

June 09, 2014

To: Spokane City Council President Ben Stuckart and Mayor David Condon

From: Community Assembly Administrative Committee

Re: Report of Community Assembly Action Crosswalk Amendments to SMC Street Standards

For your information the following resolution was adopted at the Community Assembly meeting on Friday, June 6, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Assembly endorses the proposed street standards amendment as an implementation of the comprehensive plan's transportation chapter's goals and policies for:

- the priority of the pedestrian (TR1.1)
- the incorporation of street features to encourage alternatives to automobile travel (TR2.1, TR2.6)
- the strategic use of crosswalks (TR2.9)
- foster walking- and bicycling-oriented neighborhood centers (TR3.3)
- employ streetscape elements within the right-of-way to enhance public safety (TR4.20)
- provide safe pedestrian and bicyclist access to parks (TR4.25)
- orient, design and maintain neighborhoods for pedestrians (TR5.1)
- use street improvements to enhance neighborhood character and pride (TR7.1)
- promote healthy street life in commercial areas (TR7.2)
- use the capital budget to retrofit the street system to meet street design standards (TR9.3)

AND THAT the Community Assembly supports, in general, the specification of locations, and methods for identifying locations, appropriate for marked crosswalks, namely:

- signalized intersections
- Centers and Corridors
- safe routes to school
- trail crossings
- parks, hospitals and churches
- locations identified by pedestrian master planning

AND THAT the Community Assembly supports specifically, as an economic and business development tool, the installation of marked crosswalks and pedestrian refuges on arterial streets within Centers and Corridors whenever such arterials are newly-built, reconstructed, rehabilitated or resurfaced.

The Community Assembly also requested this resolution be presented by one of its members at a city council meeting when the agenda includes the crosswalks ordinance.

Background Information

At its May 2, 2014 meeting the Community Assembly was briefed by city council member Candace Mumm on the ordinance being worked on relating to marked pedestrian crosswalks intended to amend section 17H.010.210 and adopts a new section 17H.010.210 to the Spokane Municipal Code.

The briefing consisted of a background presentation in conjunction with a draft of the ordinance text. The matter was discussed and then remitted to the Pedestrian, Transportation and Traffic Committee for a recommendation to be considered at the June Community Assembly meeting.

At its May 13, 2014 meeting the PeTT Committee considered the same material and drafted a recommendation for the consideration of the Community Assembly in June.

Luke Tolley, Chair Community Assembly Administrative Committee