West Central Neighborhood Council

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Spokane, WA 99205

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Spokane City Council

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Spokane, WA 99201

Council President and Council Members,

The West Central Neighborhood Council strongly requests that Broadway from Maple to Chestnut be repaired and repaved as quickly as possible so as to ensure safe travel by vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians alike.

For years the residents of West Central have watched this section of Broadway steadily deteriorate while side streets adjoining this stretch of Broadway have been improved through chip and seal and other repair techniques. Additionally, sections of Broadway on either side of Maple and Chestnut have seen improvements in recent years while the section in between has been neglected.

It’s important to point out that every May over 50,000 runners, wheelchair racers and walkers use Broadway as a part the annual Bloomsday race and the continued deterioration of the section in question only adds to the potential danger of serious injuries to those participants.

The City of Spokane has designated the section of Broadway from Maple to Chestnut as a “center and corridor” with a municipal bus route traveling through it while treating the area like an abandoned roadway. With actions like this, one has to ask “what is the effect on emergency responders?”

The West Central neighborhood cannot wait any longer for empty promises. It’s now time for the City of Spokane to act. Make Broadway from Maple to Chestnut a priority street project for the City of Spokane in 2017.

Sincerely,

Mike Brakel

West Central Neighborhood Council Chair