



STA Moving Forward Update

ASCE Section Meeting

November 11, 2025

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Quick Facts



✓ **STA was approved by voters in 1981**

- Initially called START
 - Spokane Transit Authority for Regional Transportation
- Acquired assets of city-operated Spokane Transit System

✓ **Governed by a Board of Directors**

- City of Spokane (4 members)
- City of Spokane Valley (2 members)
- Spokane County (2 members)
- Small cities (2 members)
- Labor representative (1 member, non-voting)

✓ **746 Employees**

- 355 coach (fixed route) operators
- 56 van (paratransit) operators
- 121 maintenance personnel
- 214 administrative personnel

✓ **187 Buses**

- 40 low-floor coaches
- 7 paratransit vans

✓ **Service**

- 52 miles of fixed route bus stop
- 35,000 trips per day, 10.66 million per year (2024)
- 4 transit centers, 14 park and

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Capital Development



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Spokane Transit Authority Prop. No. 1

Approved: 49.55%

April 28, 2015

Rejected: 50.45%

0.3% sales tax

On November 8, 2016, voters approved Spokane Transit Authority (STA) Proposition 1, authorizing an increase in local sales and use tax of up to 0.2% to help maintain, improve and expand public transit in Spokane Transit's service area.



Maintain the existing transit system, including paratransit and vanpool services.



Improve fixed-route bus service through high frequency, high performance transit service, including extended hours on all basic and frequent routes.



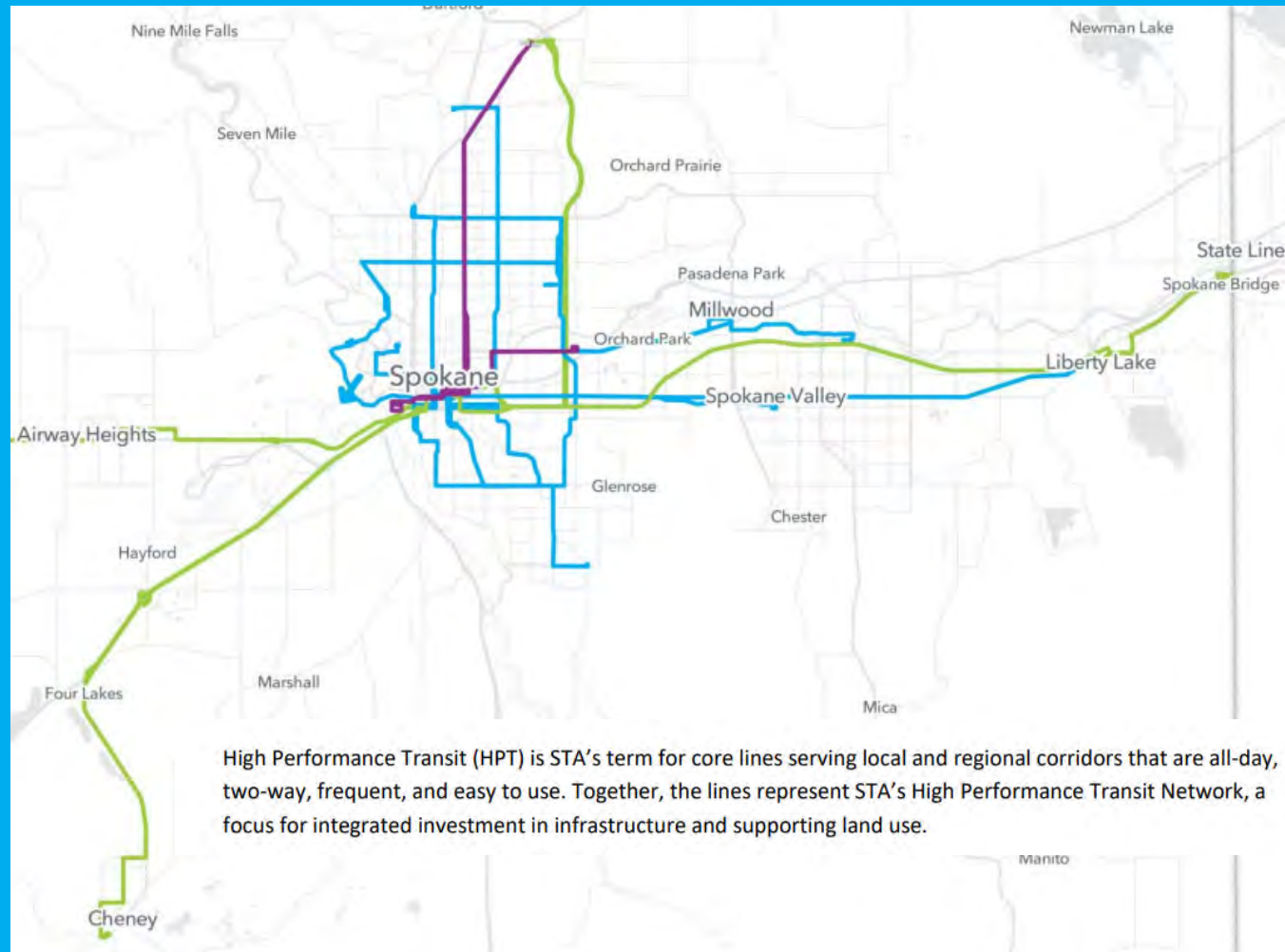
Expand transit service to new areas, new routes, and expanded passenger services including new and enhanced park and ride lots.

