

STAFF REPORT

Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Mobility Element

Ordinance No: 2022-03

Applicant: Village of Wellington
Planning and Zoning Division

Request: A Comprehensive Plan Amendment to modify the Mobility Element by replacing the existing Pedestrian Network Map with the Pedestrian Pathways Network Map, updating the Bicycle Lanes Map, and adding the Multi-modal Pathways Map to the plan.

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Boards, Committees, and Council:

	Date	Vote
EPC	11/3/2021	6-1
PZAB	1/12/2022	Pending
Council (1 st)	2/8/2022	Pending
Council (2 nd)	3/22/2022	Pending

Wellington Vision

A Great Hometown: Great Neighborhoods, Great Schools, and Great Parks.

Wellington Mission

To provide high-quality services that create economic, environmental, and social sustainability for residents.

Wellington Goals

- Economic Development
- Neighborhood Renaissance
- Protecting Our Investment
- Respecting the Environment
- Responsive Government

Background

Wellington adopted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan in January 2016. The plan has been updated (Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 2022-03: Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan) to reflect changes in the bicycle lanes, pedestrian pathways [four (4) to six (6) foot wide sidewalks], and the addition of multi-purpose pathways since the 2016 version. The 2021 plan reflects the request from Council to widen pathways from eight (8) feet to 10 or 12-feet, where space is available.

The Comprehensive Plan recommends that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan be reviewed periodically and updated as needed to incorporate improvements in the annual Capital Improvement Plan and 5-Year Plan. The latest review and findings of the plan resulted in the proposed ordinance to modify the Mobility Element by replacing, updating, and added three (3) maps. Additionally, several of the existing maps will be reordered but are not proposed to change.

Summary of Amendments

The proposed ordinance accomplishes several things.

- Replaces the Pedestrian Network Map with the Pedestrian Pathway Network Map.
- Updates the Bicycle Lanes Map
- Adds the Multi-modal Pathways Map
- Reorders several existing maps (with no changes)
- Updates the Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan, which is the data and analysis to support the changes to the Comprehensive Plan maps in the Mobility Element.

Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

The proposed amendment is consistent with Goal MB 1 of the Mobility Element of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan which states "provide a safe and effective mobility system that is accessible to all users and meets the needs of Wellington residents while preserving neighborhoods, protecting natural resources, and promoting economic development." The proposed amendment furthers this goal by continuing to develop bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-modal pathways.

Policy MB 1.1.5 of the Mobility Element states that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation plan shall be periodically reviewed to evaluate bicycle and pedestrian facilities and improvements to be included in the annual Capital Improvement Budget and the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The updated plan identifies deficiencies and recommended improvements in the mobility system as it relates to bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-modal pathways.

The three (3) maps proposed for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment are attached as Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2022-03. The existing maps that are reordered are also part the same exhibit, but are not proposed to change. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan has a series of maps in addition to those in the Mobility Element. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan will be adopted, by reference, in the Comprehensive Plan and is illustrated in Exhibit A of the Staff report.

Planning and Zoning Division Recommendation

The Planning and Zoning Division recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2022-03 to modify the Mobility Element of the Comprehensive Plan by replacing the Pedestrian Network Map with the Pedestrian Network Pathways Map; updating the Bicycle Lanes Map; adding the Multi-modal Pathways Map; reordering several existing maps that are part of the element; and adopting, by reference, the updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan, dated January 11, 2022.

Exhibits

- Exhibit A – Bicycle & Pedestrian Circulation Plan, January 11, 2022