

NONPROJECT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

FILE NO(S): N/A

PROPONENT: City of Spokane

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Adoption of the *South University District Subarea Plan*, which provides a vision for future development of a 214-acre area just east of the downtown core. The proposal also includes a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend Land Use Map designations of a 90-acre area from General Commercial to Downtown; a Zoning Map change for the same area from GC-150 (General Commercial with 150 foot height limit) to DTU (Downtown University), an amendment of downtown plan Map 5.1 "Streetscape Improvements," to designate complete streets for the same area consistent with those proposed in the *South University District Subarea Plan*; an amendment of the Surface Parking Lot Limited Area Map (SMC 17C.124-M1) to include the areas rezoned DTU; and an amendment of the Downtown Design Review Threshold Map (SMC 17G.040-M1) to include the areas rezoned DTU within the Perimeter Area identified on the Downtown Design Review Threshold Map.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY:

A 90-acre area within the South University District focused on the frontages of E. Sprague Avenue and S. Sherman Street.

Legal Description: n/a

LEAD AGENCY: City of Spokane


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 section 197-11-355 WAC. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- [X] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act until the close of the Plan Commission public hearing on this proposal which exceeds 14 days from the issuance of this DNS. Comments must be submitted no later than noon on March 24, 2020 if they are intended to alter or appeal the DNS.

Responsible Official: Louis Meuler

Position/Title: Director, Planning Services **Phone:** (509) 625-6300

Address: 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

Date Issued: February 21, 2020 **Signature:** 

APPEAL OF THIS DETERMINATION, after it has become final, may be made to the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201. The appeal deadline is noon on March 10, 2020. 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 specifics of a SEPA appeal.

Environmental Checklist

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Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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 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.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "*does not apply*."

IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

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BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: South University District Subarea Plan
2. Name of applicant: City of Spokane
3. Address and phone number of applicant or contact person:
 - a. Address: Neighborhood & Planning Services, 6th floor, Spokane City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3329
 - b. Phone number: (509) 625-6300
 - c. Contact person: Christopher Green, AICP, Assistant Planner
4. Date checklist prepared: February 20, 2020
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane, Neighborhood & Planning Services Department
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

The subarea plan is scheduled for a public hearing at the Plan Commission on March 25, 2020. Following a recommendation from the Plan Commission, the City Council will consider the subarea plan for adoption at a public hearing in Spring 2020.
7.
 - a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No
 - b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain.

No
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to his proposal.

None that is directly related to this proposal.
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.

No
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

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Approval from Plan Commission, City Council, and the Mayor will be needed to adopt the South University District Subarea plan.

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.

Adoption of the South University District Subarea Plan, which provides a vision for future development for a 214-acre area just east of the downtown core. The subarea plan includes a vision statement, goals, and policies to guide future development in the South University District, and proposes the following changes in a 90-acre area focused along the frontages of E Sprague Avenue and S Sherman Street:

(1) Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend the Land Use Map designation of a 90-acre area from General Commercial to Downtown; and

(2) A concurrent Zoning Map change for the same area from General Commercial to Downtown; and

(3) Amendment of downtown plan Map 5.1 "Streetscape Improvements," to designate complete streets for the affected geographic area consistent with those proposed in the South University District subarea plan; and

(4) Amendment of the Surface Parking Limited Area map (SMC 17C.124-M1) to include the affected geographic area within the Surface Parking Limited Area.

(5) Amendment of the Downtown Design Review Threshold Map (SMC 17G.040-M1) to include the affected geographic area within the Perimeter Area identified on the Downtown Design Review Threshold Map.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information to 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 application related to this checklist.

The South University District is just east of the Downtown core generally encapsulated by Division Street to the west, Interstate 90 to the south, Hamilton Street and its interchange with I-90 to the east, and the right-of-way for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railway to the north. The South University District includes approximately 214 acres of land.

Proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to the Land Use Map and concurrent zone changes are proposed for a 63 acre area generally extending north from the centerline of E 1st Avenue to the BNSF tracks between Pine Street and Hamilton Street, and extending south along either side of Sherman Street to E 2nd Avenue.

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An additional 10-acre area extending approximately one parcel east and west from S Sherman Street between 2nd Avenue and the I-90 freeway, and an additional 17-acre area extending southward from 1st Avenue to Short Avenue and west to Pine Street have also been considered for the same Land Use Plan Map, zoning, and overlay changes as part of the planning process, and this checklist considers a land use and zone change covering the maximum extent of 90 acres encompassed by the core 63-acre proposal and the additional 27 acres under consideration. A detailed map of the South University District boundary and boundaries of proposed Land Use Map and zoning changes is attached.

13. Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)? The General Sewer Service Area? The Priority Sewer Service Area? The City of Spokane? (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.)

Yes

14. The following questions supplement Part A.

a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)

- i. Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste, installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities).

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- ii. Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground or underground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- iii. What protective measures will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- iv. Will any chemicals be stored, handled or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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b. Stormwater

- i. What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- ii. Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountains, other:

The affected geographical area is predominately flat.

