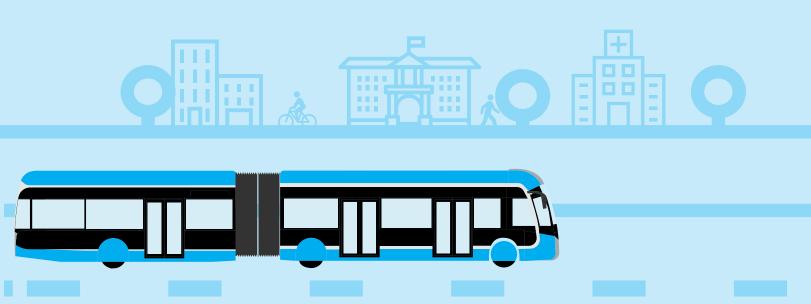
# Central City Line Spokane, Washington

Eastern Washington's First Bus Rapid Transit Line





# **Committed Together**

Spokane area stakeholders first identified the need for the Central City Line in 1999 when a transit circulator was included in a comprehensive plan for Downtown Spokane. Community leaders envisioned it would improve the downtown experience by providing more transportation options without more cars - serving commuters, students and countless visitors to the central city area.

A decade later, the project was reaffirmed in the 2009 Downtown Plan Update, Fast Forward Spokane. Later that year, Spokane Transit began planning for the project in partnership with the City of Spokane. Key for STA was ensuring public input, community ownership and transportation needs drove the plan outcome.

In 2016, voters approved the 10-year plan, STA Moving Forward, for more and better transit, including funding the expansion of the transit system. Operating funding for the Central City Line is included in the approved measure.



STA and its many partners have worked collaboratively to bring the Central City Line to the current stage of project development, and they stand committed to see it through to its inaugural trip in 2021.



























## The Vision

The Central City Line (CCL) will be a new six-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) route between Browne's Addition and Spokane Community College, connecting through Downtown Spokane and the University District, including Gonzaga University. Stations for the CCL will feature near-level platforms

to facilitate all-door boarding, off-board ticketing and distinct branding. Select transit signal priority and other roadwork changes will improve service, speed and reliability. The project aims to combine frequency and efficiency with a modern streetcarlike experience.

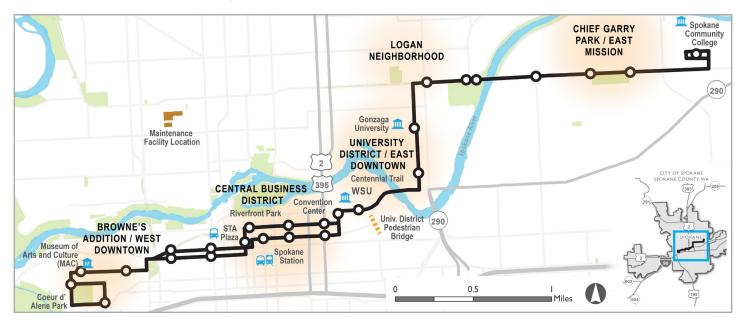
#### The Vehicle

The vehicle for the CCL will be a modern, zero emissions battery electric bus. Spokane Transit is exploring ways to ensure delivery of a 60-foot articulated electric vehicle. Options include purchasing through State of Washington contracts or entering into a transit vehicle purchasing consortium.



## The Alignment

An interactive map of the CCL alignment is available at SpokaneTransit.com/CCLMap.



### The Benefits

The CCL is projected to carry 1 million passengers annually and have an estimated \$175 million economic impact. In addition, the CCL will provide other benefits such as significant streetscape and road improvements, distinctly branded stations and innovative electric charging infrastructure.

Combined, these elements provide a sense of permanence that indicate a long-term commitment to mobility and economic development along the corridor. Additionally, the vehicle's zero emissions propulsion system will provide an ongoing environmental benefit of clean air and quiet buses.

