



Community Development Committee

Meeting date: **May 7, 2012**

For the Council Meeting of May 23, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Subject: Dakota County, Comprehensive Plan Amendment:
Elko New Market Blakeley Bluffs Trail Search Corridor
Review File No. 20455-3

District Member: District 16, Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Land Planning Act (Minn. Stat. § 473.175)

Staff: Patrick Boylan, Principal Reviewer (651-602-1438)
Phyllis Hanson, Manager, Local Planning Assistance (651-602-1566)

Division/Department: Community Development/Planning & Growth Management

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

Adopt the attached review record and allow Dakota County to put the Elko New Market Blakeley Bluffs Trail Search Corridor plan into place

Background

The Metropolitan Council reviewed the Dakota County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update on April 22, 2009.

Rationale

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

Funding

No Metropolitan Council funding required.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

REVIEW RECORD
Elko New Market Blakeley Bluffs Trail Search Corridor
Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) File: 20455-3

BACKGROUND	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dakota County is located South of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers in the south eastern portion of the metropolitan area. • Elko New Market Blakeley Bluffs Trail Search Corridor is located in south western Dakota County • The Council reviewed the County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update (Update) on April 22, 2009. 	

REQUEST SUMMARY	
<p>The County requests a CPA to add a 3 mile regional trail search corridor near Chub Lake to be consistent with Metropolitan Council plans. The proposed corridor would connect Dakota County residents to the Scott County regional trail system. A specific trail alignment has not been determined yet.</p>	

OVERVIEW	
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 <i>2030 Regional Development Framework</i> , 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. The CPA application provided letters from adjacent communities stating no objection to the CPA.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS	
<p>The Council acted on the County' s 2030 Update on April 22, 2009.</p> <p>On April 2012, the Council received a comp plan amendment for the County's <i>2030 Transportation Plan</i> with expected action in May, 2012.</p>	

ISSUES	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the amendment conform to the regional system plans? 2. Is the amendment consistent with the <i>2030 Regional Development Framework</i> and other Council policies? 3. Does the amendment change the County's forecasts? 4. Is the amendment compatible with adjacent local governmental units? 	

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

CONFORMANCE WITH REGIONAL SYSTEMS

REGIONAL PARKS

Parks and Trails

Reviewer: Jan Youngquist, CD – Regional Parks System Planning, (651-602-1029)

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The amendment acknowledges the Elko New Market-Blakeley Regional Trail Search Corridor, which connects the planned Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve and Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park in Scott County to the Chub Creek Greenway Regional Trail Search Corridor in Dakota County.

TRANSPORTATION

Roads and Transit and Aviation

Reviewers: Elaine Koutsoukos, MTS, (651-602-1705)

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)* for transportation and aviation

Wastewater

Reviewer: Roger Janzig, ES – Engineering Services, (651-602-1119)

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Water Resources Management Policy Plan (WRMPP)*. The proposed regional trail identified in this Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Dakota County, appears to be located outside the Metropolitan Councils long term wastewater service area.

CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL POLICY

2030 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND LAND USE

Reviewer: Patrick Boylan, CD – Local Planning Assistance, (651-602-1438)

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Development Framework*.

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

The CPA is compatible with the plans of neighboring communities, which were notified of the amendment in February 28, 2012.

