



REVISED REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Agency and City Department Review FILE NO. Z20-019COMP, TR-5 Map Amendment Proposed Bike Network Map Amendment Proposal

Revision Text Shown in Red

DATE: April 24, 2020, **REVISED June 9, 2020**

TO: Interested Parties, City Departments and Agencies with Jurisdiction
(Distribution List Attached)

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SUBJECT: Proposed amendment of the Proposed Bike Network Map **and the Bike Master Plan**, changing the future designation for various bicycle infrastructure throughout the City.

APPLICANT/AGENT: City-Sponsored, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Neighborhood and Planning Services

COMMENT NEEDED BY 5 PM on **June 23, 2020.**

Please note that there have been a few minor revisions to application Z20-019COMP, the proposed amendments to Map TR-5, the Proposed Bike Network Map, designating future bike facilities in the City of Spokane. The map changes are as follows:

- **Modification 2:** the proposed designation of **W Strong Road** for a shared use path between N Five Mile Road and N Nettleton Court has been extended east to N Austin Road.
- **New Text Amendment to the Bike Master Plan, an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan:** replace all instances of "cycle track" in the appendix with the term "protected bike lane" for the sake of clarity and consistency with current City project proposals and national research. Also, remove incorrect and outdated references to maps BMP 1 and BMP 2, which were replaced by Map TR-5 in the main body of the Comprehensive Plan in a previous update.

Please note that Modification 13, sent out separately from the original request for comments on April 29, 2020, still stands and remains part of the overall proposal.

These amendments to the proposal will be factored into the City's consideration of the proposal and the SEPA review, currently ongoing, for the project. Agencies and City Departments that wish to comment on this amendment are encouraged to do so before June 23, when the City's public comment period will also end.

If additional information is required in order for your department or agency to comment on this proposal, please notify the Planning and Development Services Department as soon as possible so that the

application processing can be suspended while the necessary information is being prepared. Under the procedures of SMC 17G.060, this referral to affected departments and agencies is for the following:

- 1) The determination of a complete application. If there are materials that the reviewing departments and agencies need to comment on this proposal, notice of such must be provided to the applicant;
- 2) Provides notice of application;
- 3) Concurrency Testing, please note one of the following:
 - a) () This application is subject to concurrency and agency is required to notify this department that applicant meets/fails currency; OR
 - b) (X) This application is exempt from concurrency testing, but will use capacity of existing facilities.

The lack of comment including concurrency by any referral agency will be considered acceptance of this application as technically complete and meeting concurrency requirements.

Under the revised procedures of SMC 17G.060, this referral to affected Departments and Agencies is to provide notice of a pending application. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE PROVIDED TO REFERRAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES UNLESS WARRANTED.** If there are materials that the reviewing Departments and Agencies need to comment on this proposal, notice of such must be provided to the Applicant. The lack of comment by any referral agency will be considered to be acceptance of this application as Technically Complete.

Maps and examples of the newly proposed changes are attached to this notice. Additional maps and materials can be found here:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2019-2020-proposed-comprehensive-plan-amendments/>

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW / SEPA: The City of Spokane Planning and Development Services Department is the Lead Agency for this proposal; Louis Meuler, Director of Planning, is the responsible official. No determination has yet been made. This non-project proposal will be reviewed for compliance with SEPA Regulations, Spokane Municipal Code 17E.050. See attached SEPA Checklist.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Distribution List, Request for Comments
- 2) SEPA Checklist

