

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS  
FILE NO. Z1400022 SKWK**

**Date:** May 13, 2014

**To:** Interested Parties, City Departments  
and Agencies with Jurisdiction.  
(Distribution list on reverse side)

**From:** Tami Palmquist, AICP, Associate Planner  
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**Subject:** Type III Skywalk Permit – Convention Center

**Applicant/  
Property Owner:** Spokane Public Facilities District  
Kevin Twohig

**Agent:** Jim Kolva  
115 S. Adams Street, #1  
Spokane, WA 99201  
(509) 458-5517

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**Location Description:** The subject property is located at 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.; west of the intersection at Bernard and Spokane Falls Blvd.

**Description of Proposal:** A request for a Type III Skywalk Permit to construct a skywalk over Spokane Falls Boulevard, west of Bernard Street, to connect the Spokane Convention Center and the new convention hotel to the south. The proposed skywalk, a structure of about 112 feet in length and 18 feet in height, will connect a new mezzanine floor within the Convention Center to the second floor of the new convention hotel. A variance is requested to exceed the 14-foot height limit (SMC 12.02.0460A). Because of the difference in floor heights between the Convention Center and the new convention hotel, the skywalk internal walkway will have a slope.

**Legal Description:** The complete legal description is on file in the City of Spokane Development Service Center or available on request.

**SEPA:** This proposal will be reviewed under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Checklist is attached.

**Current Zoning:** DTG (Downtown General)

**REPORT NEEDED BY: 5 P.M. (May 27, 2014).** 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.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) ( ) This application is exempt from concurrency testing, but will use capacity of existing facilities.

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.

**Pre-Development Conference – Notes attached by reference.**

**Additional Documents Provided: SEPA Checklist**

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

\*\* - Forward your comments to Patty Kells, Developer Services at least 2 working days before the "Report needed by" date shown on the front page.

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- Department of Ecology, Eastern Region, Attn: Michael Maher, Shoreline Permit Reviewer
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- Department of Transportation, Attn: Char Kay
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Other Agencies

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- Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Attn: Kevin Wallace\*
- Avista Utilities, Attn: Lu Ann Weingart
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Attn: Anna Ragaza-Bourassa
- Williams Northwest Pipeline, Attn: Michael Moor
- Spokane Tribe Archeology & Preservation Office, Jacki Corley

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**  
**FILE No.: Z140022 SKWK– Convention Center Skywalk**

**COMMENTS:** (Use additional sheets if necessary)

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Authorized Signature

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Department or Agency

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Date

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Concurrency Passed/Failed