

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 02, 2014

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Dave Bullock, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Request for Commission Support for Letter to Sarasota County
Commission Regarding Mobility Fees

The Town Manager requests Commission consideration for a letter to Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners encouraging them to move from their current impact fee system to a mobility fee system.

The concept of mobility fees would allow the funds collected on Longboat Key as a result of development occurring within the Town to be used for transit, sidewalk, and pedestrian improvements within the Town.

The proposed letter also advises the issue has been placed on the October 6, 2014 joint meeting with Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Longboat Key Commission.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



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Charles D Hines, Chair
Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Chair Hines,

The Town of Longboat Key has been reading about the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners' discussion of moving to a mobility fee from the current transportation impact fee system. The Town has participated in the Sarasota County impact fee system for the portion of the island that is within Sarasota County for many years. Because the impact fees can only be used for capacity adding projects, all the funds collected by the Town from new development go into an account to be used at Gulfstream and US 41 at an undetermined time in the future. There are limited capacity adding road projects envisioned within Longboat Key. There are however, many opportunities for capacity adding projects for mobility related pedestrians, bicycles, and transit projects.

Town staff has met with County staff to discuss the concept of a mobility fee that would allow use of funds for transit, sidewalk, and pedestrian improvements. The Town would support the implementation of such a mobility fee where the Town could improve its' mobility systems as a result of development that occurs within the Town.

We have placed the topic on the agenda of the October 6, 2014 joint meeting between the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Longboat Key Commission for a brief conversation and expression of support from the Town.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

My best regards,

James L. Brown,
Mayor



End of Agenda Item