December 12, 2013

Kyle Klatt, Planning Director City of Lake Elmo 3800 Laverne Avenue N Lake Elmo, MN 55042

RE: City of Lake Elmo Village Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment

> Metropolitan Council Review File No. 20599-5 Metropolitan Council District 12

Dear Mr. Klatt:

At its meeting on December 11, 2013, the Metropolitan Council reviewed the City's Village Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), based on the staff's report (Business Item 2013-320). The amendment proposes to incorporate detailed planning efforts for the Village Area, as well as updating the wastewater plan to reflect changes in land use and staging for the Village Area and the I-94 Corridor (Business Item 2013-28, Review File No. 20599-3).

The Council found that the CPA conforms to the regional system plans for transportation, wastewater, and parks; is consistent with the 2030 Regional Development Framework and Council policies; and is compatible with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. Therefore, the City may place the CPA into effect.

The Council took the following actions:

- 1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Lake Elmo to put the Village Area CPA into effect.
- 2. Find that the proposed amendment does not change the official forecasts for the City.
- 3. Encourage the City to begin participation in the Livable Communities Act (LCA) Local Housing Incentives Account in order to become eligible for LCA grants that can assist in the development and preservation of affordable housing.
- 4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation.

A copy of the staff report to the Council on both business items is attached for your records, along with a copy of the resolution. The Council will append the amendment, submission form, and supplemental information to the City's plan in the Council's files. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-602-1895.

Sincerely.

LisaBeth Barajas, Manager

Local Planning Assistance

Attachment

CC: Crystal Sheppeck, Minnesota Housing Tod Sherman, Development Reviews Coordinator, MnDOT Metro

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