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AGENDA SHEET FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 5, 2010

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AGENDA WORDING:

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A resolution of the City of Spokane supporting Ballot Proposition No. 1, entitled "City of Spokane EMS – Emergency Medical Services Levy," submitted by the City of Spokane for the April 27, 2010 Special Election regarding a ballot proposition imposing additional regular property tax levies to be used exclusively for EMS – Emergency Medical Services for the years 2011 through 2016 in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed value as set forth in Ordinance No. C-34568.

BACKGROUND:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

The current EMS Levy will expire at the end of December 2010. On March 8, 2010, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2010-0008 requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election providing for the submission of Proposition No. 1 to the electors of the City of Spokane on the April 27, 2010 special election authorizing the City to impose additional regular property tax levies to be used exclusively for EMS – Emergency Medical Services for the years 2011 through 2016 in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed value pursuant to Ordinance No. C- 34568. This resolution sets forth the City Council's support for the passage of the EMS Levy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Fiscal Impact: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Budget Account: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure: \$	#
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ATTACHMENTS: Include in Packets:
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SIGNATURES:

Joe Shogan
 City Council Member

 Division Director

 Finance

Michael Piccolo
 Legal

 For the Mayor

Alexander J. Shogan, Jr.
 Council President

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 Mike Piccolo, Legal Dept.

COUNCIL ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the current City of Spokane Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy will expire at the end of December 2010; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, access to quality first response emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Fire Department's EMS providers have traditionally served as the safety net of Spokane's health care system; and

WHEREAS, the City and Spokane Fire Department could not provide first response emergency medical care to those in need without the funding support of the EMS Levy; and

WHEREAS, the EMS levy has contributed significantly to the provision of EMS which greatly promotes the health and safety of the citizens of the community.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2010, the City of Spokane passed Resolution No. 2010 - 0008 requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election providing for the submission of Proposition No. 1 to the electors of the City of Spokane on the April 27, 2010 special election authorizing the City to impose additional regular property tax levies to be used exclusively for EMS – Emergency Medical Services for the years 2011 through 2016 in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed value pursuant to Ordinance No. C - 34568;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2010, the Spokane County Elections Department provided notice of the ballot title language for the City of Spokane Proposition No. 1 for the April 27, 2010 Special Election, a copy of which is attached to this resolution;

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1, as approved by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 2010 - 0008 and as submitted to the Spokane County

Elections Department, shall appear on the April 27, 2010 Special Election as the following ballot proposition:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CITY OF SPOKANE

EMS – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY

The City of Spokane approved Resolution No. 2010 -0008, authorizing a ballot proposition imposing additional regular property tax levies to be used exclusively for EMS - Emergency Medical Services for the years 2011 through 2016 in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed value as set forth in Ordinance No. C-34568.

Shall the City of Spokane be authorized to impose regular property tax levies in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed valuation for the continued provision of EMS - Emergency Medical Services for six consecutive years to be collected in 2011 through 2016 inclusive?

Yes []
No []

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Spokane that the City Council supports the passage of the City of Spokane Proposition No. 1 on the April 27, 2010 Special Election regarding a ballot proposition imposing additional regular property tax levies to be used exclusively for EMS – Emergency Medical Services for the years 2011 through 2016 in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed value.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of April, 2010.

City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Assistant City Attorney

Official Ballot
Spokane County, Washington
April 27, 2010 Special Election

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Use a Black or Blue Pen

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If You Make a Mistake, draw a line through the entire response. ~~George Washington~~

You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.

Unless specifically allowed by law, more than one vote for a ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or ballot measure will be counted.

In order for your ballot to be counted, it must be either postmarked or deposited at a designated deposit site no later than 8:00 P.M. on Election Day. A list of deposit sites may be found at www.spokanecounty.org/elections.

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City of Spokane

Proposition No. 1
City of Spokane
EMS - Emergency Medical Services Levy

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Shall the City of Spokane be authorized to impose regular property tax levies in the sum of 50¢ per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed valuation for the continued provision of EMS - Emergency Medical Services for six consecutive years to be collected in 2011 through 2016 inclusive?

Yes

No

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Options for returning your ballot: Affix first class postage to the return envelope and submit it to the US Post Office; Deposit it in a drop box, locations for this election are listed below; or Deliver it to a Voter Service Center on Election Day, locations are listed below.

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Ballot Drop Boxes will be open at the following locations. Ballot drop boxes are locked promptly at 8:00 pm on Election Day. Postage is not necessary to deposit a ballot in a drop box.

Airway Heights Library - 1213 S Lundstrom St East Side Library - 524 S Stone St Hillyard Library - 4005 N Cook St Moran Prairie Library - 6004 S Regal St Shadle Library - 2111 W Wellesley Ave STA Plaza - 701 W Riverside Ave	Spokane Downtown Library - 906 W Main Ave Elections Office - 1033 W Gardner Ave Indian Trail Library - 4909 W Barnes Rd N. Spokane Library - 44 E Hawthorne Rd South Hill Library - 3324 S Perry St
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The following **Voter Service Centers** will be open on Election Day from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Voters may drop off ballots, get replacement ballots, use an Accessible Voting Unit, or receive other assistance as needed.

Spokane County Elections Office - 1033 W Gardner Ave
 North Spokane Library - 44 E Hawthorne Rd
 St Mark's Church - 316 E 24th Ave
 STA Plaza 701 - W Riverside Ave

The Spokane County Elections Office will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (New Office Hours) to assist voters. Voters may drop off ballots, get replacement ballots, use an Accessible Voting Unit, or receive other assistance as needed. Additional information may be found at www.spokanecounty.org/elections, emailing us at elections@spokanecounty.org or by calling (509) 477-2320.

