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Jacqui Halvorson, Project Planner – Link Spokane
City of Spokane
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RE: Draft Spokane Pedestrian Plan

Dear Ms. Halvorson:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment concerning the draft Pedestrian Plan.

The draft plan recognizes the vital relationship between pedestrian activity and transit accessibility and usability. When transit is seamlessly integrated in the pedestrian network, it expands the range of destinations accessible to pedestrians and improves their travel experience.

Thank you for including high usage transit stops and the High Performance Transit Network in the criteria used to identify the Pedestrian Priority Zones. These zones are a key element of the draft plan. To avoid confusion, please ensure that the terminology used to describe the zones is consistent throughout the plan. For example, on page 1-3, the zones are referred to as “Priority Pedestrian Zones” under Goal 1 and as “Pedestrian Priority Zones” in the title of the call out box.

I applaud the City of Spokane for undertaking this effort and seeking stakeholder feedback at regular intervals throughout the process. We look forward to continued opportunities to work together to build a better, more integrated multimodal transportation system.

Sincerely,

Karl Otterstrom, AICF
Planning Director