MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

Brett Lenart, Planning Manager

FROM: Alexis DiLeo, City Planner

DATE: February 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Project Update – New Zoning District T1 Transit Density

Staff presented a refreshed project timeline, shared a detailed survey of master plan references and introduced a draft partial engagement plan to the Planning Commission at their February 12, 2019 working session. (Staff memo available here and master plan survey available here.)

Building on this momentum, staff is assembling contact information of property owners abutting Washtenaw Avenue, South State Street, and East Eisenhower Boulevard. Thus far, staff have identified 40 parcels that front Washtenaw between Platt Road and US-23. There are 43 parcels on State between Oakbrook Drive and Ellsworth, and Eisenhower between South Main and the railroad (excluding where Michigan Medicine is the office tenant). Several parcels are owned by the same entity and even more have the same management company.

These property owners and managers are a key stakeholder group and staff will invite representatives from each area to one-on-one or small group meetings or phone interviews as they prefer. Early engagement in the development phase of this project will help build a foundation of support for the approval phase. The meetings and interviews will be done the week of March 4-8 and March 11-15, 2019.

Staff is also meeting later on this week with the Washtenaw County Community & Economic Development Department for assistance with mapping and research.