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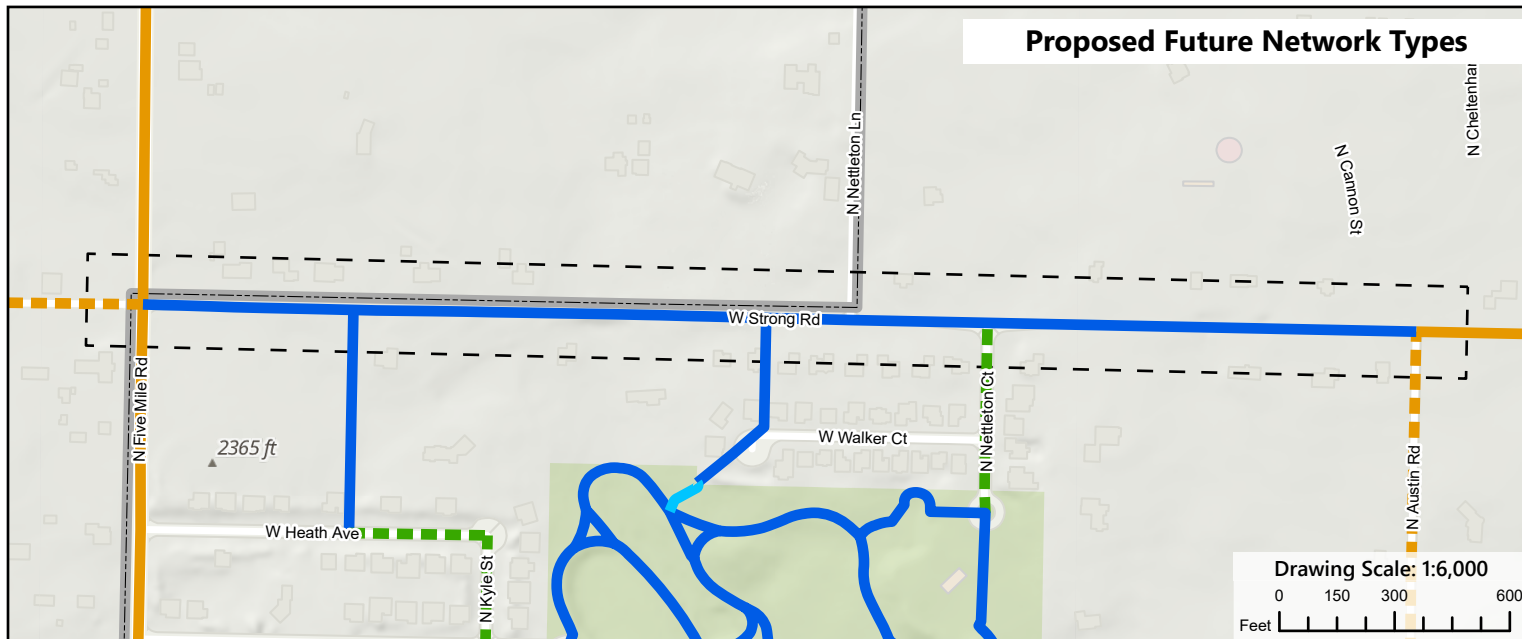
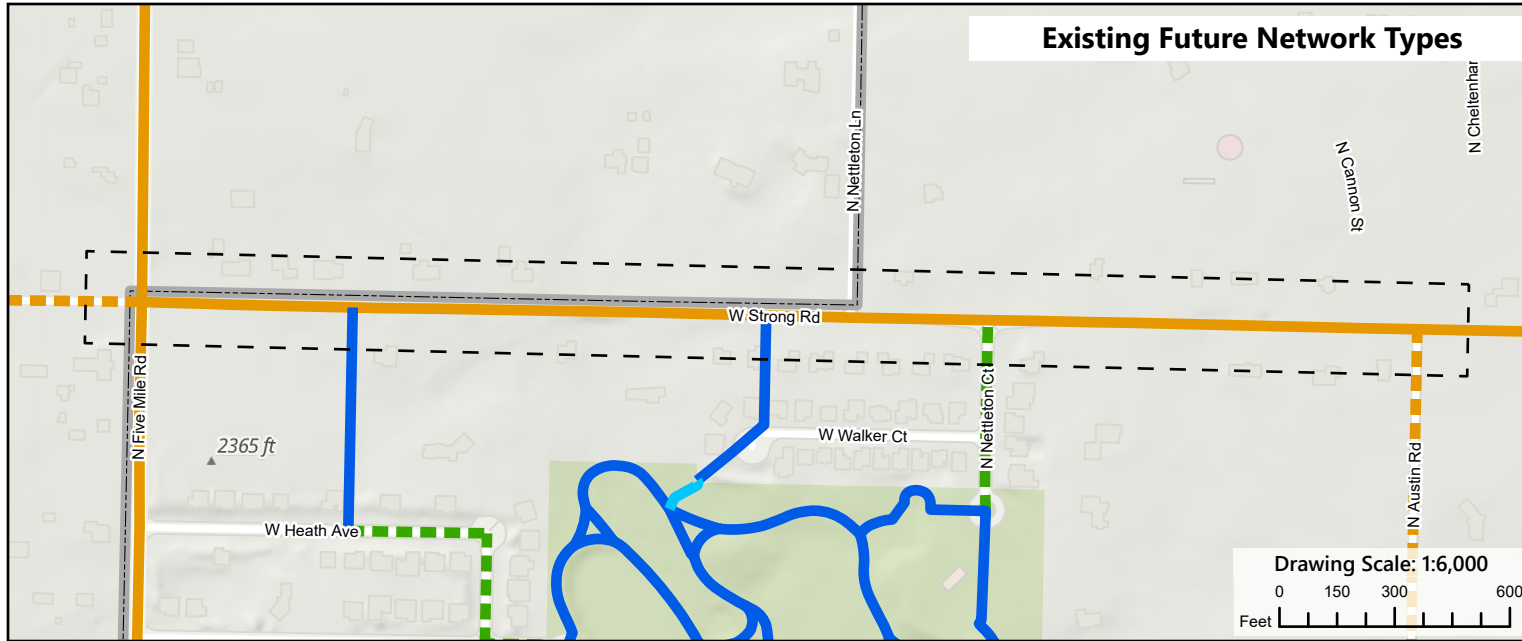
Z20-019COMP: Map TR-5, Proposed Modification 2 (Revised June 8) **(Strong Rd between Five Mile Rd and Austin Rd)**

