



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Adopt the 2013 Update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (Adopted by the CPC on September 10, 2013 - 7 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Approval of this resolution will adopt the 2013 Update to the 2007 Non-motorized Transportation Plan as an amendment to the City Master Plan.

The 2013 Update to the Non-motorized Transportation Plan reflects a desire to incorporate non-motorized improvements that have been implemented since 2007, reflect current best practices for non-motorized systems, and develop updated recommendations for implementing non-motorized facilities and practices. The 2007 Plan was the City's first non-motorized plan, replacing the City's "Bicycle Master Plan". Many of the recommendations of the 2007 Plan are still pertinent. However, after implementing the plan for the past 6 years, staff and the Planning Commission determined that it was appropriate for an amendment that refreshed the document. The amendment will be a separate document that will supplement the existing plan.

The 2013 Update to the Non-motorized Transportation Plan was developed after a public engagement process that included two public workshops, six focus group meetings, multiple meetings with the City's Alternative Transportation Committee, working sessions with the Planning Commission's Master Plan Revisions Committee, and public comment received as part of the required 42 day notification period. Over 100 people participated in the public meetings. Public comment also was solicited at the September 10, 2013 Planning Commission public hearing. Input from this process is summarized in the August 8, 2013 Public Participation Report (attached).

The 2013 Update includes amendments to three main sections: 1) Planning and Policy Updates, which evaluates new types of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and programs, 2) Near Term Recommendation Updates, which revisits proposed near term improvements from the Plan, and 3) Long Term Recommendation Updates, which revisits recommended long term improvements from the Plan.

The Planning Commission adopted this amendment to the Master Plan on September 10, 2013 and recommended City Council adoption of this amendment.

Attachments: 2013 Update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (adopted September 10, 2013), 8/9/13 Public Process for Non-motorized Plan Update, 9/10/13 Planning Staff Report, 9/10/13 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, An extensive public input process was implemented, including two public workshops, six focus group meetings, and working sessions with the Planning Commission;

Whereas, Public review of the draft plan was completed including all surrounding municipalities, townships, Washtenaw County, and public utilities, as required to incorporate the 2013 Update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan into the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan;

Whereas, The City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on September 10, 2013, to gather input regarding the Update to the 2013 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan; and

Whereas, The City Planning Commission adopted the Update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan on September 10, 2013;

RESOLVED, That City Council hereby adopt the 2013 Update to the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, now on file with the City Clerk, as an amendment to the City Master Plan.