

C Community Development Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 31,
2012

Item: 2012-317

**Subject: City of Carver 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan
Amendment
Review File No. 20325-4**

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Carver 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.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

This item was on the Community Development Committee's consent list. There was no discussion. This consent item was approved unanimously.

C Community Development Committee
Meeting date: October 15, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Subject:	City of Carver 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20325-4
District(s), Member(s):	District 4, Council Member Gary Van Eyll
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.175
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Tori Dupre, Senior Planner, Local Planning Assistance, 651-602-1621
Division/Department:	Community Development / Planning & Growth Management

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That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Carver 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 Carver's Comprehensive Plan Update (2008-271, Review No. 20325-1) on December 10, 2008, and allowed the City to put it into effect. The City has submitted three comprehensive plan amendments (CPA) since the Council's review of the Update as described in the review record.

The proposed amendment is in response to the 2011 System Statement showing updates to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The CPA proposes revisions to the Plan to include the two needed regional trail search corridors.

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

City of Carver Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011 System Statement Amendment

Review File No. 20325-4, Council Business Item No. 2012-317

BACKGROUND

The City of Carver (City) is located in eastern Carver County on the Minnesota River. The City is bordered by Chaska, Dahlgren and San Francisco Townships in Carver County, and Jackson and Louisville Townships in Scott County. The *2030 Regional Development Framework* (RDF) identifies the City as a Rural Growth Center.

In 2010, the City had 700 residents, 250 households and 500 jobs. The Metropolitan Council (Council) forecasts the City to have 15,000 residents; 5,650 households; and 2,800 jobs in the year 2030.

The Council reviewed Carver's Comprehensive Plan Update (Review No. 20325-1) on December 10, 2008 and since then, the City submitted three plan amendments. The first (Review No. 20325-2) incorporated into the Plan an orderly annexation agreement for land intended for future urbanization in Dahlgren Township, in response to the Council's review of the Update. The Council acted on this amendment on May 26, 2010. The second (Review No. 20325-3) requested wastewater service and potable water to serve a Minnesota Department of Transportation truck station facility located in the City of Chaska through a joint powers agreement. The Council acted on this amendment on August 16, 2011.

REQUEST SUMMARY

In response to changes in the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP)*, the CPA proposes to update maps and text in the comprehensive plan to acknowledge the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor and the Union Pacific Regional Trail Search Corridor identified in the *RPPP*.

The City's Plan now describes the Union Pacific Regional Trail as a planned regional trail for which the specific corridor has been determined and adopted in the Minnesota River Bluffs Extension and Scott County Connection Regional Trail Plan dated February 2011. The trail acquisition process began October 2011. The plan also identifies a search corridor for the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Extension that will connect from downtown Carver near the Union Pacific Regional Trail to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center. It continues to the Minnesota River Bluffs and Ravines Regional Park Search Area. This trail will be planned by Carver County.

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 December 10, 2008 (Review File No. 20325-1, Business Item 2008-271).
- The Council approved the Dahlgren Township OAA amendment on May 26, 2010 (Review File No. 20325-2, Business Item 2010-182).
- The MnDOT facility service expansion amendment was approved on August 16, 2011 (Review File No. 20325-3, administrative review).

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 Parks Policy Plan*. The CPA acknowledges the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor, and the Union Pacific Regional Trail Search Corridor. The CPA includes these in maps and text in the parks chapter of the comprehensive plan.

TRANSPORTATION

Reviewer: Ann Braden (651-602-1705)

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*. The CPA does not propose changes to the transportation element of the Plan.

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 Rural Growth Centers.** The CPA will not change the City'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: City of Carver Updated Planned Parks and Trails Map

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