	Project Completed
	Project in Progress
	Project Not Started

2017	Extend Saturday night service past 11 pm	✓
	Better weekend service on Wellesley Avenue in North Spokane	✓
	Add weekday service on Indiana Avenue between Spokane Valley Mall and Greenacres (Phase 1)	✓
	Additional weekend trips and buses to Airway Heights (Phase 1)	✓
	New Sunday service on North Nevada	✓
	Improve reliability for bus service on Division and Sprague	✓
	Add sidewalks and shelters along North Division (Phase 1)	✓
	Direct, non-stop peak hour service between Liberty Lake and Spokane (I-90/Valley HPT service element)	✓
2018	Introduce more mid-day weekday trips along I-90 between Spokane and Liberty Lake (Phase 1)	✓
	Nights and weekend service on Indiana Avenue between Spokane Valley Mall and Greenacres (Phase 2)	✓
	New night and weekend service to Indian Trail	✓
	Expand and upgrade maintenance facilities to meet existing and projected growth requirements	✓
	Construct West Plains Transit Center with Park & Ride at exit 272 on I-90 (Phase 1)	✓
2019	Construct Moran Station Park & Ride	✓
	Implement initial HPT: Monroe-Regal Line improvements with more sheltered stops	✓
	Create new south commuter express from Moran Station Park & Ride	✓
	Plan and construct Spokane Community College Transit Center at SCC	✓

2020	Construct West Plains Transit Center interchange improvements (Phase 2)	✓
	Direct service between Airway Heights and Medical Lake via WPTC	✓
2021	Add larger buses to North Division routes (Phase 2)	✓
2022	Improved routes/frequency to Hillyard	✓
	Add and improve service in West Central Spokane	✓
2023	Central City Line (CCL) opens and Plaza bus operations are streamlined	✓
	Implement HPT: Cheney Line service	✓
2024	Improve West Plains Rural Highway Stops	
	Provide improved amenities and infrastructure for HPT: Sprague Line service	✓
2025	Additional weekday trips and buses to Airway Heights (Phase 2)	✓
	Provide improved evening and/or weekend service on Route 45 Perry District in order to increase mobility and access on the South Hill	✓
	Construct a new Mirabeau Transit Center (I-90/Valley HPT Infrastructure)	✓
	Acquire property for Appleway Station Park & Ride for expansion of commuter parking capacity east of Sullivan Road (Barker to Stateline)	
	Introduce more nights and weekend service along I-90 between Spokane and Liberty Lake (Phase 2)(I-90/Valley HPT service element)	✓
2026	As a cross-state partnership, create an extension of HPT: I-90/Valley to Post Falls (ID) and Coeur d'Alene (ID) on a two-year pilot basis	

High Performance Transit (HPT)



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HPT Implementation Characteristics

