

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Distribution of Draft Non-motorized Plan Update

PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council authorize distribution of the draft Non-motorized Plan Update to adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders in accordance with the Michigan Municipal Planning Act (PA-33 of 2008) and Chapter 8 of the Ann Arbor Code of Ordinances.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission **approve** the motion requesting that the Mayor and City Council authorize distribution of the draft Non-motorized Plan Update for review and comment to adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders, as required by state law, and to the general public.

STAFF REPORT

The Non-motorized Plan was originally adopted as an element of the City Master Plan in January 2007. Over the past year and a half, Systems Planning and Planning staff have been working to update the approved plan. The planning process for this update incorporated extensive public outreach that included multiple public workshops, focus groups and monthly meetings with the City's Alternative Transportation Committee.

The draft Non-motorized Plan Update is intended to be an amendment to the adopted Non-motorized Plan that updates the plan's recommendations for non-motorized system improvements. The draft document incorporates analysis of current conditions and best practices, which have changed substantially in the five years since the plan was adopted.

One of the first steps in a master plan amendment process is City Council's authorization to distribute the proposed amendment for public comment. The State Planning Enabling Act requires that a municipality must distribute the document to adjoining jurisdictions and other stakeholders to provide the opportunity for comment. Once the draft amendment has been distributed, adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders have 42 days to submit their comments.

Attached is the draft Non-motorized Plan Update. The City Planning Commission will have an opportunity to discuss the content of the plan at greater length after comments have been received from adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders.

The following organizations will be asked to comment on the draft plan:

Planning Agencies

- Ann Arbor Township Planning Commission
- Barton Hills Village Long-Range Planning Committee
- Pittsfield Township Planning Commission
- Scio Township Planning Commission
- Lodi Township Planning Commission
- Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Public Utilities

- DTE Energy Services (electricity and gas)
- Norfolk-Southern Railroad

Other Government Entities

- Ann Arbor Transportation Authority
- University of Michigan (non-mandated)
- Ann Arbor Public Schools/Board of Education (non-mandated)

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Attachment: 4/10/13 Draft Master Plan Amendment: Non-motorized Plan

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