



Public Open House

March 29, 2011
4:30pm—7:00pm
City Hall, Chase Gallery

Project Purpose

Provide a high performance transit investment that is the preferred mode for trips within Spokane's Central City.

This project will:

- Identify variety of potential transit investments
- Evaluate different alternatives and modes
- Select one preferred alternative to move forward

At the meeting tonight you will:

- Learn about the recommended corridor for the Locally Preferred Alternative
- Get more detail on the modes under consideration

We want your feedback on our progress!

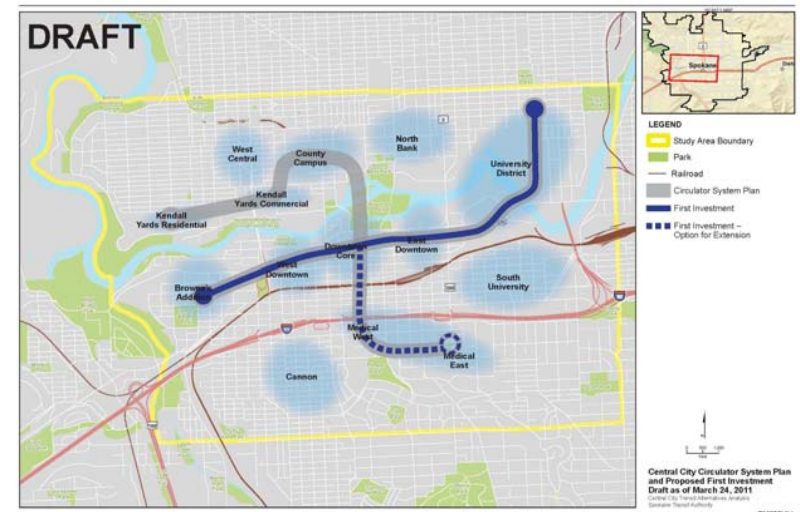
Ways to give comments:

- Fill out a comment form
- Talk to a staff member
- Go online and fill out a comment form (www.connectspokane.org)



Recommended Corridor

We want your feedback on the recommended corridor for the first investment in the circulator system – the Blue Corridor with an optional extension to the Medical District, if funding permits. This would eventually become part of a wider network that would serve the County Campus and Kendall Yards.



This corridor would travel from the Gonzaga University Campus and the Eastern Washington University/Washington State University campuses. It would travel through downtown and terminate in Browne's Addition. Details on the other corridors studied can be found at this open house, or on the project website at www.connectspokane.org.





Mode Evaluation

At this time, all three modes (enhanced bus, electric trolleybus, and streetcar) are still under consideration. The decision on the specific mode will be made based on more information on cost estimates for each mode and on discussions with potential vehicle manufacturers. The following attributes have been identified by the project stakeholders as ones that must be present in the ultimate mode selection:

1. Substantial stations with off-vehicle fare collection



2. High frequency service



3. Efficient energy use



4. Low-floor boarding at all doors



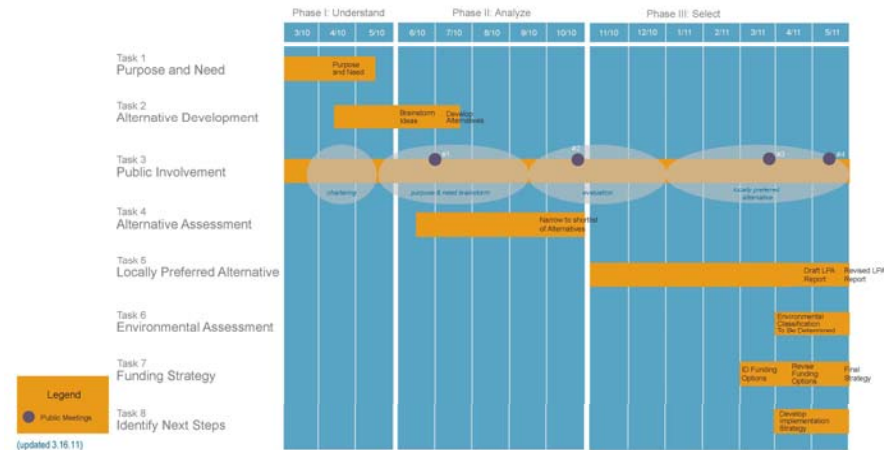
5. Distinctive branding



Project Schedule

We are nearing the end of this phase of the project. The Locally Preferred Alternative is scheduled to be adopted by the Spokane City Council, the Spokane Transit Authority Board, and the Spokane Regional Transportation Council in late spring.

Central City Transit Alternatives Analysis Timeline



Next Steps

Once the Locally Preferred Alternative has been adopted, Spokane Transit Authority will continue coordination with the Federal Transit Administration to pursue federal funding for this project.