

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

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Subject:	Baytown Township 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20447-2
District(s), Member(s):	District 12, Council Member Harry Melander
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 Baytown Township to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the Township's forecasts.

Background

The Council reviewed the Township's Update, Review File No. 20447-1, on June 24, 2009, and allowed the Township to put the Update into effect. This is the Township's first CPA since the review of the Update.

The 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 to amend the local comprehensive plan to reflect changes to transit market area designations affecting the community and to show the transitway corridor designations. The CPA also proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to reflect changes to the Middle St. Croix Valley Regional Trail search corridor.

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

Baytown Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011 System Statement Response

Review File No. 20447-2, Council Business Item No. 2012-62

BACKGROUND

Baytown Township (Township) is a rural community of approximately 9.2 square miles, located in eastern Washington County. It is bordered by the City of Oak Park Heights to the north, the City of Bayport and the St. Croix River to the east, West Lakeland Township to the south, and the City of Lake Elmo on the west.

The *2030 Regional Development Framework* (RDF) identifies the Township as a Diversified Rural community. The Metropolitan Council (Council) forecasts that the Township will grow between 2010 and 2030 from 1,820 to 2,160 people, from 600 to 760 households, and that employment will grow from 70 to 120 jobs.

This is the Township's first CPA since the review of the Update.

REQUEST SUMMARY

The CPA proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to show the changes to the transit market area designation for the Township, and to reflect revisions to the transitway corridor designation for the Gateway transitway corridor. The CPA also proposes to show changes to the Middle St. Croix Valley Regional Trail search corridor. 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*.

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 Township's Update on June 24, 2009 (Review File No. 20447-1).

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 Middle St. Croix Valley Regional Trail Search Corridor, which travels through the Township as it connects the planned Brown's Creek State Trail in the City of Stillwater to trails in the City of Lakeland. The CPA also indicates that the Township Planning Commission and Board support the development of this trail.

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.

Advisory Comments

The Public Transportation section of the Township's local comprehensive plan references the "Metropolitan Council's Transit Taxing District." Council staff advises the community that this designation has been changed to "Transit Capital Levy" communities.

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 with 2030 Regional Development Framework Planning Areas Map

Figure 1. Location with 2030 Regional Development Framework Planning Areas

Baytown Township

