

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment

2. Name of applicant:

City of Spokane, Washington

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

August 15, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Spokane, Washington

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

The Pedestrian Master Plan is expected to be adopted by the Spokane City Council during the month of October, 2015. The plan will be implemented over time through the identification and construction of projects in the Six Year Capital Improvement Program which is updated annually.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

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.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS/FEIS) prepared in anticipation of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2001. The DEIS and FEIS are dated May 22, 2000 and March 23, 2001, respectively, and examined the potential cumulative environmental impacts of adopting alternative versions of the Comprehensive Plan. The DEIS is available on our web site at: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/business/resources/compplan/background/comp-plan-environmental-impact-statement.pdf> and the FEIS is available upon request at the City's Planning Services Department.

The Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program has its own SEPA Checklist that is reviewed along with the program on an annual basis. These documents are available from the Integrated Capital Management Department upon request.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Not applicable (N/A) This is a non-project action.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

A SEPA Threshold Determination, City Plan Commission public hearing and recommendation, as well as a City Council public hearing and ordinance adoption are required.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The City of Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan includes the following sections to support a more pedestrian-oriented community:

- **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.**
- **Recommended policies and actions.**

It is anticipated that the Pedestrian Master Plan will be adopted by the Spokane City Council as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and 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 such as the Unified Development Code may also take place to implement the Pedestrian Master Plan.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The Pedestrian Master Plan includes the entire area within the city limits of the City of Spokane.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

**** This is a non-project action. All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on the environmental elements listed below. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.**

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations, including stormwater management, and consider the effects of this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

N/A. This is a non-project action.

___deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

___evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

___shrubs

___grass

___pasture

___crop or grain

___Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

___wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

___water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

___other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

N/A. This is a non-project action.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

N/A. This is a non-project action.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

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7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
N/A. This is a non-project action.
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
N/A. This is a non-project action.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

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b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

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8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

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l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

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m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

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10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

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11. Light and Glare

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

N/A. This is a non-project action.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

N/A. This is a non-project action.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

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15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

N/A. This is a non-project action.

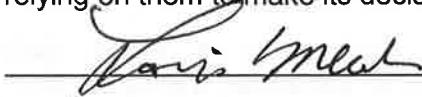
- c. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A. This is a non-project action.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____



Name of signee Louis Meuler

Position and Agency/Organization Interim Planning Director – City of Spokane

Date Submitted: August 28, 2015

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The Pedestrian Master Plan would not likely increase any of these elements. The proposed pedestrian routes are intended to reduce auto-traffic and encourage non-motorized transportation. Most proposed projects would be implemented within existing City ROW.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Not likely. The proposed projects may require the removal of small amounts of urban vegetation; but would not affect animals, fish or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

In the event of a pedestrian project requiring a newly constructed path or be an element of a roadway reconstruction/re-design; all City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on this environmental element. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Not likely. The proposal promotes pedestrian activity as a viable form of transportation. Walking is the most efficient form of personal transportation and requires few natural resources and little energy.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Most projects will be constructed within existing ROW and implementation of projects may include planting strips, rain gardens and new or existing street trees – all of which serve to protect or conserve energy and natural resources.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Not likely. Overall, this plan promotes unobtrusive access to some parks, wilderness, historic or cultural sites, etc. The goal is to promote these areas without affecting their sensitive environments.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Sidewalk and path placement would be sensitive to the preservation of parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains or prime farmlands; and would avoid adverse impacts to any of these elements.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Not likely. Few projects included in the plan affect land near City shorelines. Constructed and designed properly, a pedestrian sidewalk or path should encourage proper land use and shorelines uses. Spokane's Shoreline Master Program policies and regulations will be implemented if a project lies within that jurisdiction.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations pertaining to stormwater drainage, aquifer protection, soil stabilization, grading and filling. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Not likely. The Pedestrian Master Plan is part of a transportation system for non-motorized vehicles. The Pedestrian Master Plan was designed to have minimal affects on motorized transportation.

However, better designed and maintained pedestrian facilities are anticipated to encourage access and use of public transit.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

The Pedestrian Master Plan establishes Priority Pedestrian Zones to guide investments to areas with the greatest potential to support walking access to destinations such as employment, schools, parks, and transit stops. Priority zones were identified using an analysis of pedestrian demand and deficiency. Identification of these zones will help the City target investments in pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks, curb ramps, and pedestrian crossings, while also working with the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) in defining viable transit routes and stops.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

All City of Spokane pedestrian projects will comply with required local, state and federal regulations and consider the effects on the environmental elements listed above. If necessary, projects will implement Best Practices to mitigate any adverse impacts.

WAC 197-11-970 Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS).

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

City of Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

The proposed Pedestrian Master Plan includes the following sections to support a more walkable Spokane:

- **Goals for the pedestrian environment.**
- **Description of the basic elements that provide a quality pedestrian experience.**
- **Recommended policies and actions.**

The plan also provides a number of relevant best practices which are intended to serve as a toolbox for Spokane as it addresses key pedestrian improvements. The best practices should be used to inform opportunities to improve and enhance Spokane's existing pedestrian environment. The Pedestrian Master Plan also includes a pedestrian needs analysis and the identification of pedestrian priority zones.

Proponent **City of Spokane** _____

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: **City limits of the City of Spokane, Washington – Spokane County**

Lead agency **City of Spokane, Planning and Development** _____

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- ◆ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **September 23, 2015 before 3:00 pm.**

Responsible official **Louis Meuler**

Position/title **Interim Director, Planning and Development** Phone. **509-625-6300**

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**City of Spokane – Planning and Development Services
808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard
Spokane, WA 99201**

Date. **September 4, 2015**  _____ Signature

APPEAL OF THIS DETERMINATION, after it becomes final, may be made to the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201. The appeal deadline is fourteen (14) calendar days after the signing of the DNS. This appeal must be on forms provided by the Responsible Official, make specific factual objections and be accompanied by the appeal fee. Contact the Responsible Official for assistance with the specific appeal.

