

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
Avista Transmission Line Conditional Use Permit
FILE NO. Z26-252CUP2



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To: Interested Parties, City Departments and Agencies with Jurisdiction.
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Subject: **Conditional Use Permit – Avista Transmission Line – Request for Comments**

Applicant: Avista Corporation
Attn: Christina Janssen
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Spokane WA 99202

Owner: Spokane Airport Board
9000 W Airport Dr. STE 204
Spokane WA 99224

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Location Description: For the portion within the City of Spokane city limits, the proposal is located on 2920 S. Spotted Rd. Spokane, WA, parcel no. 25286.1201. (S28 & 21 T25 R42 E., W.M.).

Description of Proposal: Avista Corporation is proposing to construct the Bluebird to Garden Springs 230 kV Transmission Line Project which would increase the reliability, safety and capacity of the transmission line system and connect the proposed Bluebird Substation and the Garden Springs Substation. Total, the project is approximately a 12-mile distance, with about 2 miles of the total project being within City of Spokane city limits. Construction will involve installing new single poles made of weathered steel and stringing 230kV conductors (cables) and optical ground wire.

Multiple wetlands within the city's jurisdiction are delineated along the route. The work proposed is considered a regulated activity per SMC 17E.070.040, therefore a conditional use permit is required. This is a Type II application and will be reviewed administratively with a decision issued by the Planning Director.

Legal Description: Contact Planning Dept. for full legal description

SEPA: DNS Issued on 2/20/26 by Spokane County, Lead Agency

Current Zoning: LI (Light Industrial), GC (General Commercial)

REPORT NEEDED BY: 5 P.M. May 1st, 2026. If additional information is required in order for your department or agency to comment on this proposal, please notify Planning and Development 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.061, 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 concurrency; OR
 - b) () This application is exempt from concurrency testing but will use capacity of existing facilities.

Under the revised procedures of SMC 17G.061, 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.

Additional Documents Provided: General Application, Conditional Use Permit Application, Project Narrative

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

** - Please forward your comments to Adam Hayden, Planning and Development at least 2 working days before the "Report needed by" date shown on the front page.

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