



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: September 16, 2009
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee
Subject: Referral from the September 14, 2009 City Planning Commission Meeting
Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

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Approved by: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

Presenter in Committee:

15. The Minneapolis Plan, Karin Berkholtz, Com Planning Supervisor, x3240

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on September 14, 2009. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT
of the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on September 14, 2009 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

15. The Minneapolis Plan (Ward: All), ([Karin Berkholtz](#)).

A. Plan: Consideration of adoption of The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth as the updated comprehensive plan for the City of Minneapolis as authorized by July 22, 2009 action by the Metropolitan Council.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council incorporate the technical comments into The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2009
 TO: City Planning Commission
 FROM: Karin Berkholtz
 CC: Barb Sporlein
 SUBJECT: Status of *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*

The purpose of this memo is to: 1) inform regarding the most recent Metropolitan Council action regarding the city’s draft comprehensive plan, describe the technical changes to the plan requested by Metropolitan Council as well as its advisory comments, 2) restate next steps and the timeline for adoption, and 3) request action to advance the adoption of *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*.

STATUS—On Friday, July 17, 2009 the City Council approved entering into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metropolitan Council regarding future actions and timelines related to Combined Sewer Overflow and Inflow and Infiltration issues. The City signed the MOU Tuesday, July 21. On Monday, August 20, 2009 the Metropolitan Council Community Development Committee moved to approve the city’s draft comprehensive plan. The final Metropolitan Council action is approval by the full body. That is anticipated to happen Wednesday, July 22. This excerpt from the MC staff report summarizes the outcome of the review for consistency with regional system plans and MC policy requirements:

Conformance with Regional Systems Plans:	
1. Regional Parks	Yes
2. Transportation including Aviation	Yes
3. Water Resources Management (Wastewater Services and Surface Water Management)	Yes
Consistent with Council Policy Requirements:	
1. Forecasts	Yes
2. Housing	Yes
3. 2030 <i>Regional Development Framework</i> and Land Use	Yes
4. Individual Sewage Treatment Systems (ISTS) Program	Yes
5. Water Supply	Yes

MODIFICATIONS—There are two types of modifications requested by Metropolitan Council: 1) technical comments to technical appendices and the future land use map, and 2) advisory comments. This section of the memo restates these modifications. Staff is presently incorporated these changes where needed. No action is required on advisory comments at this time.

Technical Comments—

Section of Plan	Comment
Transportation—Aviation	The final version of the Update needs to include the revised City-wide Future Land Use map (Map 1.2) and South Sector Future Land Use Map (Map 1.2d), that the City submitted to the Council on July 6, 2009.
Transit, Appendix C:	Page 15: The discussion of the Northstar corridor on page 15 of Appendix C should be revised to be current. If Minneapolis staff has questions regarding this issue, please contact Adam Harrington, at (612-349-7797). Page 19: Please strike the last sentence of the second paragraph, under “Primary Transit Network”. Page 21: The third paragraph notes that Hennepin Avenue has a bus lane. This bus lane is to be discontinued; please note this in the Update, or remove the reference.
Chapter 2, Transportation	<p>The following map corrections are advised in Chapter 2:</p> <p>Map 2.11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove line on 49th Ave N between Penn Ave & Brooklyn Blvd • Remove line on 45th Ave N between Webber Pkwy & Shingle Creek Dr • Remove line on Marshall St NE north of Hennepin Ave • Remove Route 4 turnaround on 40th St W and Lyndale Ave S • Complete line on France Ave S between 42nd St and 50th St • Complete line on Xerxes Ave S between 54th St and Hwy 62 • Complete line on Hwy 62 between Penn Ave S and I-35W • Complete line on Hwy 62 between I-35W and 28th Ave • Complete line on Stinson Blvd NE between 29th Ave and 33rd Ave • Add line on 23rd Ave SE and Intercampus Transitway • Add lines on Pillsbury Dr SE and Church St SE • Add Route 11 turnaround on Portland Ave and 42nd St E • Remove 9-10 LRT Station markers on 10th Ave N • Change marker symbols to increase visibility/differentiation <p>Map 2.12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Hennepin Ave bus lane designation. <p>Map 2.13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottineau Blvd alignments have changed. These now include both Busway and LRT alternatives. See Anna Flintoft for most recent alignments. • Add Planned or Alternative for Central Corridor legend item. <p>Map 2.14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change line segments on Olson Memorial Hwy and Penn Ave from BLUE to RED. • Change line segments on Hennepin Ave, W 36th St and E Calhoun Pkwy between Lake St. and Sheridan Ave. S from BLUE to RED <p>APPENDIX A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Lowry Ave. from BLUE to GREEN • Change Minnehaha Ave. and 26th Ave S from BLUE to GREEN • Change line segments on 50th St W, 46th St E, 42nd St E, 34th Ave S and 46th St E between France Ave. S and 46th Ave. S from BLUE to GREEN • Change W Broadway Ave. and Washington Ave. N from RED to BLUE • Consider removing Proposed Transitway routes that do not meet PTN criteria (Northstar, Red Rock, etc) • Change University from Definite PTN to Proposed Transitway • Include all Bottineau Blvd “Proposed” Transitway alignments, and amend once alignment is selected.

