

# C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 19, 2006

Metropolitan Council Meeting Date: June 28, 2006

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	May 11, 2006
<b>Subject:</b>	MetroGIS Workgroup Report; Continuing MetroGIS Participation
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Mark Vander Schaaf, Director of Data Resources (651-602-1441) Blair Tremere, Community Development Division Director (651-602-1306)
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### Background

The Community Development Committee reviewed the MetroGIS Program Evaluation and Audit Report on November 7 and December 19, 2005; the Council’s Audit Committee had reviewed the Report on November 2. On January 10, 2006, the Committee announced a workgroup and its charge, namely, to study the options presented in the Audit Report.

The workgroup, comprised of Council members Meeks (chair), Pistilli (vice chair), Sanda, Julius Smith, and Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt (chair of the MetroGIS Policy Board), met at least monthly through May 1 when their final report (attached) was approved for consideration by the Committee.

Consistent with the workgroup Report, staff prepared for Council consideration and approval, a resolution that reconfirms the Council’s commitment to participate in the MetroGIS initiative. The uniqueness of MetroGIS and the nature of the relationships with the Council (financial, staff, policy) warrant a formal resolution for the “certification” recommended by the workgroup.

The workgroup also recommends that the Committee advise the Council to direct staff to inform appropriate State agencies about the MetroGIS and to encourage ongoing communication and long term collaboration with the State.

### Proposed Action/Motion

Recommend that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Accept the “Final Report and Recommendations of the Community Development Committee MetroGIS Workgroup,” and direct staff to inform appropriate State agencies about the MetroGIS and to encourage ongoing communication and long term collaboration with the State.
2. Adopt the attached proposed Resolution reconfirming the Council’s commitment to participating in the MetroGIS initiative and stating its expectations regarding ongoing participation in MetroGIS activities.