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### **Spokane Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program Available for Review and Comment**

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) has completed a draft of both the 2011 Spokane Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and an update to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and both are available for public review and comment. An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. to answer questions and receive input on both documents at SRTC, 221 W. First Ave., Suite 310, Spokane, WA.

The MTP is a long-term, comprehensive, multimodal "blueprint" for transportation systems and services aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the Spokane Area through the year 2035. Transportation plans and projects are proposed within the MTP in the form of a list of projects to potentially be constructed by all jurisdictions within Spokane County over the next 25 years. 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 or local projects that are 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.

"Projects included in the TIP are those you could see constructed tomorrow or in the very near future, while the MTP plans for as far as 25 years down the road," said SRTC Executive Director Kevin Wallace. "Either way, because transportation has a direct link to economic development, land use, the environment, and overall quality of life, it's important for the community to be involved whether the planning is for the long or short term."

Both the MTP and TIP are available for review and comment on the SRTC website at [www.SRTC.org](http://www.SRTC.org). There are links to both documents from the home page. Hard copies are available for review at the SRTC office at the address above 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@src.org](mailto:contact.srtc@src.org), mailing to SRTC or by calling (509) 343-6370. **A 30 day public comment period for the MTP and TIP runs from Nov. 18 to Dec. 18, 2011.**

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