2019/2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals

Drawn: 6/8/2020

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The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources and is subject to constant revision. Information shown on this map should not be used to determine the location of facilities in relationship to property lines, section lines, streets, etc.

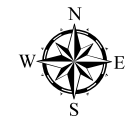


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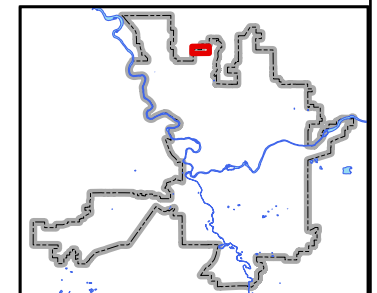
Current Bikeway Network

- Bike Friendly Route
- Closed to Bike
- Difficult Connection
- High Traffic (Bike Lane)
- High Traffic (Shared)
- Moderate Traffic (Bike Lane)
- Moderate Traffic (Shared)
- Neighborhood Greenway
- Shared Use Path
- Soft Surface Path



Length of Change: 0.63 Miles

PROJECT LOCATION



Neighborhood and Planning Services
Drawn By: Kevin Freibott

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**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

File No. Z20-019COMP

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE CHECKLIST!

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "*does not apply*."

IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project: City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments to Bicycle Master Plan Map TR-5
2. Applicant: City of Spokane
3. Address: 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
City/State/Zip: Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: 509-625-6804
Agent or Primary Contact: Colin Quinn-Hurst
Address: 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
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Location of Project: Various Locations Citywide
Address: _____
Section: _____ Quarter: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____
Tax Parcel Number(s) _____
4. Date checklist prepared: 3/26/2020
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane, Washington
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): A Plan Commission hearing on this proposal will be requested to be held in the third quarter of 2020. Then the Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. Then the amendments must be approved by City Council and signed by the Mayor if they are to be adopted. The projects called for by the Bicycle Master Plan may be implemented over the course of the next 20 years.
7. a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Yes, minor updates are anticipated on an annual basis as City projects and private developments alter land use and transportation patters. A broader, comprehensive review of the Bicycle Master Plan is anticipated as part of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan update, due to be completed by 2025.
b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain. _____
Most of the facilities involved in this proposal are within City rights-of-way or are on or adjacent to land owned by the City of Spokane
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. None that is directly related to this proposal. The Six-Year

Comprehensive Program for Streets have associated SEPA Checklists adopted with the program on an annual basis. They are available upon request. At the time of this checklist no technical reports are required or expected as a result of this proposal. _____

