downtown spokane business improvement district 2024 BY THE NUMBERS





DOWNTOWN

downtown is 0.7% of the city's total area



3,095 hotel rooms

of city total



\$1.2B taxable sales

of city total



20,980 employees

of city total



1,029

businesses

of city total



224

restaurants, bars, & shops

of city total



122.4

park acres

of city total



\$1.6B

in assessed value

of city total



2,854 residents



SIEZING OUR OPPORTUNITY

Downtown is special. Not just because it's a hub for activity. It's also the anchor for our region and its well-being affects all of Spokane.

With the traditional office ecosystem transforming to flexible, creative new destinations to attract employees, there's a necessity to expand and create new amenities, like active storefronts filled with restaurants and immersive retail, creative civic spaces, and a neighborhood where residents can also thrive.

As downtown Spokane evolves into a multi-dimensional mixed-use neighborhood, there will be more demand for housing and programming. In 2024, Downtown hosted beloved traditions like Bloomsday, the Lilac Festival, and Hoopfest, as well as the NCAA basketball playoffs at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. Together, we kicked off the inaugural season of professional soccer at ONE Spokane Stadium, welcomed groups from across the globe at the Spokane Convention Center, enjoyed comedy in the great outdoors, celebrated the anniversary of the World's Fair, and recaptured the magic of the holidays through new events and partnerships.

With this excitement, we understand that the most critical ingredient in reviving a strong downtown is safety. Everyone should feel and be safe in downtown Spokane. As the manager of the BID, the DSP has a unique understanding of challenges to keeping Downtown safe and clean. We will continue to work closely with city and regional elected officials, community and civic leaders, property owners, commercial tenants, residents, and nonprofits to adopt policies, investment and support that enhance Spokane's urban core so that it continues to fuel our regional economy.

The DSP is honored to continue our mission of building a better place to live, work and do business for all.



Emilie Cameron President & CEO Downtown Spokane Partnership



about the downtown business improvement district (bid)

The Spokane City Council authorized the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) in 1995 with the support of downtown business and property owners. The BID is a unique financing mechanism that funds supplemental services and improvements that enhance municipal services for the 1,500 properties and businesses across the 80-block BID area. BID programs keep downtown safe, clean, and economically vibrant with oversight from the BID Ratepayer Advisory Board that represents the interests of Ratepayers.

about the downtown spokane partnership (dsp)

A private non-profit membership organization, the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) is the leading champion for revitalization of Spokane's urban core. Contracted by the City of Spokane to administer and manage the BID, the DSP provides enhanced public services to the 80-block BID while advocating for policies, reduced regulations, and capital investment across downtown Spokane. The DSP Board of Directors guides the strategic priorities, advocacy and fiscal management of the organization.



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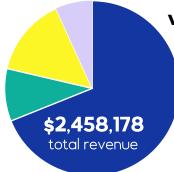




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PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



WHAT FUNDED THE BID IN 2024?

bid assessments - 71% city of spokane - 10% events & sponsorship - 15% grants & other revenue - 4%

WHAT DID THE BID FUND IN 2024?