✓ Frequent Service

- 15 minute weekdays
- 30 minute weekends with peak augmentation

✓ Extended Service

- Earlier and later trips

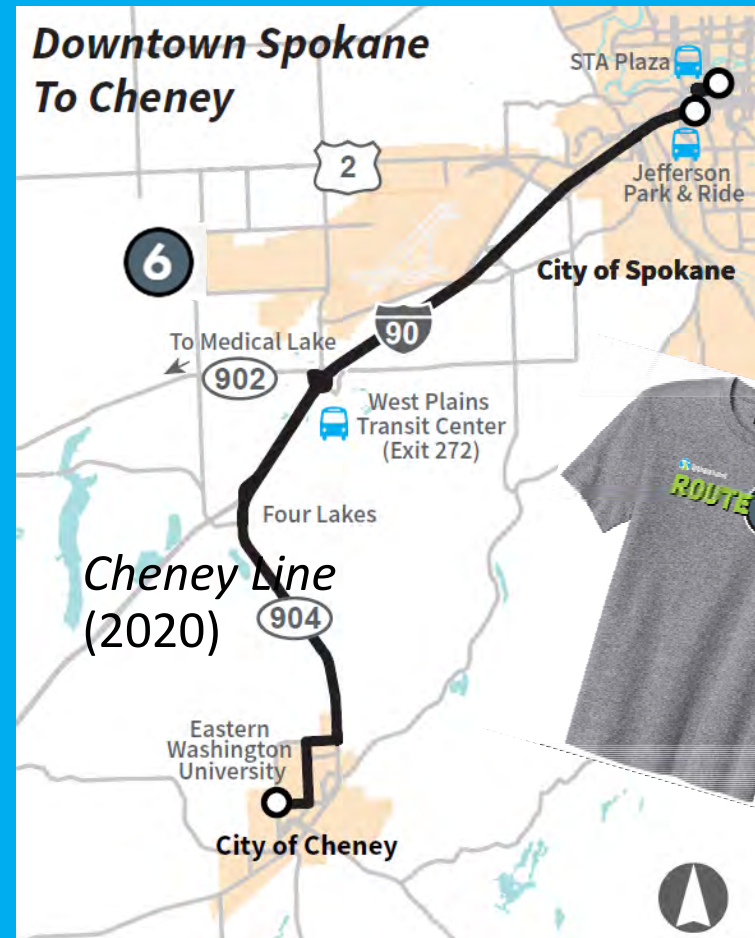
✓ Stop Spacing

- Consistency through consolidation and relocation to:
 - o Neighborhood Centers
 - o Commercial Centers
 - o Transit Centers

✓ Enhanced Access

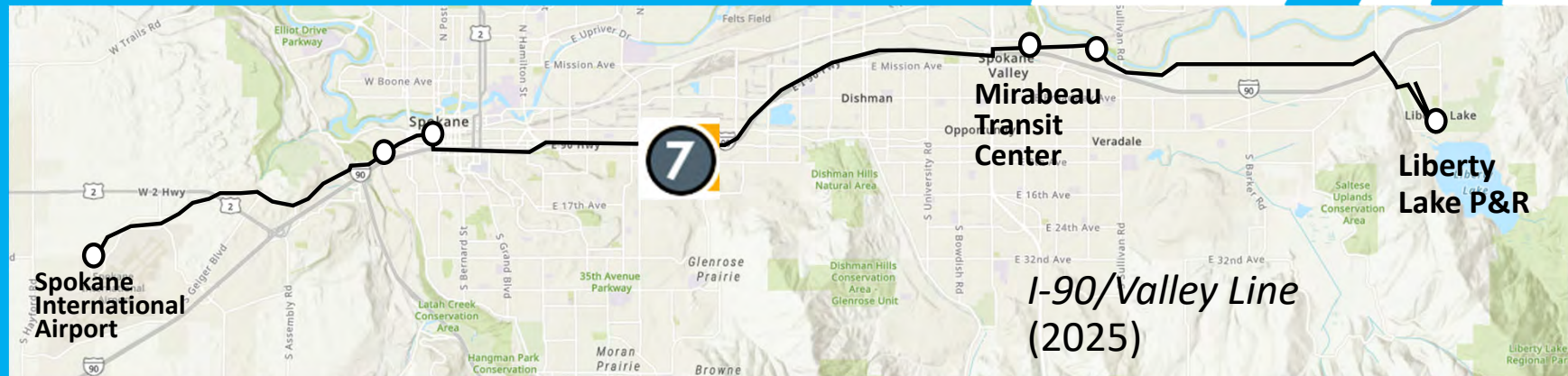
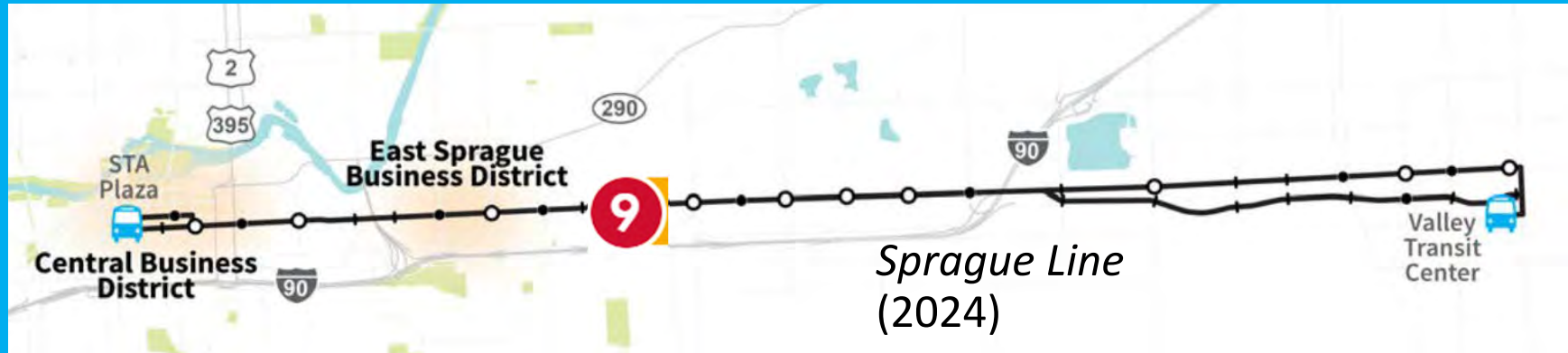
- Shelter/Waiting Room
- Real time information
- Near-level boarding

