

**CITY OF SPOKANE PLAN COMMISSION  
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE UPDATES**

A recommendation of the City of Spokane Plan Commission to the City Council to approve amendments to the City's Unified Development Code. This proposal will amend the City of Spokane's Complete Streets Program; amending Sections 04.40.080, 17H.020.010, 17H.020.030, 17H.020.040, and 17H.020.060; adopting new Sections 17H.020.015, 17H.020.055, 17H.020.070, and 17H.020.080; and repealing Sections 17H.020.020 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

**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) as set forth in RCW 36.70A.
- B. The proposed text amendments do not significantly alter the outcome and purpose of the Unified Development Code and therefore remain consistent with the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan.
- C. The Unified Development Code includes community goals that bears a substantial relation to public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment. Propose amendments to clarify or correct errors in the Unified Development Code further implement those goals.
- D. Public notice and communication began in April 2025 and included the following:
  - 1. Plan Commission workshops held on April 9 and May 14.
  - 2. Transportation Commission workshop held April 9. Transportation Commission hearing held May 21.
  - 3. The issuance of a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance for code text amendments on May 21, 2025.
  - 4. For a hearing scheduled for June 11, 2025, legal notices were published to the Spokesman Review on May 28 and June 4, 2025.
- E. On April 9 and May 14, the City of Spokane Plan Commission held workshops to discuss draft language, and review and evaluate with City staff alternatives to proposed text changes
- F. The City of Spokane Transportation Commission held a workshop on April 9 to discuss draft language, and review and evaluate with City staff alternatives to proposed text changes.

- G. On May 21, 2025, the Washington State Department of Commerce and appropriate state agencies were given the required 60-day notice before adoption of proposed changes to the Unified Development Code pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106.
- H. A SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance was issued by the director of Planning Services on May 28, 2025, for the proposed text amendments. One comment was received.
- I. The proposed text amendments were drafted and reviewed consistent with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.370 to assure protection of private property rights.
- J. Amendments to the Unified Development Code Title 17 are subject to the review and recommendation by the City of Spokane Plan Commission.
- K. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on June 11, 2025, to obtain public comments on the proposed amendments. One comment was received.
- L. The City of Spokane Plan commission adopts the findings and analysis set forth in the staff report prepared for the proposal.
- M. The City of Spokane Plan Commission finds that the amendment proposal and SEPA status were noticed in the City Gazette at the time of a Plan Commission workshop as required in SMC 17G.025.010(G).

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Based upon the draft text amendments, staff report and analysis (which is hereby incorporated into these findings, conclusions, and recommendations), SEPA review, agency and public comments received, and public testimony presented, the Spokane Plan Commission makes the following conclusions with respect to the proposed Complete Streets Ordinance Update:

- 1. The Plan Commission finds that the proposed amendments bear a substantial relation to the public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment pursuant to the requirements outlined in SMC 17G.025.010(G).
- 2. The proposed text amendments will implement the goals and policies of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan.
- 3. Interested agencies and the public have had opportunities to participate throughout the process and persons desiring to comment were given an opportunity to comment.
- 4. The Plan Commission finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with the applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In the matter of the ordinances pertaining to the proposed text amendments, amending the Unified Development Code of the City of Spokane.

## Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Recommendation

By vote of two in favor to six not in favor, the Spokane Plan Commission takes the following actions:

1. **DOES NOT RECOMMEND** that City staff review Mr. Kropp's language suggestions for sections 17H.020.055(A)(1), 17H.020.055(A)(2), 17H.020.055(A)(3), and 17H.020.055(A)(4).

As based on the above listed findings and conclusions, by vote of seven in favor to zero not in favor, and one abstention, the Spokane Plan Commission takes the following actions:

1. Recommends to the Spokane City Council the **APPROVAL** of the proposal, amending Sections 04.40.080, 17H.020.010, 17H.020.030, 17H.020.040, and 17H.020.060; adopting new Sections 17H.020.015, 17H.020.055, 17H.020.070, and 17H.020.080; and repealing Sections 17H.020.020
2. Authorizes the President to prepare and sign on the Commission's behalf a written decision setting forth the Plan Commission's findings, conclusions, and recommendations on the proposed amendments.



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**Ryan Patterson, Vice President**  
**Spokane Plan Commission**

**Date:** 23/06/25







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