

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Tom Harmer, Town Manager

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REPORT DATE: December 14, 2022

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2022-22, Amending the Comprehensive Plan,
Mobility Element

Recommended Action

Transmit Ordinance 2022-22 to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for review and comment.

Background

Ordinance 2022-22 incorporates recommended amendments to the Mobility Element (Batch 4) of the Comprehensive Plan. The P&Z Board held a Workshop on September 19, 2022 and provided recommendations to the Town Commission on a series of amendments, described further below and attached, which are incorporated into Ordinance 2022-22.

During the P&Z Board’s September Workshop, staff focused on the recommended amendments noted in the EAR. P&Z Board members considered those recommendations and made additional recommendations based on the existing overall goals of the Mobility Element.

There are 45 Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Strategies (GOPS) within the Mobility Element. Of the 45 GOPS, the P&Z Board recommended amendments to 37 of those. These 37 Policy amendments primarily consist of the following three types:

- “Accept EAR Recommendation”: amendments based upon EAR recommendations (**15** total, **3** of which are Policies recommended to be deleted);
- “Accept EAR Recommendation with a P&Z Board revision”: amendments based upon EAR recommendations wherein the P&Z Board had additional wording related recommendations (**3** total); and
- Non-substantive, series of “clean-up” items that correct scrivener’s errors and otherwise generally add or revise wording for clarity (**19** total).

Staff presented the P&Z Board’s recommendations to the Town Commission at their November 14, 2022 Regular Workshop. The Town Commission agreed with the P&Z Board’s recommendations and made three additional recommendations to amend the following Mobility Element Strategies. The Town Commission recommended separating Mobility Strategy 1.3.2.4 into two different Strategies, as the Strategy included two subjects: bicycle lanes and a multi-use path. They recommended keeping the subjects in separate Strategies. They also recommended inserting “coordinate with FDOT” at the beginning of Strategy 1.3.2.6, in order to ensure consistency with the Strategies above it. The Town Commission’s recommendations are highlighted below:

Current “MOBILITY Strategy 1.3.2.4 reads: The Town shall coordinate with FDOT to maintain bicycle lanes on both sides of Gulf of Mexico Drive and to maintain a multi-use path on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive.

The policy is recommended to be revised to read: “MOBILITY Strategy 1.3.2.4: The Town shall coordinate with FDOT to maintain bicycle lanes on both sides of Gulf of Mexico Drive.

Current MOBILITY Strategy 1.3.2.5 reads: The Town shall coordinate with FDOT and to maintain and improve a multi-use path on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive, in compliance with the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program requirements.

The policy is recommended to be revised to read: MOBILITY Strategy 1.3.2.5: The Town shall coordinate with FDOT to maintain and improve a multi-use path on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive, in compliance with the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program requirements.

Current MOBILITY Strategy 1.3.2 reads: The Town shall Work to provide and maintain a multi-use path/sidewalk on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive.”

The policy is recommended to be revised to read: MOBILITY Strategy 1.3.2.6: The Town shall coordinate with FDOT to work towards providing and maintaining a multi-use path/sidewalk on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive.”

The P&Z Board held a public hearing on December 13, 2022 to consider Ordinance 2022-22, with the Town Commission’s recommendations incorporated. The P&Z Board agreed with the Commission’s recommendations, and made one additional, non-substantive clean-up recommendation. They also made a recommendation to add the City of Bradenton Beach to the named list of communities whose mobility related plans the Town will continue to monitor, in Strategy 1.1.1.1. The P&Z Board’s recommended policy, with the addition, reads as follows:

“MOBILITY Strategy 1.1.1.1: The Town shall review mobility plans and implementing actions of the City of Sarasota, City of Bradenton Beach, and Manatee and Sarasota Counties for consistency with the Florida Transportation Plan, the FDOT Barrier Islands Traffic Study (BITS), the Strategic Intermodal System Plan, the work programs and initiatives of FDOT, and the Greenways and Trails System Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.”

A color-coded summary of the three amendment types and description of each amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is attached to this memo.

The P&Z Board recommended approval (5-0) of Ordinance 2022-22, and forwarded it to the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting for Commission consideration and first reading.

Staff Recommendation

Transmit Ordinance 2022-22 to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for review and comment.

Attachments

- A. Summary of Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- B. Ordinance 2022-22 (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- C. Mobility Element (version shown with edits) (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- D. Mobility Element (clean version with edits included) (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- E. PowerPoint Presentation (Available in Town Clerk's Office)

End of Agenda Item