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AGENDA WORDING:

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A resolution regarding support of the Complete Streets Concept and for the development of a Complete Streets Ordinance as a component of the City's street standards.

BACKGROUND:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

This resolution provides that the Spokane City Council requests that city staff partner with community organizations and asses current street standards and land use and transportation plans with regard to the "Complete Streets" concept; identify relevant elements within the city's existing plans, regulations and operational standards that support the implementation of "Complete Streets" within the city; and identify the gaps and opportunities to supplement and fund said plans, regulations and standards in order to achieve the implementation of "Complete Streets" throughout the city and provide council with guidance towards the creation of a complete streets ordinance. This resolution further provides the Council's requests support engineering participation at a April 29, 2010 Complete Streets workshop at the Spokane Regional Health District with a broad array of stakeholders in creation of the best possible Complete Streets policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Fiscal Impact: <input type="radio"/> N/A	Budget Account: <input type="radio"/> N/A
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 City Council Member

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 Division Director

 For the Mayor

 Finance

 Council President

DISTRIBUTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Resolution of the Spokane City Council Expressing Support for the Complete Streets Concept and Requesting that a *Complete Streets Ordinance* be drafted as a component of the *Street Standards*.

A resolution regarding support of the Complete Streets Concept and for the development of a Complete Streets Ordinance as a component of the City's street standards.

WHEREAS, the "Complete Streets" concept promotes streets that are safe and convenient for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders;

WHEREAS, streets constitute a large portion of the public space and should be corridors for all modes of transportation including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit;

streets that support and invite multiple uses that include safe, active and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit are more conducive to the efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks;

WHEREAS, trends in energy and transportation costs, air quality, and public health necessitate a more comprehensive approach to mobility within communities to offer a greater variety of mobility choices that are not strictly automobile based;

WHEREAS, there are practical limits to roadway expansion as a response to traffic congestion;

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle and transit travel as an alternative to automobiles reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living and is less costly to the commuter;

WHEREAS, the development of a more complete transportation network or "Complete Streets" can improve pedestrian safety, increase the transportation network's capacity, reduce climate change effects, and promote improvements in public health;

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has confirmed that designing the street with pedestrians in mind significantly reduces pedestrian risk. About one-third of Americans and 30% of Washingtonians do not drive, including low-income Americans who cannot afford cars and school age children and an increasing number of older adults. Whether they walk or bicycle directly to their destinations, or to public transportation, these individuals require safe access to get to work, school, shops and medical visits, and to take part in social, civic and volunteer activities. In 2006, nearly one quarter of pedestrian fatalities were children (eight percent) and older adults (fifteen percent);

WHEREAS, forty percent of adults age fifty and older reported inadequate sidewalks in their neighborhoods. Nearly fifty percent reported they cannot cross main roads close to their home safely. Half of those who reported such problems said they would walk, bicycle, or take the bus more according to a 2008 AARP study;

WHEREAS, transportation expenses can be reduced if local infrastructure encourages active transportation, which helps families replace car trips with bicycling, walking, or taking public transit. When roads are re-designed and maintained to attract pedestrians, the local economy improves and diversifies from increased buyers, which creates job growth and increased investment in the area, including surrounding property values;

WHEREAS, studies have found that providing more travel options, including public transportation, bicycling and walking facilities, is an important element in reducing congestion. Many studies show that when roads are better designed for bicycling, walking, and taking transit, more people do so;

WHEREAS, the construction of "Complete Streets" can be an essential component in reducing automobile trips since nearly fifty percent of all trips in metropolitan areas are three miles or less and twenty-eight percent are one mile or less – distances easily covered by foot or bicycle. Sixty-five percent of trips under one mile are now made by automobile, in part because of incomplete streets that make it dangerous or unpleasant to walk, bicycle, or take transit;

WHEREAS, a 2007 Washington State Department of Transportation survey found that a lack of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes, is a primary reason why Washington residents do not walk or bicycle more frequently;

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions and agencies nationwide have adopted "Complete Streets" legislation, including the United States Department of Transportation, numerous state transportation agencies and cities such as Sacramento, San Diego, Chicago, Seattle, Kirkland, Redmond, and Portland;

WHEREAS, the "Complete Streets" concept is supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, American Planning Association and the National Association of Local Boards of Health many other transportation, planning and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, the City Of Spokane strives to be a regional leader in active transportation policy including the recent Market St. redesign in Hillyard, the SMART business Recognition in the Transportation Category and the City Of Spokane's 2009 Commute Trip Reduction Award, PeTT Committee, adoption of a Master Bike Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spokane City Council that the Spokane City Council requests that staff partner with community organizations and

asses current street standards and land use and transportation plans with regard to the "Complete Streets" concept; identify relevant elements within the city's existing plans, regulations and operational standards that support the implementation of "Complete Streets" within the city; and identify the gaps and opportunities to supplement and fund said plans, regulations and standards in order to achieve the implementation of "Complete Streets" throughout the city and provide council with guidance towards the creation of a complete streets ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane City Council requests support engineering participation at a April 29, 2010 Complete Streets workshop at the Spokane Regional Health District with a broad array of stakeholders in creation of the best possible Complete Streets policy.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON _____, 2010.

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Assistant City Attorney