

## M E M O R A N D U M

**DATE:** April 12, 2016

**TO:** Planning and Zoning Board

**FROM:** Alaina Ray, Director  
Planning, Zoning and Building Department

**RE:** Ordinance 2016-10: Comprehensive Plan Update  
Mobility Element (Replaces the Transportation Element)

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Longboat Key has had a long-standing Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County for the collection and allocation of Transportation Impact fees. Historically, these fees were collected by the Town and deposited into a fund with Sarasota County for the purpose of eventual improvements at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Gulfstream. The fees were minimal and had never reached an amount to complete any improvement projects at the intersection.

In 2015, the City of Sarasota prepared its own Mobility Plan and separated into its own Mobility District, thus eliminating the need for Sarasota County to maintain the special fund for the U.S. 41 and Gulfstream intersection. Subsequently, Sarasota County adopted a new Mobility Plan, which replaced their Transportation Plan. The Town Commission then adopted a revised Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County on December 7, 2015, to establish a special Mobility Fee District for the Sarasota County portion of Longboat Key and to delineate the Mobility Fee framework. The Interlocal Agreement was adopted by Sarasota County on December 8, 2015.

At the March 22, 2016, Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z Board) Meeting, Staff introduced a draft version of a new Mobility Element, which converts the Town's Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan into a new Mobility Element. This Element addresses vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle usage. It encourages the principles of "Complete Streets," which is a concept promoting accessible design and encourages transformation of streets into functional and welcoming places for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Staff requested comments from the P&Z Board regarding the draft revisions, which would then be brought back to a workshop to discuss. Currently, Staff has not received any comments regarding the draft Mobility Plan, other than general difficulty in evaluating the Element. Therefore, Staff would like to prepare a presentation and discussion item to bring back to the P&Z Board at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting. This presentation would be designed to provide information related to the purpose and intent of the Mobility Element, a discussion of the terminology utilized in such elements, and a policy discussion related to the proposed Goals and Objectives.

A binder is being provided containing materials, which will be useful in evaluating the draft Mobility Plan, including the Sarasota County Mobility Plan and the Interlocal Agreement between the Town and Sarasota County. The Town does not have a similar agreement with Manatee County.