

C Community Development Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-244

Meeting date: July 16, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 28, 2007
Subject:	Amending the Administrative Review Guidelines for Minor Forecast Changes
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Mark Vander Schaaf, Director, Planning & Growth Management (651-602-1441)
Division/Department:	Planning and Growth Management/Community Development

Proposed Action/Motion

Modify the Council's guidelines for Administrative Review of Certain Plan Amendments to specify that "consistency with the Council's forecasts" is defined to be within 5 percent of the Council's forecasts.

Issue(s)

- Should the Council modify its guidelines for Administrative Review of Certain Plan Amendments to define what constitutes "consistency with the Council's forecasts"

Overview and Funding

The Council initiates a major revision of its 30-year regional and local forecasts approximately every five years. The last such major revision was published in 2004 as part of the Regional Development Framework. Less substantial "interim" forecast revisions are made on a case-by-case basis, typically via comprehensive plan amendments/updates that are reviewed and approved by the Council.

The Council on May 11, 2005 adopted guidelines for administratively reviewing minor comprehensive plan amendments. The guidelines state that one criterion of a minor comprehensive plan amendment is consistency with the Council's forecasts, but does not define what that means.

It is proposed that consistency with the Council's forecasts be defined to be within 5 percent of the Council's forecasts (see attached). This would enable staff to make minor forecast changes as part of the process of administratively approving minor comprehensive plan amendments.