



# Spokane Plan Commission Agenda

April 10, 2019

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

City Council Briefing Center

808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201

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## Public Comment Period:

3 minutes each Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda.

## Commission Briefing Session:

2:00 – 2:30	1) Approve <a href="#">March 27, 2019</a> meeting minutes	All
	2) City Council Report	Kate Burke
	3) Community Assembly Liaison Report	Patricia Hansen
	4) President Report	Todd Beyreuther
	5) Transportation Sub-Committee Report	John Dietzman
	6) Secretary Report	Heather Trautman

## Workshops:

2:30 – 3:10	1) <a href="#">6-Year Program Consistency Review</a>	Brandon Blankenagel
3:10 – 3:40	3) <a href="#">North River Bank Sub-Area Planning</a>	Melissa Wittstruck

## Adjournment:

Next Plan Commission meeting will be on April 24, 2019 at 2:00 pm

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# Spokane Plan Commission - Draft Minutes

March 13, 2019

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 1:59 PM

## Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Carole Shook, Sylvia St. Clair, Diana Painter, Michael Baker, John Dietzman, Todd Beyreuther, Greg Francis
- Board Members Not Present: Chris Batten
- Staff Members Present: James Richman, Amanda Winchell, Heather Trautman, Kevin Freibott, Tirrell Black, James Richman, Chris Green, Melissa Wittstruck, Nathan Gwinn

## Public Comment:

Fawn Schott with Volunteers of America, addressed the board regarding affordable housing and encouraged the board to open up zoning to multi-family and affordable housing throughout the community.

## Briefing Session:

Minutes from the March 13, 2019 approved unanimously.

### 1. City Council Liaison- Kate Burke

- Introduced, Eric Paulson, The City of Spokane's new Government Affairs Director, provided a brief overview of the various bills that are in the legislative process.
- House budget proposals are projected to be voted on this next week during the legislative session.
- Working with community partners to bring the author of How to Kill a City on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. His visit will include a tour of the City, Attend the Plan Commission meeting, followed by a large event that will include several community stakeholders.

### 2. Community Assembly Liaison Report - Patricia Hansen

- CA agenda packet has become very large so there has been discussion that the agenda be distributed via a web link instead of an email attachment.
- Community Assembly subcommittees are working on developing their goals.
- The Spring retreat is coming up, they will be using that time to look into the current bylaws and board policies.
- NUSA conference is coming up, 2-3 individuals from the community Assembly will be attending.

### 3. Commission President Report - Todd Beyreuther

- Signed the recommendation letter to the Mayor for the three applicants that the board voted forward for appointment.

### 4. Transportation Subcommittee Report - John Dietzman

- Met with city staff regarding the use of levy funds for City street projects and the associated matching grant money.
- Next Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee meeting has been postponed to April 9, 2019 due to spring break.
- Presentation during the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding electric bikes and scooters and discussed the contract extension for the Lime scooters. Council clarified some laws surrounding the electric scooters and bikes Monday night. These rules include that they cannot be ridden on the sidewalks, bike helmets are required except when riding rented electric bicycles and scooters.

### 5. Secretary Report- Heather Trautman

- Planning department has hired Colin Quinn as the new bicycle pedestrian coordinator. He will be working closely with shared mobility project and coordinating planning efforts with capital management and the planning department.
- Alley activation project is underway. The businesses and stakeholders are investing in this project to be able to clean up the public alley way and work with students and professionals to develop a plan through the upcoming Hack the Alley event. Flyer with all the details on the event will be emailed to the Commissioners.
- Thanked all participants that participated in the North River Bank Charrette.
- James Richman provided an overview of the role of a board and commission liaison during hearings.

## Workshops:

### 1. Comprehensive Plan Policy LU1.8 Review

- Presentation provided by Tirrell Black
- Questions asked and answered
- Greg Francis, Sylvia St. Clair and Diana Painter volunteered to participate in a subcommittee to work on the Comprehensive Plan Policy LU1.8

### 2. University District Master Plan Update

- Chris Green with the City of Spokane Planning Department and Lars Gilbert, CEO of the University District, presented an overview of the University District Master Plan.
- Questions asked and answered

Recess at 3:19

## Hearing:

### 1. Proposed Amendment to Map TR12, Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4, Relating to section of Crestline Street, File Z19-070COMP

- Tirrell Black presented the proposed amendment to Map TR12, Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4.

## Public Comment

1. Paul Kropp provided public comment on behalf of the neighborhood alliance group whom are against the changes proposed.
2. Carol Tomsic spoke on behalf of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood council in support of the proposed amendment.
3. Rick Van Orden spoke against the connection of Crestline to Southeast Blvd.
4. Charles Milani spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
5. Elizabeth Tellessen on behalf of Green Stone Homes spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
6. Kelly Pazio spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
7. Rick Dullanty spoke in support of the proposed amendment.
8. Kevin Edwards spoke against Crestline connecting to Southeast Blvd.

Public Testimony closed and discussion ensued.

