



Street Talk

Envision Spokane's Transportation System

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) is working with community partners and consulting firm MIG, Inc. on a Transportation Vision Project to develop a long-term transportation plan for the future. The project will look at all modes of transportation - transit, bicycling, walking, personal vehicles, freight, and more - within Spokane County.

The following Visioning Roundtables will each focus on a separate topic, and are your chance to provide input.

- Tuesday, August 3, **Transit**, 6-8pm, West Central Community Center, 1603 N. Belt, Spokane
- Wednesday, August 4, **Seniors**, 1-3pm, Corbin Senior Center, 827 W. Cleveland, Spokane
- Wednesday, August 4, **Families/Children**, 6-8pm, Corbin Senior Center, 827 W. Cleveland, Spokane

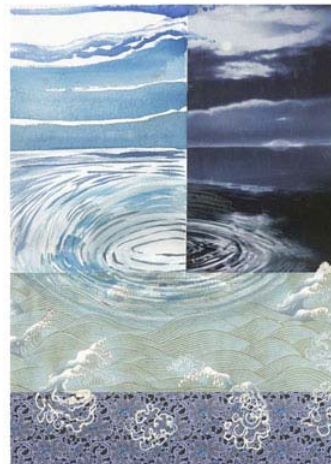
For more information on the Transportation Vision Project, visit SpokaneTransportationVision.com or call 509.343.6370.

A First Rate First Friday

Make sure your weekend plans include some stops at **Downtown's First Friday** venues, **this Friday, August 6**. There are some great artists exhibiting, like Paul McKee at the Chase Gallery with his show "Spokane Reflections" and Marilyn Lysohir with "Good Girls" at the Kolva Sullivan Gallery. The J.F. Thamm Gallery will host the show "4x4x1: Four artists, Four poets, One Show" and Ginger Reddington's work will be at Escent Lighting Gallery. And that's just for starters!

Check out any one of Downtown's 35+ venues to view some amazing art, enjoy an appetizer or special menu item, hear some live music and enjoy a summer evening in Downtown.

For a complete list of participating downtown venues, visit downtownspokane.net.



Piece by Karen Mobley showing at J.F. Thamm Gallery

City Ticket Info for Tuesday, August 17

As Downtown is growing and the events are expanding, the parking system continues to change with the demand. The following is a message from Spokane Transit Authority and the Spokane Public Facilities District with regards to the City

Ticket Park and Ride Program:

The City Ticket Program is a partnership between Spokane Transit Authority (STA) and the Spokane Public Facilities District (SPFD). The SPFD owns and operates the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. Under the terms of the agreement between STA and the SPFD, the parking lots at the Spokane Arena may be converted to event parking only when a significant daytime event is hosted at the Arena requiring a high demand for guests.

Effective: Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Due to the large number of spectators anticipated for "Get Motivated," a one day event at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena on Tuesday, August 17th, City Ticket Pass Holders will be charged the event parking rate (\$5.00) for that day. The SPFD will staff the lot with Diamond Parking lot attendants beginning at 6:00 a.m. Vehicles entering after 6:00 a.m. will be charged upon entry; vehicles that enter before 6:00 a.m. will be charged upon exit.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

*Sincerely,
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For general questions regarding Downtown parking, please contact Andrew Rolwes at ARolwes@downtownspokane.net or 509.456.0580.

Streetscapes Benefit from Group Purchase

The Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) held a workshop last week for our Business Improvement District Ratepayers to provide some resources and ideas for augmenting the current beautification projects our staff, Clean Team and Security Ambassadors already maintain.

Click on the links below to access information regarding Downtown streetscape improvements:

- [Click here for information on Downtown street trees and custom tree grates](#)
- [Click here to learn about a Downtown window treatment for your space](#)
- [Click here to see preliminary ideas for Downtown way-finding signage](#)

Based on feedback from the workshop, **the DSP is organizing a group purchase of sidewalk planters, recycle bins and trash receptacles. For property owners who cover the purchase cost, tax and shipping, the DSP will order, receive and install all units in addition to maintaining them annually.** Once installed, the DSP will remove trash weekly and fill, plant, water and maintain those planters throughout the growing season.



To submit an order or for more information

on the planters, recycle or trash bins, please contact Andrew Rolwes at 509.456.0580 ext. 109 or ARolwes@downtownspokane.net. **Orders for the group purchase of trash receptacles, recycle bins and planters will be accepted through Wednesday, August 11, get yours in today!**

And while we're on the subject of Downtown's sidewalks, the [Downtown tree grant program](#) is in full swing. The DSP is here to help you replace any dead or declining trees on your property and replace concrete lids with **Downtown's very own custom tree grates**. For those interested in tree replacement, the DSP will reimburse property owners for the cost of a new tree if they pay for site prep and labor. This allows you to purchase the largest tree possible for your tree well. And for concrete lid replacement, the DSP will reimburse the property owner/manager for half of the cost of each tree grate ordered. This program will continue while funds last so make your order as soon as possible with Andrew Rolwes, ARolwes@downtownspokane.net or 509.456.0580 ext.109.

City Seeks Input to Improve Building Change of Use Permit Process

As part of an ongoing effort to improve City processes to assist citizens and local business, the City of Spokane is working to improve its permitting process, including one called a Change of Use permit. The Change of Use permit is needed when a property or business owner proposes a new use in an existing building substantially different from the previous use.

The City is taking several actions to increase the level of customer service and improve the permit process. These actions include:

- Convening the internal work group tasked with identifying specific administrative and policy barriers.
- Commissioning a formal, internal process and efficiency review.
- Posting an online survey - available at developingspokane.org.
- Developing a citizen focus group.

From now through Labor Day, citizens can be involved by completing the online survey, contacting the Business and Development Services Department to leave feedback, or indicate interest in participating in a focus group.

For more information, please contact Business and Development Services, 509.625.6983.

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss out on these upcoming events:

- **Auntie's at the Square Grand Opening August 13-15.** Enjoy 20% discounts off everything storewide, live music, author events, balloons, and a drawing for great prizes. Don't miss it!
- **Kids Day** at Riverfront Park on **Saturday, August 14**
- **[STCU Carriage Rides](#) every Friday in August**, 5-9pm, Free at Wall & Main

Don't hesitate to call us for more information at 509-456-0580.

We are happy to help!

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