Route Improvements – HPT



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Route Improvements – HPT



Route Improvements – HPT



Station



Bus Stop

Stop Improvements – Standard

Division (2021)



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Routes & Schedules

1 City Line	>	12 Southside Medical Shuttle	>	25 Division	>
4 Monroe-Regal	>	14 South Adams/Napa	>	27 Crestline	>
6 Cheney	>	20 SFCC	>	28 Nevada	>
7 Valley/Airport	>	21 West Broadway	>	31 Minnehaha/Lidgerwood	>
9 Sprague	>	22 NW Blvd	>	32 Trent/Montgomery	>
11 Downtown/North Bank Shuttle	>	23 Maple/Ash	>	33 Wellesley	>

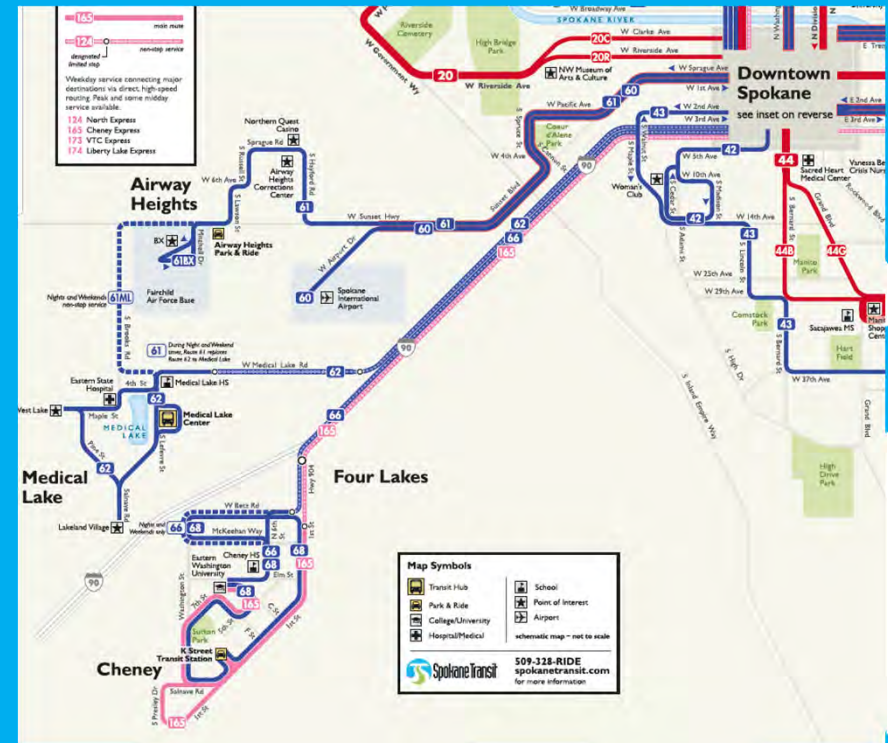
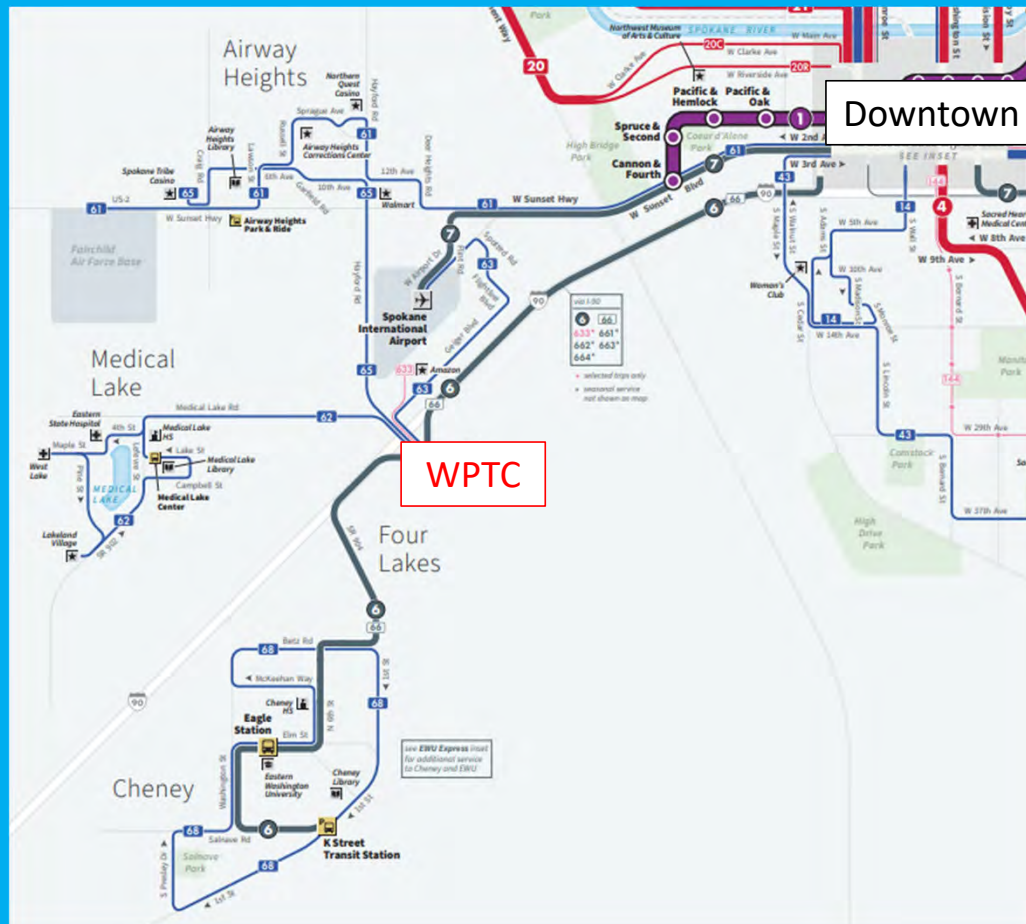
34 Freya	>	62 Medical Lake	>	94 East Central/Millwood	>	144 South Express	>	342 Fairgrounds Shuttle	>	664 EWU South Hill Express	>
35 Francis/Market	>	63 Geiger/Airport	>	95 Mid-Valley	>	173 VTC Express	>	343 Bureau Fair Shuttle	>	722 Liberty Lake Express (Fall 2025)	>
36 North Central	>	65 Airway Heights	>	96 Pines/Sullivan	>	190 Valley Express	>	633 Geiger Shuttle	>	724 Liberty Lake Tech Express	>
43 Lincoln/37th Ave	>	66 EWU	>	97 South Valley	>	223 Shadle/Indian Trail	>	661 EWU Express	>	771 Mirabeau Express	>
45 Perry District	>	68 Cheney Loop	>	98 Greenacres/Liberty Lake	>	247 Lincoln Park/Ferris	>	662 EWU North Express	>		
61 Highway 2/Fairchild	>	93 Molter Loop	>	124 North Express	>	294 East 8th	>	663 EWU VTC Express	>		

Has Alerts
City Line
Frequent
Regional
Regular
Commuter
Shuttle

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Facilities - Park & Rides

West Plains Transit Center (2018)



-WPTC

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Facilities - Park & Rides

West Plains Transit Center (2018)



- 200 parking stalls
- 4 platforms
- Operator support building

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Facilities - Park & Rides

SFCC Transit Center (2019)



- On-campus sheltered access
- Safety improvements

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Facilities - Park & Rides

SCC Transit Center (2019)



- City Line terminus
- Shared support building
- Bus charging

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Facilities - Park & Rides

Moran Station (2020)



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- 100 parking stalls
- 2 platforms
- Trail connections
- Operator support building
- Bus charging
- EV charging (2025)

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Facilities - Park & Rides

South Hill Park & Ride (2024)



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- Additional Bay
- HPT Platforms
- Security Cameras

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Facilities - Park & Rides

Mirabeau Transit Center (2025)



- Additional parking
- Additional platforms for Idaho service
- Operator support building

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Facilities - Park & Rides

Mirabeau Transit Center (2025)



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Facilities - Upgrades



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STA Plaza Remodel (2017)



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Facilities - Upgrades



Boone NW Garage (2019)



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Facilities – Upgrades



Fueling Facility (2023)



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Facilities – Battery Electric Buses



