

RESOLUTION NO. 809-23

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE TRANSIT ALONG DIVISION STREET IN SPOKANE.

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 Laws of the State of Washington, including RCW Title 36, Chapter 57A, Public Transportation Benefit Area; and

WHEREAS, STA adopted *Connect Spokane, A Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation (Connect Spokane)* by Resolution 665-10 in July 2010 and as subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, *Connect Spokane* identifies the Division Street Corridor, generally from downtown Spokane north to an area directly south of the Little Spokane River, as a future High Performance Transit (HPT) corridor; and

WHEREAS, consistent with *STA Moving Forward* and *Connect Spokane*, STA and Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) completed a transportation and land use study of the Division Street Corridor; and

WHEREAS, STA Board of Directors, by Resolution 785-21, adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) of fixed-guideway bus rapid transit (BRT) on Division Street with the preliminary alignment and station locations in Spring 2021, and recognized additional refinements to the LPA would result from further study and public consultation; and

WHEREAS, STA initiated the preliminary engineering and environmental scoping phase of Division Street BRT in Spring 2022 to further define the project in preparation of the Project Development phase of the project; and,

WHEREASE, STA, in partnership with regional partners, including SRTC, City of Spokane, Spokane County and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), developed and evaluated refinements to the LPA, to include station locations, the termini in downtown Spokane and the Mead area, as well as the alignment to said termini; and,

WHEREAS, STA conducted public engagement activities throughout the evaluation process and conducted a public hearing before the STA Board of Directors on April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the refined Locally Preferred Alternative is consistent with the policies of *Connect Spokane*, STA's comprehensive plan for public transportation; and

WHEREAS, STA continues preliminary engineering and environmental scoping activities related to Division Street BRT in order to prepare the project to seek entry in the Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts Program;

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

Section 1. STA Board of Directors hereby adopts the refined Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) of fixed-guideway bus rapid transit (BRT) on Division Street superseding the LPA adopted by Resolution No. 785-21, the alignment and general station locations depicted in Exhibit A, and the LPA elements as follows:

Provision	Element	Description
A	Mode	Fixed-guideway bus rapid transit (BRT) using zero-emission 60' buses
B	Service Level	Weekdays: 10-minute frequency or better Nights & Weekends: 15-minute frequency during most hours of the span
C	Northern Terminus	A new transit center in the vicinity of Farwell Road and Newport Highway
D	Southern Terminus	Downtown south of the STA Plaza in the vicinity of 2 nd Avenue and Wall Street
E	Alignment	As depicted in Exhibit A, Page 2
F	Station Locations	As set forth in Exhibit A, Page 3
G	System Operations	Operating techniques for speed and reliability, such as Transit Signal Priority (TSP), all-door boarding and near-level platforms
H	Lane Configuration	Side-running, dedicated Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes for a majority of the alignment, primarily between North River Drive and the North Division "Y" (Couplet and Mainline segments)
I	Other Multimodal Treatments	Protected bicycle facilities, including cycle tracks where practicable, along Ruby Street with pedestrian, ADA and bicycle improvements throughout the corridor.


Section 2. Staff is directed to forward the refined Locally Preferred Alternative as adopted herein to Spokane Regional Transportation Council for consideration and adoption into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

ADOPTED by STA at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of May 2023.

ATTEST:


