

# Public Works Council Report

## April 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Argonne Congestion Relief

- Avista has been replacing power poles around the City Hall and Millwood Trail in anticipation of the project.

### Empire Traffic Calming

- I met with the representative from Spokane County's chip seal program at the site. It has been determined that the condition of the road from Argonne to the railroad spur is too damaged for the chip seal. It is recommended that a 2" asphalt overlay in that road section be done prior to the chip seal. This additional charge may be covered in part or fully by TIB funding. I will update you next month.
- I anticipate the double speed hump installation with the advanced warning signs and striping in the next few months.
- All agencies are working together to schedule the overlay, chip seal, and striping work to be done in the warmer months, but are not in conflict with the Argonne project.

### DNR Tree Grant

- All reports have been submitted and approved. The City has received the full grant award payment.

### Arbor Day Celebration

- Sam and I have selected a 17' River Birch from Evergreen Nursery to plant this year. It will replace a tree that was removed long ago that left a large separation between the trees. This species will further diversify the variety of trees we are showcasing in the arboretum.
- **The Cities Arbor day celebration is set for Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>, which is Arbor Day, at 2:00 pm and I will need someone willing to come and say the proclamation please!**

### Roads/Streets

- Triple A Sweeping was out last week to do our spring full city street sweeping. They will be scheduling traffic control and crews to come in at night to spray off the sidewalks and clean Argonne in the near future.

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### Park

- As part of the 2025 budget, replacement of playground equipment was earmarked. I requested bids from multiple commercial playground equipment companies for an updated, safer merry-go-round. I was able to source an identical 10-foot merry-go-round for under the budgeted amount. It has been ordered and will be installed ASAP upon its arrival.
- Staff has been doing some spring cleaning/pruning on the plants and bushes in the green spaces along the trail and have been prepping and planning to turn the water back on to the park and the park restrooms by Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Sidewalk

- I attended a Sidewalk Trip Hazard liability training class put on by WCIA. I have planned and budgeted for the abatement of the largest trip hazards that were too large to be completed during our 2023 abatement project. Public Works plans to purchase a large jack hammer to be used in conjunction with our pull behind air compressor to remove and replace the existing failing sections of sidewalk. The pour back and flat work will be performed in house by Bryce who came to us as a journeyman level concrete flat work finisher.