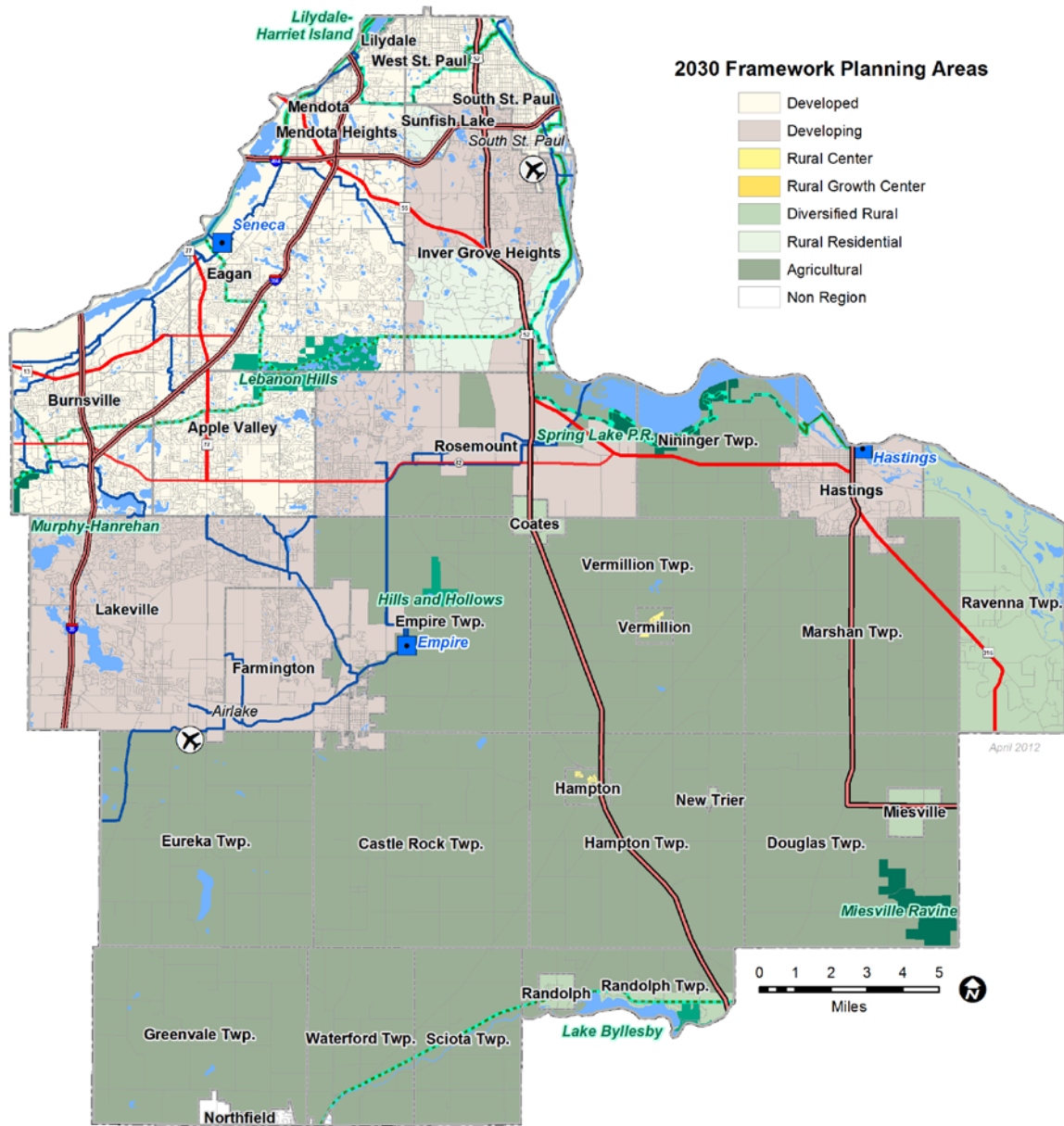
ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1: Dakota County 2030 Regional Planning Areas and Regional Systems

Figure 2: Search Corridor Location – south west Dakota County

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Dakota County 2030 Framework Planning Areas and Regional Systems



2030 Framework Planning Areas

- Developed
- Developing
- Rural Center
- Rural Growth Center
- Diversified Rural
- Rural Residential
- Agricultural
- Non Region

Regional Systems

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| <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate US Highway State Highway Other Main Roads Airports | <p>Wastewater Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment Plants Interceptors | <p>Recreation Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Park Reserve Regional Park Special Recreation Feature | <p>Regional and State Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Existing Regional Planned Regional Proposed Existing State Trail NCompass Roads - Metro |
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Figure 2: Search Corridor Location – south west Dakota County

