The South University District Context

The South University District is home to small, homegrown businesses, and firms that provide regional services.

The University Gateway Bridge has created a new walking and cycling link between the north and south halves of the University District.

New development at the University Gateway Bridge landing features cross-laminated-timber construction, a cutting-edge technology locally produced in Spokane.

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Older residential buildings remain through the district, providing a reminder of the area’s history, enriching its character, and adding variety to the built environment.

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Universities north of the bridge plan to continue to expand their presence in Spokane, including potential new construction in the South University District.

The University Gateway Bridge spans BNSF railroad tracks, a major barrier to movement.

Sporadic property development and past lax standards have resulted in disconnected pedestrian infrastructure.

The community design workshop for the South University District Subarea Plan was held on July 30, 2019.
Context Map

Existing Zoning

South University District Subarea Plan Open House – October 2, 2019