clean & safe - 51%

administration & special projects - 11%

economic vitality - 11%

marketing & communications - 14%

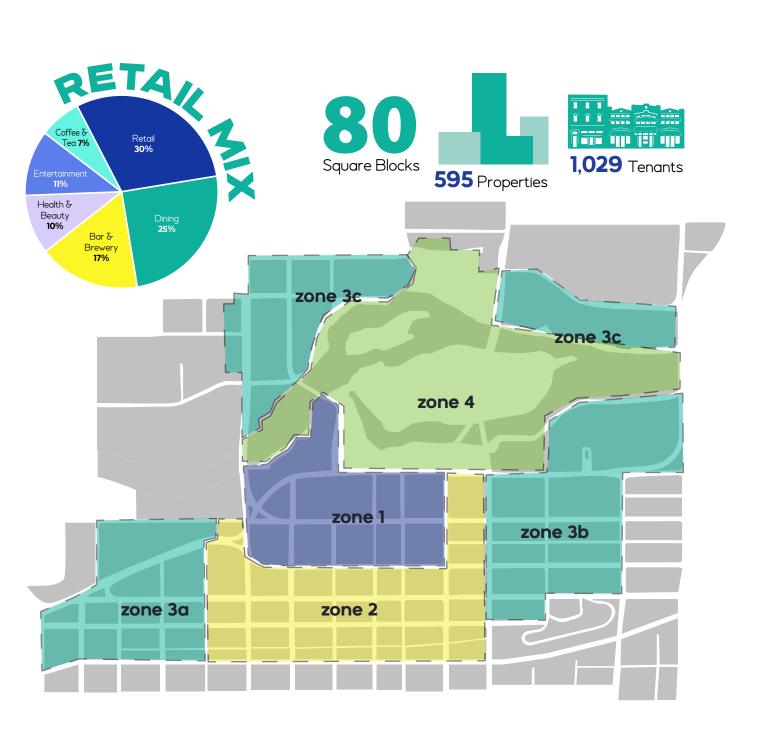
events & programming - 13%

\$2,419,760 total expenditures

2023 audited financials

current assets

total liabilities and net assets	\$803,433
Total net assets	\$547,916
Board designated	\$405,857
net assets Without donor restrictions Undesignated	\$142,059
Total liabilities	\$255,517
Other liabilities	\$37,983
Accounts payable	\$217,534
liabilities and net assets	
total assets	\$803,433
Property and equipment, net	\$60,106
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$674,534 \$68,793



21 NEW ground-floor retail businesses in 2024

95% unique & locally-owned

38% retail

33% dining

women owned

BIPOC owned





130 condo units



5,171 theater seats



8,195 off-street parking stalls



754,321 City Line riders



6 miles bike lanes



72 local restaurants



7 breweries and cideries



asting rooms



CLEAN

23,040 total blocks cleaned

4,103 bags of trash and 6,734 cardboard boxes collected





Maintained 200+ garden planters & hanging baskets



The last couple of years I have seen a real change in the atmosphere downtown for the better. The cleaning crew keeps it so clean and the new signage, plants, art installations etc have all added such a needed beauty and showing of pride & care, MANY guests comment and ask..."how do you keep it so clean?"

~ 2024 survey respondant

Beginning September 30, 2024, the DSP was contracted by the City of Spokane to provide supplemental cleaning services in South Downtown from Walnut to Bernard.



SAFE

We rely on them almost daily to keep our building and parking area safe. They are a phone call away and always respond rapidly when the need arises. Absolute necessity for those that work, live or visit the downtown area.

~ 2024 survey respondant





outreach contacts







*Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

beyond the call















PROMOTE



www.downtownspokane.org

Jan I – Dec 31, 2024



Most popular pages:

1. event calendar
2. parkspokane



What's Happening eNews subscribers 33% increase over 2023



socials @downtownspokane



22,618 followers



917,462 reach



107,726 impressions



November 17 **59,103 views** Ambassador appreciation post





holiday awareness campaign

Google digital November 18 - December 31, 2024

spokane is downtown

96,868

2,250

impressions

impressions per day

SPOKALADES

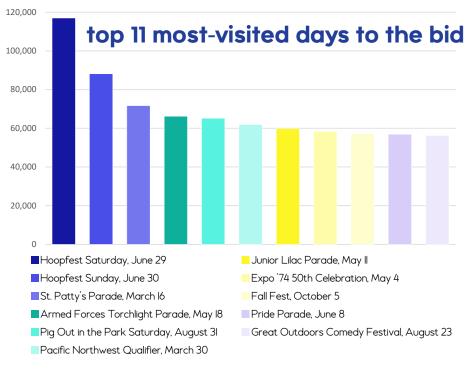
#2 | "10 best us cities for new college grads" CNBC

#7 | "best sports business cities" Sports Business Journal

#17 | "top 25 places to move out west" Liveability

#23 | "best park systems" Trust for Public Land

PROGRAM





10.9 million

total downtown visits

1.7 million cumulative foot traffic for major downtown events

new events and activations











small business façade improvement grants

In 2024, BECU supported the DSP with funding to provide grants for downtown façade improvements to boost economic vitality, foot traffic, and public safety in commercial areas.

