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December 23, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
AMENDMENT OF COUNTYWIDE PLAN

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From: Multimodal Corridor
To: Retail & Services
Location: 2500 55th Avenue North in Lealman

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From: Public/Semi-Public and Preservation
To: Residential Rural and Preservation
Location: Southwest corner of Keystone Road and Woodfield Boulevard in East Lake

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By: Dorelynn Revie, Deputy Clerk



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