



STA Proposition 1

Maintenance and Enhancement of
Public Transportation Services Transit
Primary Election | August 4, 2026



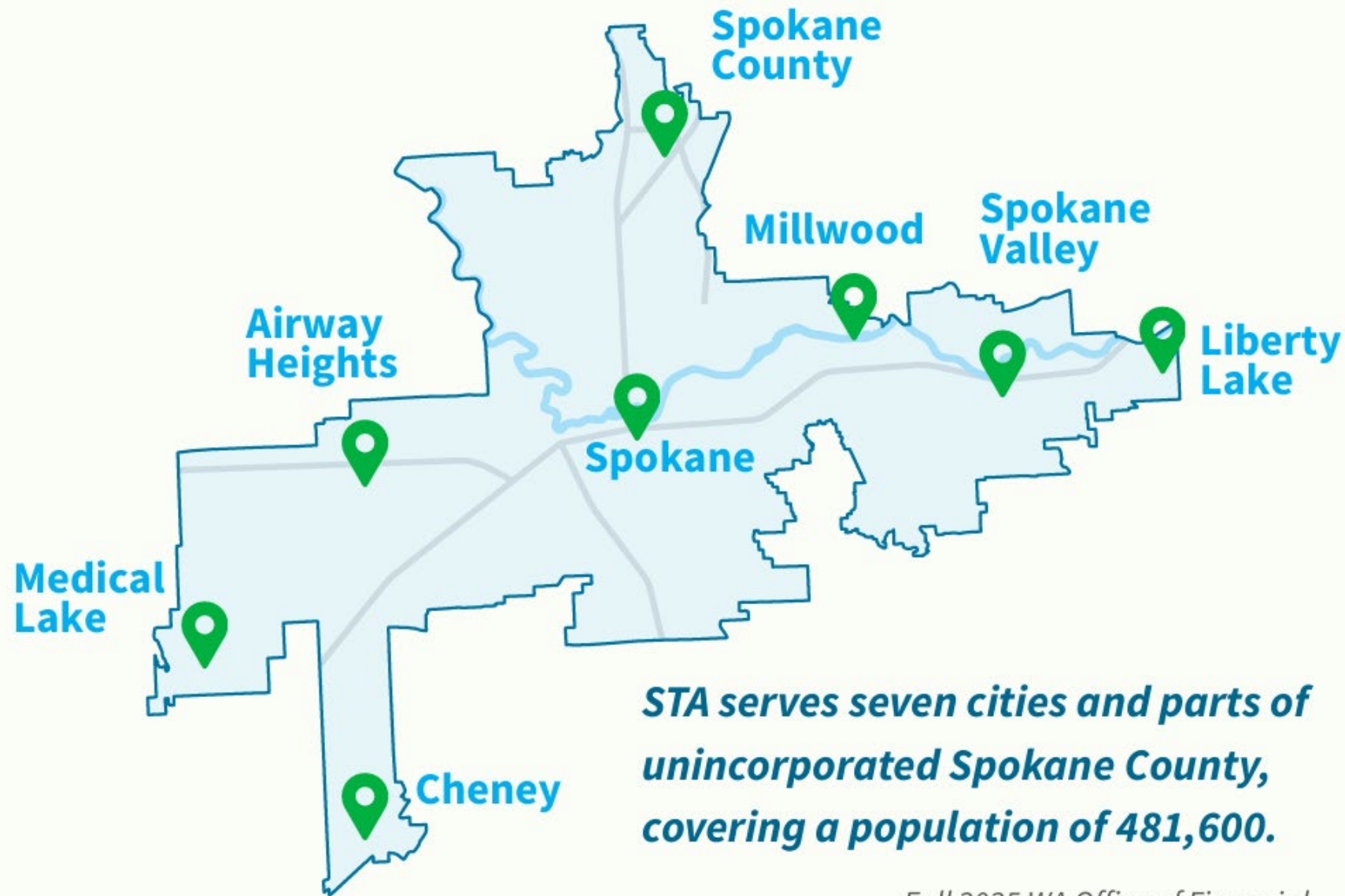
About Spokane Transit Authority

- STA is a public transportation benefit area (PTBA) authority, established under state law by local jurisdictions to provide public transportation throughout central Spokane County
- Mission Statement

We provide safe, inclusive, convenient, and efficient public transportation services to Spokane area communities.

