

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission

FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**

DATE: May 6, 2015

### 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."

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **postponing** the motion to allow Commission to consider comments provided at the public hearing and to establish its work program priorities.

### STAFF REPORT

Article III of the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission Bylaws requires 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 has been scheduled for the May 6<sup>th</sup> 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. The Master Plan resolution adopted in July 2014 anticipated that staff and Commission members would continue the process of developing a right-of-way plan for Washtenaw Avenue and assist the Downtown Development Authority in creating a Streetscape Framework Plan. Both of these projects are nearing completion, with a resolution for acceptance of the Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Improvement Study scheduled for the City Council meeting of June 1, 2015, and the final draft of the Downtown Street Manual currently is under final review by City staff.

Other master plan items identified for FY2015 included working with the Connector Study project team to identify a locally preferred alternative for the high capacity transit route and assisting in the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan. Both projects are currently in progress, with preliminary drafts under review.

The FY2015 Master Plan resolution anticipated that the Commission would begin the process of developing a greenway plan for Allen Creek and updated land use recommendations for the North Main Street corridor. These projects have been delayed, and are proposed to be moved forward to the next fiscal year.

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: Draft Master Plan Resolution  
Draft Resource Information Resolution

**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 6, 2015 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, including South State Street Corridor Plan (2013)
3. Downtown Plan (2009)
4. Transportation Plan Update (2009)
5. Non-motorized Transportation Plan (2007) and Update (2013)
6. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (2011)
7. Natural Features Master Plan (2004)

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will begin the process of developing a greenway plan for Allen Creek and updated land use recommendations for the North Main Street corridor;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will assist City staff in identifying a locally preferred alternative for the Connector high capacity transit route;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will assist in the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan, in coordination with the Energy Commission, the Environmental Commission, Park Advisory Commission, Housing Commission and Housing and Human Services Board; 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  
Approved June 15, 2012  
Approved June 18, 2013  
Approved July 15, 2014  
Draft May 6, 2015

**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. Library Block Planning and Urban Design Study (1991)
4. Fuller/Geddes/Conrail Corridor Study (1994)
5. Miller/Maple/Newport Traffic and Circulation Study (1995)
6. Briarwood Subarea Plan (1995)
7. Downtown Vision and Policy Framework (Calthorpe Study – 2006)
8. Northeast Area Transportation Plan (2006)
9. Flood Mitigation Plan (2007)
10. Allen Creek Greenway Task Force Report (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)
16. Climate Action Plan (2013)
17. North Main Street/Huron River Corridor Vision for the Future Report (2013)

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