Moran Station



Spokane Community

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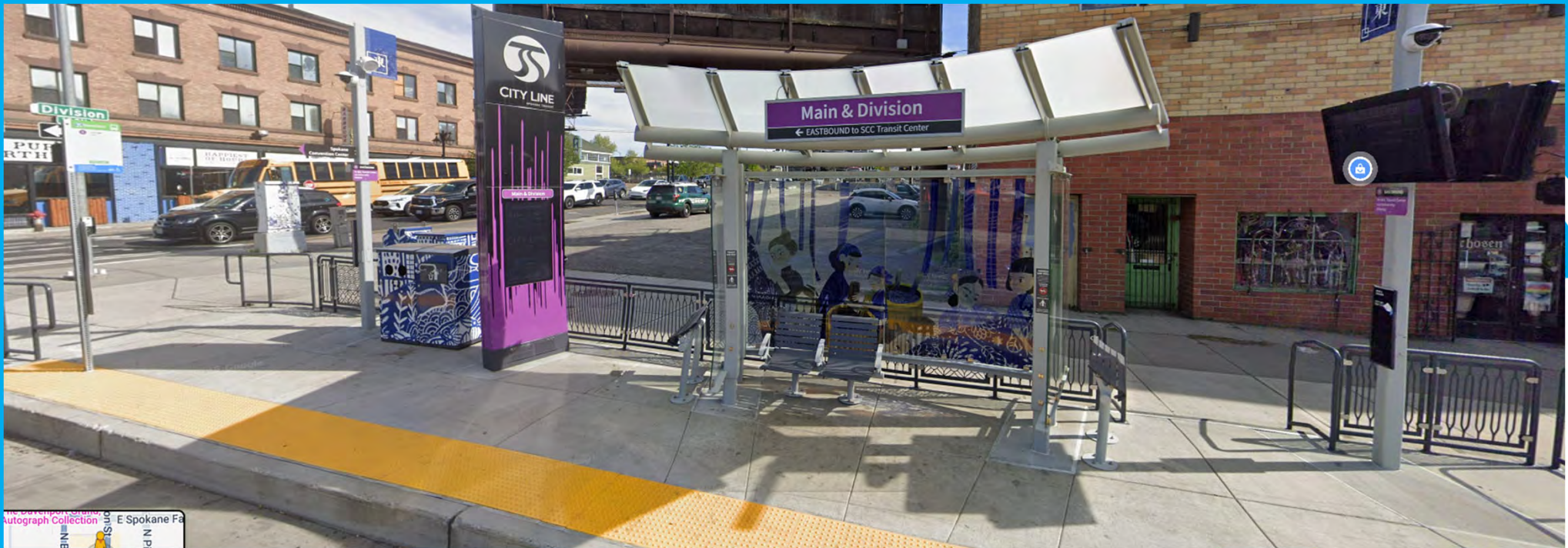
City Line



