

Council Amendment

TO: Advisory Plan Commission

FROM: Gabriel Nelson, Planning Director

DATE: October 23, 2024

RE: City of Greenwood Comprehensive Plan – Approval and Certification – Council Amendment

At its Common Council Meeting on October 7, 2024, the Greenwood Common Council approved the Greenwood Comprehensive Plan with two amendments by an 8-0 vote, with one member abstaining.

Following this approval, the Common Council per IC 36-7-4-510, provided a written statement of the reasons for the amendments to our Advisory Plan Commission. The statement is located on the next page. The amendments were for the following citations:

1. 06 Infrastructure. FIGURE 6.1: FUTURE THOROUGHFARE MAP AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (Page 77)
 - A portion of Stop 18 was removed.
2. 06 Infrastructure. GOAL 5: USE NEW DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ROADWAY CONNECTIONS (Page 90)
 - The second paragraph was removed.

A copy of the updated, amended Comprehensive Plan and the original, not amended plan are here for your review:

- [Greenwood Comprehensive Plan_not amended_no date or footer.pdf](#)
- [Greenwood Comprehensive Plan_amended_no date or footer.pdf](#)

Next Steps:

The commission has sixty (60) days to consider the rejection or amendment and to file its report with the legislative body.

If the commission approves the amendment, the comprehensive plan stands, as amended by the legislative body, as of the date of the filing of the commission's report with the legislative body.

If the commission disapproves the rejection or amendment, the action of the legislative body on the original rejection or amendment stands only if confirmed by another resolution of the legislative body.

If the commission does not file a report with the legislative body within the time allotted, the action of the legislative body in rejecting or amending the comprehensive plan becomes final.



Common Council Statement:

The Council acknowledges the importance of connectivity but recognizes that, in certain cases, it may not be in the best interest of Greenwood's citizens. This mainly applies to neighborhoods previously part of the county, which lack proper infrastructure like sidewalks and stormwater drainage. Encouraging additional vehicular traffic in these areas could disrupt residents' long-standing recreational and outdoor activities, leaving them without a safe alternative for quiet enjoyment until the necessary infrastructure is in place. The Council has requested the removal of the specific language in question, as it believes further discussions are needed to determine when connectivity is appropriate. The language, whether intentional or not, seemed to advocate for connectivity in all situations, which the Council does not support.

The Council also requested the removal of the proposed extension of Stop 18 Road through Freedom Park to Honey Creek Road, as shown on page 77 of the Comprehensive Plan. With Cutsinger Road already extending east and west and the recent completion of Averitt Road, the Council believes there is sufficient east-west connectivity. Additionally, the safety concerns raised by local residents further justify the decision to deem the Stop 18 extension unnecessary.

Furthermore, the Council requested the removal of the second paragraph on page 99 of the Comprehensive Plan. While not opposed to the concept of neighborhood connectivity, the Council prefers to retain more control over the process, rather than delegating authority to appointed boards or commissions, as it is the body elected by the people.

