

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission

FROM: Ben Carlisle, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: **Annual Master Plan Review**

DATE: May 13, 2016

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 the Commission to consider comments provided at the public hearing and to establish its work program priorities. The work program priorities will be discussed at the June 14th Work Session.

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. A public hearing has been scheduled for the May 17th 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 2015 anticipated that staff and Commission members would continue to assist in identifying a locally preferred alternative for the Connector high capacity transit route; continue to assist in the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan; continue to assist in the implementation of the Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis recommendations, in coordination with the Energy Commission, the Environmental Commission, Park Advisory Commission, Housing Commission and Housing and Human Services Board (ADU); begin the process of developing a greenway plan for Allen Creek; and begin the updated land use recommendations for the North Main Street corridor. All items listed above except the North Main Street corridor, are in process or have been completed. The North Main Street corridor land use recommendations have been delayed, and are proposed to be moved forward to the next fiscal year.

Continued master plan items identified for FY2016 include working with the Connector Study project team to identify a locally preferred alternative for the high capacity transit route; assisting in the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan, and assisting in the implementation of the the Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis.

New items identified in the attached FY2016 Master Plan resolution include continued work on the Allen Creek Greenway; begin the process of updating land use recommendations for the North Main Street corridor; and review the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan Update as an amendment to the Master Plan.

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.

We recommend that the Planning Commission hold the public hearing on May 17, 2016; however hold off adopting attached resolutions until the June 21st meeting, which will be after the Planning Commission discusses the FY 2016-2017 work program. We have scheduled the work program for the June 14th CPC work session.

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 17, 2016 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 continue to assist in the process of developing a greenway master plan for Allen Creek;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will begin updating land use recommendations for the North Main Street corridor;

Resolved, The City Planning Commission will review the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan Update as an amendment to the City Master Plan;

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 and the Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis recommendations, 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
Approved July 7, 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)
18. Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (2014)
19. Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis (2015)

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