

C Community Development Committee
Meeting date: February 21, 2012
For the Council Meeting of March 14, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Subject:	West St. Paul 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20554-2
District(s), Member(s):	District 13, Council Member Richard Kramer
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.175
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Patrick Boylan, Principal Reviewer, 651-602-1438 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 West St. Paul 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.

Background

The Council reviewed the City's Update, Review File No. 20554-1 on August 26, 2009. The City submitted one amendment in 2010, which was allowed to be placed in effect. This is the City's second CPA since the review of the Update.

The amendment is in response to the 2011 System Statement reflecting updates to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* and the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. Specifically, the CPA proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to reflect changes to the regional parks system facilities in the City, including the North Urban Regional Trail as well as the designation of Thompson County Park in West St. Paul in conjunction with Kaposia Park and Kaposia Landing in South St. Paul as a Regional Park Study Area.

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

West St. Paul Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011 System Statement Response

Review File No. 20554-2, Council Business Item No. 2012-60

BACKGROUND

West St. Paul (City) is a developed community of approximately 30.1 square miles, located in northern Dakota County. It is bordered by the Cities of St. Paul, South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Sunfish Lake and Mendota Heights 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 grow between 2010 and 2030 from 20,100 to 21,700 people, from 9,000 to 9600 households, and that employment will growth from 10,700 to 13,000 jobs.

The Council reviewed the City's Update, Review File No. 20554-1, on August 26, 2009.

REQUEST SUMMARY

The CPA proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to reflect changes in the *2030 Parks Policy Plan* and the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*.

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 August 26, 2009 (Review File No. 20554-1).
- The City's "Smith Area Plan" CPA was administratively approved by the Council on January 12, 2012 (Review File No. 20554-2).

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 CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Park Policy Plan*. The amendment acknowledges the regional parks system facilities in the City, including the North Urban Regional Trail as well as the designation of Thompson County Park in West St. Paul in conjunction with Kaposia Park and Kaposia Landing in South St. Paul as a Regional Park Study Area. The CPA also recognizes that the designation of a Regional Park Study Area does not guarantee that the park unit will become part of the regional parks system.

TRANSPORTATION

Reviewer: Ann Braden (651-602-1705), Scott Thompson (612-349-7774)

The proposed amendment conforms to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)*. The CPA accurately responds to updates to the TPP by showing Robert Street as a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor.

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 Diversified Rural communities. The CPA will not change the Township'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: Location Map with Regional Systems

Figure 2. 2030 Regional Development Framework Planning Areas

West St. Paul

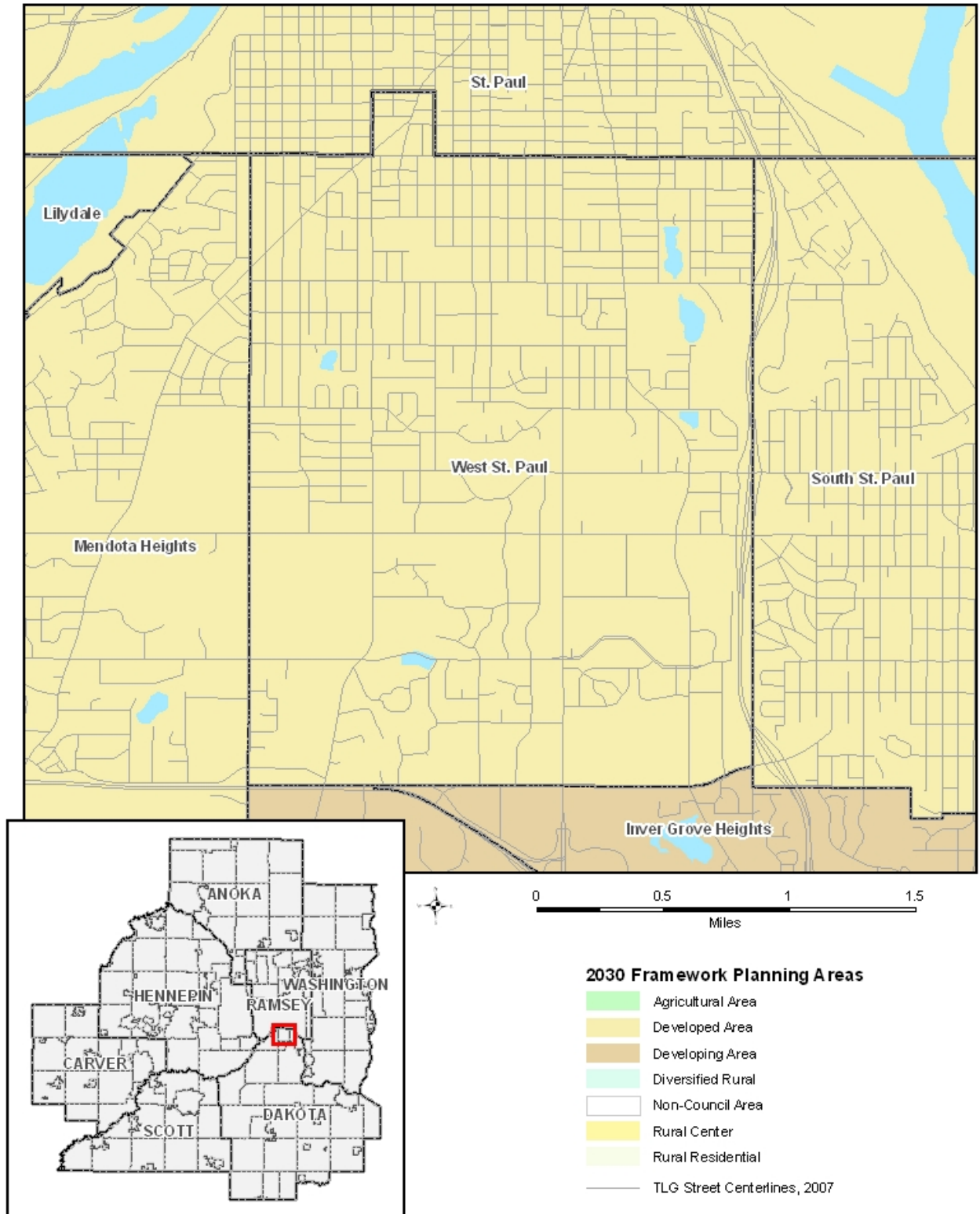


Figure 1. Location Map Showing Regional Systems
West St. Paul