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. None. _____
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. The proposed amendments to the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan require approval of the Spokane City Council and Mayor. For any new construction projects involving proposals within the B, proper permits will need to be obtained.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. This proposed amendment would amend the Bicycle Master Plan in Map TR-5 of the Comprehensive Plan, to acknowledge recently-constructed bikeways and minor adjustments to the routing and designations of planned bikeways. Individual facilities will be added with future construction projects where a particular roadway is widened or reconstructed, street signs or on-street markings are added, or new off-street paths are constructed, depending on the type of facility designated on the map.
12. Location of the proposal: Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit application related to this checklist. Affected facilities are located in the City of Spokane and within its Urban Growth Area
13. Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)? The General Sewer Service Area? The Priority Sewer Service Area? The City of Spokane? (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.) Yes, all of the above. _____
- _____
- _____

14. The following questions supplement Part A.

a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)

- (1) Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities). Not applicable, this is a non-project action. Appropriate disposal of stormwater will be addressed for new projects at the time of construction.
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- (2) Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground or underground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored?
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Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- (3) What protective measures will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems. Not applicable, this is a non-project action. Bicycle lanes and other facilities will be analyzed for their consistence with the City of Spokane Critical Aquifer Recharge Area Aquifer Protection Code, Chapter 17E.010 SMC, as well as other local, state and federal regulations at the time of development, per Spokane Municipal Code requirements.

- (4) Will any chemicals be stored, handled or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater? Not applicable, this is a non-project action. Storage, handling and use will be addressed when each project is designed and constructed.

b. Stormwater

- (1) What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)? The depth to groundwater varies, depending on location within the Urban Growth Area.

(2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (check one):

☐ Flat ☐ Rolling ☐ Hilly ☐ Steep slopes ☐ Mountainous

Other: Varies.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

c. Varies. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Varies.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. _

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt, or buildings)?

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

2. Air

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

3. Water

- a. SURFACE WATER:

- (1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from the surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? If yes, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (6) Does the proposal involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

b. GROUNDWATER:

- (1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

c. WATER RUNOFF (INCLUDING STORMWATER):

- (1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) and method of collection and disposal if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

(3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

4. Plants

a. Check the type of vegetation found on the site: Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

Deciduous tree: ☐ alder ☐ maple ☐ aspen

Other: _____

Evergreen tree: ☐ fir ☐ cedar ☐ pine

Other: _____

☐ Shrubs ☐ Grass ☐ Pasture ☐ Crop or grain

☐ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops

Wet soil plants: ☐ cattail ☐ buttercup ☐ bullrush ☐ skunk cabbage

Other: _____

Water plants: ☐ water lily ☐ eelgrass ☐ milfoil

Other: _____

Other types of vegetation: _____

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

5. Animals

- a. Check and List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site: Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

Birds: ☐ hawk ☐ heron ☐ eagle ☐ songbirds

Other: _____

Mammals: ☐ deer ☐ bear ☐ elk ☐ beaver

Other: _____

Fish: ☐ bass ☐ salmon ☐ trout ☐ herring ☐ shellfish

Other: _____

Other (not listed in above categories): _____

- b. List any threatened or endangered animal species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Future bicycle infrastructure that includes lighting would require electrical energy in limited amounts. No other energy sources are expected to be required.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No. Bicycle facilities typically are at ground-level and do not include structures that could shade solar power generation.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. _

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals/conditions that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- (5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

- b. NOISE:

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Most bicycle facilities are located on or near roadways, subject to typical street noise.

- (2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Typical pedestrian and bicycle traffic noises, largely limited to conversation and similar noise.

- (3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Noise generated during construction or use of bicycle facilities would be restricted by Spokane Municipal Code requirements under SMC Section 10.08D.070 Maximum Permissible Environmental Sound Levels.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

Bicycle facilities are to be located mostly on city rights-of-way that contain streets and sidewalks. Adjacent land uses are of all types, including residential, commercial, industrial and open space uses.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Sites designated for bicycle infrastructure by nature are free from structures.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which?

None are expected to be demolished (see "c" above).