We are leaders in transportation and a valued partner in the region's social fabric, economic infrastructure, and quality of life.
- Vision Statement

Connecting everyone to opportunity



Fall 2025 WA Office of Financial Management estimate

Spokane Transit Proposition 1

- On August 4, 2026, voters in Spokane County's transit service area will be asked whether to renew the existing local sales tax that funds public transit
- This 0.2% sales tax was approved by voters in 2016 and is set to expire on December 31, 2028



STA PROPOSITION 1

August 4, 2026

**MAINTAIN TODAY'S TRANSIT
SUPPORT TOMORROW'S GROWTH**

This is not a new tax—it is a renewal

- The 0.2% (two-tenths of one percent) is already part of the current Spokane sales tax rate
- This measure does not increase the rate above the amount voters previously approved
- If renewed, the existing rate would continue supporting public transit through December 31, 2048, unless renewed again by voters

For every \$10 retail purchase, 2¢ would go toward supporting public transit



Most money would go toward maintaining current service

Part would be invested in improvements under the Connect 2035 plan

STA Moving Forward (2017-2026)



Projects completed:
of the 27 projects,
STA is delivering on
26 of them



Service grew by over
35% (passing the
original goal)



City Line was
completed \$14
million under budget



New transit centers
were built that
increased capacity
and improved access



Over \$138 million in
grants were secured
by STA



Zero debt

How the money would be used

- Most funding from the renewed sales tax would **maintain** the improved service levels achieved over the last 10 years during STA Moving Forward
- The remaining funding would **enhance** that service over the next 10 years as outlined in the Connect 2035 plan



Connect 2035: STA's New 10-year Strategic Plan

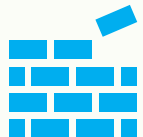
STA Proposition 1 would fund more than 40 projects to:



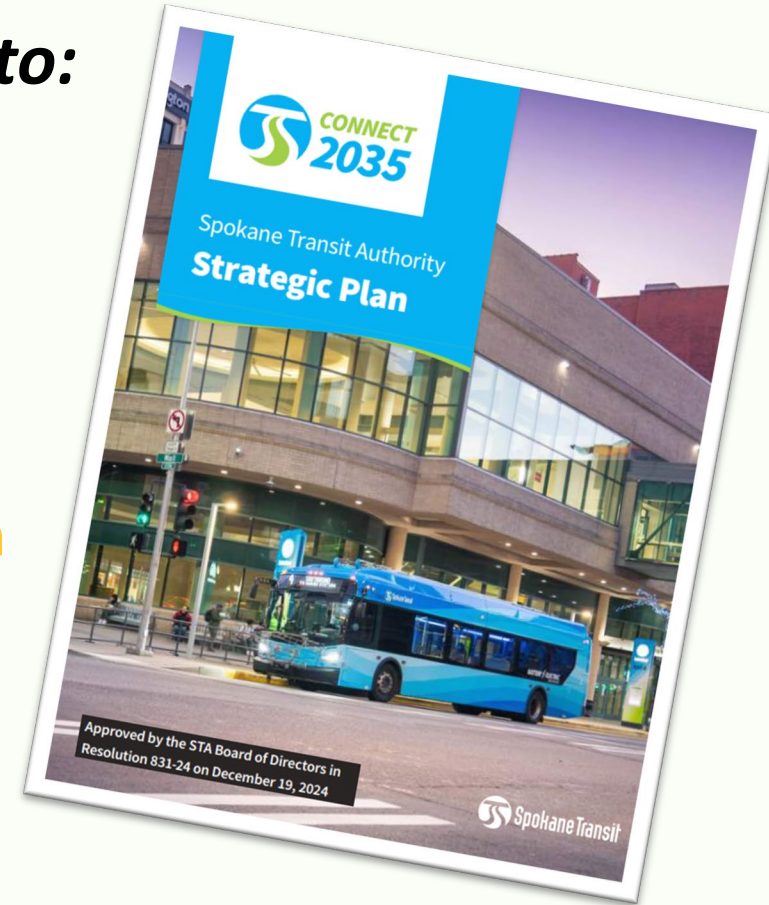
Goal 1 – Elevate the customer experience



