

**Spokane Central City Line
Spokane, Washington
Small Starts Project Development
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The Spokane Transit Authority (STA) proposes to implement Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service in the 5.8-mile Central City Line corridor that extends from Browne's Addition, a residential area and National Historic District located west of downtown Spokane, to an eastern terminus at Spokane Community College. The proposed corridor-based bus rapid transit line would use modern electric trolley vehicles. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$72.0 million. STA has not determined the amount of Section 5309 Small Starts funding it will request for the project.

STA believes the proposed project, the Central City Line, will address the need for improved transit accessibility and efficiency; greater mode choice in downtown; reduced barriers to pedestrian mobility; and convenient transit service beyond peak periods. STA expects the project will encourage new development in downtown Spokane that supports local and regional land use goals.

STA selected a preliminary locally preferred alternative (LPA) in July 2011 and in April 2013 the Spokane Regional Transportation Council, the metropolitan planning organization, adopted the project into the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan. Subsequently, STA revised the LPA in July 2014 to extend the alignment 2.5 miles eastward to serve Spokane Community College and it now mirrors the alignment adopted in the regional transportation plan. STA anticipates completion of the environmental review process with receipt of a categorical exclusion determination in summer 2016, receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in fiscal year 2018, and the start of revenue service in September 2019.