

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission
FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**
DATE: June 15, 2012

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 15, 2012.

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 1st 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. Commission members and committees currently are working on the South State Street and Washtenaw Avenue corridor plan efforts, the Sustainability Framework Plan, the Climate Action Plan and the update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. A Planning Commission representative recently was appointed to the North Main/Huron River Corridor Task Force.

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.

Attachments: 6/15/12 Proposed Master Plan Resolution
6/15/12 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 1, 2012 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 (2009)
2. Downtown Plan (2009)
3. Transportation Plan Update (2009)
4. Non-motorized Transportation Plan (2007)
5. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (2011)
6. Natural Features Master Plan (2004)

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 and Action Plan, in coordination with the Energy Commission, the Environmental Commission, Park Advisory Commission, Housing Commission and Housing and Human Services Board;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will assist in the update of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, originally adopted in 2007;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will assist in the North Main/Huron River Corridor Task Force's visioning effort, anticipating that the Commission will use this vision in developing a comprehensive plan for the North Main/Huron River corridor beginning in FY2013-2014; 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
Approved May 3, 2011
DRAFT June 15, 2012

**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 (2013)
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. Northeast Area Transportation Plan (2006)
9. Flood Mitigation Plan (2007)
10. Washtenaw County Access Management Plan (2008)
11. Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Strategy (2010)
12. Downtown Design Guidelines (2011)

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