Dana Infalt
Clerk of the Authority

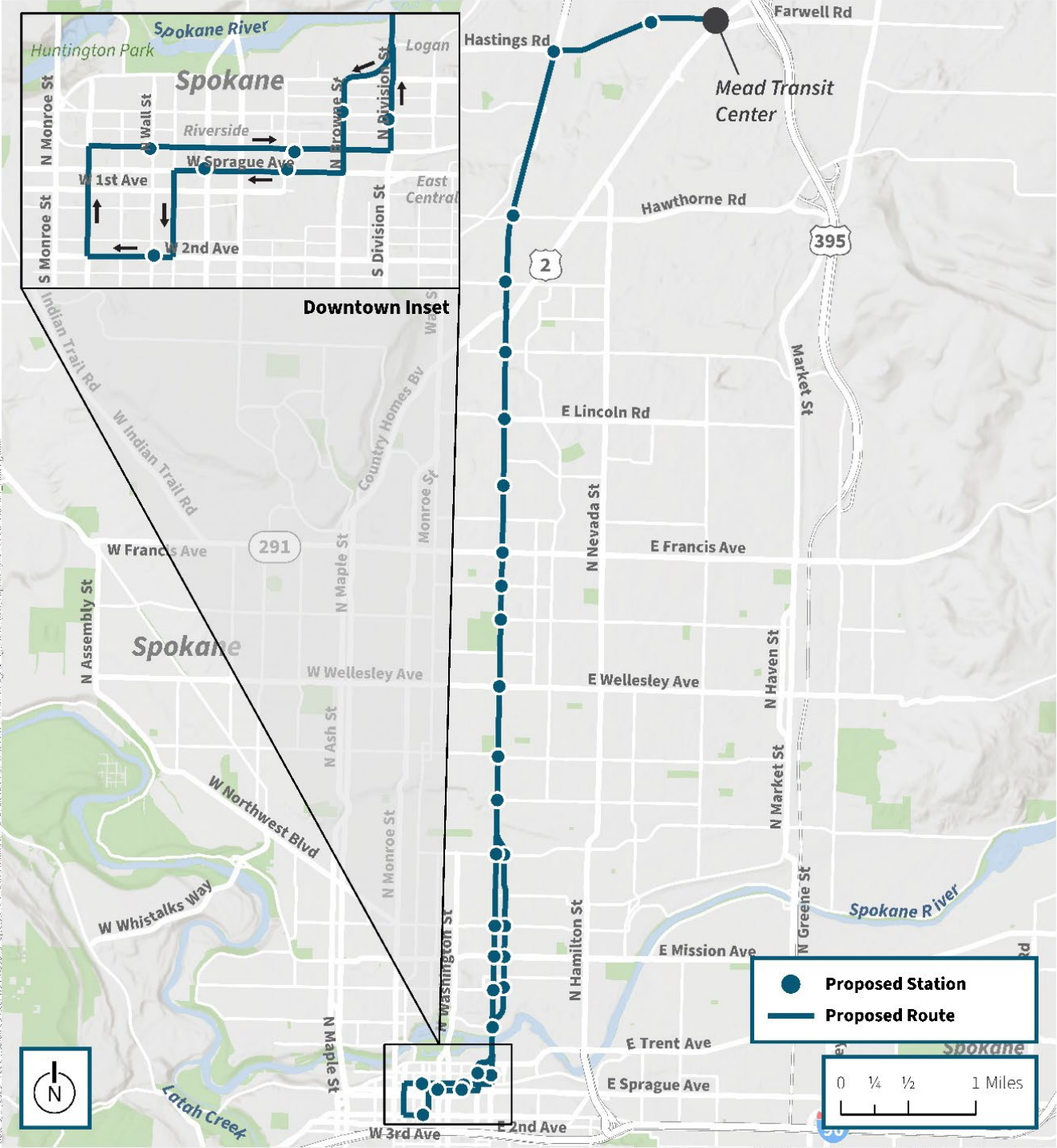
SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY


Lori Kinneer
STA Board Chair

Approved as to form:


Megan Clark
Legal Counsel

Division Street BRT - Alignment



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Source: City of Spokane, Spokane County, SRTC, WSDOT, US Census, USDA, SRI, Vapbox, OpenStreetMap

Division Street BRT: Table of Station Locations

Station locations are identified by the nearest major intersections. Precise locations will be determined through design and engineering during the Project Development phase.

Northern Segment (North of the North Division “Y”)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mead Transit Center • Hastings Rd/N Perry St • N Division St/Hastings Rd • N Division St/Hawthorne Rd • N Division St/Holland Rd
Mainline Segment (Between North Foothills Drive and the North Division “Y”)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N Division St/E Magnesium Rd/W Price Ave • N Division St/E Lincoln Rd/W Cascade Way • N Division St/E Weile Ave/W Rhoades Ave • N Division St/Francis Ave • N Division St/Central Ave • N Division St/Rowan Ave • N Division St/Queen Ave (Provisional location subject to further design & engineering) • N Division St/Wellesley Ave • N Division St/E Empire Ave/W Garland Ave • N Division St/Bridgeport Ave
Couplet Segment (Between the Spokane River and North Foothills Drive)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N Division St/N Ruby St/E North Foothills Dr/W Buckeye Ave • N Division St/N Ruby St/Indiana Ave • N Division St/N Ruby St/Mission Ave • N Division St/N Ruby St/Boone Ave • N Division St/North River Dr
Downtown Segment (South of the Spokane River)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N Browne St/W Main Ave (SB) • W Sprague Ave/Bernard St (SB) • W Sprague Ave/Stevens St (SB) • W 2nd Ave/S Wall St (SB) • W Riverside Ave/N Wall St (NB) • W Riverside Ave/N Bernard St (NB) • N Division St/Main Ave (NB)