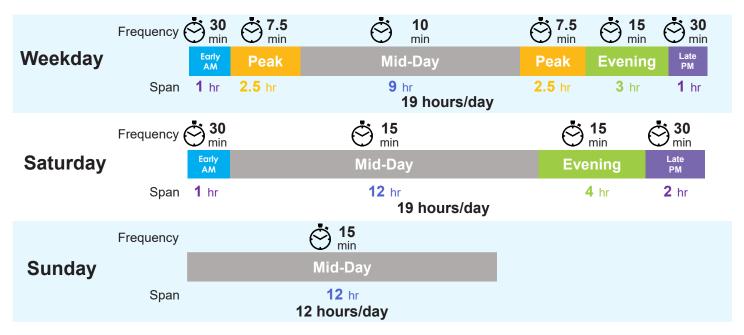
# Central City Line Station Design



Central City Line stations are scaled and designed to serve the operational needs at each specific location, as well as to integrate with the surrounding environment. The stations serving the WSU/EWU Spokane campus in the University District have been designed as multi-modal connections for pedestrian, bike and public transit access, particularly to the medical and healthcare services along Spokane's lower South Hill.

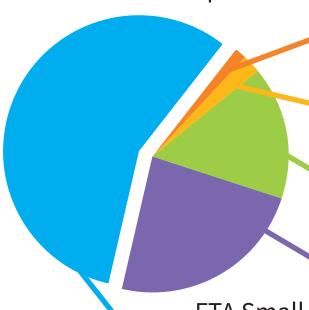
# Weekly Service Plan

Frequent service seven days a week



# Capital Funding for the Central City Line

Estimated Total Capital Cost - \$92.23M



CMAQ - \$1.37M

Federal funding for preliminary design and engineering.

Regional Mobility Grant - \$2.2M

Washington State funding for preliminary design.

Connecting Washington - \$15M

\$15 million in state funding from the multi-year transportation package, *Connecting Washington*.

<u>Local - \$20.23M</u>

STA Board approved July 25, 2019.

FTA Small Starts Allocation - \$53.43M

In April 2019, the FTA allocated \$53.43 million for the Central City Line Project.

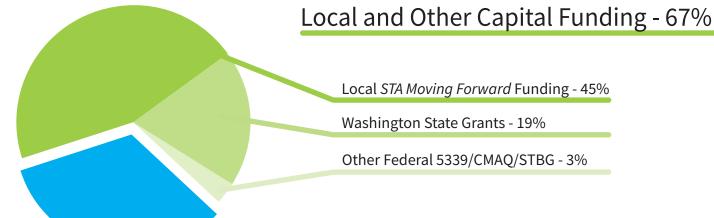
# STA Moving Forward Implementation

2019-2026 Capital Funding Program - \$159.1M

The Central City Line is one key element of STA's 10-year plan, *STA Moving Forward*. The voter-approved funding supports all operating costs of the Central City Line and leverages state and federal grants to build transit infrastructure throughout the region. While the allocated Small Starts funding is a majority of the capital funds needed for the Central City Line, it represents less than 40% of the overall capital funding of *STA Moving Forward*. This strategy allows

STA to focus its requests of federal capital funds to key projects that have region-wide benefits, such as the Central City Line.

The chart above shows the capital funding for the Central City Line. The chart below shows the anticipated capital expenditures from 2019 through 2026 that are programmed for projects included in the 10-year plan.



FTA Small Starts Allocation - 33%

# Planning & Project **Development Milestones**

#### **July 2011**

Spokane Transit Authority and City of Spokane selected a locally preferred alternative (LPA) (amended July 2014, April 2016)

#### May 2013

\$2.2M Regional Mobility Grant secured

#### **April 2013**

Locally preferred alternative adopted into the fiscally constrained metropolitan transportation plan - SRTC Horizon 2040

#### August 2013

\$1.375M CMAQ Grant secured

#### December 2014

ECONorthwest projected an increase of surrounding land and improvement value by \$175M

#### **June 2015**

- · CCL entered project development
- \$15M in Connecting Washington funds secured

#### **November 2016**

Voters approved sales tax increase which includes CCL operating funds

#### **April 2017**

Evaluation criteria, financial plan and cost estimates developed and submitted using Small Starts templates

