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To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

Information / Background:

The City of Edina's current Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan was completed in 2008, and included in the Comprehensive Plan as part of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update. This Plan was a visionary and ambitious bicycle plan for its time, resulting in nearly 40 lane miles of new bicycle facilities since then. In 2014, in part because of the Bicycle Plan, Edina received a Bicycle Friendly Community Award at the bronze level. Also in 2014, the City approved a new Sidewalk Facilities Plan for amendment into the Pedestrian and Bike Facilities section of the Comprehensive Plan, which outlined a 20+ year plan to enhance and increase the pedestrian network in Edina. Since 2014, the City has constructed ten miles of sidewalk based on the recommendations of that Plan, and the approved Living Streets Plan.

As part of the City's continued efforts to provide opportunities for walking and biking, and to correspond with the current 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update process, in May of 2017 the City hired a consulting team led by Community Design Group to prepare a combined Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. This Master Plan is intended to be included as part of the Transportation Chapter of City's Comprehensive Plan, replacing the 2008 Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan and parts of the "Pedestrian and Bike Facilities" section.

The following is a summary of engagement events and opportunities hosted by the City and consultant during the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Planning process:

- Kick-off Open House (July 2017)
- Three "Pop-Up" Workshops (August 2017)
- Listening Session at Edina High School (September 2017)
- Three Edina Transportation Commission Meetings (2017 & 2018)
- Final Open House (December 2017)
- Draft Master Plan posted for public review (January 2018)
- Planning Commission Work Session (January 2018)
- Planning Commission Public Hearing (February 2018)
- City Council Public Hearing (February 2018)

In addition, the City hosted a project website where users could interact with an online map and identify routes they use or would like to use, and also complete an online survey. Over 300 unique users logged into the online map and submitted over 700 comments, and 680 project surveys were completed.