Goal 2 – Lead and collaborate with community partners to enhance the quality of life in our region



Goal 3 – Strengthen our capacity to anticipate and respond to the demands of the region





ELEVATE THE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Expand and improve transit options so more people can access fast, reliable service and a safe, comfortable ride from start to finish.

- Launch **Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** and other High Performance Transit corridors, including Route 33 Wellesley
- Implement **bus stop upgrades**, such as shelters, lighting, and ADA access
- Design **mobility-on-demand** pilot services in areas such as West Plains, Latah Valley, Northeast Spokane, North Spokane Valley, and Liberty Lake
- Sustain new **Transit Ambassador** program to support riders



LEAD AND COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Work with partners to expand transit access, strengthen community benefits, and encourage development and services near high-frequency transit.

- **Expand access** for low-income riders
- Partner with cities to support **more housing near transit**
- **Include transit passes** with sporting and cultural event tickets
- Work with local businesses to improve transit access and **support the regional economy**
- **Expand EV charging** at park-and-ride locations



STRENGTHEN OUR CAPACITY

Invest in staff, plan strategically for the future, and manage resources responsibly to sustain and strengthen the organization.

- **Invest in bus drivers and mechanics** with better facilities and support for reliable service
- **Improve real-time information** through technology upgrades, including Transit App
- Enhance vehicles and use data to **improve safety**
- Build clear, user-friendly dashboards to **increase transparency and accountability**

The Goals Driving Connect 2035

Over the next decade, Spokane Transit will pursue three ambitious goals to create a more accessible, reliable, and connected transportation network. Explore the projects and core investments that will bring this vision to life.

Goal 1:

Elevate the Customer Experience

Goal 2:

Lead and Collaborate with Community Partners

Goal 3:

Strengthen Our Organizational Capacity

Core Investments:

Advance all three strategic goals and guide our next decade

Division Street BRT

Operations Base

Zero Emission Buses

In-Progress

Division Street BRT



Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a transit improvement project that will expand existing bus service between downtown Spokane and north Spokane and Spokane County.

Learn more about the plan and its projects, including Division Street BRT, at staconnect2035.com

Proposition 1: If Passed vs. Not Passed

Topic	If Renewed (YES)	If Not Renewed (NO)
Local Sales Tax	Continues at the current voter-approved rate of 0.2%	0.2% authorization expires December 31, 2028
Transit Funding	Continues through 2048 from this tax funding source	Approximately \$30 million per year in transit funding ends after 2028
Current Service	Existing service can be maintained	STA would need to reduce service to match lower funding in the future
Projects and Plans	Major improvements, such as Division St. BRT, mobility on demand, corridor planning, and bus stop improvements, can move forward	Projects would be delayed, scaled back, or not delivered
State and Federal Funding	STA remains a strong candidate for competitive grants that leverage local dollars	STA would lose approximately \$12.6 million per year in Washington State transit support and special needs grants, and the \$82 million federal funds for Division Street BRT would be at risk

What About STA's Reserves?

- STA's reserves:
 - Fund one-time projects outlined in Connect 2035
 - Protect taxpayers from unexpected costs
 - Are not a funding source designed to be used for ongoing daily service
- The 0.2% sales tax:
 - Funds continued service and projects
 - Helps qualify STA for additional state and federal grants, increasing overall value of taxpayer dollars

Questions

Register to Vote

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primary election by
August 4, 2026**

