

CITY OF MILLWOOD

RESOLUTION # 2026-05

July 14, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROPOSITION NO. 1 REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ON THE BALLOT FOR THE AUGUST 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Millwood, Washington (the “City”) is a code city duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington (the “State”); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City (the “Council”) may adopt and enforce resolutions of all kinds relating to and regulating its local or municipal affairs and appropriate to the good government of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of a Public Transportation Benefit Area (the “PTBA”) established in Spokane County, which is a special taxing district established pursuant to state law, including but not limited to chapter 36.57A RCW, for the purpose of providing public transportation and is known as Spokane Transit Authority (the “STA”); and

WHEREAS, the PTBA is comprised of the City, Airway Heights, Cheney, Medical Lake, Spokane, Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley, and portions of unincorporated Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, STA is the provider of public transportation services within the PTBA; and

WHEREAS, STA and the services provided by STA are important to and valued by the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, qualified voters approved a local sales and use tax for the benefit of STA for the purpose of providing quality and cost-effective public service and funding public transportation serving the PTBA, and to implement the projects and purposes of carrying out the *STA Moving Forward* strategic plan, with such tax set to expire on December 31, 2028;

WHEREAS, STA has developed and adopted its *Connect 2035* strategic plan, to maintain and enhance public transportation through 2035, seeking to advance goals to “elevate the customer experience, lead and collaborate with community partners to enhance the quality of life in our region, and strengthen our capacity to anticipate and responds to the demands of the region;”

WHEREAS, STA has determined it is in the best interests and welfare of the inhabitants of the PTBA to seek voter approval at the primary election on August 4, 2026, to reauthorize the sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) pursuant to RCW 82.12.045, effective January 1, 2029, and expiring no later than December 31, 2048, as an authorized source of revenue to maintain and enhance the existing transit system, improve and expand public transportation through new modes and programs, and provide for essential transit support

services;

WHEREAS, STA has further determined, after reviewing all funding methods within its authority, it would not be possible to implement the *Connect 2035* plan without maintaining the collection of such voter-approved sales and use tax;

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2026, the STA Board of Directors approved STA Resolution 856-26, certifying a proposition (the “Spokane Transit Authority Proposition No. 1”) to the Spokane County Elections office to submit to the qualified electors of STA for approval or rejection at the primary election to be held on August 4, 2026, in substantially the following form:

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PROPOSITION NO. 1

MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Spokane Transit Authority Board of Directors pass Resolution No. 856-26 concerning reauthorizing sales and use tax funding for public transportation services.

This proposition reauthorizes a voter-approved sales tax of up to 2/10th of 1% (0.2%) to provide public transportation, effective 2029 and expiring no later than December 31, 2048. Proceeds would be used to maintain and enhance the existing transit system, improve and expand public transportation through new modes and programs, and provide for essential transit support facilities. This tax, approved in 2016, is set to expire on December 31, 2028, unless renewed.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES _____

NO _____

WHEREAS, the City desires to express and/or affirm its support for approval of the Spokane Transit Authority Proposition No. 1 at the primary elections to be held on August 4, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Millwood as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals: The recitals set forth herein are hereby incorporated as a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Support of “Spokane Transit Authority Proposition No. 1:” The

Council expresses and/or affirms its support for Spokane Transit Authority Proposition No. 1. on the ballot for the August 4, 2026, special election.

Section 3. Severability: If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconditionally shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

Section 4. Repealer: All resolutions, laws, and regulations, or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are, to the extent of said conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effect: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

SHAWNA BEESE, MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK