

Plan Summary

Background

In July of 2015 the West Hills Neighborhood Council voted to dedicate their City-allocated neighborhood planning resources to a joint planning effort focused on the Ft. George Wright Dr. corridor. The West Hills Neighborhood Council partnered with the City of Spokane, Spokane Transit and Spokane Falls Community College to conduct a planning study with the following scope:

- Engage stakeholders to inventory existing conditions and develop a vision and goals for the corridor
- Identify alternatives for a mixed use/neighborhood serving commercial center
- Explore alternatives for a transit station at Spokane Falls Community College
- Develop concepts for access improvements for the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute
- Identify and map concepts to improve multi-modal (bike, pedestrian & transit) connections on and to the corridor
- Develop a concept for streetscape improvements for Fort George Wright Drive

After a competitive section process, the project partners hired local planning consultant Studio Cascade to assist with the effort and they began work in November of 2015.











Process To-Date

Stakeholders and the public were engaged to identify priorities, shape and select alternatives and refine the draft concept.

Stakeholder/Public Engagement	Date	Description
Stakeholder Interviews	December 2105 – January 2019	The Consultants interviewed representative stakeholders about issues and opportunities in the corridor. Interviewees included the Neighborhood Council Chair, Council Members, the River Run HOA President, College Representatives, Developers and others.
West Hills Neighborhood Kick-off Meeting	January 12, 2016	The project team engaged the neighborhood to inventory existing conditions and identify priorities for the corridor.
Community Studio and Workshop	March 8-10, 2016	Community members worked with project team staff and design consultants to build conceptual alternatives during a three-day studio and workshop by the end of which one preferred alternative was selected.
Preferred Alternate Reviewed by the West Hills Neighborhood Council	April 12 th , 2016	The West Hills Neighborhood Council provided feedback on the draft concept at their regularly scheduled meeting.
Draft Plan Recommendation Meeting	May 17 th , 2016	The consultants presented the refined preferred alternative (see attached Draft Master Plan) to community members for comment.



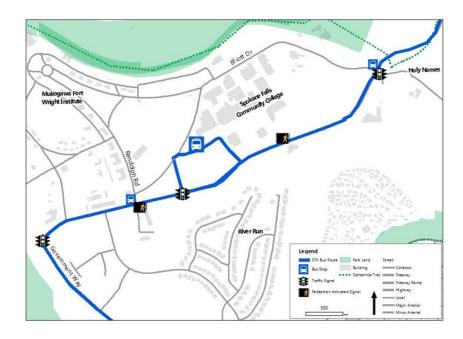






Draft Plan Highlights (See attached Draft Master Plan)

- New Mixed-Use Center straddling Ft. George Wright Drive near the West side of the Spokane Falls Community College Campus, the new center will give the corridor a "sense of place" where residents and students can spend time, shop, dine, and socialize. The new center is proposed to include a range of retail, office and housing with the goal of creating a district feel similar to the Perry District or Kendall Yards providing residents and students a place to get a coffee, a bite to eat or meet-up. A grocery store is a desired retail use for the center.
- Reconfiguration of Ft. George Wright Drive to two through vehicle lanes and a center turn lane/a landscaped median where turn lanes are not needed. Bike lanes would also be added, along with street trees separating sidewalks from vehicle traffic.
- A new shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path on the south side of Ft. George Wright Drive
- New off-street bus station on the west side of the Spokane Falls Community College campus
- **New traffic signals** at Ft. George Wright Dr. and a new center main street and at Ft. George Wright Dr. and West Elliott Dr.
- **New pedestrian activated signals** at Ft. George Wright Dr. and Randolph Rd. and Ft. George Wright Dr. and Mitchell Dr.



Next Steps

- City Staff review of traffic analysis
- Develop the text of the plan to support the preferred alternative
- Neighborhood Council Recommendation







