



PLAN COMMISSION FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STREET ENGINEERING DESIGN STANDARDS CHAPTER 3 AND SMC UPDATES

A Recommendation of the Spokane Plan Commission to the City Council to APPROVE proposed updates to Chapter 3 of the City of Spokane Street Engineering Design Standards and accompanying revisions to Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) 17A.020, 17C.200 and 17H.010.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A. The City of Spokane adopted a Comprehensive Plan in May of 2001 that complies with the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA).
- B. Chapter 3 of the Engineering Design Standards and the accompanying SMCs provide for implementation of the transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan.
- C. Proposed updates to Chapter 3 Design Standards –Streets, Alleys, Bikeways & Sidewalks include updates to street geometrics, stormwater facilities, bicycle facilities, access management, clear zones, design vehicles, and street lighting.
- D. Proposed revisions to SMC 17A.020 Definitions address roadway surfaces, arterial street types, bicycle facilities, clear zones, curb ramps, parkways, and shared-use pathways.
- E. Proposed revisions to SMC 17C.200 Street Tree Requirements, 12.01 and 12.02 tree grates and overhanging vegetation.
- F. Proposed revisions to SMC 17H.010 Engineering Standards address transit as a street use, Transportation Impact Fees, right-of-way width, local street widths, on-street parking, snow storage, medians, traffic calming, shared-use pathways, pedestrian buffer strips, curb ramps, street lighting, horizontal clearances, and the bicycle network.
- G. Pursuant to SMC 04.12.010 the Plan Commission shall hold public hearings and make recommendations to the City Council regarding development regulations implementing the Comprehensive Plan.
- H. On November 5, 2019, July 21, 2020, and August 11, 2020, the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee received a presentation on proposed updates to Chapter 3 of the Design Standards and corresponding SMC updates.
- I. On November 18, 2019, a group of public stakeholders in the disability and active transportation communities were gathered for an All Ages and Abilities Focus Discussion, and received a presentation on proposed updates to Chapter 3 Design Standards and related revisions to SMCs.
- J. On November 22, 2019, a group of public stakeholders in the development community received a presentation on the proposed updates to Chapter 3 Design Standards and the related revisions to SMCs.

- K. On June 24, 2020, the Design Review Board of the City of Spokane received a presentation regarding the proposed updates to the street design standards as addressed in Chapter 3 Design Standards, and corresponding revisions to related SMCs.
- L. On July 16, 2020, the Washington State Department of Commerce and appropriate state agencies were given the required 60-day notice of intent to adopt before adoption of any proposed changes to development regulations.
- M. On July 22, 2020, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist was issued with a request for comments from agencies, departments, and neighborhood councils. The deadline to comment was August 10, 2020. The City received several comments on the documents and made revisions.
- N. The City Plan Commission held workshops on July 22nd and August 12th, 2020, to obtain public comments on Chapter 3 of the Design Standards and the SMC updates.
- O. On March 23rd, 2020 and August 24th, 2020, the Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability Committee of the City Council received presentations on Chapter 3 of the Design Standards and related SMC updates.
- P. On August 31, 2020, a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued for the Proposal. The deadline to appeal the determination was September 22, 2020. No comments on the SEPA determination were received.
- Q. The City Plan Commission held a public hearing beginning on September 23rd, 2020 and continuing on October 14th, 2020 to consider Chapter 3 of the Design Standards and related SMC updates.
- R. The City Council must receive a recommendation from the City Plan Commission to certify that update to Chapter 3 of the Engineering Design Standards and accompanying revisions to SMCs are in conformance with the City's Comprehensive Plan in effect on the day of certification.

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Chapter 3 of the Engineering Design Standards and the accompanying SMCs have been prepared in full consideration of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- B. Chapter 3 of the Engineering Design Standards and the accompanying SMCs have been reviewed by the City Plan Commission and found to be in conformance with the goals and policies of the City's 2001 Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. The Spokane City Plan Commission is certifying that the update to Chapter 3 of the Engineering Design Standards and accompanying Spokane Municipal Code revisions

are in conformance with the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan as required by RCW 36.70A and are recommended for adoption by the Spokane City Council.

- B. By a vote of 8 to 0, the Plan Commission recommends the approval of these amended documents by the City Council.


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