



# Community Development Committee

Meeting date: February 21, 2012

Metropolitan Council Meeting date: March 14, 2012

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Subject:** Ham Lake Comprehensive Plan Amendment, 2011 System Statement Response, Review No. 20490-2

**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  
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**Division/Department:** Community Development/Planning & Growth Management

## BACKGROUND/ PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS

- The City of Ham Lake is located in Anoka County, surrounded by the cities of Andover, Oak Grove, East Bethel, Columbus, Lino Lakes, Blaine, and Coon Rapids. The *2030 Regional Development Framework (RDF)* identifies Ham Lake as a "Rural Residential" 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. Most CPAs in response to the policy plan updates are minor. The *WRMPP* did not necessitate amendments to CPUs.
- The Council acted on the City's 2030 CPU on October 14, 2009. This is the first 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* as relates to Transit Routes and Facilities. The City of Ham Lake's 2011 System Statement Response CPA indicates that the City is now within Transit Market Areas 4 and 5. In addition, the CPA indicates that the City lies within the Central Avenue/TH65/BNSF transitway corridor and that the mode of this corridor has not yet been determined. The CPA also states that the City lies within the TH 65 express route corridor.

## PROPOSED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Council:

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

## ANALYSIS

### Transportation *(Cyndi Harper, 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 Ham Lake.

## 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 Ham Lake Location Map with 2030 RDF Planning Area

