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Fire Districts



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November 28, 2022

Scott Chesney, AICP
Planning Director
Spokane County
1026 W. Broadway Ave
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Subject: Capacity for Spokane Fire Department

Dear Scott:

I understand you are finalizing the capital facilities plan update and need the Fire/EMS agencies to verify they have sufficient capacity to serve land within the urban growth area. As you know, we constantly strive to improve the provision and quality of our services and to reduce community risk, optimize our fire insurance ratings, increase victim survivability, and improve patient clinical outcomes. Additionally, the SFD is an industry leader in innovative training, recruitment and retention, equipment, facilities, and alternative deployment methods. We rely on voters within our city to support our operations and capital purchases.

We believe that the current staffing and deployment model has sufficient capacity to serve the City of Spokane today. To address future planning and improved decision-making, we have hired Integrus Architecture to research, analyze, and develop a three phased capital plan with modeling for population, road network changes, and other variables that can impact emergency responses within the growth area.

We appreciate the opportunity to review individual development proposals to ensure they incorporate appropriate fire prevention, access, and fire suppression elements. While we have been able to adequately serve our population with much success, we also need to participate in future project reviews to ensure appropriate design strategies and SEPA mitigation measures are applied.

I hope this letter helps in your planning for Spokane County's future, and I am happy to discuss this further. Moreover, I anticipate the consultant will be reaching out in the coming months to gather your perspectives, ideas, and data.

Thank you for including our organization in the process, and I look forward to moving the community forward, together.

Sincerely,

Brian Schaeffer
Fire Chief

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Ken Johnson
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November 23, 2022

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Subject: Capacity for Fire District 10

Dear Scott:

We understand you are finalizing your capital facilities plan update and need the fire districts to verify they have sufficient capacity to serve land within the urban growth area. As you know, fire districts are constantly striving to improve service provision and to optimize our fire insurance ratings, investing in staff training and retention, equipment upgrades, and new facilities as we can. We also rely on voters within our district to support our operations and capital purchases.

We are executing a plan to ensure we provide sufficient capacity to adequately serve our district and the planned population growth within the urban growth area. However, we also appreciate the opportunity to review individual development proposals to ensure they incorporate appropriate fire prevention, access, and fire suppression elements. While we can adequately serve our population and forecast growth, we must also participate in project reviews to ensure appropriate design strategies and SEPA mitigation measures are applied.

I hope this letter helps in your planning for Spokane County's future, and I am happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Ken Johnson
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November 28, 2022

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Subject: Capacity for Spokane School District

Dear Scott:

We understand you are finalizing your capital facilities plan update and need the school districts to verify they have sufficient capacity to serve land within the urban growth area. As you know, school districts are always striving to improve service provision, investing to optimize our programs, curricula, activities, transportation, facilities, and overall educational performance as we can. We also rely on voters within our district to support our operations and capital purchases.

We have sufficient capacity now to adequately serve our district and the planned population growth within the urban growth area. However, we also appreciate the opportunity to review individual development proposals to ensure they consider the impact they have on the services we provide, and we anticipate asking our constituents to continue supporting the district as we invest in our facilities for the future. While we have capacity to adequately serve our population and forecast growth, we also need to participate in project review to ensure appropriate design strategies and SEPA mitigation measures are applied as new development occurs.

I hope this letter helps in your planning for Spokane County's future, and I am happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Capacity for Liberty School District

Dear Scott:

We understand you are finalizing your capital facilities plan update and need the school districts to verify they have sufficient capacity to serve land within the urban growth area. As you know, school districts are always striving to improve service provision, investing to optimize our programs, curricula, activities, transportation, facilities, and overall educational performance as we can. We also rely on voters within our district to support our operations and capital purchases.

We have sufficient capacity as of now to adequately serve our district and the planned population growth within the urban growth area. However, we also appreciate the opportunity to review individual development proposals to ensure they consider the impact they have on the services we provide. We anticipate asking our constituents to continue supporting the district as we invest in our facilities for the future. While we have capacity to adequately serve our population and forecast growth, we also need to participate in project review to ensure appropriate design strategies and SEPA mitigation measures are applied as new development occurs.

I hope this letter helps in your planning for Spokane County's future, and I am happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Jerrad Jeske
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Subject: Capacity for Freeman School District

Dear Scott:

We understand you are finalizing your capital facilities plan update and need the school districts to verify they have sufficient capacity to serve land within the urban growth area. As you know, school districts are always striving to improve service provision, investing to optimize our programs, curricula, activities, transportation, facilities, and overall educational performance as we can. We also rely on voters within our district to support our operations and capital purchases.

We have sufficient capacity now to adequately serve our district and the planned population growth within the urban growth area. However, we also appreciate the opportunity to review individual development proposals to ensure they consider the impact they have on the services we provide, and we anticipate asking our constituents to continue supporting the district as we invest in our facilities for the future. While we have capacity to adequately serve our population and forecast growth, we also need to participate in project review to ensure appropriate design strategies and SEPA mitigation measures are applied as new development occurs.

I hope this letter helps in your planning for Spokane County's future, and I am happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Randy Russell
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