

Washington State Department of Transportation
Local Programs
Eastern Region
Attn: Keith Martin
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Spokane, WA 99207

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Area of Potential Effect Memorandum

Barker Road Widening
Spokane Valley, WA

Dear Keith Martin,

The purpose of this memo is to outline the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Barker Road Widening project in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The City of Spokane Valley is proposing roadway improvements including widening North Barker Road from just north of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and East Euclid Avenue to the northern side of the Barker Road bridge over the Spokane River. Additionally, the City is proposing to construct channelization and sidewalk modifications both north and south of the road widening area, from approximately 1100 feet north of Garland Avenue southward to the southern end of the bridge over the Spokane River. Project activities will include clearing and grubbing; removing existing asphalt and concrete; roadway paving; shared-use path paving; American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp, crosswalk, and signalization installation; driveway paving; channelization; mailbox installation; curb and gutter construction; existing catch basin modifications; swale grading; storm pond construction; and sewer main installation. The finished project will modify North Barker Road to have two 12-foot traffic lanes with a 12-foot, two-way left-turn lane; 2-foot shoulders; and a separated 10-foot shared-use path along the road's eastern edge. A storm pond will be constructed at the northeast corner of the intersection of Barker Road and East Euclid Avenue, south of the railroad tracks. A new sewer main will be installed as designed by Spokane County. The deepest excavation for this project will be approximately 20 feet below the ground surface (BGS) for the sewer line installation.

The project runs along a ~1.3-mile stretch of North Barker Road with the northern terminus occurring approximately 1100 feet north of Garland Avenue, and the southern terminus occurring just south of the Spokane River. The project is located in Spokane County within the City of Spokane Valley in Sections 5 through 8 in Township 25 North, Range 45 East. The project mostly occurs within existing right-of-way (ROW) for North Barker Road. Some right-of-way acquisition and temporary construction easement areas are necessary to construct this project. Please see the attached Vicinity and APE maps for location details.

The minimal ROW take and easements necessary to complete this occur at the intersections with Euclid Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks (see attached ROW plans). No buildings or

trees will be removed as part of any easements or ROW acquisitions. The following table shows easement and ROW acquisition areas:

Parcel No.	Parcel Area (SF)	ROW Take (SF)	Remaining Area (SF)	Temporary Easement (SF)	Permanent Easement
55053.0109	125,829	12,688	113,141	0	0
55082.0131	25,040	4,167	20,873	0	0
55082.0130	25,011	0	25,011	626	0
N/A*	N/A	0	0	0	10,099
55064.0611	14,759	0	14,759	0	500

*Union Pacific ROW

Parcel 55053.0109 will have the largest ROW take for a stormwater pond and facilities. This property is a vacant lot with no buildings or trees. Parcel 55082.0131 is a private residence lot. ROW take will involve a 12-foot wide strip adjacent to Euclid Avenue and a 15-foot wide strip adjacent to Barker Road. No trees will be removed for this take, nor will the house and garage be impacted as they sit close to the eastern property boundary opposite Barker Road. A 5-foot wide temporary construction easement (TCE) will be necessary on parcel 55082.0130. This will not impact any structures or trees. The permanent roadway easement on Union Pacific ROW will occur in an area already cleared by Union Pacific for ROW, so no trees or structures will be impacted. The 10-foot permanent slope easement on parcel 55064.0611 will lie within an existing utility easement so there will be no additional impacts to this property.

Only 5 trees will be removed from this project. 4 of these trees will occur in front of the KOA Campground. The other tree is just north of Jackson Drive on the east side of Barker Road. All trees will be replaced upon project completion.

A search of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation’s (DAHP) Washington Information System for Architectural & Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) shows that there are no properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the project’s APE or adjacent to it. There are also no properties within or adjacent to the APE that have been recorded Historic Property Inventories (HPI’s). The closest site to have been determined eligible for the NRHP is Valleyway Chicken Farm (now the Thornburg Chicken Farm) which is ~3.2 miles from the project site within the City of Spokane. The closest determined historic site listed in the NRHP is the Domrese, Louis, Barn (Washington Heritage Barn) which is ~4.0 miles from the project site in Liberty Lake, WA.

There are five properties adjacent to the project with structures with no determination according to WISAARD. These properties from south to north are: 18710 East Marlin Drive, 18706 East Marlin Drive, 2910 North Barker Road, 3200 North Barker Road, and 3025 North Barker Road. Because these sites have no determination, there are no photos of and limited information about the buildings uploaded to WISSARD. Some of these properties have several buildings. Of the buildings on these properties, the closest to the existing ROW is ~40 feet. 3025 North Barker Road is a KOA campground all the buildings on this property are well away from the roadway, and the loss of 4 trees in the ROW by the entrance will not diminish any “historic” value of the

building(s) on the property that have no determination of historic significance. While the project proposes to widen Barker Road to add a turn lane and bike path, the properties along this roadway have a significant buffer from the roadway. See the photos Google Maps screenshots of these properties below:



18710 East Marlin Drive as seen from Barker Road heading north. The blue line represents the approximate sidewalk edge and the green line represents the approximate existing ROW line.



18706 East Marlin Drive as seen from Barker Road heading north. The blue line represents the approximate sidewalk edge and the green line represents the approximate existing ROW line.



2910 North Barker Road as seen from Barker Road heading north. The blue line represents the approximate sidewalk edge and the green line represents the approximate existing ROW line.



3200 North Barker Road as seen from Barker Road heading north. The blue line represents the approximate sidewalk edge and the green line represents the approximate existing ROW line.



3025 North Barker Road as seen from Barker Road heading south. The blue line represents the approximate roadway edge and the green line represents the approximate existing ROW line.

On behalf of the City of Spokane Valley, we request your assistance in obtaining approval for the APE for the proposed project in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We believe the project will not increase traffic on this road as there is no proposal for additional through traffic lanes. We also there will be no change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance as there will be no building demolitions and trees removed will be replaced. Lastly, we believe the project will not introduce visual, atmospheric or audible elements that

diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (425) 332-3961 or at rwidener@prodigy.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ross Widener", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ross Widener