

RESOLUTION NO. 08-39

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Adopting the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and Traffic Study to improve the existing arterial road system and transform the existing Warrensville/Van Aken commercial district into a vibrant, mixed-use downtown.

WHEREAS, the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and Traffic Study was prepared by The Planning Partnership/URS through a collaborative process involving City staff, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) staff, public officials, neighborhood organizations, and residents, and in accordance with the City's Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), which was adopted in 2000; and

WHEREAS, expected outcomes of the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and Traffic Study include:

- A realigned intersection and arterial street layout;
- Creation of an intermodal transportation center for light rail/bus/automobile and pedestrian transfers;
- Enhanced economic development opportunities; and
- Improved pedestrian- and bike-friendly access and site amenities; and

WHEREAS, key elements of the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and Traffic Study include:

- Changing the 6-leg intersection at Chagrin Boulevard and Warrensville Center Road into a standard, 4-leg intersection;
- Maintaining the RTA line in its current diagonal configuration with an extension of the RTA line through the Chagrin/Warrensville intersection to a new transit/bus terminal near the University Hospitals Health System Administrative Center; and
- Creating new development parcels for retail, office, housing and community uses along a grid of internal streets extending from Lomond Boulevard and Winslow Road; and

WHEREAS, the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and Traffic Study was presented and discussed in three public meetings; and the City Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Plan to Council at its meeting following the Joint City Planning Commission/Council Work Session on April 14, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Shaker Heights, State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council supports and adopts the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and Traffic Study approved by the City Planning Commission on April 14, 2008.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Adopted April 28, 2008.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2008.

EARL M. LEIKEN, Mayor

Attest:

JERI E. CHAIKIN
Clerk of Council

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