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Use Your Smartphone to Avoid Road Construction Delays

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council's (SRTC's) 2014 Spokane Regional Road Construction Map can now be taken with you wherever you go- and you don't have to fold it up when you're done. That's because it's on your phone, other handheld device or computer.

SRTC partnered with jurisdictions in Spokane County to put all construction projects that impact traffic on one map. It's a clearinghouse of information to help you avoid road construction areas, no matter what part of the county you live or drive in; because delays and traffic jams cost us *all* time and money.

With resources tight and times changing, SRTC is going to an electronic-only format this year for the Construction Map that can be viewed on your smartphone or other electronic devices you use. The map is interactive in that it lets you zoom in on your neighborhood or commute route, read project descriptions by clicking on a project's location, and click on links embedded in the map to go to the project's web page or the site of the jurisdiction sponsoring it. Projects that will have a low impact on traffic are only visible when zoomed in tight and the descriptions of many of the projects include detailed information on the impact they are expected to have.

SRTC is using Esri's ArcGIS Online technology in an effort to more fully involve the public in local transportation planning and activities. This technology lets people know what's happening in the areas that matter to them most- such as their own neighborhood. In the past, many "neighborhood-level" projects weren't included on the annual Construction Map because they're not considered regionally significant, despite their impact at the local level. ArcGIS Online maps also provide more information than traditional paper maps by allowing users to access additional project information through links to other websites and letting users pass the information to others by emailing a link to the map or embedding it in a blog or website. Additionally, the map can be viewed on handheld devices for the first time, making it accessible to more people than in the past.

Go ahead, try it. [Click here](#) to view the 2014 Spokane Regional Road Construction Map and see what projects are scheduled for your city or town within Spokane County, or even your specific neighborhood. Firefox, Safari, Chrome, the latest versions of Internet Explorer and mobile browsers on all types of devices seem to work the best with ArcGIS Online.

Need a little more encouragement? An infographic is attached showing some of the features of the interactive map and what you can do with it. SRTC staff is working to convert many of our maps into this format. You can view and experiment with additional maps, on the [SRTC ArcGIS Online home page here](#).

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SRTC and Partner Agencies

SRTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Spokane County. As a local intergovernmental agency, SRTC encourages coordination and collaboration between planning and transportation departments at our partner agencies, including the City of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Spokane County, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Spokane Transit, and small cities and towns in order to assure connectivity throughout Spokane County. SRTC worked with all these agencies to produce the 2014 Spokane Regional Road Construction Map.

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What can you do with the 2014 Spokane Regional Road Construction Map?

The 2014 Spokane Regional Road Construction Map is Interactive! You can see what's happening in your neighborhood, read project descriptions and even make your own map. Here's how to get started:

Go to: <https://srtc.maps.arcgis.com/home/>



Choose the map you want to view.

Helpful Tip

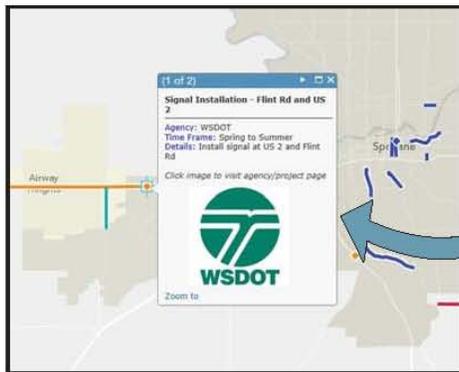






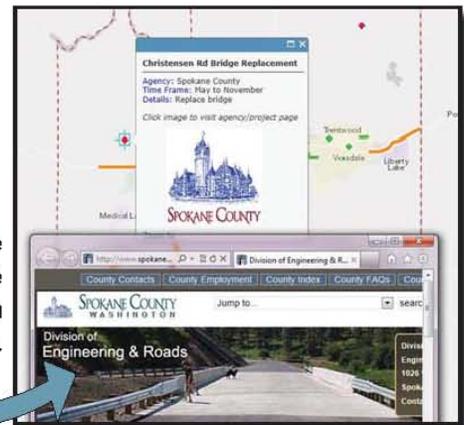
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What do you want to look at? Zoom in to your neighborhood or commute route. Smaller "neighborhood level" projects show best when you zoom in.



Click on a project to read a description of it, including what jurisdiction is sponsoring it and when it will start and finish.

Click the link to go to the project website page or the website of the jurisdiction sponsoring a project.



Other options:

- Dress your map up by changing the basemap. Background imagery anyone? How about topographic features?
- Our map isn't exactly what you're looking for? Register for a free Esri account to be able to personalize the map with your own data.
- Whether you have an account or not, you can send maps to friends. Email a link to anyone you choose or embed it in a website or blog to share with lots of people

... And finally, check out the other maps of local transportation data on the site and watch for new maps to be added!