

C Community Development Committee
Meeting date: May 21, 2012
For the Council Meeting of June 13, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Subject:	City of Vadnais Heights 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20811-2
District(s), Member(s):	District 11, Council Member Sandy Rummel
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.175
Staff Prepared/Presented:	LisaBeth Barajas, Principal Reviewer, 651-602-1895 Phyllis Hanson, Local Planning Assistance Manager, 651-602-1566
Division/Department:	Community Development / Planning & Growth Management

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Vadnais Heights to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the comments in the Review Record for Transportation.

Background

The Council reviewed the City's Update, Review File No. 20811-1, on June 22, 2011, and allowed the City to put the Update into effect. This is the City's first comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) since the review of the Update.

The proposed amendment is in response to the 2011 System Statement showing updates to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* and the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The CPA proposes revisions to the parks portion of the Plan to include the Trout Brooke Regional Trail Extension, and revisions to the transportation portion of the Plan to acknowledge the inclusion of managed lanes to I-35E and I-694.

Rationale

The proposed CPA conforms to regional system plans, is consistent with Council policies, and is compatible with the plans of other local communities, school districts, and affected special districts.

Funding

None.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

REVIEW RECORD

City of Oakdale Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011 System Statement Amendment

Review File No. 20811-1, Council Business Item No. 2012-166

BACKGROUND

The City of Vadnais Heights (City) is an urban community of approximately 8.5 square miles, located in central Ramsey County. The City is bordered by the City of North Oaks to the north; the City of White Bear Lake, White Bear Township, and the City of Gem Lake to the east; the City of Maplewood and the City of Little Canada to the south; and the City of Shoreview to the west.

The *2030 Regional Development Framework* (RDF) identifies the City as a Developed community. The Metropolitan Council (Council) forecasts that the City will growth between 2010 and 2030 from 13,200 to 14,500 people; from 5,300 to 6,100 households; and that employment will grow from 7,100 to 10,100 jobs.

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REQUEST SUMMARY

In response to changes in the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*, the CPA proposes to update text in the local comprehensive plan to include managed lanes to I-35E from a point south of County Road E to downtown St. Paul, with an eventual extension to Highway 96, along with managed lanes along I-694 between Lexington Avenue and I-35E in the long-term. In response to changes to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the proposed amendment revises text and figures to acknowledge the Trout Brook Regional Trail Extension and the related planning process to be led by Ramsey County.

OVERVIEW

Conformance with Regional Systems	The CPA conforms to the Regional System Plans for Parks, Transportation (including Aviation), and Wastewater, with no substantial impact on, or departure from, these plans.
Consistency with Council Policies	The CPA is consistent with the Council's RDF, with water resources management, and is consistent with Council forecasts.
Compatibility with Plans of Adjacent Jurisdictions	The CPA will not have an impact on adjacent communities, school districts, or watershed districts, and is compatible with the plans of those districts.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS

- The Council acted on the City's Update on June 22, 2011 (Review File No. 20811-1, Business Item 2011-156).

ISSUES

- I. Does the amendment conform to the regional system plans?
- II. Is the amendment consistent with the RDF and other Council policies?
- III. Does the amendment change the Township's forecasts?
- IV. Is the amendment compatible with the plans of adjacent local governmental units and affected jurisdictions?

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

CONFORMANCE WITH REGIONAL SYSTEMS

REGIONAL PARKS

Reviewer: Jan Youngquist (651-602-1029)

The proposed CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The CPA acknowledges the Trout Brook Regional Trail Search Corridor, which extends the Trout Brook Regional Trail from Lake McCarrons County Park in Roseville to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park in Vadnais Heights. Once fully developed, the trail will lead from Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park to the Sam Morgan Regional Trail along the Mississippi River in St. Paul.

TRANSPORTATION

Reviewer: Ann Braden (651-602-1705), Steve Mahowald (612-349-7775)

The proposed amendment conforms to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)*. In response to the System Statement, the City revised text to include managed lanes on I-35E and I-694 in the appropriate planning timeframes in addition to Rice Street bridge improvements over I-694. These changes are consistent with the System Statement.

Advisory Comments

The proposed amendment is consistent with the System Statement for transit, but the Council staff offer the following comments for considerations:

1. While the proposed amendment appropriately reflects the community as being in Transit Market Area 3, the City should note that the typical service offerings for this market area include express, urban radial, suburban local, circulators, and general public dial-a-ride.
2. For clarification, the Rush Line Corridor Task Force is conducting the alternatives analysis for the Rush Line, not the Metropolitan Council.
3. The City should be aware that Routes 262 and 62 on Rice Street serve the City, as well as Route 223 on County Road D.
4. The text and Figure T-4 should note existing Routes 275 and 285 on I-35E that would serve the planned park-and-ride lot shown on the map.

CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL POLICY

The proposed CPA is consistent with the Council's policies for land use, housing, subsurface sewage treatment systems, and water supply. The proposed CPA is consistent with the *2030 Regional Development Framework (RDF)* policies for Developed communities. The CPA will not change the City's forecasts.

COMPATIBILITY WITH PLANS OF ADJACENT GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND PLANS OF AFFECTED SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The proposed CPA is compatible with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. No compatibility issues with plans of adjacent governmental units and plans of affected special districts and school districts were identified.

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1: City of Vadnais Heights Updated Existing and Planned Regional Trails Map

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