#### October 2017

Received project rating required to qualify for FTA **Small Starts Grant** 

#### March 2019

- Completion of NEPA environmental review
- · Completed 60% design
- PMOC coordination kicked off for readiness review

#### May 2019

- PMOC Risk Review Workshop
- Begin right of way acquisitions

#### September 2019

- Right of way acquisitions complete
- · Critical 3rd party agreements complete

#### November 2019

Final Plans, specifications and cost estimate complete

#### December 2019

Bid Advertisement

#### January 2020

- Execute single year grant agreement
  - · Construction Bid Opening

#### February 2020

- · Final permits/approvals received
- Construction contract award
- · Construction phasing plan preparation

## May 2020

Construction begins



# **STA Moving Forward**

## More Options. More Often. Better Transit.

In 2016, voters throughout the Spokane area approved Proposition 1 to fund the 10-year plan, *STA Moving Forward*, to maintain, improve and expand public transit in the region. Approved in every jurisdiction, this measure marks the first significant service expansion since the agency's inception in 1981.

The plan contains more than 25 projects that will expand transit to reach new areas, provide more

trips along major corridors, improve customer amenities, and reduce overall travel times.

The first programmed service improvements were launched in May and September of 2017 with more scheduled through 2025. The approximate \$4.1 million (2017) annual operating cost for the Central City Line is secured and is funded beginning 2022.

|      |          |  |          | ✓ Completed Project   |  |
|------|----------|--|----------|---|--|
| 2017 |          |  |          |   |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Extend Saturday night service past 11 pm                                 | 0        | Construct West Plains Transit Center (Phase 2)  |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Provide better weekend service on Wellesley Avenue                       | <b>✓</b> | Add direct service between Airway Heights and Medical Lake                                    |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Add weekday service on Indiana Avenue                                    |          | Improve West Plains Rural Highway Stops   |  |
|      |          | Add additional weekend trips to Airway Heights<br>(Phase 1)              | 2021     |   |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> |  | 0        | Implement HPT: Cheney Line service  |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Provide new Sunday service on North Nevada                               |          | Add weekday trips and buses to Airway Heights (Phase 2)                                       |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Improve reliability on Division and Sprague                              | <b>✓</b> | Add larger buses to North Division routes (Phase 2)   |  |
|      | 0        | Sidewalks and shelters along North Division (Phase                       |          | Improve routes and frequency to Hillyard  |  |
|      | <b>√</b> | 1) Add more mid-day weekday trips along I-90                             |          | Add direct service between Logan and Lincoln<br>Heights                                       |  |
| 2018 |          |  | <b>✓</b> | Add and improve service in West Central Spokane   |  |
|      | 1        | Add nights and weekend sorvice on Indiana Avenue                         | 2022     |   |  |
|      | <u> </u> | Add nights and weekend service on Indiana Avenue                         | 0        | Central City Line (CCL) opens (Previously scheduled for completion in 2021)                   |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Add new night and weekend service to Indian Trail                        |          | Relocate and expand the Mirabeau Transit Center   |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Construct Boone NW Garage  | 2023     | ,   |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Construct West Plains Transit Center (Phase 1)                           |          | Relocate and expand the Liberty Lake Park & Ride  |  |
| 2019 |          |  | 0        | Provide improved amenities on East Sprague Avenue   |  |
| Ī    | 0        | Construct Moran Station Park & Ride                                      | 0        | Add direct, non-stop peak service to Liberty Lake   |  |
|      |          | Implement initial HPT: Monroe-Regal Line                                 | 2024     |   |  |
|      | <u> </u> | improvements with more sheltered stops                                   |          | More nights and weekend service along I-90  |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Implement new commuter express service from<br>Moran Station Park & Ride | 2025     | <u>'</u>  |  |
|      | <b>✓</b> | Construct Upriver Transit Center at Spokane<br>Community College         |          | Create an extension of bus service to Post Falls (ID) and Coeur d'Alene (ID) on a pilot basis |  |
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