North Spokane Corridor and SB 5853 Implementation

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WSDOT Liberty Park Interchange Right-of-way Plans 1966
Liberty Park gave way to I-90

When the Washington Department of Transportation began planning the route of the U.S. Highway 90 and other state roads in eastern Washington, the project planners knew that the park near downtown Spokane would need to be moved. The park was developed on donated land and was one of the city's earliest. The park was later known as Liberty Park and was located near the Spokane River. It was a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, offering a peaceful retreat in the urban environment.

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As the city grew, the park became a focal point for social and community events. During the Great Depression, the park provided a much-needed escape for those living in poverty. During World War II, the park was used as a training ground for soldiers and was a place of respite for those serving in the military.

In the 1950s, the state of Washington began planning for the expansion of I-90, a highway that would run through the heart of the city. The park was deemed unnecessary and began to be demolished in preparation for the construction of the highway.

Today, the history of Liberty Park is remembered through stories and photographs. The site of the park has been transformed into a modern park with a variety of amenities, including a walking path, playgrounds, and picnic areas. The park remains a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, offering a peaceful retreat in the urban environment.

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North Spokane Corridor

Creating and Sustaining Meaningful, Inclusive, and Transparent Community Engagement
Leveraging Transportation Investments

- Multimodal connectivity
- Placemaking
- Placekeeping - restorative infill development
2022 – Practical Solutions Yields Reduced Footprint
Practical Design Yields Infill Opportunity
North NSC – Available Public Land

• 16.9 Acres of vacant land
• Low density residential
• Near Northwood Middle & Farwell Elementary School
Hillyard NSC – Available Public Land

Tomorrow: A Great Place
Spokane River NSC – Available Public Land

- 0.33 acres of vacant land
- Residential
- Near Spokane River and Spokane Community College
Reconnecting East Central (crossing I-90)
Next steps...

- Coordinating with others to collaboratively define a “placekeeping” process with communities.

- Available land near I-90 still undetermined as the design for the North Spokane Corridor is not finalized

- We are close… opportunities to be collaboratively determined
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