



PROPOSITION 1 BALLOT INFORMATION

CONNECTING OUR REGION

Spokane Transit Authority (STA) connects people to places throughout the region. In 2015 alone:

- Travelers took **more than 10.8 million bus rides**, most of which were to and from jobs and school.
- STA gave **more than 450,000 paratransit rides** to people whose disabilities keep them from being able to use the bus.
- Workers took **more than 3.5 million trips** that reduce carbon emissions and traffic.

PLANNING FOR OUR REGION'S GROWTH

Demand for the region's public services and roadways is forecasted to grow within the next two decades. By 2040, Spokane County's population will increase by nearly 165,000. As the population grows and the demand for transit among youth, senior citizens, veterans and people with disabilities increases, so will the need to maintain, improve and expand transit services.

STA is an important partner in planning for our region's growth and shaping our social fabric, economic infrastructure, and quality of life.

In our continued efforts to provide safe, accessible, convenient, and efficient public transportation to the greater Spokane region, we have proposed a new measure to help fund more than 25 regional transit projects over the next decade. These projects are intended to:

- **Connect people to services**
- **Connect workers to jobs**
- **Help advance regional economic development**

On November 8, 2016, you will have the option to approve or reject 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 County's transit service area.

Please visit STAMovingForward.com to learn more about Proposition 1 funding and to view a full list of improvement projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.



REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION.

Visit sos.wa.gov/elections to register online.

REMEMBER TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT BY
NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

Spokane Transit assures nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information, visit SpokaneTransit.com. All phone numbers are accessible for people who are deaf or hard of hearing through Relay 711. Upon request, alternative formats of this document will be produced for people who are disabled. Call (509) 325-6094 or email smillbank@spokanetransit.com.



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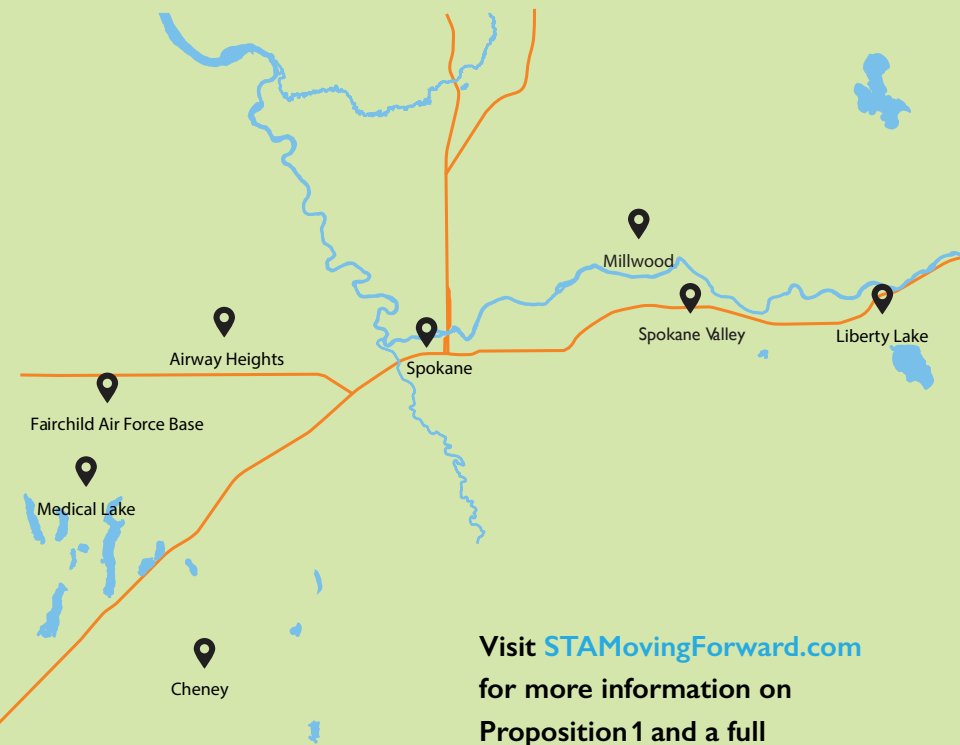
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MAINTAIN, IMPROVE & EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSIT.

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PROPOSITION 1 WOULD FUND MORE THAN 25 PROJECTS TO:



CONNECT PEOPLE TO SERVICES.