Please note that staff is working to incorporate these technical comments to the maps and appendices as these comments update information originally submitted by staff in September 2008.

Advisory comments—

Section of Plan	Comment
Surface Water Management	The City needs to update its LWMP in 2009 to make the LWMP consistent with the 2007 Minnehaha Creek Watershed District plan and to meet this plan’s new requirements. The City also needs to send the Council a copy of the new LWMP for review and comment at the same time it sends it to the watersheds for review and approval. <i>Please note this is a standard comment made by MC staff to most jurisdictions.</i>
Forecasts	Forecasts found in the water supply chapter are inconsistent with the City’s preferred forecast (shown above). The City needs to resolve this inconsistency and reflect the resolution in the final Update submitted to the Council. <i>Please note that Public Works staff is working to address and finalize these changes.</i>
Water Supply	The Council recommends the City continue to implement conservation programs targeted at reducing residential water use.

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE—Staff is incorporating Metropolitan Council technical comments into the comprehensive plan and finalizing The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth. This is the schedule for proceeding with adoption of the document:

July 16	Process and status review with CPC COW -- <i>DONE</i>
July 30	Review of Met Council required modifications with CPC COW -- <i>DONE</i>
Aug 24	Public Notice of CPC Public Hearing -- <i>DONE</i>
Aug 27	CPC COW (review draft adopting resolution) -- <i>DONE</i>
Sep 14	City Planning Commission Public Hearing
Sep 24	Zoning and Planning Committee
Oct 2	City Council action

REQUEST FOR ACTION—Staff recommends the incorporation of the technical comments into *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* and a motion that the Comprehensive Plan be advanced to the Zoning and Planning Committee.

RESOLUTION
By Schiff

Regarding adoption of *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* as the City's Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, Minneapolis is the largest city in Minnesota and serves as the economic and cultural center for the Upper Midwest Region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is a vibrant city with unique neighborhoods, a resilient economy, a progressive tradition of good government and strong civic engagement, and a renown parks system; and

WHEREAS, City residents embrace their diversity and value their heritage, education, arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Minneapolitans promise future generations an even greater, more beautiful city than the one they inherited by promoting urban stewardship, active lifestyles and environmentally-sensitive building design, energy and resource use; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with provisions in Minnesota State Statute 473.864 Subdivisions 1 & 2; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Plan is a long-term vision for growth and physical development of the city and a policy framework that guides planning, zoning, development and other city investments; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to update its Comprehensive Plan in accordance with provisions in Minnesota State Statute 473.86-862 with the signal to update the 2000 Comprehensive Plan being a new regional framework and local system statement for Minneapolis issued by Metropolitan Council in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City Comprehensive plan update was evaluated by the public, staff, elected officials and the Metropolitan Council in accordance with provisions in Minnesota State Statue 4, 473.175; and

WHEREAS, the process for development of *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* included gathering input from a variety of stakeholders including citizens, neighborhoods, institutions, businesses, and adjacent jurisdictions through public meetings, focus groups, a website, surveys, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the draft Comprehensive Plan was available for review and comment by adjacent jurisdictions for a six-month period from December 1, 2007 until June 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period extended from December 1, 2007 until February 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the committees of the City Council fully considered the draft Comprehensive Plan and the public comments received; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Planning Committee approved submission of the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council on June 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the full Council authorized submission of the draft Comprehensive Plan to Metropolitan Council and directed staff to explore policy and regulatory strategies for providing existing property owners clearer expectations about the long-range land use transitions and to analyze potential impacts of the 2000 Above the Falls land use guidance on July 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council completed an informal review of the draft Comprehensive Plan on August 4, 2008 and invited submission of the document for formal review; and

WHEREAS, the draft Comprehensive Plan was submitted for formal review October 15, 2008 with a determination of completeness on December 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, during the 120-day formal review of the Update, Metropolitan Council identified an inconsistency between the City's Sewer Plan and the regional system statement for wastewater which resulted in the City filing a request to extend formal review so that the City and Metropolitan Council could negotiate a resolution to the issues around Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) and Inflow & Infiltration (I&I); and

WHEREAS, the City and Metropolitan Council negotiated and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding CSO and I&I that was approved by City Council on July 17, 2009 and by Metropolitan Council on July 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the city's Water Supply Plan, a required element of the update to the comprehensive plan, was reviewed and approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council determined *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* as being complete, consistent, compliant and in conformance with the regional planning framework and statutory requirements, and approved and authorized adoption of the draft Comprehensive Plan on July 22, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS: That *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*, as deemed complete by the Metropolitan Council on July 22, 2009 and including the amendments made by City staff in accordance with Metropolitan Council requirements, is hereby adopted as the City's Comprehensive Plan.