



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: WD-136

Harold L White, P.E.
Project Engineer
Washington Department of Transportation
District 6
North 2714 Mayfair Street
Spokane, Washington 99205-2090

Dear Mr. White:

We are writing in reply to your letter of April 23, 1991 concerning EPA being a "cooperating agency" for the **North Spokane Corridor EIS**. We believe that the agency involvement you suggest for this project can be handled under our normal responsibilities for scoping under § 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Also, we do not anticipate any separate NEPA compliance obligations for our agency. As such, "cooperating agency" status for EPA is not essential for this project.

We anticipate being actively involved in the scoping process, particularly because of the potential effects to the Spokane Aquifer. Please keep us informed as the project develops. Please contact Wayne Elson at (206) 553-1463 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald Opatz".

Gerald Opatz, Chief
Environmental Evaluation Section

cc: Bernie Chaplan, WSDOT
Bob Falkenstein, FHWA

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

WD-126

Barry F. Morehead
Division Administrator, Region 10
Federal Highway Administration
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Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Mr. Morehead:

This letter is to accept the offers from Washington State Department of Transportation, District 6 to be a cooperating agency for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for the **North Spokane Corridor Project** near the city of Spokane. This reverses our original decision in a April 23, 1991, letter to decline cooperating agency status. The project includes a proposal to construct a new multi-lane roadway with limited access control extending from SR 90 north to the Little Spokane River.

Our acceptance is based on our jurisdiction under the Safe Drinking Water Act, § 1424(e) as the project traverses the Spokane Valley - Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. This should be stated as such in the draft EIS. We understand our role to include reviewing a preliminary version of the draft EIS. Other special reviews such as preliminary final EIS review or highway design specifications will be on an as-needed basis. We plan to submit scoping comments in a separate letter. We do not anticipate any separate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance obligations for our agency.

Our acceptance as a cooperating agency does not foreclose our responsibilities under NEPA and § 309 of the Clean Air Act to independently review the draft EIS for the public record.

We are pleased to be able to work closely with your agency and the Washington State Department of Transportation to insure that adverse effects to the sole source aquifer are minimized. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Elson of my staff at (206) 553-1463.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Veit".

Kathy Veit, Chief
Program Coordination Branch

cc: Harold L. White, WSDOT District 6
Bob Falkenstein, FHWA

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REPLY TO
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Harold White, P.E.
Washington State Department of Transportation
District 6
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Dear Mr. White:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Washington State Department of Transportation Interdisciplinary Team's scoping documents for the proposed North Spokane Freeway in Spokane, Washington. Our review of this material was conducted in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

Detailed scoping comments are enclosed regarding issues that we believe are significant and should be evaluated in the draft EIS. Our experience has shown that when these environmental concerns are thoroughly evaluated, the EIS is a more meaningful document. We appreciate the opportunity to review this project and provide scoping comments. Thank you for your willingness to consider our comments at this stage of the process, and we hope they will be useful to you. If you have any questions you may contact John Bregar in our Program Coordination Branch at (206) 553-1984.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy Veit".

Kathy Veit, Chief
Program Coordination Branch

Enclosure

United States Environmental Protection Agency

North Spokane Freeway Environmental Impact Study Comment Sheet

Better Mobility Through Spokane

Please use this form to express any comments that you have concerning this project.

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Comments:

I appreciated the availability and commitment of your consultants and employees at the North/South freeway proposals meeting the evening of July 25 at Shaw Junior High. Their thoughtful response to the questions and concerns expressed by numerous people demonstrated their willingness to listen and give consideration to a variety of viewpoints. Two people should be specifically mentioned for their thoughtful and courteous treatment of the people in attendance at the evening session: Mr. Tom Hill, Department of Transportation; and Mr. Jon Manton of Bovay Northwest.

On behalf of the Community Colleges of Spokane, if the Freya/Market corridor is accepted, we are interested in pursuing the possibility of utilizing the space under the elevated freeway for classrooms, support space, and parking. The need for a North/South rapid movement of traffic has long been a significant concern to many of the public served by the Community Colleges of Spokane, particularly those at the Spokane Community College campus.

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Chief Executive Officer

October 15, 1992

Harold White
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Washington State Department of Transportation
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Dear Harold:

First, on behalf of the Community Colleges of Spokane, I wish to thank you and your colleagues for the preliminary presentation which you provided to some of my staff. That type of effort on your part is very much appreciated, and I know that, as this project continues down its path, we can stay in close contact.