Greg Francis made a motion to approve the Amendment to remove the minor arterial designation from the section of Crestline between 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southeast Boulevard at 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue from the Arterial Network map (map TR12) in chapter 4 of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Michael Baker.

Discussion ensued.

Questions asked and answered.

Motion passed unanimous (7/0)

## Meeting Adjourned at 4:51 PM

Next Plan Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2019

BRIEFING PAPER  
Plan Commission  
Integrated Capital Management  
April 10, 2019

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Subject

2020 - 2025 Six-year Comprehensive Street Program

Background

In support of the State Growth Management Act and the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan, the City must maintain 6-year capital financing plans for certain providers of public facilities and services. Accordingly, the City must maintain a 6-year capital financing plan for its capital street program. Pursuant to RCW 35.77.010 the capital street program must be adopted before July 1 of each year, and filed with the Secretary of Transportation not later than 30 days after adoption. To determine the plan's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, it is scrutinized by the City Plan Commission. The Plan Commission then makes a recommendation to the City Council as to the program's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council then accepts or modifies the plan accordingly.

Each new project to the 6-Year Program is assessed for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by verifying fulfillment of the Transportation goals and policies (TR's). Staff have prepared an assessment, and seek recommendation to the City Council regarding program compliance.

Impact

Staff will present a draft assessment of new projects being brought into the 2020 – 2025 6-Year Comprehensive Street Program. The assessment includes a review of each project for consistency with the comprehensive plan, particularly the transportation chapter. This assessment has been reviewed by the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee.

Action

None, this is a workshop with the Plan Commission regarding 6-Year Capital Street Program compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Any recommendations that result from this workshop will be wrapped into the draft program which will then be brought to the Plan Commission for a Hearing to make an official recommendation to the City Council. The Hearing is scheduled to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**STREET PROGRAM RECONCILIATION SHEET**

( Comparing 2020-25 against 2019-24 6yr. Program)

**New Projects Added to Six-Year Program (2020-2025)**

Section/ Funds/ CN Year	Project Name	Project Description	Purpose Statement	Cost Estimate
<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle</i> 2020	<b>Ben Burr Crossings of 2nd and 3rd Ave</b>	Install HAWK signals at the Ben Burr crossings of 2nd and 3rd Avenues (the Perry St alignment).	This will improve conditions for crossing these higher speed arterial streets for pedestrians and bicyclists.	<b>\$1,150,000</b>
<i>Capital Improvements</i> 2022	<b>Maple-Wellesley Intersection</b>	Widen the intersection to incorporate an independent right-turn lane and improve traffic flow. More storage for west-bound Thru.	This will improve safety for travel and reduce bottleneck congestion.	<b>\$1,145,000</b>
<i>Capital Improvements</i> 2020	<b>Wellesley - Market to Haven</b>	Street reconstruction and elevation changes. Utility and street work will align the updated roadway with changes that will be brought forward ahead of the NSC construction.	Coordinating efforts with WSDOT's NSC project to Wellesley with the new elevations of the stree to the east.	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<i>Capital Improvements</i> 2019 - 2020	<b>Geiger Road from Medical Lake Interchange to Grove Road Interchange</b>	Street and utility reconstruction of the Geiger Road as part of a multi-jurisdictional project. Spokane County is lead on the project.	Integrated multi-jurisdictional coordination to facilitate further economic development opportunities.	<b>\$15,000,000</b>
<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle</i> 2020	<b>South University Gateway Bicycle Linkage Feasibility Study</b>	Study of pathway opportunities between the south landing of the University District Gateway Bridge to the Ben Burr Trail aligning along the railroad viaduct bank.	Assessment of feasibility of a trail connection as well as parrallel routing to Sprague Avenue for this portion of the bicycle network.	<b>\$100,000</b>

**Honorable Mention Projects**

Section	Project Name	Project Description	Purpose Statement	Cost Estimate
<i>Capital Improvements</i> 2020-2025	<b>Unpaved Roadway Paving Program</b>	Asphalt paving of unpaved streets within the city.	Several streets are yet unpaved within the city limits, and need some attention to provide appropriate service to Spokane citizens.	<b>Unidentified</b>
<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle</i> 2019	<b>Triangle Truss Bridge Deck Replacement</b>	Bridge deck replacement.	Existing wood decking is deteriorating and coming loose.	<b>\$300,000</b>
<i>Pedestrian and Bicycle</i> 2020 - 2025	<b>School Safety Program</b>	School safety infrastructure including crossings, signals, sidewalks, and other equipment.	Safety aspects for walking routes to schools.	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

**Projects Completed and Removed from Six-Year Program**

Section	Project Name	Project Description	Status	
<i>Pedestrian and Bikeways</i>	<b>Bikeshare Feasibility Study</b>		Complete	
<i>Pedestrian and Bikeways</i>	<b>Centennial Trail, Mission Ave Gap Phase I</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Crestline St. Lane Reduction</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Falls Avenue from Lower Crossing St to Elm St</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Green Street at Ermina Avenue Intersection Improvements</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>High Drive - 29th Ave to 21st Ave</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Holland Avenue - Normandy St to Colton St</b>		Re-direct	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Maxwell-Mission Ave Lane Reduction</b>		Complete	

