



APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

APPLICATION

APPLICANT:	Nassau County BOCC
AGENT:	Planning + Economic Opportunity Department
REQUESTED ACTION:	Amend the Transportation and Capital Improvements Elements; Amend the Future Transportation Map Series of the 2030 Nassau County Comprehensive Plan to Address Statutory Requirements for Long-Range Transportation Planning.

*** All required application materials have been received. All fees have been paid. All required notices have been made. All copies of required materials are part of the official record and have been made available on the County’s website and at the Planning + Economic Opportunity Department Office. ***

SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ch. 163.3177(6)(b), Florida Statutes requires the County to maintain a Transportation Element in its comprehensive plan. The element shall provide for a safe, convenient multimodal transportation system, coordinated with the future land use map or map series and designed to support all elements of the comprehensive plan. The element shall be coordinated with the plans and programs of any applicable metropolitan planning organization, transportation authority, and Department of Transportation adopted work program.

The element shall include a Future Transportation Map Series (FTMS) showing the general location of the existing and proposed transportation system features and shall be coordinated with the future land use map or map series.

The FTMS was last updated in 2015. This amendment will update the FTMS with updated data and analysis to be consistent with the North Florida TPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (2045) and Transportation Improvement Program. It will serve as a basis for the update to the County adopted Mobility Plan and the ENCPA Sector Plan Mobility Network. It will also include amendments to policies in the Transportation and Capital Improvements Element to properly reference the FTMS, add provisions for context-sensitive design of roadways, require coordination with utility companies to provide trails through utility corridors, and establish a fee-in-lieu policy for construction of trails and sidewalks.



CONSISTENCY WITH APPLICABLE FLORIDA STATUTES

Applicable Statutory Reference	Determination of Consistency
Ch. 163.3177(6)(b)(1), F.S.	√
Ch. 163.3177(3)(a)(5)	√

Ch. 163.3177(6)(b)(1)

Ch. 163.3177(6)(b)(1), Florida Statutes require a local government's Transportation Element to address traffic circulation, including the types, locations, and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares and transportation routes, including bicycle and pedestrian ways. It also requires the element to include maps showing the general location of the existing and proposed transportation system features and be coordinated with the Future Land Use Map. The element shall be coordinated with the plans and programs of any applicable metropolitan planning organization, transportation authority, and the Department of Transportation adopted work program.

The element shall reflect the data, analysis, and associated principles and strategies relating to the following:

- a. The existing transportation system levels of service and system needs and the availability of transportation facilities and services.
- b. The growth trends and travel patterns and interactions between land use and transportation.
- c. Existing and projected intermodal deficiencies and needs.
- d. The projected transportation system levels of service and system needs based upon the future land use map and the projected integrated transportation system.
- e. How the County will correct existing facility deficiencies, meet the identified needs of the projected transportation system, and advance the purpose of this paragraph and the other elements of the comprehensive plan.

This amendment will update the Future Transportation Map Series (FTMS) to be consistent with the North Florida TPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and serve as a basis for the update to the County's adopted Mobility Plan and the ENCPA Sector Plan Mobility Network (Note: both updates are in process at this time and will be adopted concurrently or subsequent this amendment).

Updated data and analysis for the Transportation Element was also prepared in support of this amendment. The data and analysis is not adopted by ordinance like the amendments to the Goals, Objectives and Policies and the FTMS. It is provided as support for this amendment and will be provided to state agencies for their review of this amendment.



Ch. 163.3177(3)(a)(5)

Section 163.3177(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes requires local governments to revise the Capital Improvements Element to include transportation improvements included in the applicable metropolitan planning organization's transportation improvement program to the extent that such improvements are relied upon to ensure concurrency and financial feasibility. The schedule must be coordinated with the metropolitan planning organization's adopted long-range transportation plan.

Amendments to Policies CI.08.01 and CI.08.03 addressing this provision have been included in the proposed amendment. These policies have been clarified to ensure that transportation improvements identified in the County's Mobility Plan and Sector Plan Mobility Network shall be included as long term (unfunded) needs on Map FTMS-5 and shall be considered by the County when it reviews and updates the County's adopted Mobility Plan and the Schedule of Capital Improvements.

CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

The proposed amendments will bring the existing Comprehensive Plan into compliance with the requirements of Ch. 163, F.S. regarding long-range transportation planning. They do not create any conflicts with other existing Comprehensive Plan policies or the Land Development Code.

CONCLUSION

- Staff finds the requested action to be consistent with applicable Florida Statutes.
- Staff finds the requested action to be consistent with the Nassau County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

Based on these findings, staff recommends APPROVAL of application CPA20-005.
