



## City of Spokane Valley 2021 State Legislative Agenda

### FUNDING REQUESTS

#### ***Pines Road Grade Separation Project***

The City requests \$19.3 million to construct the Pines Road Grade Separation project. Pines Road is one of the region's key transportation corridors, carrying residential, commercial, and industrial traffic from Trent Avenue (SR 290) across the Spokane River to I-90. This project will provide grade separation at a crossing that 60 trains travel through each day, blocking traffic movements for nearly four hours. The project also improves the intersection of two state highways, Pines Road (SR 27) and Trent Avenue (SR 290). Pines Road is the primary access to almost 230 acres of undeveloped mixed-use, commercial and industrial land.

Total project cost is estimated at \$29 million. Thus far, the City has secured \$9.7 million and project design and right-of-way acquisition are underway. The project will be shovel ready in 2022. The City requests \$19.3 million to construct this ready-to-go project.

#### ***Fairgrounds Exhibition Center***

The City requests \$4 million to construct an Exhibition Center at the Spokane County Fairgrounds, located in the City of Spokane Valley, to spur the local tourism economy. The Exhibition Center would increase the capacity of the Fairgrounds to host regional events and capitalize on existing visitors to the Fairgrounds and Avista Stadium. The building would include space for a restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating options. This would provide additional opportunities for destination visits to the site while providing a convenient space for existing patrons to extend their visit. This space could also be used in a variety of ways in future public health or emergency crises from administering tests or inoculations, to storing and distributing personal protective equipment. The building is estimated to cost \$10 million. The City has approximately \$3 million in lodging tax money set aside. Spokane County would own, maintain, and operate the new facility.

#### ***Support for the WWRP Program: Flora Road Park/North Bank River Trail Project***

The City supports funding the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Grant program. In the WWRP local parks grant program, the City is ranked 23 out of 80 to receive a \$1 million grant for the Flora Road Park/North Bank River Trail Project to reimburse the City for a portion of the purchase costs.

#### ***Economic Development Tools***

The City encourages the Legislature to adopt mechanisms that promote increased economic development within our communities, including local increment financing tools like those that exist in other states and limiting unduly restrictive regulatory burdens on businesses, most importantly on small businesses.

#### ***Defend Local Control***

A foundational belief of the Spokane Valley City Council and the citizens they represent is that the most effective level of government is the one closest to the people. As such, the Council urges the Legislature to respect local decision-making.

#### ***Protect and Restore Local State-Shared Revenues***

The City requests that the Legislature protect and enhance local state-shared revenues to allow the City to deliver vital services to its residents. These funds include the Liquor Excise Tax Account, Liquor Board Profits, Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account, City-County Assistance Account, and Marijuana Revenues.

**The City supports AWC legislative agenda items that serve the best interests of Spokane Valley.**