

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission
FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**
DATE: May 3, 2011

PROPOSED PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the "City of Ann Arbor Master Plan Resolution" and the "City of Ann Arbor Resource Information In Support Of The City Master Plan Resolution," dated May 3, 2011.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **approval** of the revised City Master Plan resolution and the list of associated resource information used to support the City Master Plan.

STAFF REPORT

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission Bylaws require that the Planning Commission review the adopted Master Plan each May, following a public hearing. The purpose of the review is to identify policies that may need to be studied for eventual inclusion in the Master Plan, prior to the annual work program being adopted.

State law requires that the Master Plan be evaluated for updating at least every five years. Since the last Master Plan review, the Commission and City Council have adopted the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan, and have begun inventory work on the Washtenaw Avenue and South State corridor plans. In addition, the Systems Planning Unit is working on a Sustainability Framework that will identify overarching goals from all of the city's plans.

Attached is the Master Plan Resolution, which has been updated to include the PROS Plan. Staff is proposing that two studies related to the Washtenaw Avenue corridor be added to the Resource Information list: 1) the Washtenaw County Access Management Plan, developed in coordination with the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2008 for trunklines in Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Township, Ypsilanti Township and Ypsilanti; and 2) the Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Strategy, developed in 2010 by a joint

technical committee with representatives from multiple agencies and jurisdictions in the corridor.

It should be noted that the Sustainability Framework initiative is in the process of identifying plans and studies that are used by the community to forward the City's sustainability goals. When this phase of the project is complete, the Commission may wish to evaluate whether any of these documents should be added to the Master Plan or to the Resource Information list.

Attachments: Proposed Master Plan Resolution
Proposed Resource Information in Support of the City Master Plan
Resolution

C: City Attorney's Office
Systems Planning

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR
MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The City Planning Commission is authorized by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended), to make and adopt a master plan for the City; and

Whereas, The City Master Plan serves as a guide for decisions and recommendations regarding the physical development of the City and for the implementation of related plans, policies and programs; and

Whereas, The City Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 3, 2011 to gather input regarding the City Master Plan; and

Whereas, The City Planning Commission has reviewed the planning documents listed below and finds that these documents represent the current plans for the City's land uses and its essential City facilities;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission hereby adopts the following documents to constitute the City Master Plan:

1. Land Use Element
2. Downtown Plan
3. Transportation Plan Update
4. Non-motorized Transportation Plan
5. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan
6. Natural Features Master Plan

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will continue the process of developing comprehensive plans for the Washtenaw Avenue and South State Street corridors within the City to address land use, transportation and economic development in these areas;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will assist in the development of a Sustainability Framework, in coordination with the Energy Commission and Environmental Commission; and

Resolved, The approval date of this resolution shall be added to each of the documents here listed.

Approved by City Planning Commission
December 3, 2002
Revised May 1, 2007
Revised May 5, 2009
Approved As Is May 5, 2009
Approved June 1, 2010
Draft May 3, 2011

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR
RESOURCE INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE
CITY MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The Master Plan of the City of Ann Arbor is used by the City Planning Commission as a guide for decisions and recommendations regarding the physical development of the City and for the implementation of related plans, policies and programs; and

Whereas, Several valuable City studies and historical plans support the City Master Plan by providing additional detail for interpretation and implementation of the recommendations;

Resolved, The planning documents listed below shall be used by the Planning Commission and Planning staff as resource information in support of the City Master Plan:

1. Consolidated Strategy and Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs
2. Current Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Plan
3. Library Block Planning and Urban Design Study
4. North Main Street/Huron River Corridor Summary Land Use Policy
5. Fuller/Geddes/Conrail Corridor Study
6. Miller/Maple/Newport Traffic and Circulation Study
7. Briarwood Subarea Plan
8. Flood Mitigation Plan
9. Northeast Area Transportation Plan
10. Washtenaw County Access Management Plan
11. Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Strategy

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