2020 FTA REGIONAL COMPETITION: PROJECT SPONSOR FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

AGENCY: Pierce Transit
PROJECT: Spanaway Transit Center - Phase II

**Question #1:** How many electric vehicle charging stations will be provided, for both passenger vehicles and buses? When will buses be available to use the charging stations?

**Answer #1:** While it’s too soon to determine the exact number now since the Phase 2 project has not been designed, Pierce Transit’s early assumptions are to include two bus charging stations (i.e., one rapid and one slow). They would be activated when the project is scheduled for completion in September 2024. However, passenger vehicle charging stations in the parking lot were not included in the Project Scope.

**Question #2:** What is the status of rezoning in the area?

**Answer #2:** “Major Zone Changes – Parkland-Spanaway-Midland”

Source: https://www.piercecountywa.org/4709/Parkland-Spanaway-Midland

Centers & Corridors rezone:
The existing zoning along the Pacific Avenue, Mountain Highway, 112th Street East, and 176th Street East corridors is proposed to change under the proposed Centers & Corridors concept.

Three new Towne Centers are being proposed in the plan area:
- Garfield Towne Center: Between 120th Street South and 127th Street South and between Park Avenue South and A Street South (generally the area between Pacific Lutheran University and A Street South);
- Marymount Towne Center: Between 144th Street and Military Road and between C Street South and approximately 8th Avenue East (east of Sprinker Recreation Center and including the Marymount properties); and
- Mountain Highway Towne Center: Between approximately 200th Street East and 206th Street East and between approximately 4th Avenue East and 10th Avenue East (in the area surrounding the Walmart).

The new Towne Center zoning would plan for new development that would act as central gathering places for the community to access services and amenities. This proposed change would also allow additional housing options such as apartments and townhomes.

Areas at the Roy Y and along Mountain Highway adjacent to the Towne Center would be rezoned Employment Corridor, allowing office and industrial uses.

Generally, areas within one block of Pacific Avenue and the area along 112th Street East between Park Avenue South and Golden Given Road East are proposed to be zoned Urban Corridor, a mixed residential and commercial zone. Areas approximately one-to-two blocks off
of Pacific Avenue and areas along 176th Street East between A Street South and 26th Avenue East are proposed to be zoned Neighborhood Corridor, a mixed residential zone.

Question #3: Is there a connection to the BRT line from JBLM and/or the MIC?

Answer #3: No. There is no direct access from Pacific Avenue S/State Route 7 to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. In addition, the Frederickson MIC to the southeast of the Spanaway Transit Center/Park-and-Ride facility is outside of the Pierce Transit service area boundary in southern Pierce County, so is not accessible via any fixed routes.

Question #4: Please provide more detail on the bicycle/pedestrian connections to the transit center.

Answer #4: The purpose of this Phase 2 project would be to improve or complete safe, separate, and direct bicycle and pedestrian pathways for approximately 2,100 linear feet from the northern edge of the frontage to the signalized intersection at 208th Street E. Plus 900 linear feet north to 204th Street E. (Please see attached aerial map which will help answer both questions 2 and 4.)

Question #5: Please elaborate on the conflicts between bus and paratransit services, and how the project alleviates them.

Answer #5: The current on-street bus shelter on Mountain Highway E, adjacent to the Walmart Supercenter, is also the pick-up spot for SHUTTLE (paratransit) patrons. By relocating both to a new transit center with much larger and designated loading and unloading (i.e., boarding and alighting) areas for both fixed route and paratransit riders, an immediate safety benefit would be gained.
Lewis-McChord Joint Base

Project Site Zoned for Community Employment

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Moderate Density Single Family Homes

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*Zoning designations per Pierce County GIS

EXISTING CONDITION | AERIAL VIEW

Identified as a suggested future bike route per Pierce County Bike Map

South Terminus for Pierce Transit Pacific Ave | SR 7 BRT extension

Spanaway Transit Center

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