

RESOLUTION NO. 697-12

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTING STAFF TO CONDUCT FURTHER ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH AS A PART OF THE STA MOVING FORWARD PLANNING PROCESS

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Spokane County, Washington

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY as follows:

WHEREAS, the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is a municipal corporation operating and existing under and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Washington, including RCW Title 36, Chapter 57A, Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA); and,

WHEREAS, the STA Board of Directors adopted *Connect Spokane: A Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation* on September 15, 2010, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, contained within *Connect Spokane* is a vision for a network of High Performance Transit corridors and associated facilities; and,

WHEREAS, findings from a report completed by Eastern Washington University Urban Planning students found that "Proposed enhancements to the transit network will continue connecting people to the places that matter most to them. As the city, region, and county change, proactive planning and investment in public transit will allow Spokane to remain an important economic and cultural hub in the Inland Northwest"; and,

WHEREAS, STA, as the provider of public transportation services in the Spokane Region, has the primary responsibility to plan for future transit needs in the region; and,

WHEREAS, during Phase I of STA Moving Forward, projects contained within past and present formal planning documents have been preliminarily evaluated and screened based on the screening criteria submitted to the Board of Directors on April 18, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, quantitative and qualitative evaluations of potential projects to be considered for further study have been conducted and documented in Memo 1.03 HPT Corridor Screening Results and Memo 1.04 Connection Facilities Screening Results as submitted to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, staff conducted outreach to gather feedback about the projects and screening criteria by polling transit staff, conducting surveys, hosting an open house and considering written feedback as documented in Memo 1.05 Public Feedback of Phase I; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is committed to planning for the future of public transportation for the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of STA as follows:

- Section 1. The STA Board of Directors hereby directs staff to evaluate projects, improvements and service modifications as identified in Exhibit A. As a part of this evaluation staff is directed to do the following:
- By May 16, 2013 report to the Board and public findings, including costs and benefits, for all projects enumerated in Exhibit A;
 - Engage community leaders and citizens with the tools presented in Exhibit B; and,

- Update *Connect Spokane*, the *Transportation Development Plan* and provide input to the Spokane Regional Transportation Council as it develops the *Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* consistent with said findings.

Section 2. This resolution shall not be construed to indicate project priority or a financial commitment for project implementation.

ADOPTED by STA as a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of July 2012.

ATTEST:

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Jan Watson
Clerk of the Authority



Al French
STA Board Chair

Approved as to form:



Laura McAloon
Attorney for Spokane Transit Authority