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DATE: October 15, 2018
TO: Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee
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SUBJECT: *Saint Paul for All: 2040 Comprehensive Plan* – Public Hearing Draft

BACKGROUND

In March 2018, at the recommendation of the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee, the Planning Commission released a preliminary draft of the *Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan* to the Metropolitan Council for a voluntary 30-day preliminary review, and to adjacent/affected jurisdictions for a mandatory 6-month review. Since that time, we have heard from the Metropolitan Council, and the following adjacent cities, counties and affected agencies.

Adjacent cities and counties

Lauderdale
Maplewood
Mendota Heights
Newport
North St. Paul
Vadnais Heights
Dakota County
Washington County

Agencies with jurisdiction in Saint Paul

MnDOT
National Park Service
Metropolitan Airports Commission
State Historic Preservation Office
Saint Paul Port Authority
Saint Paul Public Housing Agency
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

Since March 2018, City staff have also met informally with all of the district councils and many interested stakeholders (e.g. Mayor's Advisory Committee on Aging, community health experts, housing advocates, Mayor Carter's Chief Resiliency Officer), and held two public Open Houses to present key ideas in the draft plan.

As you know, due to staff capacity, we are just now beginning the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area chapter of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Accordingly, we requested and received approval from the Metropolitan Council of a 6-month extension for submittal of the full Plan to the Council. Our new deadline for submittal is June 30, 2019.

OFFICIAL PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

As we have discussed with the Committee previously, we will be bringing the *2040 Comprehensive Plan* to you in two parts: 1) the bulk of the Plan, with city-wide chapters on Land Use; Transportation; Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Housing; Water Resources Management; and Heritage and Cultural Preservation for official release in November 2018; and 2) the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan chapter for official release in May 2019.

The plan we are presenting to you today is the official public review draft of the six city-wide chapters.

FEEDBACK ON THE PRELIMINARY REVIEW DRAFT

We received four types of comments on the preliminary review draft the Planning Commission released on March 27, 2018:

1. requests that Saint Paul consider the impact of infrastructure projects such as roads and parks/ trails on adjacent cities (that they “match up”), or that such improvements be consistent with County plans (e.g. Dakota County);
2. specific, substantive comments on policies – these ranged from agreement and reinforcement to disagreement to a request for specific wording changes (e.g. Saint Paul Port Authority, MnDOT);
3. agreement and encouragement to work with partner agencies on shared goals and vision (e.g. Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board); and
4. comments on the completeness of the draft, mostly regarding missing or incorrect maps and other missing data required by the Metropolitan Council.

We will go over these with the Committee at its meetings on October 3 and 17, 2018. In general, the feedback was in support of the preliminary draft, and the final public review draft is generally very similar to the draft the Commission released in March. The most substantive policy changes were made to the Land Use, Housing and Parks chapters; and much more background data is provided in the new draft (especially in the Housing chapter).

PROPOSED REVIEW AND ADOPTION SCHEDULE

City-wide chapters (Land Use; Transportation; Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Housing; Water Resources Management; and Heritage and Cultural Preservation)

October 3	Hand out final draft to CNPC, begin Committee review
October 17	CNPC completes review of final draft
November 2	PC releases public hearing draft of city-wide chapters
January 11, 2019	PC holds public hearing on city-wide chapters

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) chapter

October 26	Draft MRCCA done and sent to Metropolitan Council, adjacent cities, agencies
April 26, 2019	Adjacent review completed
May	Staff reviews comments, prepares new draft
May	CNPC reviews final draft, releases document for public review
June	PC holds hearing, recommends to Mayor, City Council

Full Plan (city-wide + MRCCA chapters)

June 2019	City Council holds hearing on entire document (city-wide chapters and MRCCA)
June 2019	City Council adoption, forward to Metropolitan Council

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommend that the Planning Commission release the official public review draft of *Saint Paul for All: 2040 Comprehensive Plan* on November 2, 2018 and set a public hearing for January 11, 2019.

Attachment