Spokane, WA
Downtown Bikeways and Bus Rapid Transit

» Riverside Avenue

This project reconfigures an arterial through the heart of downtown to include:

- Bus Rapid Transit
- Protected Bike Lanes
- Bus Boarding Islands
- Curb extensions and crossing improvements for walking and bicycling

After more six years of outreach, design and construction, the Riverside Avenue redesign will be completed this spring to coincide with the Spokane Transit Authority’s first Bus Rapid Transit route in Summer of 2023.

The design includes parking-protected bike lanes and bus boarding islands for the City Line, Spokane’s first Bus Rapid Transit route.

The street is a primary commercial thoroughfare through the heart of Downtown Spokane, and plays a primary role in the City’s transit network, with the majority of all transit routes starting and ending at the Spokane Transit Authority Plaza, located midway along the corridor.

Taking place over the course of three years during planning, design, and grant applications, community outreach included more than seven different corridor design options. The option with in-street protected bike lanes was ultimately selected, and eventually received public support from both residents throughout the City and business and property owners within the project area.

This project builds on the history of Riverside Avenue as a primary thoroughfare for walking, bicycling, and trolleys during the heyday of Spokane population growth at the turn of the century, when Spokane grew from a town of 36,000 in 1900 to a city of 104,000 in 1910.