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City Line Launch

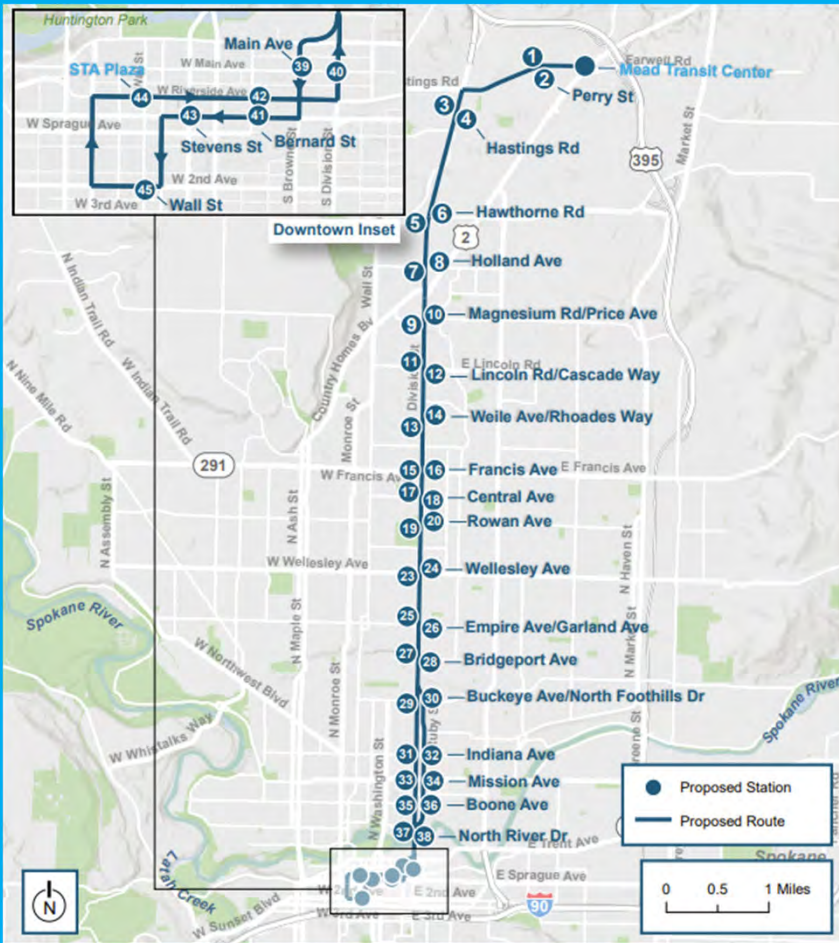


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Bus Rapid Transit

Division Line



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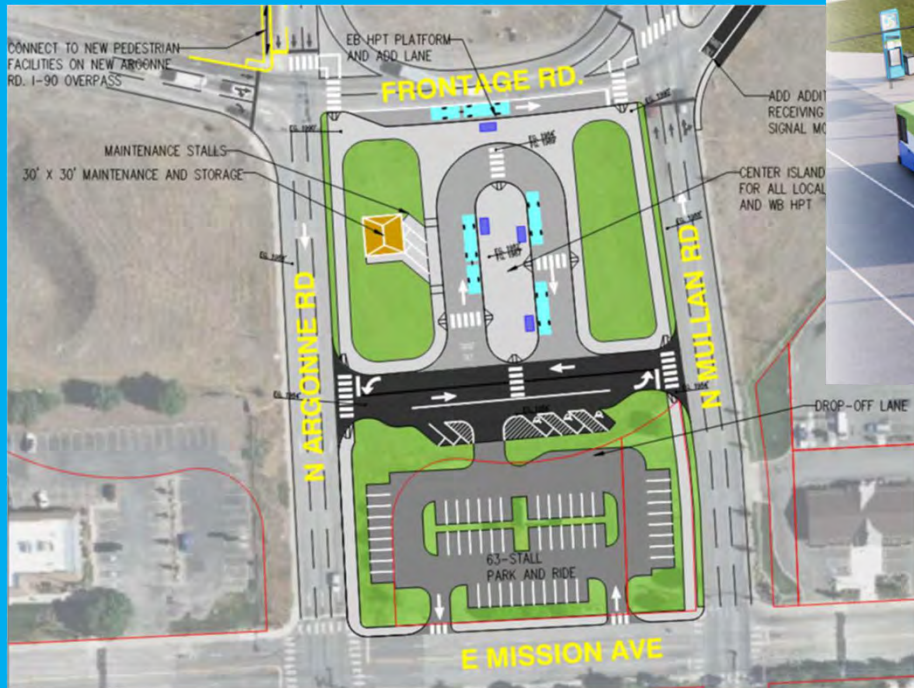


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I-90/Valley HPT



Upcoming Transit Centers

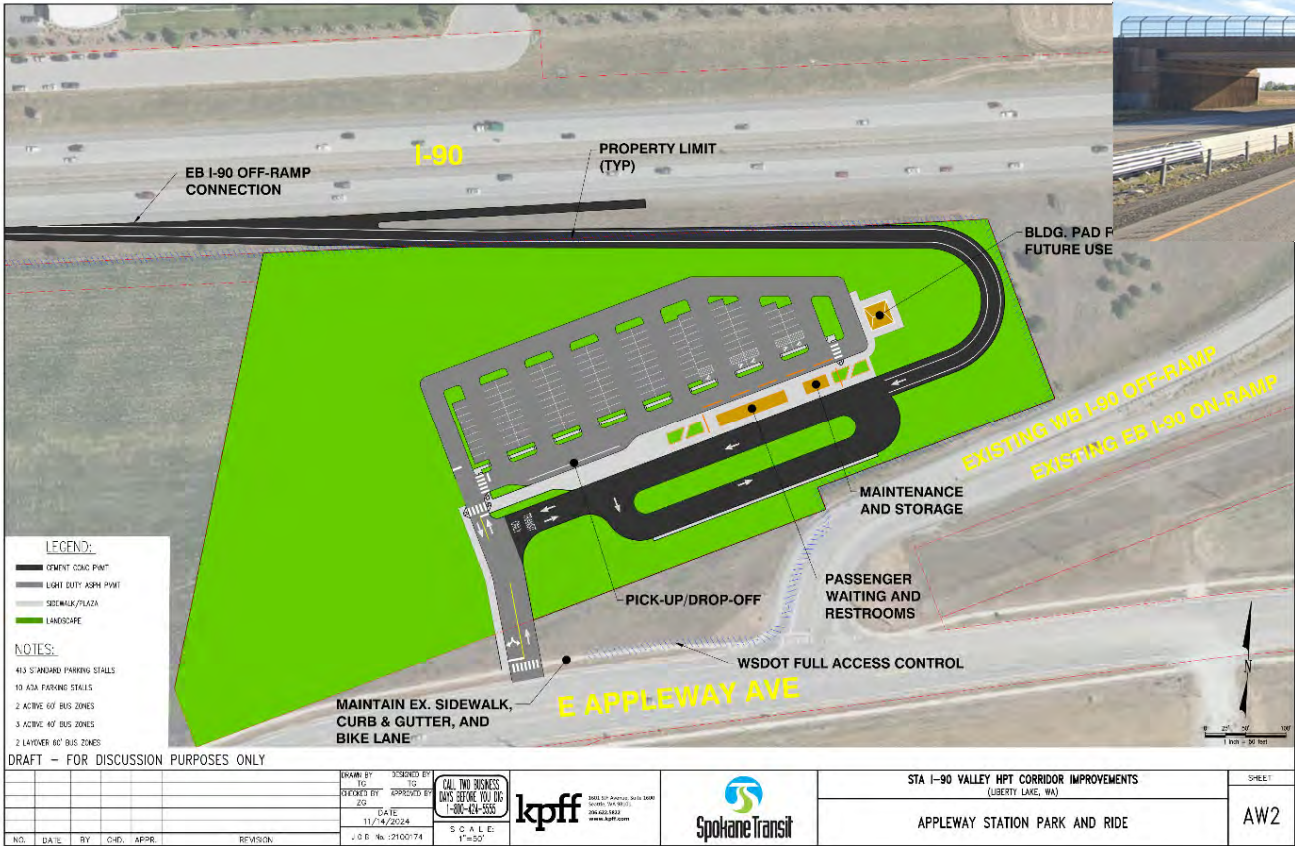


Argonne (2027)

