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MEMORANDUM

To: Common Council

From: Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager

Date: April 17, 2023

Re: Plan Commission Case Number MP-15-24 - Amendment to the City of Bloomington's Comprehensive Plan in order to incorporate one new goal, and three new policies related to accessible transportation and mobility principles. As directed by the Common Council in Resolution 23-14.

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The Plan Commission heard case MP-15-24 on April 15, 2024 and voted to send the petition to the Common Council with a positive recommendation with a vote of 8-0. The packet of information provided to the Plan commission for MP-15-24 is below.

The Common Council initiated a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan through Resolution 23-14. The resolution directs that a Comprehensive Plan amendment be prepared by the Plan Commission to reflect additional accessible transportation and mobility principles. The resolution calls for the inclusion of new policies consistent with four principles from the Accessible Transportation and Mobility Principles for the City of Bloomington (ATM) adopted in 2022.

The four principles identified are as follows:

1. Involve people with disabilities in decision-making. Establish a transparent, equitable public process that includes people with low vision, mobility challenges, and other disabilities in the full range of transportation decisions from design to operations.
2. Develop equitable access. Connect people with disabilities meaningfully to essential needs and services, including housing, grocery stores, health care facilities, jobs, schools, mass transit stops, parks, and other places to live, work, and play.
3. Provide safe and functional mobility. Prioritize transportation safety for the most vulnerable users over and above access and speed for cars and trucks, through funding for infrastructure such as well-maintained sidewalks, readily-available ramps, and accessible transit stops.
4. Ensure accountability. Document and evaluate progress on implementation of the municipality's ADA Transition Plan by updating the Plan's data and revising its goals at least biennially.

The Planning and Transportation Department has drafted an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for review by the Plan Commission. This amendment incorporates the principles outlined in the resolution, introducing one new goal and three new policies to Chapter 6: Transportation of the Comprehensive Plan. The goal and policies from the resolution were included as written to ensure alignment with the principles outlined in the ATM, and to ensure coherence and consistency between the ATM and the Comprehensive Plan. The new goal, identified as Goal 6.8: Development of Equitable Access, includes the new policies Policy 6.8.1: Involve people with disabilities in decision making, 6.8.2: Provide safe and functional mobility, and Policy 6.8.3: Ensure accountability.