SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE
NONPROJECT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

FILE NO(S):  N/A

PROPOONENT:  City of Spokane

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:  Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan through repealing and replacing the 2008 Downtown Plan: Fast Forward Spokane: Downtown Plan Update. The new Spokane Downtown Plan is a component of the existing Comprehensive Plan when adopted by reference. The Spokane Downtown Plan includes a vision for future development and identifies five overarching goal categories, which contain specific policies and actions. The policies and actions set by the new subarea plan are consistent with the direction of the Comprehensive Plan.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY:  The new Spokane Downtown Plan document provides policy guidance for the City of Spokane 2021 Downtown Planning Area (a subarea of the Comprehensive Plan) and is effective area-wide. The new area incorporates the geographic area of both the 2008 Downtown Plan and the 2020 South University District Subarea Plan: Boone Ave to the north; Interstate 90 to the south; BNSF Railway/Maple St/Cedar St/Adams St to the west; parcels fronting Ruby St, a parcel fronting North River Dr, the Spokane River, a line extended from Scott St, BNSF Railway, and Interstate 90 Exit 282 (Hamilton St interchange) westbound on-ramp to the east. Map attached to the environmental checklist and available online at http://my.spokanecity.org/projects/downtown-plan-update/

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 on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of issuance (below). Comments must be submitted no later than May 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. if they are intended to alter the DNS.

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Date Issued:  April 28, 2021  Signature:  Louis Meuler (Apr 27, 2021 09:34 PDT)
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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 specifics of a SEPA appeal.