

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission

FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**

DATE: June 18, 2013

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 June 18, 2013.

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 Commission review of the Master Plan each May. The purpose of the review is to identify policies that may need to be studied for possible change or new policies that should be added to the Master Plan, prior to the annual Commission work program being adopted. A public hearing was held at the May 21, 2013 meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to suggest changes.

State law requires that the Master Plan be evaluated for updating at least every five years. In the past year, the Commission adopted the Sustainability Framework and the South State Street Corridor Plan as amendments to the Master Plan. Commission members and committees currently are working on an update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, in addition to the Washtenaw Avenue and North Main/Huron River corridor planning efforts.

Attached is a draft resolution that reaffirms the existing master plan elements and identifies the master plan updates underway, in addition to a resolution identifying resource documents that support the master plan. Two additional documents are proposed to be included on this list: the Downtown Vision and Policy Framework ("Calthorpe Study") and the Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan (HRIMP).

Attachments: 6/18/13 Proposed Master Plan Resolution
6/18/13 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 21, 2013 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 elements of the City Master Plan:

1. Sustainability Framework (2013)
2. Land Use Element (~~2009~~2013)
3. Downtown Plan (2009)
4. Transportation Plan Update (2009)
5. Non-motorized Transportation Plan (2007)
6. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (2011)
7. Natural Features Master Plan (2004)

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will complete the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will continue the process of developing a corridor plan for Washtenaw Avenue and begin the process of developing a corridor plan for North Main Street to address land use, transportation and economic development in these areas;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will assist in the development of a Sustainability Action Plan, in coordination with the Energy Commission, the Environmental Commission, Park Advisory Commission, Housing Commission and Housing and Human Services Board;

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
Approved May 3, 2011
Approved June 15, 2012
Draft June 18, 2013

**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 (2014-2019)
3. North Main Street/Huron River Corridor Summary Land Use Policy (1988)
4. Library Block Planning and Urban Design Study (1991)
5. Fuller/Geddes/Conrail Corridor Study (1994)
6. Miller/Maple/Newport Traffic and Circulation Study (1995)
7. Briarwood Subarea Plan (1995)
8. [Downtown Vision and Policy Framework \(Calthorpe Study – 2006\)](#)
9. Northeast Area Transportation Plan (2006)
10. Flood Mitigation Plan (2007)
11. Washtenaw County Access Management Plan (2008)
12. [Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan \(2009\)](#)
13. Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Strategy (2010)
14. Downtown Design Guidelines (2011)
15. Connecting William Street Plan (2013)

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