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

The affected geographical area is generally flat, with most slopes below 8 percent, and a few small areas near basalt outcroppings exceeding a 16 percent slope. The steepest slope is located at the northern edge of the district, along the bluff that runs parallel to the BNSF railway tracks.

- 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 prime farmland.

The soils are generally described as Hesseltine Silt Loam, moderately deep, 0 to 8 percent slopes. Please see the "Soil Survey, Spokane County Washington, 1968" for additional information regarding this and other soil classifications within the City of Spokane.

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

No

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill:

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, 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)?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

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Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

2. Air

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable, 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.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

This proposal does not contain provisions to reduce or control emissions.

3. Water

- a. SURFACE:

- i. 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.

At its closest point, the Spokane River is approximately 300 feet northeast of the subarea boundary.

- ii. 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.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

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No

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

b. GROUND:

- i. Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- ii. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sanitary waste treatment facility. Describe the general size of the system, the number of houses to be served (if applicable) or the number of persons the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

c. WATER RUNOFF (INCLUDING STORMWATER):

- i. Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) 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.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- ii. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any.

The provisions of SMC 17D.060 Stormwater Facilities regulate stormwater and requires appropriate on-site storage and disposal. New development is reviewed under these regulations and is required to build appropriate stormwater facilities.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle type of vegetation found on the site:

☒ Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other: _____

☒ Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other: _____

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- ☒ Shrubs
- ☒ Grass
- ☐ Pasture
- ☐ Crop or grain
- ☐ Wet soil plants, cattail, buttercup, bulrush, 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?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, 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:

New development will be required to meet the standards set forth in SMC Chapter 17C.200 Landscaping and Screening. The subarea plan includes Community Design Goal CD-2 ("Enhanced Neighborhood Context"), which includes proposed policies to identify land for a park and increase the number of street trees in the subarea.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: ☐ hawk, ☐ heron, ☐ eagle, ☐ songbirds, other: _____

Mammals: ☐ deer, ☐ bear, ☐ elk, ☐ beaver, other: _____

Fish: ☐ bass, ☐ salmon, ☐ trout, ☐ herring, ☐ shellfish, other: _____

Other: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

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Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

The provisions of Spokane Municipal Code Section 17E.020 Fish and Wildlife Habitat contain development standards for the protection of animals listed as threatened, endangered and priority species.

6. Energy and natural resources

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, 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:

The City of Spokane's adopted Comprehensive Plan includes Goal NE 18 - Energy Conservation: "Promote the conservation of energy in the location and design of residential, service, and workplaces." The subarea plan includes a number of goals, policies, and implementation measures (such as zoning map changes) to promote increased development and redevelopment a subarea located adjacent to the urban core, promoting efficient use of land served by existing infrastructure and reducing potential vehicle miles traveled by residents and other users of the district.

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.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- i. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- ii. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- b. NOISE:

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

- ii. 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.

New development could create construction noise as redevelopment occurs with the affected geographic area. Any such noise would be subject to the provisions of SMC 10.08D Noise Control.

- iii. Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Noise is regulated under SMC 10.08D Noise Control. This section of the Spokane Municipal Code outlines maximum permissible environmental sounds levels by zone type (residential, commercial, office, retail, industrial, etc). Projects within the affected geographic area would be subject to these standards.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Most property is zoned General Commercial with a 150 foot height limit (GC-150) with a small section of Downtown General on the western edge. General Commercial allows for a full range of retail and service businesses with a local or regional market as well as industrial uses. Prior to 2005, the subarea was primarily within a light industrial zone. Reflecting the variety of uses allowed in past and current zoning districts, the subarea today supports a diverse mix of uses, with retail, office, industrial, and residential uses spread throughout the area.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

GC-150 zoning allows most residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings with a maximum height of 150 feet. Development in the district is characterized by low building heights, a mix of building ages – some dating back to the early 1900's – and a range of parcels sizes with many small parcels remaining from when the area was originally platted in the 1880's.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which?

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Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Most property is zoned General Commercial with a 150 foot height limit (GC-150) with a small section of Downtown General (DTG) on the western edge.

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

The Comprehensive Land Use Map designation for the affected geographic area is General Commercial.

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

Not applicable.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area? If so, specify.

Yes, the entire affected geographic area is within the critical aquifer recharge area.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action. SMC Chapter 17C.210 Nonconforming Situations includes provisions to allow continued use and, in some cases, enlargement of uses rendered nonconforming by zone changes such as those included in the proposal.

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

Staff and consultants have monitored plan development to ensure consistency with the Spokane Comprehensive Plan, as well as simultaneous subarea planning efforts in the nearby North Bank subarea and an update of the Downtown Plan. The proposal includes topics identified in the planning process that may be more suitable to consideration as part of future code updates to follow the Downtown Plan update.

9. Housing

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

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Not applicable, this is a non-project action. The subarea plan includes goals to promote development of a new housing at a range of types and prices. Household living is an allowed use in all of the proposed zoning districts within the subarea.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action. Household living is an allowed use in all of the proposed zoning districts within the subarea, and subarea plan policies promote development of additional housing units.

