Skywalk Specifications Checklist Rev.20130822

1. Will the skywalk development require public funds participation?
The proposed skywalk will be funded entirely by the Spokane Public Facilities District.

2. Will the development or maintenance of the skywalk require the relocation, alteration, or modification of public facilities, fixtures, street trees or shrubs?

It is not expected that the proposed skywalk will involve the relocation of street trees or shrubs. The existing Convention Center will modified in order to receive and support the proposed skywalk. Further, a mezzanine level with stairs and elevator will be added to the Convention Center lobby in order to provide public access from the skywalk to the Convention Center, the street, and the INB Performing Arts Center.

3. Does the design of the skywalk contain these elements:
   - Enclosed
   - 70% transparency, distributed evenly through the structure
   - Glazing .” temper glass in metal frames
   - Internal, controlled, year-around drainage connected to the neighboring building
   - Skywalk is no less than 8' and no more than 14' in width
   - 14' or Less in Height
   - 5% maximum horizontal angulations base on street width
   - 1% slope
   - Arches - Maximum 5% Use
   - 16.5' minimum clearance – center
   - 15’ minimum clearance - alleys and curbs
   - Ramps 1:12 or 8.3% Slope

At a height of 18 feet, the proposed skywalk will exceed the height limit of 14 feet. Because of the floor height of the new convention center hotel, and the floor height of the Convention Center mezzanine, there is a noticeable slant in the skywalk ramp. Neither of these floor heights can be altered. The PFD has no control over the height of the hotel’s second floor to which the skywalk would connect.

The floor height (17 feet above the Convention Center floor) of the new mezzanine level of the Convention Center is limited by the beam depth of the roof structure and need for vertical clearance (8 feet from floor to beam). The mezzanine floor level of 17 feet was set so that the end of the skywalk is high...
enough to maintain the minimum sidewalk and street clearance below the bridge structure.

The additional height of the skywalk is necessary to screen the slope of the internal ramp and visually create a level (or nearly level) structure appearance. The skywalk will be 112 feet in length. Because of the greater than typical length of the span across Spokane Falls Boulevard, the proportions of the height versus length work aesthetically. Thus as a major entry feature in the approach to downtown, it is important that the skywalk look as level as possible.

4. Please describe the finish materials and provided a color rendering of the skywalk elevation.

The skywalk faces will be clear glass within a regular grid for extruded light gray aluminum. Within the skywalk and exposed through the glass will be a pattern of verticals and diagonals that describe the structure. Wide horizontal bands of light gray aluminum panels will cover the ramp along the bottom edge and cover the electrical and mechanical runs along the top edge.

5. Please provide the necessary drawings and engineering design to demonstrate compliance with the Uniform Building Code and Uniform Fire Code.

The concept drawings are provided.

6. Is the skywalk designed to bear solely upon private property and be removable without affecting the structural integrity of the buildings? Please provide the engineering detail that demonstrates these criteria has been met

The skywalk will bear solely on the Convention Center on the north end, and the new convention hotel on the south end. The point at which the Convention Center would receive the skywalk will be designed to accommodate the skywalk. Likewise, the convention hotel has been designed to accommodate the south end of the skywalk.

7. Please provide the location of ramps with the skywalk. Are they distributed continuously and uniformly throughout the structure? What are the inclines of the ramps? Are there any steps within the skywalk?

The skywalk ramp is proposed at a gradient of 1:20 with an intermediate landing at mid-span. There are no steps within the skywalk.

8. Are there any signs proposed on the interior or exterior of the skywalk? If so, please provide detailed drawings and specifications of the signs.

There will be standard directional signs within the skywalk.

Because the skywalk bridges Spokane Falls Boulevard, a major entry to the downtown business district and it connects two major elements of the Convention
Center District, it is proposed that a gateway directional sign be integrated into the skywalk to mark the location of the Convention Center. Such a graphic would include the words “CONVENTION CENTER” and would be placed on the glass on the east side of the skywalk. “CONVENTION” in white letters about six feet in height would run in the segment next to the Convention Center atop the bottom metal band and be affixed to the glass panels. Below, within the field of the metal band would be the letters “CENTER”, in smaller print size but elongated to match the length of “CONVENTION” above.

9. Please provide details of the interior and exterior lighting proposed for the skywalk. Will the proposed lighting cause glare?

It is not expected that the interior and exterior lighting for the skywalk would cause glare.

10. Has a letter of commitment for liability insurance on the skywalk been obtained?

Such documentation will be provided as requested.

11. Does the liability insurance name the City of Spokane as an additional named insurer?

The PFD, as applicant, will coordinate with the City of Spokane to comply with liability insurance requirements.

12. Where is the proposed pedestrian skywalk access to and from street level?

At the north end, in the Convention Center, the skywalk will land on a mezzanine floor with an elevator and a stairway providing access to the ground floor lobby. The existing doors within the lobby will provide access to the breezeway and sidewalk.

On the hotel side, it is expected that the skywalk landing will have elevator /stair access to the ground floor lobby below the skywalk entry point.

13. What are the hours that the skywalk will be open for public use?

Because the skywalk is not within the downtown retail district and is intended to provide access between the new convention center hotel and parking garage and the Convention Center/INB Performing Arts Center, its hours will be tailored to the needs of these entities. It is expected that the skywalk would be open from early morning to late in the evening depending on specific events. If, for example, there is a performance at the INB the skywalk would be open late in the evening to accommodate attendees who may have parked in the parking garage,
are guests of the hotel, or who desire to dine or drink at the hotel after the performance. The hours will be mutually established by the PFD and the operators of the convention hotel.