

Unforeseen costs lead Spokane Transit to cancel current plans for new transit center

Spokane Transit - Mission and Greene Community Transit Center

Spokane Transit was awarded state Regional Mobility Grant funds to help build a new transit center in Spokane. Original plans for this project included renovation of an existing building and relatively low-cost soil remediation. Over time, these plans were determined to be unfeasible. Recent assessments revealed that the building

could not be renovated and would need to be demolished and that the cost of soil remediation would far exceed original estimates. Additionally, construction cost escalation, the increased cost of fuel, a declining local sales tax base and growing ridership have slowed progress on the project and caused the grantee to reassess the project scope and budget.

Anticipated completion date	cancelled
Total project budget	\$5,193,831
Total grant	\$2,985,353
Grant expenditures to date	\$0
Grant award year	2007

Spokane Transit worked with WSDOT to consider options to deliver the project despite these difficulties. Despite these collaborative efforts, financial limitations would have severely restricted the scope of the competitively-rated project. The original project included a transit center with as many as ten bus bays and up to 686 parking stalls. Working with updated project costs, Spokane Transit could only deliver eight bus bays and 254 parking stalls, which would be a 63 percent reduction from the original parking scope. After careful consideration and with no feasible way to complete the project as originally scoped in the near future, Spokane Transit Authority sent WSDOT a letter asking to cancel the grant for this project in December 2008.