BETTER ACCESS TO COMMUNITY

More trips and improved connections throughout the region with new routes to:

- hospitals and health centers
- job sites
- schools and universities
- shopping and other destinations

Featured Projects: New services in Spokane Valley on East Indiana will connect patients to medical services like the Providence Medical Park.



CONNECT WORKERS TO JOBS.

IMPROVEMENTS TO 7 REGIONAL CORRIDORS

Better transit service in the region's busiest corridors helps commuters get to work and home more conveniently:

- more frequent trips and extended hours of operations
- more services like real-time departure signs and shelters
- improved travel flow with more cars off the road

Featured Projects: 2 new express commuter routes will connect Liberty Lake and Moran Prairie to Downtown Spokane.



PARTNER IN ADVANCING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

25% MORE SERVICE ACROSS THE REGION

New business growth will be supported with streamlined operations, new routes, and faster connections:

- more service during peak hours
- new and improved transit centers
- shorter travel times for long-distance commutes

Featured projects: To accommodate new business growth, STA will construct a West Plains Transit Center to improve service to Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney and add a 6-mile bus rapid transit route (Central City Line) to connect Spokane Community College, Gonzaga, the University District and Browne's Addition to Downtown Spokane.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What will Proposition 1 achieve?

If approved by voters, Spokane Transit would:

- **Maintain** the existing transit system by replacing buses and vans at the end of their useful life
- **Improve** fixed-route bus service with higher frequency, more passenger conveniences like shelters and real-time schedule information, and extended hours on weekends
- **Expand** transit service to new areas and construct new and enhanced park and ride lots

What will be funded?

In total, more than 25 projects throughout the region are planned. Examples include:

- **Extended Saturday evening bus service** past 11 p.m. system-wide
- **Direct bus service** between Airway Heights and Cheney, Logan and Lincoln Heights, and Spokane Valley Mall and Greenacres
- **Non-stop bus service** between Liberty Lake and Downtown Spokane during peak hours
- **Bus Rapid Transit** (the Central City Line) between Spokane Community College, Gonzaga, the University District, Downtown Spokane and Browne's Addition
- **Night and weekend bus service** to Indian Trail

- **Four new and expanded transit centers** to allow more connections outside of Downtown Spokane
- **Bus and van replacement** at the end of their useful life

Visit STAMovingForward.com to see the full list of projects.

When will this happen?

If approved by voters, some new services would be available as early as May 2017. Those projects include:

- **New service on East Indiana** in Spokane Valley to Providence Medical Park
- **Night and weekend service** on North Nevada
- **More frequent service in Airway Heights** during peak travel hours
- **Late-night service** on Saturdays

The remaining maintenance, improvement and expansion projects would happen over the next decade throughout Spokane County's transit service area.

How is this ballot measure different from past efforts?

In April 2015, STA proposed a similar ballot measure, Proposition 1. STA incorporated feedback from voters and consequently, the ballot measure in November 2016 will:

- Ask for a smaller tax increase
- Create a quicker timeline for new services throughout the region
- Apply the tax increase in phases over a 3-year period

How will this plan be funded?

Funding from taxes

If this proposition is approved by voters, STA will receive up to an additional two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of local sales tax. This means that for every ten-dollar retail purchase, STA would receive up to an additional two cents in sales tax. For the average household in Spokane County, this would be an impact of about \$2 a month or \$24 a year. The tax increases would take effect in phases:

- A one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) increase in local sales tax effective April 1, 2017
- A second one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) increase effective April 1, 2019
- Both sales tax increases expire no later than December 31, 2028 unless renewed by voters

Funding from other sources

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would enable STA to match local tax dollars with funding from two other sources:

- Increased revenue from more riders using STA's services
- Competitive state and federal grants

That means that for every \$1 dollar generated in sales tax, STA could match up to 54 cents to fund the STA Moving Forward plan.

Planned fare increases will also provide additional revenue from STA riders.

How each dollar received will be spent:



\$0.44 EXPAND
Bring transit service to new areas and additional park and ride lots.

\$0.33 IMPROVE
Increase service frequency and extend hours of service.

\$0.23 MAINTAIN
Replace buses that have reached the end of their useful life.

To learn more about Proposition 1, register to vote, and view the full list of improvement projects, please visit STAMovingForward.com.