<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Mission Ave, Division to Hamilton</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Monroe Street Lane Reduction and Hardscape</b>		Complete	
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<b>Sharp Avenue Pervious Asphalt, Pearl to Hamilton</b>		Complete	
<i>Pedestrian and Bikeways</i>	<b>U-District Pedestrian and Bike Bridge</b>		Complete	

**STREET PROGRAM  
RECONCILIATION SHEET  
New Projects Added to Six-Year  
Program (2020-2025)**

**Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4 Policies TR:**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Transportation Network for All Users	Transportation Supporting Land Use	Transportation Level of Service	Transportation Demand Management Strategies	Active Transportation	Commercial Center Access	Neighborhood Access	Moving Freight	Promote Economic Opportunity	Transportation System Efficiency & Innovation	Transit Operational Efficiency	Prioritize and Integrate Investments	Infrastructure Design	Traffic Calming	Activation	Right-Of-Way Maintenance	Paving Existing Unpaved Streets	Parking	Plan Collaboratively	Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordination	Safe & Healthy Community Education & Promotion Campaigns	Law Enforcement & Emergency Management	Effective and Enhanced Public Outreach
<b>Ben Burr Crossings at 2nd and 3rd Ave</b>	X	X	X	X	X		X						X	X	X					X	X		X
<b>Maple-Wellesley Intersection</b>			X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X										
<b>Wellesley Ave, Market to Haven</b>	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X		X				X
<b>Geiger Road from Medical Lake Int to Grove Rd Int.</b>	X	X	X			X		X	X	X		X	X			X			X	X			
<b>South University Gateway Bicycle Linkage Feasibility Study</b>	X	X	X	X	X		X			X		X			X					X	X		X
<b>Unpaved Roadway Paving Program</b>	X	X					X						X			X	X		X				X
<b>Triangle Truss Bridge Deck Replacement</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X						X	X				X			
<b>School Safety Program</b>	X	X		X	X		X						X	X	X					X	X	X	

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City of Spokane  
Plan Commission Workshop  
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Subject

North Bank Plan 2019. Update on planning process and next steps.

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/north-bank-plan/>

Background

The North River Bank sub-area planning process began in late 2018 and is anticipated to be completed summer 2019. Community Attributes, Inc, and Makers Architecture and Urban Design are the consultants selected for this sub-area planning process. North Bank Plan and additional central Spokane sub-area planning efforts are intended to yield coordinated land use and regulatory structures, while at the same time drawing on the unique character of each for future growth and development.

History

- 1982 Adopted Riverbank Design Plan and development standards in the North Riverbank Overlay. The overlay standards were intended to advance public objectives in maintaining public access to the River and supporting view corridors into Downtown by discouraging a “wall” of buildings along the North Bank of the Spokane River.
- The 1982 Design Plan was rescinded; overlay development standards remained in city zoning during 2005 Unified Development Code adoption.
- 2008 Downtown Plan Update contained echoes of the 1982 vision. Shoreline controls have contributed to carrying out these objectives, but over the years other objectives, including view corridor protections, land use and circulation patterns, were not achieved, are now outdated, or are conflicting.

2019 Work to Date

North Bank Plan deliverables include a vision, guiding policy document, and development standards to implement the sub-area plan. Multimodal circulation, boundaries, and infrastructure recommendations, among others, will further support the Plan. Public participation is a major piece in the accelerated timeline. Deliverables will link to the upcoming Downtown planning process, may become part of the Comprehensive Plan, and amend Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) development standards for the sub-area.

- January: North Bank Plan launches with a series of focus interviews, a walking tour, and identification of technical issues. Project page, blog posts, and twitter are online and going forward.



- February: Online survey opened. **340 responses** received by the March 15 close date. Postcard mailings to property owners, taxpayer, and occupants within 400' of the current overlay boundary went out February 15. Handouts and presentations were given to Logan, West Central, Riverside, and Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Councils.
- March: Three day charrette included stakeholder meetings, focus work groups, drop in open house, and community workshop. Draft concepts were produced with input from interviews, survey, and charrette participants. A synthesis for a draft development scenario and vision was built to begin developing plan components. Sixty five people attended one or more of the charrette sessions.

### **Next steps**

- The stakeholder group will meet several more times. They will provide feedback as draft materials are developed, tested, and refined through public participation feedback, additional surveys, and open house opportunities through May. City Council was briefed at the April 8 Urban Experience committee regarding survey results, research materials, boundary discussion, and draft policy direction based on charrette input.

### Action

Later this spring, Plan Commission will conduct workshop and hearing on the draft final plan and possible code amendments for the North Bank Plan. It is anticipated that Council will consider adoption of the North Bank Plan and any code amendments summer 2019.

No action is required – this workshop has been provided for informational and discussion purposes only.