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?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action. The subarea plan proposes to change the zoning of a portion of the district from GC-150, allows a maximum height of 150 feet, to DTU, which allows a maximum height of 12 stories. Based on typical height per story of new construction, the change from 150 feet to 12 stories represents little actual change in the allowed height of new buildings.

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

The proposal would include the portion of the subarea proposed to be rezoned to DTU within the "perimeter" area of the threshold map for design review. Within the perimeter area, private development greater than 50,000 square feet (in addition to public development) would be subject to design review.

11. Light and Glare

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts are not a part of this proposal.

12. Recreation

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

Not applicable, this is a non-project action. The zone changes proposed in the subarea plan would not diminish the potential use of any properties for recreational purposes.

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

There are no proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation. The subarea plan includes Community Design Goal CD-2 ("Enhanced Neighborhood Context"), which includes proposed policies to identify land for a park in the subarea.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site?

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Store and Warehouse (123 E Sprague Avenue), and the Albert Apartments (152 S Pine Street) are historic properties listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic archaeological, scientific or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

The Spokane River is a known culturally significant feature that is located approximately 300 feet northeast of the subarea boundary. A portion of the original site of Liberty Park, designed by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm, is at the far southeast corner of the district at 1280 E 3rd Avenue. Ruins of a portion of the pergola and pathways from the original park remain at the site.

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

The shorelines of the Spokane River are protected under the state Shoreline Management Act and Spokane's Shoreline Master Program. Both properties on the

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Spokane Register of Historic Places are protected under management agreements with the Spokane City/County Historic Preservation Office. Historic structures are further protected under SMC 17D.100 Historic Preservation. The subarea plan does not propose additional measures to reduce or control impacts.

14. Transportation

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

The subarea is within a developed part of the city covered by an existing street grid and multiple north-south and east-west arterials providing access. The subarea also has direct access to the I-90 freeway and U.S. 395 highway (Division Street). The proposal would not alter any access to the existing street system.

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Yes. Spokane Transit Authority lines 12, 45, 90, 94 directly serve the subarea.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

No

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

The Burlington Northern-Santa Fe rail line forms the northern boundary of the subarea. The proposal would not make any changes within the railroad right-of-way or to nearby points of access.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak would occur. (**Note:** to assist in review and if known indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM Peak and Weekday (24 hours))

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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

The subarea plan includes a number of goals, policies, and implementation measures (such as zoning map changes) to promote increased development and redevelopment

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a subarea located adjacent to the urban core and facilitating more intensive use of existing multimodal transportation infrastructure, including sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian paths, frequent transit service, and bicycle and pedestrian access to higher education campuses and the downtown core via the University District Gateway Bridge.

15. Public services

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

This proposal is a non-project action and should not directly increase the need for fire, police, health care or school services.

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

Impacts will be addressed at the time of permit application.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:

The project are is fully served with urban utilities.


- b. 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.

Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

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SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 2/21/2010 Signature: 

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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: 

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- ☒ A. There are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
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(Do not 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 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 proposal would not directly increase discharge to water, emissions to air, the production and storage of toxic or hazardous substances or noise.

- a. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

No such measures are included in this proposal. New development in the subarea is subject to Spokane Municipal Code standards for stormwater management, shoreline and critical areas protections, and other limitations on the increases described in Question 1.

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

This proposal is unlikely to directly affect plants and animals.

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

No measures are proposed to specifically address the conservation of plants and animals in this proposal. New development within the subarea is subject to Spokane Municipal Code standards for landscaping, protection of critical areas, and habitat.

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

The proposal is not likely to deplete energy or natural resources. The subarea plan includes a number of goals, policies, and implementation measures (such as zoning map changes) to promote increased development and redevelopment a subarea located adjacent to the urban core, promoting efficient use of land served by existing infrastructure and reducing energy and natural resources consumed by potential vehicle miles traveled by residents and other users of the district.

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

The proposal does not directly address energy and natural resource conservation.

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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, flood plains or prime farmlands?

This proposal will not directly affect environmentally sensitive areas. If new development occurs because of the subarea plan and its recommended code changes it will be subject to the critical area standards of the Spokane Municipal Code.

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

No new measures are proposed. Project impacts will be addressed at the time of permit application in accordance with the standards of the Spokane Municipal Code.

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?

The subarea plan has been developed to work in conjunction with the Downtown Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. Development occurring as a result of changes recommended in the subarea plan will be subject to standards in the Comprehensive Plan and implementing regulations set forth in the Spokane Municipal Code.

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

No additional measures are proposed.

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

If new development occurs because of the subarea plan and its recommended code changes, the demands on transportation, public services, and utilities in the subarea can be expected to increase as a result of the corresponding growth in residents and other users of the district. However, the subarea is centrally located within Spokane where public facilities and services are in place to accommodate this growth.

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

New development within the subarea would be subject to transportation impact fees to mitigate increased demands on the transportation system. New development must be certified for concurrency with the facilities and services set forth in SMC Section 17D.010.010.

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

The proposal does not conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

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SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

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