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Dear Reader:

The 2011 Budget theme “Bloomington Connected” speaks to how the City is enhancing its connections with the community through improved service and new technology.

The City’s long-term vision is to make Bloomington a more sustainable, safe, attractive and competitive community. We do this by providing quality services at reasonable, competitive costs and by supporting the long-term property investments of residents and businesses through City reinvestment and renewal.

Examples of our efforts can be found throughout the pages of this document, which presents the City’s approved 2011 budget. This document also includes budget summaries for all funds, working capital goals by fund, debt and capital overviews and operating program details. Background information used to develop the budget and to describe its impact and corresponding levies are included in the introduction to provide a more complete understanding of the 2011 Budget. Five-year, 10-year and 15-year budget models were used to determine the current levy and to consider the City’s long-term financial stability. The pro forma component of this budget is included herein and can also be found on our website at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us.

For more detailed financial information, please refer to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us.

The 2011 State of the City address was designed utilizing the same Bloomington Connected theme and can also be found on the City’s website.

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