



Community Development Committee

Community Development Meeting date: November 7, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting date: November 23, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Subject:	City of Anoka, Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011 System Statement Response, Review File No. 20444-5
District, Member:	District 9, Councilmember Edward Reynoso
Policy/Legal Reference:	Metropolitan Land Planning Act (Minn. Stat. § 473.175)
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Freya Thamman, Principal Reviewer, 651-602-1750 Phyllis Hanson, Local Planning Assistance Manager, (x1566)
Division/Department:	Community Development/Planning & Growth Management

BACKGROUND/ PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS

- The City of Anoka is located in Anoka County, surrounded by Andover, Ramsey, Champlin, Coon Rapids, and Dayton. The *2030 Regional Development Framework (RDF)* identifies Anoka as a "Developed" community (Figure 1).
- In 2010, the Metropolitan Council (Council) updated its *2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)*, *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP)*, and *2030 Water Resources Policy Plan (WRMPP)*. In April 2011, the Council issued system statements, which discussed the key changes to the *TPP* and *RPPP*. The 2011 system statement triggered a community's obligation to review and, if affected, amend their comprehensive plan update (CPU) to reflect changes to the policy plans. Communities have nine months to respond to the 2011 system statement. Most CPAs in response to the policy plan updates will be minor. The *WRMPP* did not necessitate amendments to CPUs.
- The City of Anoka submitted a 2011 System Statement Response comprehensive plan amendment (CPA). The Council acted on the City's 2030 CPU on May 13, 2009. This is the fifth CPA since the Council acted on the City's 2030 CPU.

REQUEST SUMMARY

The City submitted this CPA to respond to updates to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*. The City of Anoka's 2011 System Statement Response CPA indicates that the City is now in Transit Market Areas 2 and 3. The CPA also included some minor text changes to the Transportation Chapter of the CPU, which had become outdated.

PROPOSED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Council:

Allow the City of Anoka to put its 2011 System Statement Response CPA into effect.

ANALYSIS

Transportation *(Ann Braden/Cyndi Harper, 651-602-1705/612-349-7723)*

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)*. The CPA accurately responds to updates to 2030 *TPP*.

Regional Parks *(Jan Youngquist, 651-602-1029)*

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP)*. The 2010 updates to the *2030 RPPP* did not contain changes that affect the City of Anoka.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Conformity 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 Policy

The CPA is consistent with the Council's *2030 RDF*, with water resources management, and consistent with Council forecasts.

Compatibility with Adjacent Community Plans

The CPA will not have an impact on adjacent communities, school districts, or watersheds.

Figure 1: City of Anoka Location Map with *2030 RDF* Planning Area

