DECLARING THE BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON MAXWELL AVENUE

WHEREAS, Spokane's Bicycle Advisory Board provides advice and direction to the City Council and all departments and officers of the city on matters relating to bicycling and to raise public awareness of bicycling issues, and

WHEREAS, data from the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) indicates that crashes involving a person walking account for only 4% of all crashes in the City of Spokane, but account for 40% of fatal crashes and 30% of crashes with serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2030 Citywide Capital Improvement Program was adopted by City Council on November 4, 2024, and

WHEREAS, item 5200-400 of the 2025-2030 Citywide Capital Improvement Program calls for "buffered and protected bike lanes" on Maxwell Avenue, and

WHEREAS, Maxwell Avenue protected bike lanes would be the only east-west infrastructure for cyclists north of the Centennial Trail and south of Garland Avenue, connecting the West Central and Emerson-Garfield neighborhoods with the Centennial Trail to the west, and

WHEREAS, Maxwell Avenue protected bike lanes would provide the only safe and comfortable crossings of Maple and Ash Streets in the area, and

WHEREAS, the design shown to residents in December 2024 does not adhere to design guidelines of the National Association of City Transportation Officials, and

WHEREAS, parking-protected bike lanes already exist in the City on Riverside Avenue, and

WHEREAS, bike lanes in the driver-side door zone have more conflicts with doors than those in the passenger-side door zone,

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE ESTABLISHED that the City of Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board registers its support for bike lanes that are contiguously buffered with hardened delineators, concrete-protected, or parking-protected consistent with the latest NACTO standards on Maxwell Avenue from Pettet Drive to Walnut Street.

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Lauren Pangborn Chair, Bicycle Advisory Board

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