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By Jeremiah Cromie at 8:48 am, May 11, 2023

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Attention: Jeremiah Cromie, Planner II

Subject: VA-23-00003/SE-23-00010 - Sparks Park
I-90 Exit 70 Lt., Easton State Airport vicinity

We have reviewed the proposed project and have the following comments.

- The subject property is adjacent to two WSDOT owned and operated facilities, the Interstate 90 (I-90) West Easton interchange (Exit 70) and the Easton State Airport. WSDOT has acquired all access rights to I-90, including the on- and off-ramps, and along 130' of W Sparks Rd. and 130' of Sparks Rd. Our right-of-way records indicate there is an approximately 110' wide break in our limited access control along Sparks Road at the easterly terminus of the Exit 70 crossroad. The proposed driveway can be allowed; however, the driveway must be located entirely within this break and the connection shall not cross the existing limited access boundary.

Further, the proponent is required to dedicate additional access rights to the department along the proposed driveway a distance of 130' beginning at the centerline intersection of the Sparks Road/Exit 70 crossroad intersection. The proponent should contact Mark Kaiser of the WSDOT South Central Region office at (509) 577-1668, for specifics.

- WSDOT Aviation has reviewed the application and found no land use compatibility issues with the Easton State Airport. The proposed development falls within compatibility Zone 6 in which service stations are permitted. However, we are concerned about continued access to the airport. WSDOT has an existing access easement over Silver Ridge Ranch Road, which is the sole point of access to the airport. This road shall not be obstructed in anyway and must remain available to WSDOT.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires notification for this development (see attached FAA assessment tool results). The proponent must use forms 7460-1 and 7460-2, which can be accessed and completed electronically here:
<https://oiaa.faa.gov/oiaa/external/portal.jsp>.

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- Any proposed buildings, landscaping, or other improvements will need to comply with certain height restrictions. The proponent is encouraged to contact David Ison, of the WSDOT Aviation Division at (360) 709-8028 for specifics.
- The proponent should be aware, they are proposing commercial development in an area that receives significant snow fall during winter months. Snow removal and winter operations along the I-90 corridor is an ongoing issue for WSDOT. We encourage the proponent to not underestimate the potential for significant delays and/or temporary highway closures due to snowfall and winter road conditions.
- WSDOT has long-range plans to widen I-90 to six lanes in the project vicinity. The plans are only preliminary, and no alternatives have been selected. If at some point funding is procured, the applicant should anticipate traffic delays and detours due to construction-related activities to last multiple construction seasons.
- Any proposed lighting must be directed down towards the site and away from I-90 and the airport.
- Finally, any outdoor advertising or motorist signing considered for this project will need to comply with state criteria. Please contact Trevor McCain of the WSDOT Headquarters Traffic Office for specifics. He can be reached at (360) 705-7282.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jacob Prilucik at (509) 577-1635.

Sincerely,



Paul Gonseth, P.E.
Planning Engineer

Enclosures

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