



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2007
To: Planning Commission
CC: Steve Wise
From: Mark Donaldson, Executive Director
RE: West City Sector Plan Update - 8-A-07-SAP

Agenda Item #: 8

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

I recommend that you adopt the West City Sector Plan and forward it to both the City Council with a recommendation for adoption. A resolution is included for that purpose.

BACKGROUND

The plan is intended to serve as a guide for development of the West City Sector in the next 15 years. Over the past year, residents, neighborhood groups and business owners collaborated with MPC staff to discuss land use, community facilities and transportation needs. The results of their efforts include proposals for transportation improvements, mixed use districts, and community facilities that are connected by a system of greenways, sidewalks and other bike and pedestrian facilities.

The plan is divided into chapters: introduction; background report; land use, community facilities, and transportation plan. There are several changes to the land use plan, due to the availability of more accurate floodway and slope data, the creation of a new land use classification system and the recommendations for several mixed use zones. (Please see the Land Use Plan, pages 22-27 and Appendix B, page 39, for significant changes in land use.) The Land Use Plan is used by MPC staff as a basis for making zoning recommendations and changes to the City's One Year Plan.

The foremost transportation improvement need that was recognized in creating the plan is enhance traffic flow in the Kingston Pike/Northshore Drive vicinity. In the coming year, MPC, the TPO and TDOT will be undertaking a major study in that area to weigh improvement options and land development strategies, including more pedestrian-oriented development.

**KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WEST CITY SECTOR PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, a regional planning commission established pursuant to state statute, has the duty to make and adopt plans for the physical development of Knoxville and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, conditions have significantly changed in the West City Sector, including improvements on Kingston Pike, Northshore Drive, Papermill Road, Lyons View Pike, Morell Road, Gleason Drive, Montvue Road, Gallaher View, Westland Drive, and construction of new subdivisions and community facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff prepared an inventory report on environmental resources, population, land use, transportation and community facilities in the West City Sector; and

WHEREAS, public meetings and workshops were carried out to identify community issues; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff prepared the West City Sector Plan, which takes into account the comments of citizens and city departments which serve the area, to be used as a guide for environmental conservation, land use, transportation, community facility needs and capital improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission held meetings in the community to review the plan and provided draft plan review online,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: The Commission hereby adopts the West City Sector Plan, dated August 2007, with its accompanying land use map (1"=5,000", also dated August 2007). This plan shall supersede the former plan for this sector, which was adopted in 1996.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

Date

Chairman

Secretary