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I-90/Valley HPT

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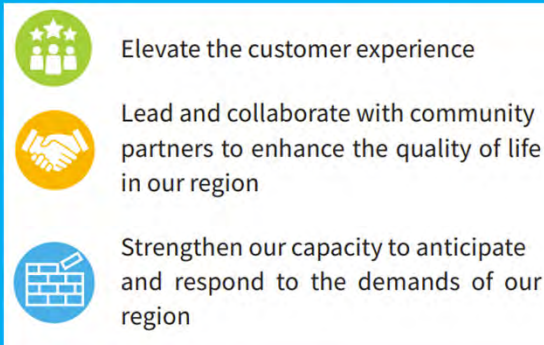


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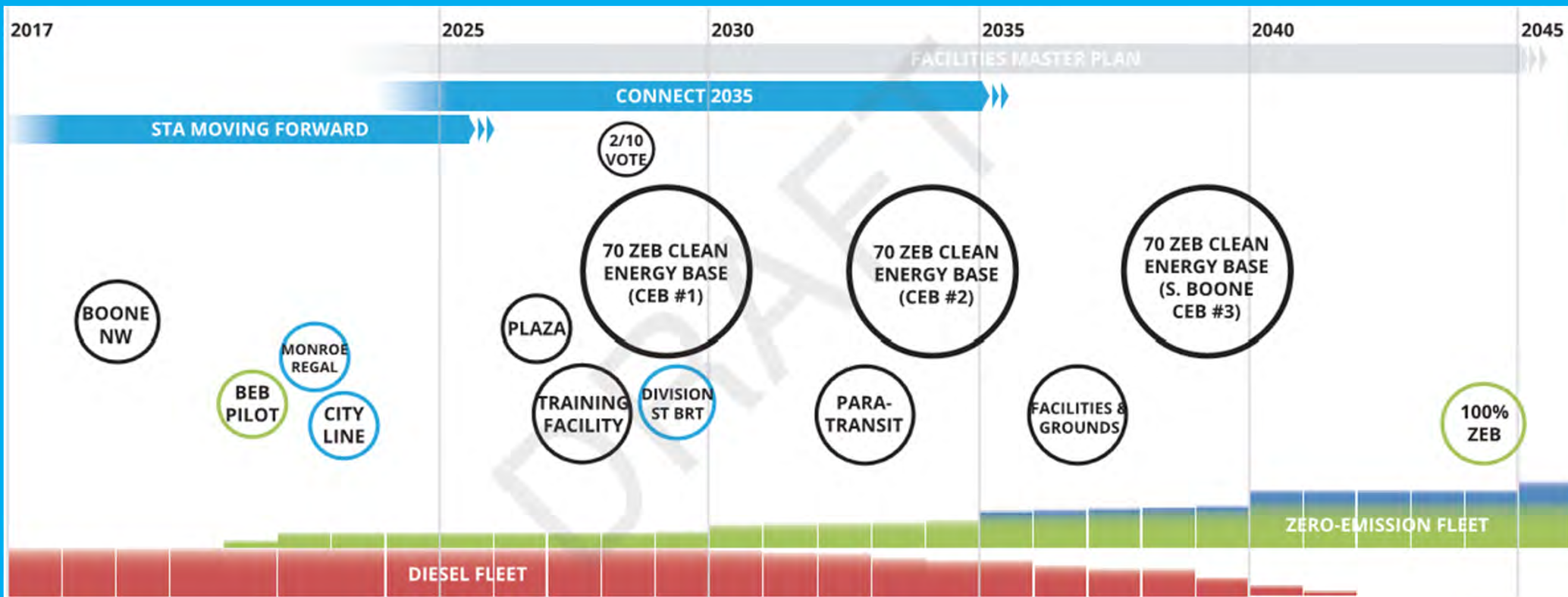
Connect 2035 – Into the Future



- Upgrade Wellesley Route 33 to Route 3 HPT
- Additional HPT Routes
- Integrate transit fare into event tickets
- Expand EV charging at STA facilities
- Upgrading operator break rooms and amenities



Conceptual Facility Master Plan Sequencing





Zero-Emission Update

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Zero-Emission

Fleet & Facilities Transition Manager

MASS TRANSIT

2025 40 Under 40: Christian Bigger



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Thanks!



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