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Resolution to Adopt the South State Street Corridor Plan (Adopted by the CPC on May 21, 2013 - 9 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Approval of this resolution will adopt the South State Street Corridor Plan as an amendment to the City Master Plan: Land Use Element.

The South State Street Corridor Plan was developed in response to significant changes that have taken place in the South State Street corridor over the past two decades. The Planning Commission determined that because of these changes, as well as strong demand to develop land in the corridor, the master plan's land use and transportation recommendations for the corridor should be re-evaluated and updated.

The Planning Commission kicked off the public engagement process in Spring 2012. This process included interviews with more than 50 stakeholders and two public meetings. Members of the public identified traffic congestion, aesthetic concerns, inadequate non-motorized facilities, poor way-finding, and desire for more vital land uses as issues to be addressed.

The recently adopted Sustainability Framework goals serve as a foundation for the plan. The plan contains corridor goals and recommended actions that tie directly to the citywide Framework's goals for land use and access, community, climate and energy, and resource management.

City Council authorized distribution of the draft plan, consistent with State requirements, on February 4, 2013. The Planning Commission unanimously adopted the plan as an amendment to the City Master Plan: Land Use Element at its May 21, 2013 meeting. The Planning Commission also recommended City Council adoption of this plan as a part of the City Master Plan.

Attachments:        Adopted South State Street Corridor Plan - May 21, 2013  
                              5/21/13 Planning Staff Report  
                              5/21/13 Planning Commission Minutes

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Whereas, The City Planning Commission and City Council are authorized by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended), to make and adopt a master plan for the City;

Whereas, The South State Street Corridor Plan used the City of Ann Arbor Sustainability Framework as a basis for developing goals and actions to address challenges facing the corridor;

Whereas, An extensive public input process was implemented, including dozens of stakeholder interviews, two public meetings, working sessions with the Planning Commission, and public outreach through web updates and A2 Open City Hall on-line forums;

Whereas, Public review of the draft plan was completed including all surrounding municipalities, townships, Washtenaw County, and public utilities, as required to incorporate the South State Corridor Plan into the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan;

Whereas, The South State Street Corridor Plan includes goals and actions, background information, and other descriptive matter as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended);

Whereas, The City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 21, 2013, to gather input regarding the South State Street Corridor Plan; and

Whereas, The City Planning Commission adopted the South State Street Corridor Plan on May 21, 2013;

RESOLVED, That City Council adopts the South State Street Corridor Plan, now on file with the City Clerk, as an amendment to the City Master Plan: Land Use Element.