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Zoning varies, based on the adjacent land use. See answer "a" above.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Land Use designation varies.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Some bicycle facilities designated on map TR-5 lie within shoreline designations. Future development of bicycle infrastructure in those locations is subject to SMC 17E.060.600 Transportation Facilities.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or the county? If so, specify.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

None. Bicycle facilities do not typically employ persons.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None, as no structures would be demolished and projects are usually restricted to City rights-of-way.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

None.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

None.

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

None

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing.

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Typical bicycle facilities are located at ground level. Some signage or lighting could be installed above ground but would be limited in height, subject to the requirements of the SMC.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Urban Design staff and the City's Design Review Board would be consulted on any projects involving vertical elements, curblane changes or landscaping.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Lighting may be installed that provides for the light necessary to provide for safe use of the facilities. This lighting would operate from dusk to dawn in most cases.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No, subject to the requirements of the SMC.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

None.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Various parks and recreation facilities.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No. The proposed improvements would support recreational uses.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

None.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

None known. Future construction is subject to SMC requirements for the discovery and protection of these resources.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archaeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

None known. Future construction is subject to SMC requirements for the discovery and protection of these resources.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required
None known. Future construction is subject to SMC requirements for the discovery and protection of these resources.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
Various.
- b. Is site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop
Yes, the sites across the City are served by various stops and routes.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?
None and none.
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
Bicycle facilities called for in the proposal are typically located on streets and pedestrian/bicycle facilities. As such, the proposal calls directly for improvement to these resources.
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
No.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?
None.

(Note: to assist in review and if known, indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM Peak, and Weekday (24 hours).)

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, general describe.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None.

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No, as the proposal generates no new residents or employees in the City.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:

None.

16. Utilities

a. Check utilities currently available at the site: Varies.

- ☐ electricity
- ☐ natural gas
- ☐ water
- ☐ refuse service
- ☐ telephone
- ☐ sanitary sewer
- ☐ septic system

Other: _____

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed:

Varies. In some cases, lighting may be installed that requires electrical energy

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D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(Do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise? The proposal would not directly increase any of these elements, save for the use of typical hazardous substances and generating typical noise related to construction. This would be commensurate with similar construction projects and would be temporary in nature and consistent with the Spokane Municipal Code requirements for such emissions/use. As part of the Master Bike Plan, the proposed routes are intended to reduce automobile traffic and encourage non-motorized transportation, thus having a beneficial effect on air emissions..

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: Traffic impacts would be evaluated at the time specific improvements are designed and before projects are implemented to ensure that the addition of bicycle facilities would not lead to auto traffic congestion.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life? Most of the proposed projects would likely not affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. For any project requiring a newly constructed path or wider roadway, an environmental review would take place to evaluate these impacts per SMC Section 17E.060.600 and SMC Section 17E.020.050.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: Environmental reviews of projects at the time of project design and permitting would ensure that each bike project would enact measures to protect and conserve plants, animals, fish and marine life that are affected.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? The proposal promotes bicycling as a utilitarian transportation option, likely reducing the overall use of motorized travel in the vicinity of these improvements and a commensurate reduction in fossil fuel use. In cases where lighting is installed as a component of implementing projects, minor amounts of electrical energy

would be required for operation. Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: None required.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains or prime farmlands? This proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will not directly affect environmentally sensitive areas. Full implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan will promote access to some parks, wilderness, rivers, historic or cultural sites, etc. New construction will be subject to the Shoreline and critical area standards of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: Specific measures as required would be implemented for implementing projects that could affect these resources, including the possible use of permeable surfaces, to be determined during the design and permitting stage of any proposed improvements. Path placement and road adjustments would be sensitive to the preservation of parks, rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains or prime farmlands.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans? Future implementation projects constructed under the proposed amendments are required to meet the development regulations adopted under the Comprehensive Plan and, where applicable, shoreline development standards.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: No additional measures are proposed.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? The proposal incrementally enhances a transportation system that supports non-motorized transportation options by adding or altering planned bikeways in about 12 locations. As such, the projects described by the proposal are expected to ultimately reduce the demand on existing transportation infrastructure and public services.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: None.

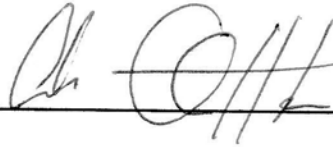
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