



Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:
10/26/2015

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Agenda Item Type	First Reading Ordinance
Agenda Item Name	0650 - PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

Agenda Wording

An ordinance amending the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan adopting a Pedestrian Master Plan as a subarea plan.

Summary (Background)

The Plan Commission has recommended approval of a Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan supports a more walkable Spokane encouraging a high-quality walking environment that supports increased levels of physical activity, important connections to transit, and more transportation options for all. The plan includes: goals for the pedestrian environment; description of the basic elements of providing a quality pedestrian experience; existing conditions for walking today; and, recommended policies

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Approvals

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FIRST READING OF THE ABOVE ORDINANCE
WAS HELD ON

10/26/2015
AND FURTHER ACTION WAS DEFERRED
Ken L. Gates
CITY CLERK

PASSED BY
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:

11/2/2015
Ken L. Gates



Continuation of Wording, Summary, Budget, and Distribution

Agenda Wording

Summary (Background)

and actions. In addition, the plan identifies Pedestrian Priority Zones which are based on an assessment of indicators measuring pedestrian demand features and pedestrian deficiencies in order to clarify where the pedestrian needs are the greatest.

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Distribution List

ORDINANCE NO C35315

An ordinance amending the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan adopting a Pedestrian Master Plan as a subarea plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane began planning under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) in 1993, and in May 2001 the City adopted a GMA compliant Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, the City's Comprehensive Plan is subject to continuing evaluation and review.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(2) and SMC 17G.020.040(A), amendments to the Comprehensive Plan may not be considered more frequently than once per year, except that amendments may be considered more frequently in certain circumstances, including the initial adoption of a subarea plan that clarifies, supplements, or implements jurisdiction-wide comprehensive plan policies, so long as cumulative impacts are addressed by appropriate environmental review under chapter 43.21C RCW.

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Master Plan, which is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", supplements and implements jurisdiction-wide comprehensive plan policies relating to planning for pedestrians as a part of the overall Comprehensive Plan Transportation Chapter.

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Master Plan is a subarea plan of the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Chapter that supplements and implements jurisdiction-wide comprehensive plan policies relating to planning for pedestrians as a subarea of the overall topic of transportation planning, and planning for pedestrians is a basic element of the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Master Plan does not modify existing Comprehensive Plan policies and designations applicable to the subarea (Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4, Transportation).

WHEREAS, the following sections of the Pedestrian Master Plan clarify, supplement, and implement jurisdiction-wide comprehensive plan policies related to Transportation:

- Goals for the pedestrian environment.
- Description of the basic elements of providing a quality pedestrian experience.
- Assessment of existing walking conditions.
- A pedestrian needs-analysis and a pedestrian crash analysis.
- Policies and Actions.

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Master Plan will guide decision-making on pedestrian facility improvements. The plan will be implemented through the adoption of the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program and associated construction activities. Amendments to the City policies and development regulations may also be adopted to implement the Pedestrian Master Plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan is the initial phase of the Link Spokane - City of Spokane Integrated Transportation Plan Update. The Transportation Chapter is being updated with an eye towards modern multimodal transportation best practices, smart growth, and the City's Land Use Plan, and is intended to reconnect our transportation network to our community. The Pedestrian Master Plan will undergo a review as a part of the overall Transportation Plan Update to assure it is consistent with any amendments that are made as a part of the update.

WHEREAS, consistent with the City's public notice and participation program, the City has provided the public with notice and extensive opportunities to participate throughout the Comprehensive Plan amendment process and all persons desiring to comment on the proposal were given a full and complete opportunity to be heard.

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2015, the City notified state agencies of the City's intent to adopt the Pedestrian Master Plan. The City has not received comments in response to the notice.

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist was prepared and a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) was issued on September 4, 2015 for the proposed Pedestrian Master Plan. The appeal period for the SEPA determination ended on September 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission held a public hearing on September 23, 2015 to obtain public comments on the proposed Pedestrian Master Plan and voted unanimously to send a recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposed Pedestrian Master Plan. A copy of the Plan Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendation are attached and incorporated into this Ordinance as Exhibit "B".

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the amendments set forth herein are consistent with the Growth Management Act, and will protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the general public; - - Now, Therefore,

The City of Spokane does ordain:

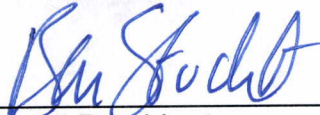
Section 1. Findings, Analysis and Conclusions. After reviewing the record and considering the arguments and evidence in the record and at the public meetings, the City Council hereby adopts the findings, conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Plan Commission on September 23, 2015.

Section 2. Initial adoption of a specific/subarea plan. The City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended by addition of the Pedestrian Master Plan contained in Exhibit A, incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 3. Transmittal to State. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Washington Department of Commerce as required by law.

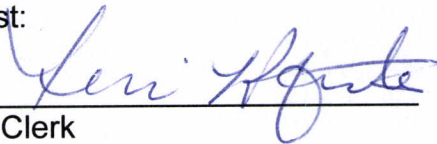
Section 4. Severability/Validity. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, paragraph, subsection, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, paragraphs, clauses or phrases were unconstitutional or invalid.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON November 2, 2015.



Council President

Attest:



City Clerk



Mayor

Approved as to form:



Assistant City Attorney

11/13/2015

Date

12-12-2015

Effective Date

