
Downtown Spokane Transit Alternatives Analysis **PROJECT GOALS**

Consensus Building Goals

Involve a large and diverse group of citizens through a process that is unbiased, transparent and meaningful.

Adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative that is both technically and financially feasible and has the full support of the Sounding Board and Core Stakeholders.

Make it happen: Implement the Locally Preferred Alternative

Transportation Goals

Provide a “high performance transit” investment (transit investment) that is preferred for trips within the greater downtown area because it has:

- Frequent service
- Convenient and secure alignments and stops
- Comfortable vehicles
- Seamless connections to regional transit

Connect major activity nodes within the downtown area such as University District, Medical Center, downtown core, the Arena, and the Courthouse.

Connect neighborhoods to the downtown and do so in a way that maintains the character of those neighborhoods.

Development Goals

Use the transit investment to stimulate new development within the downtown. Specific outcomes that are desired include:

- Accelerated development in University District
- Surface parking lots replaced with dense development
- More housing in downtown
- Improved property values
- More employment
- Revitalization of existing historic structures

Provide a “business case” for a downtown transit investment by demonstrating the economic benefits that will result from the investment

Urban Character Goals

Use the transit investment to enhance the pedestrian environment by activating the street and creating interest and physical diversity. Improve the “curb appeal” of downtown. Support an 18 hour downtown.

Compliment recreational amenities including the park and centennial trail.

Provide big city amenities and small city feel.

Mitigate barriers such as I-90, the railroad and the river.

Use the transit investment to support existing policies and plans including the downtown plan and university district plan.