STA Update – Karl Otterstrom

Transportation Committee

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Current/Completed Projects:

- West Plains Transit Center @ Medical Lake Interchange
  - 13,000+ rides since its opening four months ago
  - Partnering with WSDOT to add bus-only lanes on the Eastbound ramp and roundabout.
  - Add a multi-use path across the freeway and along Geiger Blvd.
  - Will be servicing Airway Heights next year.
- Increased frequency of service on Route 21 for W. Broadway, 3-years ahead of schedule.
  - 1,000+ rides since October.
- Kendall Yards resident/worker pass program
  - 6,600+ rides since October.
- Indian Trail to Route 23
  - Added as the final stop on Route 23
  - 4,800+ people living within ¼ mi. of Route 23 gained night and weekend service.
- New STA garage on NW Boone
  - 69,000 ft.^{2}
    - Vehicle washer and maintenance equipment.
    - Fueling station with 20,000 gal. subterranean tank.
    - Employee facilities.
    - Capacity for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
  - Accommodations for:
    - 10 Central City Line battery electric buses.
    - 9 Monroe/Regal Line buses.
    - A variety of paratransit vehicles.

- Monroe/Regal Line $5.4 million project budget
  - Route runs from 5 Mile to Moran Park-and-Ride. "One-seat ride" service.
  - The fleet for this line will be all-electric by 2020.
  - Improved access in employment corridor.
  - More frequent service and improved amenities along this line.
- Moran Park-and-Ride $2.6 million project budget
  - Southern end of the Monroe/Regal line.
  - Accommodates commuter express route beginning in Fall 2019.
  - Faster service and increased service for growing ridership to this area.
  - Supports existing and future high-density and commercial development.
  - Will have a fast-charge station for the electric fleet when implemented in 2020.
- SCC Transit Center $5 million project budget
  - Upgrade facility and add increased amenities.

- o Relieve parking and need for its expansion on the campus.
  - o Better visibility for faculty and students.
  - o Enhanced connections with Millwood, Spokane, and Spokane Valley.
  - o Future East terminus for the Central City Line (2021).
  - o 1 of 2 key projects with SCC.
- Division Improvements $2.5 million project budget
  - o Installation of roughly 1 mile of sidewalks
  - o Improving rider service by increasing bus size and improving route reliability.
  - o Upgrades have been made to 43 individual stops.
- SFCC Station $3 million project budget
  - o Revised campus driveways to accommodate buses.
  - o Improved passenger safety with new traffic signal and improved vehicle movement.

Upcoming, Multi-Year Projects

- Central City Line
  - o Will be a 6 mile, rapid-transit bus line from Browne's Addition to SCC.
    - ▪ 60-foot-long coaches with doors on both sides.
  - o Expected to service 1 million riders per year.
  - o Estimated cost of $72 million.
  - o Of the $72 million, $18.57 has been dedicated so far. The remainder is being pursued by STA by way of an FTA grant.
- I-90/ Valley High-Performance Transit Line
  - o Potential station locations: Argonne, Barker, Evergreen, Liberty Lake, and Post Falls (ID).
  - o Preliminary Engineering Budget:
    - ▪ Local: $160,000
    - ▪ Federal: $812,000
- Division High-Performance Transit Study
  - o Multi-faceted study being conducted with SRTC.
    - ▪ Phase I (2019-20)- Identify BRT needs and begin community engagement.
    - ▪ Phase II (2020-21)- Refine multimodal and land-use scenarios.
    - ▪ Phase III (2021-22)- Develop implementation strategies.
  - o Outstanding Questions:
    - ▪ Northern Terminus
    - ▪ Downtown Route
    - ▪ Roadway cross-section
  - o Beyond the Study:
    - ▪ 2020- Preliminary design and engineering (Need $1.5-2 million in federal funding).
    - ▪ 2021-22- Seek full-funding for design, engineering, and environmental review.
    - ▪ 2023-24- Advance to project development – seek full funding.
    - ▪ 2025- Construction could begin.