



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** February 1, 2005  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Scott Benson, Chair Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
**Subject:** **Draft 2030 Met Council Water Resources Management Policy Plan - Comments**

**Recommendation:** Approval of comments to the Metropolitan Council regarding their draft 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan.

**Previous Directives:**

- October 22, 2004 - City Council approved comments regarding the Met Council's draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

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**Approved by:**

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**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information:**

To help plan and prepare for the expected growth of nearly 1 million people in metro area (2000-2030), and because of state mandates, the Met Council in 2004 passed the 2030 Regional Development Framework. They are now in the process of developing four systems plans for: transportation (completed end of 2004), aviation, wastewater and regional recreation open space.

These plans are important to Minneapolis because Minnesota law governing metropolitan land-use planning state that Comprehensive Plans of local government cannot be in conflict with metro systems plans for these four areas. In addition there are legislative mandates for plan development in water supply and for target pollution loads.

*Water Resources Plan:*

Currently out for review and comment is the draft Water Resources Management Policy Plan (Plan). This replaces the current plan, adopted in December 1996. Comments are due by February 18, 2005. In addition, the Met Council held a series of information sessions – including a public hearing that is scheduled for February 8.

The Plan includes policies and strategies for:

- Water supply
- Surface water management (nonpoint source issues)
- Wastewater treatment and collection (point source issues).

Public Works, CPED, IGR, Attorney's Office and Regulatory Services worked together in developing the attached comments.

Attachment 1: Draft Met Council 2030 Water Resources Management Plan Executive Summary

Attachment 2: Draft Letter to the Met Council re: Comments on 2030 Water Resources Management Plan

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