

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

### Funding

- \$951,500 in 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 Transp. Council
- Spokane International Airport
- West Plains Chamber
- Regional Transit Providers
- Open House (3/24/15)
- Traffic Scoping Meeting (3/24/15)
- STA Moving Forward (extensive outreach effort)



# Policy Point 8

## Policy Point 8 – Environmental Process

*What is the status of the proposal's environmental processes? This section should be something more than just a status report of the environmental process; it should be a brief summary of the environmental process.*

### NEPA

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

### SEPA

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

### Anticipated Analysis

- Water Resources
- Wildlife Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Air
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Socio-economic



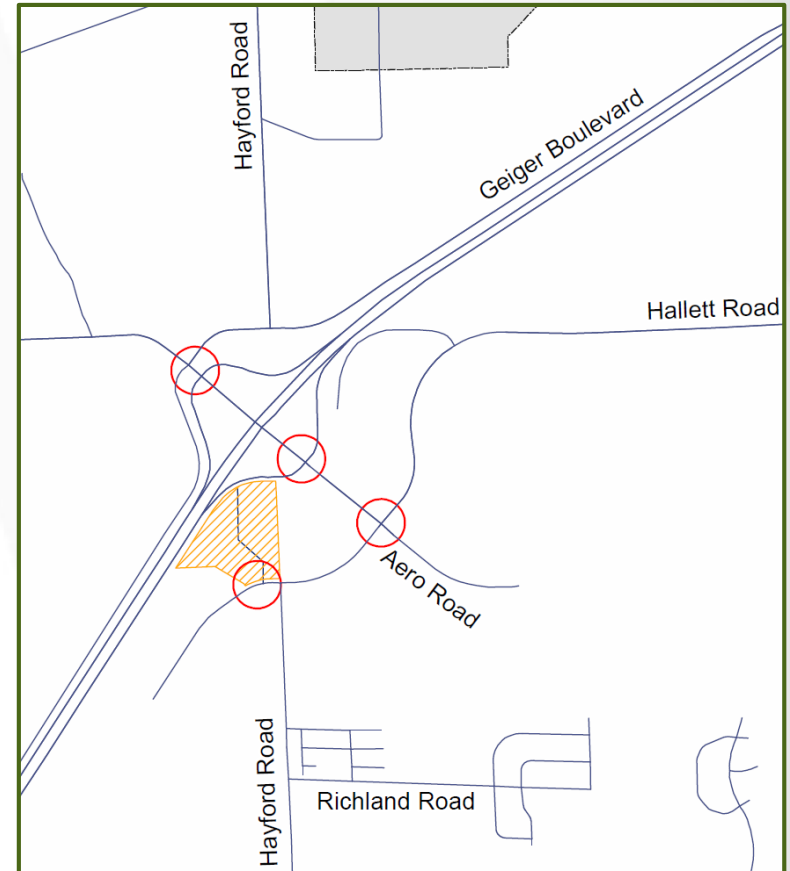


# NEPA Process

- On March 12, FTA, FHWA, STA and Lochner held coordination meeting
- FTA will be the lead agency with FHWA acting as a cooperating agency
- Data gathering and study preparation will begin in April
- A Categorical Exclusion is anticipated
- Upon conclusion of the NEPA process, SEPA will be initiated through Spokane County
- It is anticipated that a DNS/MDNS will be issued

# Traffic Impact Analysis

- On March 4, Spokane County, WSDOT, STA and Lochner met to discuss the scope of the traffic impact analysis
- A full traffic impact analysis will be completed pursuant to Spokane County requirements
- Under a full analysis, five (5) intersections would be studied, unless public input determines additional intersections are needed
- Public scoping meeting will be held on March 24



# Open House

- A public open house will be held March 24 at the Irv Reed Event Center, Spokane International Airport
- Will be a joint open house and public traffic scoping meeting





# Wrap Up/Next Steps

## Next Meeting Date

- Do we need another meeting prior to or after preparing a draft report?