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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
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FROM: Anthony VanDerworp, Director
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DATE: June 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Van Buren Charter Township South Side Master Plan Update

BACKGROUND

The Van Buren Charter Township (Township) submitted revisions to its South Side Master Plan on April 12, 2007, for comment by Washtenaw County. Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners created the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board in part to “communicate and collaborate with other jurisdictions in the task of anticipating future countywide needs, especially in the context of rapid growth” and to “communicate with neighboring communities on planning issues.” With this understanding, Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment has reviewed the plan and provided brief recommendations.

DISCUSSION

Department of Planning and Environment staff evaluated the proposed amendment according to the goals, objectives and recommendations of *A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County*. The Department of Planning and Environment distributed the amendment to the Washtenaw County Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, Washtenaw County Road Commission, Office of the Drain Commissioner and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) for comment. Comments received from these departments and agencies are included in the attached staff report.

The Amendments were reviewed by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board. In the interests of following the comment period as stipulated in the Township Planning Act (Act 168 of 1959 as amended) the Amendments are forwarded to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners as a County staff report for review. After acceptance of the report by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the report will be submitted to the Township and the contiguous communities.

ATTACHMENTS

- Staff Report

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM WASHTENAW COUNTY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD ON THE VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SOUTH SIDE MASTER PLAN REVISIONS AND DIRECT THE COUNTY CLERK TO
SEND COMMENTS TO THE VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND THE
CONTIGUOUS LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 20, 2007

WHEREAS the County Board of Commissioners created the Planning Advisory Board to review plans and recommend adoption by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS Van Buren Charter Township submitted South Side Master Plan update; and

WHEREAS the revisions were reviewed for consistency with the goals, objectives and recommendations of *A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County*; and

WHEREAS the Amendments were reviewed by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board at the May 21, 2007 meeting;

WHEREAS in the interests of following the comment period as stipulated in the Township Planning Act (Act 168 of 1959 as amended) the Amendments were forwarded to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners as a County staff report for review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the staff report from the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment as recommended by the Planning Advisory Board on the Van Buren Charter Township South Side Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send the comments to Van Buren Charter Township and the contiguous local units of government.