

**For Immediate Release
December 2, 2011**

Contact: Staci Lehman
Public Information and Education Coordinator, (509) 343-6387

Public Input Sought On Plans for Regional Transportation Future

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) wants to know how *you* would like the area's transportation system to develop in the future. SRTC has developed two transportation plans, one long- and one short-term, to guide the future of regional transportation. Now we want to know if the public agrees with our plans for the future.

SRTC will host an open house on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 to answer questions and gather input on the 2012 Spokane Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The open house is 5-7 p.m. at SRTC, 221 W. First Ave., Suite 310, Spokane, WA.

Both documents are currently available for public review and comment through 4 p.m. on December 18.

The MTP is a long-term, multimodal "blueprint" for transportation aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the Spokane area through the year 2035. Transportation plans and projects proposed to potentially be constructed by all jurisdictions within Spokane County over the next 25 years are included in the MTP. The last update of the MTP took place in 2008. It is federally required to be updated every four years.

The TIP is a short-term programming document that provides information on state and local projects planned for construction or implementation within the next four years. The anticipated flow of federal funds and matching state or local contributions is also detailed. The TIP contains funding information for all modes of transportation including highways and transit. It is required to be updated at least every two years.

For those who can't attend the open house, the MTP and TIP are available for review and comment on the SRTC website at www.SRTC.org. There are links to both documents from the home page. Hard copies are available for review at the SRTC office during business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments on either plan can be submitted by emailing contact.srtc@srtc.org, mailing to SRTC or by calling (509) 343-6370. All comments must be submitted by 4 p.m. on December 18.

###

For special accommodations or translation services, call 509/343-6370. SRTC assures nondiscrimination in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.O. 100.259) and the Americans with Disabilities Act.