

RESOLUTION NO. **812-23**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING FUNDING SOURCES AND COMMITMENTS FOR THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE BUDGET OF DIVISION STREET BUS RAPID TRANSIT AND AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO ENTER INTO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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, by Resolution No. 665-10, the STA Board of Directors first adopted *Connect Spokane: A Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation* on July 21, 2010 (Comprehensive Plan); and

WHEREAS, subsequent updates to the Comprehensive Plan were adopted by the STA Board of Directors pursuant to Resolution No. 669-10, adopted September 15, 2010; a motion approved January 13, 2012; Resolution No. 711-13, adopted December 19, 2013; Resolution 717-14, adopted May 22, 2014; Resolution No. 732-15, adopted June 18, 2015; Resolution No. 760-17, adopted December 14, 2017; Resolution 769-19 adopted May 16, 2019; Resolution 795-22 adopted May 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, *Connect Spokane*, identifies the Division Street Corridor as a future High Performance Transit (HPT) corridor; and

WHEREAS, *STA Moving Forward* adopted by the STA Board of Directors pursuant to Resolution No. 727-14, adopted December 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, subsequent updates to *STA Moving Forward* were adopted by the STA Board of Directors pursuant to Resolution No. 744-16, adopted June 16, 2016; Resolution No. 781-20, adopted November 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *STA Moving Forward* called for planning the future of High Performance Transit in the Division Street corridor; and

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

WHEREAS, the STA Board, by Resolution No. 785-21, adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) of fixed-guideway Division Street BRT with the preliminary alignment and station locations in April 2021, as refined in Resolution No. 809-23 adopted May 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, STA is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental scoping phase of the Division Street BRT project and intends to submit a request to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for entry into the Project Development phase of the Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program, with the intent of securing a future Small Starts grant to aid in the construction and implementation of the Division Street BRT project; and

WHEREAS, the FTA’s CIG Policy Guidance dated January 2023 requires sponsors of proposed Small Starts grant projects to submit documentation identifying, among other things, sources of funding necessary to conduct project development work and demonstrated commitment of said funds;

WHEREAS, STA’s 2024-2029 Transit Development Plan (TDP) establishes the budget for the Division Street BRT Project Development Phase as \$15 million, including committed and programmed federal, state and local sources;

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

Section 1. The STA Board of Directors hereby affirms the Division Street BRT Project Development Phase budget is fully funded consistent with the STA 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program, included in STA’s TDP for the same period adopted by Resolution No. 810-23 and as follows:

Line	Funding Type	Description	Funding Amount
A	Federal	Federal 5307 Urbanized Formula (flexed from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds)	\$1,000,000
B	State	Washington State 2023-2025 enacted transportation budget, Move Ahead WA	\$7,746,000
C	State	Washington State Transportation Program for 2025-2027 biennium	\$3,860,000
D	Local	STA sales tax revenue	\$2,394,000
E		Total	\$15,000,000

Section 2. The STA Board of Directors affirms that the STA 2023 Capital Budget, adopted by Resolution No. 805-22, includes \$1,800,000 in local funding, representing a portion of the total local funding provided in Section 1 Line D above, to enable the Project Development phase to commence immediately upon approval from the Federal Transit Administration.

Section 3. The STA Board of Directors hereby commits to providing in future adopted capital budgets the total local share identified in Section 1 Line D, to include any carryover from the 2023 fiscal year as identified in Section 2, such that the total local funding identified in Section 1 Line D is considered secured and corresponds with funds currently available.

Section 4. The STA Board of Directors acknowledges that state funding programmed under the Washington State Public Transportation Program (Program) for the 2025-2027 biennium (Section 1, Line C) is still pending legislative action in 2025, and as such, the Board hereby commits an additional \$3,860,000 in local funds from STA's cash balance in the unlikely event state funds in this Program are delayed or deferred.

Section 5. The STA Board of Directors authorizes the CEO to request approval from the Federal Transit Administration to enter into the Project Development Phase under the FTA Section 5309 CIG program.

ADOPTED by STA at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of July 2023.

ATTEST:

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

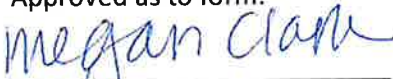


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