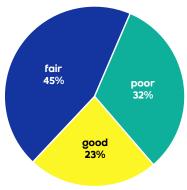




2024 RATEPAYER SURVEY

As a provider of enhanced municipal services in the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID), the Downtown Spokane Partnership conducted the second annual survey of business and property owners and managers within the BID in September 2024.

Results from the survey aim to inform annual and ongoing planning, and to better understand the needs of Spokane's city center. The purpose of the survey is to identify factors and trends affecting business operations and commerce in downtown Spokane.

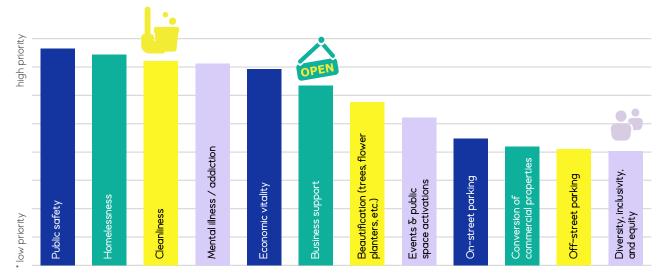


how would you rate downtown spokane as a place to do business? 68% of respondants felt downtown was a good to fair place to do business.



perceptions of safety decline from day to evening to night/early morning

Respondents felt safest in downtown during the hours of 7am to 6pm. Safety perceptions of downtown improved during all hours from 2023 survey responses.



please rate the following issues by priority in the bid

Safety, social services, and cleanliness were strongly rated as the most important issues posed to respondents.

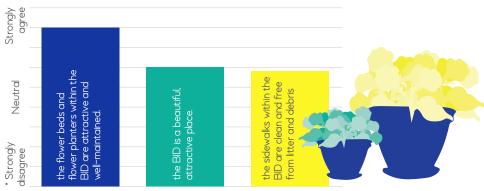
* 1 - 5 scale

46% of respondents
have been doing business in downtown
for over 10 years

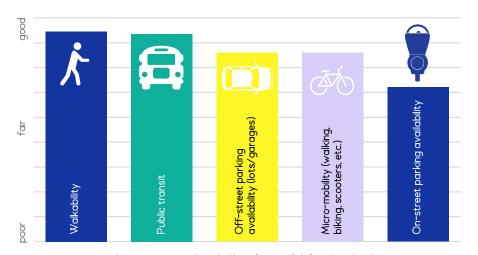
4% of respondents
have owned property in downtown for
under two years

Really appreciate the DSP and BID work being done. Don't give up and let's all hold each other accountable and aspire to a very high standard for Downtown Spokane. Thank you!

~ 2024 survey respondant

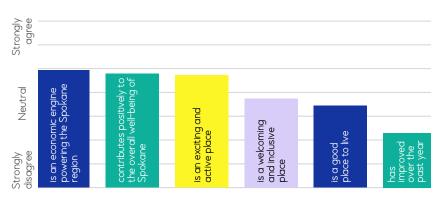


I generally feel... Respondents felt that the maintenance of sidewalk planters in the BID contributed to a positive feeling in downtown.



please rate the following within the bid

Respondents generally felt that downtown was easy to get to and around.



downtown spokane...



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

A strong organizational framework can support strategic goals and objectives.







A REFINED BID WORK PROGRAM..

BID services and work programs emphasize the priorities of BID Ratepayers and the needs of downtown Spokane.



View the 2025 Business Improvement District Management Plan

safe & clean

core security and maintenance services

economic vitality

business support with thought leadership

public space activation

enhancing a vibrant and beautiful place

management

adding new approaches with flexibility

