



MONTHLY UPDATE



News & Announcements



Santa Visits STA Plaza

The second annual Santa at STA Plaza drew hundreds of people downtown on December 13 for free holiday photos, transforming the Plaza into a festive community gathering.

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Adoption of Title VI Program Update

On December 18, the STA Board of Directors adopted by resolution the updated Title VI Program, ensuring compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This federally required program is updated every three years. Updates to the program include expanded safe harbor languages to Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Marshallese, and Arabic. Outreach efforts included community events, rider and provider surveys, targeted outreach, and engagement with 105 community-based organizations. To learn more, visit spokanetransit.com/title6update.

2026 Budget Approved

At their December meeting, the STA Board of Directors adopted the 2026 Budget. The budget advances planning for Division Street Bus Rapid Transit and invests in safer, more reliable service through added staffing for operations, maintenance, and customer service. Riders will also see benefits from upgraded fare collection equipment. Capital investments include Argonne Street Park and Ride, development in High Performance Transit corridors, charging infrastructure, and bus stop improvements, supporting a more

2026 BUDGET

Rider Interest

SERVICE CHANGE

JANUARY 18, 2026

January Service Change

STA schedules service changes three times a year in order to keep the region's transit system as convenient, accessible, and efficient as possible. These changes generally occur in January, May, and September.

On Sunday, January 18, 2026, changes will occur on Routes 6, 7, 12, 21, 25, 27, 63, 722, and 724.

[Learn more](#)



Holiday Service for Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

In observance of the federal holidays, STA will operate on Sunday service on Thursday, December 25, for Christmas, and on Thursday, January 1, 2026, for New Year's Day. STA will operate on Saturday service on Monday, January 19, 2026, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. To view routes and schedule information, visit spokanetransit.com/routes-schedules.



Snow Detours and Alerts

During winter months, STA recommends riders sign up to receive texts or email notices when their route(s) go on snow detour or other circumstances arise that will affect trips. Transit App also notifies riders about changes to their favorite routes. Sign up for STA Notifications here: spokanetransit.com/notifications.

To read more rider tips for winter, visit spokanetransit.com/newsletter/rider-tips-for-winter.



Bus Shelter Expansion

As part of *Connect 2035*, STA is invested in installing shelters at high-boarding stops. Learn more about how bus shelter upgrades are determined and follow STA as we officially open new shelters with ribbon-cutting celebrations at spokanetransit.com/bus-shelter-expansion.



Planning for Wellesley

STA has begun early work on the Wellesley Corridor Development Plan (CDP), an important first step toward improving one of the STA system's most heavily used east-west transit corridors and positioning it for future High Performance Transit (HPT).

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Transit Education



What Is High Performance Transit?

Curious riders and readers may notice the term “High Performance Transit” (HPT) appear in some of STA's documents. But what is HPT?

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Multimedia



POV: Hope I Didn't Miss the Bus

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Employment



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