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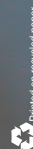
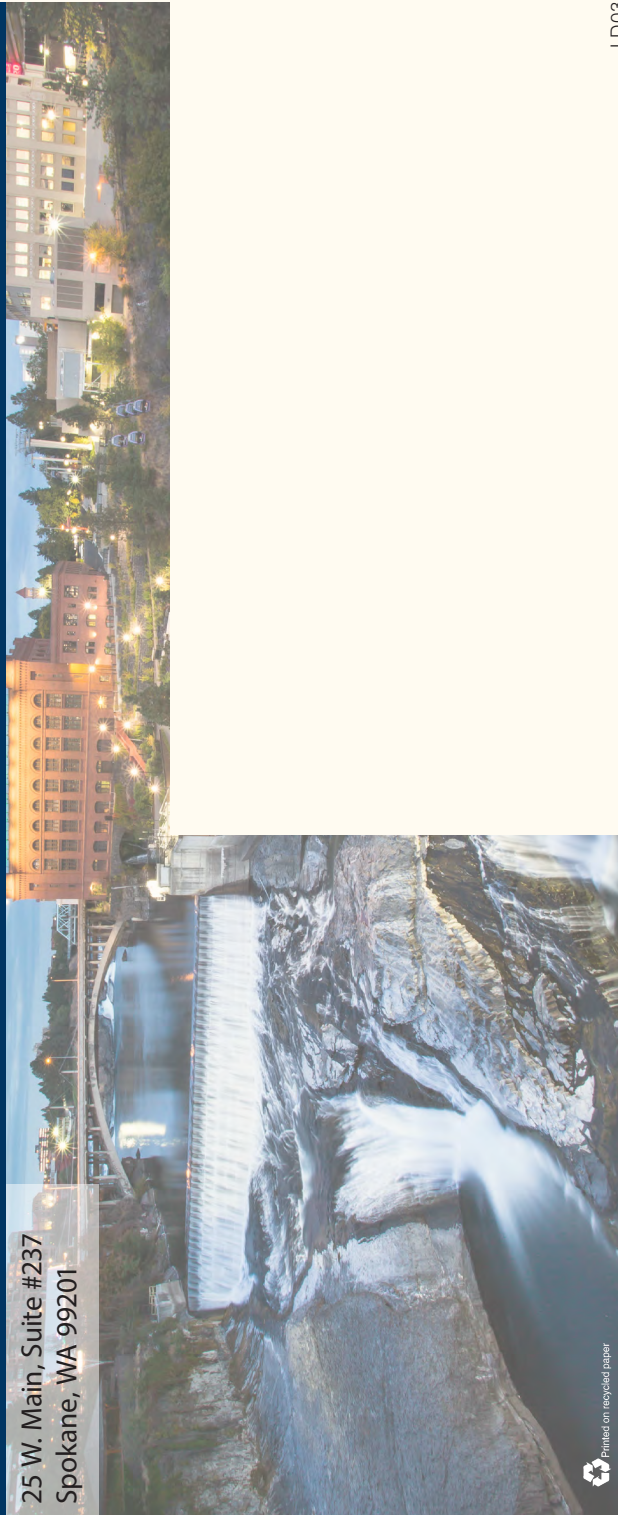
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# 2022 UPDATE



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Washington State Legislature recently wrapped up our 2022 session. In addition to a historic transportation package with big wins for Spokane, we passed budgets and other bills that will help build prosperity and opportunity for everyone in our community. Please see inside for highlights from the session.

We are honored to represent the people of Spokane and always welcome your feedback.

— **Andy, Timm & Marcus**

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2022 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

## INVESTING IN SPOKANE

### Highlighted projects from the 2022 state budgets:

- \$1 million for an early learning facility and health clinic at Logan Elementary.
- \$700,000 to create the Northeast Spokane Behavioral Health Center in the former Hillyard Library.
- Funding to establish a Bachelor of Nursing program at EWU with 60 new nursing slots located in Spokane's University District.



- Support for Volunteers of America (VOA) for Hope House and Crosswalk.
- \$3 million to support the Spokane and Colville Tribes to introduce salmon back into the Upper Columbia River.



- Additional operating funding for the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, as well as capital funds to help update their buildings.
- \$3 million to construct affordable housing at the Highland Village in Airway Heights.
- \$1.5 million for a rapid re-housing facility, St. Agnes Haven.



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## MOVE AHEAD WASHINGTON

This year lawmakers approved a historic investment in Washington's transportation system. The Move Ahead Washington package will invest roughly \$17 billion in our transportation infrastructure over the next 16 years. This package provides funding for major statewide initiatives and big wins for Spokane without raising the gas tax.

### Investments in Spokane include:

- Accelerated competition date for the North Spokane Corridor.
- \$50 million dedicated to Spokane Transit for a comprehensive bus rapid transit system on Division Street.
- \$4 million for the Liberty Park Land Bridge, helping to reconnect the East Central Neighborhood.



- \$2.2 million for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, creating the Cook Street Greenway.
- \$3.9 million for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, creating the Pacific Avenue Greenway.
- \$5.8 million to extend the Millwood Trail to Spokane.

- \$1.5 million for the transload facility at the Spokane International Airport.

### Statewide Investments:

- \$3 billion for preservation and maintenance of critical bridges and roads throughout the state.
- Significant additional investment to ensure that all students can walk and bike to school safely through the Safe Routes to School program.
- \$900 million to address stormwater, keeping the Spokane River and waterways around the state clean for people, fish, and wildlife.
- Free fare on all transit buses in Washington for those under 18.

## STRONGER SCHOOLS

- Increased funding to add more school counselors and school nurses.
- Expanded free school meal programs.
- Funding to stabilize school districts hardest hit by the pandemic.
- Support for additional outdoor education camps and programs for 5th and 6th grade students.
- \$3 million to expand the financial literacy curriculum in high schools.
- Funding to increase the access and affordability of child care.



## HEALTHY ECONOMY

- A significant tax cut that will provide relief for 125,000 small businesses.
- Unemployment insurance relief for small businesses.
- Targeted support for businesses like restaurants that were hardest hit by the pandemic.
- A focus on jobs and economic development with a tax incentive to increase manufacturing activity.
- Expansion of the motion picture tax incentive program.
- Tax incentives for community solar projects.

## SAFE COMMUNITIES

- Clarification of new police tactics and use of force laws.
- Increased funding and more training classes at the state's law enforcement academy.
- New state-wide efforts to reduce catalytic converter theft.
- Increased law enforcement and firefighter pension benefits and competitive state patrol salaries.