



APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

APPLICATION

APPLICANT:	Nassau County BOCC
AGENT:	Planning Department
REQUESTED ACTION:	Approval to AMEND THE 2030 NASSAU COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; TO AMEND THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT; AND TO AMEND THE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION MAP SERIES.

*** 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 Department Office. ***

SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As required by Florida Statute Ch. 163.3177(6)(b)(1), Nassau County's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element addresses traffic circulation, including the types, locations, and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares and transportation routes, including bicycle and pedestrian ways. The element also includes maps showing the general location of the existing and proposed transportation system features and is coordinated with the Future Land Use Map and with the plans and programs of any applicable metropolitan planning organization, transportation authority, and the Department of Transportation adopted work program.

The current Transportation Element and Transportation Element Future Transportation Map Series (FTMS) was amended in 2020 to be consistent with the North Florida TPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and serves as a basis for the update to the County's adopted Mobility Plan and the ENCPA Sector Plan Mobility Network. The proposed amendment would update the Transportation Element to:

- 1) Amend FTMS-5, Nassau County Needs Network 2045; FTMS-6, Nassau County Cost Feasible Network 2045; FTMS-7, Nassau County Bicycle Facilities; and FTMS-8, Nassau County Trail Facilities to reflect changes made to the ENCPA Wildlight mobility network by Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA21-009. The approximate amendment boundary includes the area north of Pages Dairy Road, East of US 17, south of the St. Marys River, and west of Chester Road.
- 2) Provide clarification and correct typographical errors in Policies T.01.01 and T.02.06.
- 3) Recognize the purpose of the recently-adopted fee-in-lieu program for sidewalks and trail construction in Policies T.04.01 and T.04.02.
- 4) Amend Policies T.08.01, T.08.02, and T.08.04 to add Nassau Transit to the list of local and regional agencies that include a transit component.

The entirety of the Transportation Element is included with this staff report.



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)	✓

CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

The County Engineer has determined that the proposed amendments to the future transportation map series within ENCPA Wildlight will adequately serve future residents and visitors (see attached technical memo). The changes do not create any conflicts with other existing Comprehensive Plan policies or the Land Development Code.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 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 CPA21-010.

PZB RECOMMENDATION

At their meeting on June 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of the proposed amendment with a vote of 7-3.