I have some deep concerns with what is presently shown as the Market/Greene (Alternative 2) design concept at Spokane Community College. The concerns are these:

- 1) Loss of major campus entries on Greene Street (decrease from four to two).
- 2) Loss of major campus entry on Mission Avenue (decrease from four to three).
- 3) Loss of the campus entry on Greene Street which identifies college and provides a pleasant welcome to students and the general public.
- 4) Loss of approximately 500 parking stalls.
- 5) Loss of fire station and tower; both are used for classroom training.
- 6) Loss of future building site; note master plan footprint (enclosed).
- 7) Loss of natural landscaping along Greene Street.
- 8) Air pollution, especially for the Main Building which fronts on Mission Street.
- 9) Noise pollution, especially for the Main Building.

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- 10) Possible loss of the only East/West vehicle route on the South end of campus between Mission Avenue and the Main Building.

Our business is education. We need multiple ingress and egress to our colleges. The design that you presented is, from our vantage point, not acceptable. The disruption is significant and would harm the college and students for many years. I would ask that you do all within your power to make significant design changes on our behalf or to move to an alternate route.

Very sincerely,



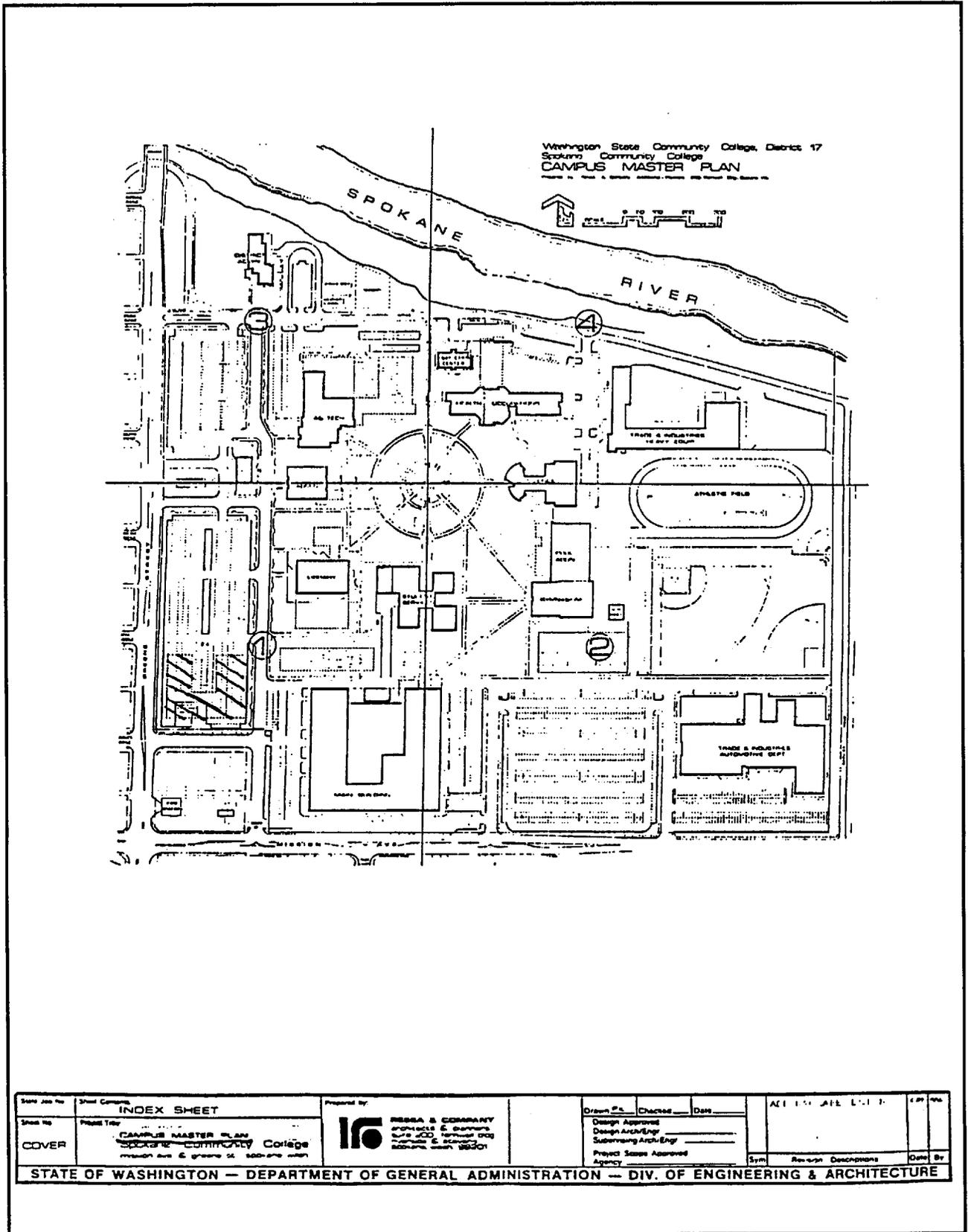
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