

# **Division Street Bus Rapid Transit Project**

## **Spokane, Washington**

### **Small Starts Project Development**

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The Spokane Transit Authority (STA) proposes to implement a bus rapid transit (BRT) service on the Division Street Corridor, in Spokane, Washington. The corridor runs approximately 10 miles from Downtown Spokane in the south to suburban Mead in the north, primarily along Division Street, the major north-south arterial in Spokane. The project is being planned with exclusive business access and transit (BAT) lanes over much of the length of the corridor, as well as transit signal priority, uniquely branded vehicles and station facilities, and frequent all-day service in both directions seven days a week. Although the project is expected to be refined further during Project Development, STA currently estimates the capital cost of the Project to be approximately \$202 million, with the amount of CIG Small Starts funding yet to be determined.

STA believes that implementing the project will provide improved travel time and reliability between points in northern Spokane and downtown, in a proven transit corridor that is currently one of Spokane's strongest transit markets, with the further opportunity to serve specific equity populations including historically underserved and economically disadvantaged communities located along the corridor.

The project was included in the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in December 2021, and STA recently selected a specific locally preferred alternative (LPA) in May 2023. STA anticipates completing the environmental review process in late 2024, receiving a Small Starts Construction grant in late 2026, and initiating revenue service in 2029.