



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the plan. However, implementing specific recommendations within the plan will have fiscal impacts in the future and will require Common Council approval at that time.

### Title

Adopting the *Regent Street - South Campus Neighborhood Plan* and the goals, recommendations, and implementation steps contained therein as a supplement to the City's *Comprehensive Plan*.

### Body

WHEREAS, Regent Street and the South Campus area has long been an integral component of the surrounding neighborhoods, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the city as a whole; and

WHEREAS, somewhat declining physical conditions, the presence of numerous underutilized parcels, and an increased level of real estate development speculation suggest that this area could be poised for some significant changes; and

WHEREAS, the Regent Street-South Campus neighborhood does not currently have a detailed neighborhood plan that establishes policies and makes recommendations to guide decisions regarding the future of this neighborhood, as recommended in the City of Madison *Comprehensive Plan* (adopted on January 17, 2006); and

WHEREAS, the Regent Street-South Campus Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee was appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council to guide the development of a neighborhood plan for this area, and consisted of the following representatives: area alders, businesses, adjacent neighborhoods, area medical institutions, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and students; and

WHEREAS, a team of planning consultants (Vierbicher Associates, Inc.) and architects (Potter Lawson, Inc.) were retained to work with the Steering Committee, City staff, and area stakeholders to develop this plan; and

WHEREAS, this effort was funded through \$20,000 in the City's 2006 Operating Budget, a \$20,000 grant from Dane County's Better Urban Infill Development (BUILD) program, \$15,000 from the UW-Madison, and \$20,000 from other contributors; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee met eleven times between January and November 2007, and oversaw a public participation process that also included four large-scale public meetings, two rounds of focus groups, and a business survey to receive input throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2007, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the draft *Regent Street - South Campus Neighborhood Plan* and recommended that it be submitted to the City for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the plan makes a series of recommendations concerning subjects such as: land use, urban design (including building heights, setbacks and stepbacks), streetscape enhancements, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, and parking and traffic circulation, among others.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Regent Street - South Campus Neighborhood Plan* and the goals, recommendations and implementation steps contained therein is hereby adopted as a supplement to

the City's *Comprehensive Plan*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes to the *Comprehensive Plan's* Generalized Future Land Use Plan Map recommended in the *Regent Street - South Campus Neighborhood Plan* be considered for adoption during the next annual *Comprehensive Plan* evaluation and amendment process; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the appropriate City agencies consider including the recommendations of the *Regent Street - South Campus Neighborhood Plan* in future work plans and budgets.