



2023/2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

PLAN COMMISSION FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FILE Z24-306COMP

A Recommendation of the Spokane Plan Commission to the City Council to APPROVE the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program as an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan.

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. Proposal file Z24-306COMP (the “Proposal”) was submitted in a timely manner for review in advance of the City’s budget approval process, as required.
- C. The Proposal seeks to append the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (the “CIP”) to the Comprehensive Plan as a necessary step towards the eventual adoption of the 2025/2026 City of Spokane Budget.
- D. The CIP identifies capital project activity which has implications on the growth of the community.
- E. On September 4, 2024, staff requested comments from agencies, departments, and neighborhood councils regarding the proposal. One comment was received from the Department of Fish and Wildlife with advisory requests for the Comprehensive Plan in general.
- F. A Notice of Application was published on September 4, 2024 in the Spokesman Review and was emailed to the City’s Plan Commission distribution list and to every neighborhood council contact in the City, asking for public comments on the proposal. No comments were received.
- G. On September 4, 2024, 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 the Comprehensive Plan.
- H. On September 25, 2024, the Spokane City Plan Commission held a workshop to study the Proposal.
- I. On September 24, 2024, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance were issued for the Proposal. The deadline to appeal the SEPA determination was October 8, 2024. No comments on the SEPA determination were received.
- J. On October 2, 2024, staff published a report addressing SEPA and providing staff’s analysis of the merits of the Proposal, copies of which were circulated as prescribed by SMC 17G.020.060B.8. Staff’s analysis of the Proposal recommended approval of the Proposal.

- K. On October 9, 2024, the Plan Commission held a public hearing on the Proposal, including the taking of verbal testimony, and closed the public record on that date. No members of the public testified.
- L. On October 9, 2024, the Plan Commission conducted its deliberations on this application and voted to recommend the City Council **approve** this application as proposed.
- M. As a result of the City's efforts, pursuant to the requirements of SMC 17G.020.070, the public has had extensive opportunities to participate throughout the process and persons desiring to comment were given an opportunity to do so.
- N. Except as may be otherwise indicated herein, the Plan Commission adopts the findings and analysis set forth in the Staff Report prepared for the Proposal (the "Staff Report").
- O. The Plan Commission finds that the proposal meets the intent and requirements of the Comprehensive Plan.
- P. The Plan Commission finds that the proposal meets the decision criteria established by SMC 17G.020.030, as described in the Staff Report.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based upon the proposal materials, staff analysis (which is hereby incorporated into these findings, conclusions, and recommendation), SEPA review, agency and public comments received, and public testimony presented regarding application File No. Z24-306COMP, the Plan Commission makes the following conclusions with respect to the review criteria outlined in SMC 17G.020.030:

1. Interested agencies and the public have had extensive opportunities to participate throughout the process and persons desiring to comment have been given that opportunity to comment.
2. The Proposal is consistent with the goals and purposes of GMA.
3. Any potential infrastructure implications associated with the Application will either be mitigated through projects reflected in the City's relevant six-year capital improvement plan or through enforcement of the City's development regulations at time of development.
4. As outlined in above in the Findings of Fact, the Proposal is internally consistent as it pertains to the Comprehensive Plan, as described in SMC 17G.020.030.E and as required by RCW 36.70A and RCW 35.77.010.
5. The Proposal is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies for Spokane County, the comprehensive plans of neighboring jurisdictions, applicable capital facilities plans, the regional transportation plan, and official population growth forecasts.
6. The Proposal has been considered in order to evaluate the cumulative effect of all the proposals.
7. SEPA review was completed for the Proposal.
8. The Proposal will not adversely affect the City's ability to provide the full range of urban public facilities and services citywide at the planned level of service, or consume public resources otherwise needed to support comprehensive plan implementation strategies.

9. The Proposal proposes that a document be appended to the Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the matter of Z24-306COMP, a request by the City of Spokane Budget Office to append the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program to the Comprehensive Plan and forward the document on for the consideration of City Council during the annual budget process, by a vote of **9 to 0**, the Spokane Plan Commission recommends City Council **APPROVE** the proposal and authorizes the President to prepare and sign on the Commission's behalf a written decision setting forth the Commission's findings, conclusions, and recommendation on the application.

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Spokane Plan Commission

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