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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
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FROM: Anthony VanDerworp, Director
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DATE: July 2, 2008

SUBJECT: City of Ann Arbor Downtown Plan Amendment

BACKGROUND

The City of Ann Arbor (City) submitted an amendment to its Master Plan on May 19, 2008, for comment by Washtenaw County, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Municipal Planning Act, Public Act 285 of 1931 as amended. The Act requires the County to provide comments, which are advisory only, to the City. The comments must include, but need not be limited to, both of the following as applicable:

- A statement whether the county, after considering any comments received from adjacent local units of government, considers the proposed plan to be inconsistent with the plan of contiguous community (city, village, township or region), and
- A statement whether the county considers the plan to be inconsistent with the county plan.

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 Revisions were reviewed and approved by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board at their June 23, 2008 meeting. In the interests of following the 40 day comment period as stipulated in the Municipal Planning Act (Act 285 of 1931 as amended) the Revisions 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 City and the contiguous communities.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Cover Letter
- Staff Report

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM WASHTENAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT STAFF ON THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN PLAN AMENDMENT AND DIRECT THE COUNTY CLERK TO SEND COMMENTS TO THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR AND THE CONTIGUOUS LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, Public Act 285 of 1931("the Act") requires that the County submit comments on the proposed City of Ann Arbor Downtown Plan Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the comments include, but not be limited to, a statement whether the proposed revisions are considered to be inconsistent with the plan of any contiguous city, village, township or region, after considering comments from contiguous communities, and a statement whether the proposed plan is considered to be inconsistent with the county plan; and

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

WHEREAS the City of Ann Arbor submitted a Downtown Plan Amendment; and

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

WHEREAS the Amendment was reviewed and approved by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board at their June 23, 2008 meeting;

WHEREAS in the interests of following the 40 day comment period as stipulated in the Act the Amendment was 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 on the City of Ann Arbor Downtown Plan Amendment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send the comments to the City of Ann Arbor and the contiguous local units of government.