



Legislation Text

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ITEM: ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 (REPEALING THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT AND REPLACING WITH THE MOBILITY ELEMENT)

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO REPEAL THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT AND REPLACE WITH THE MOBILITY ELEMENT, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS CONTAINED HEREIN; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REQUEST: Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-03, a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment (CPTA) to repeal the Transportation Element and replace with the Mobility Element of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan.

EXPLANATION: The Wellington Comprehensive Plan is being updated. The Plan forms the blueprint for Wellington's future for the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan is comprised of 10 "elements" or chapters and each element consists of goals, objectives, and policies to guide development and redevelopment, transportation, infrastructure, parks, and capital improvements.

The update of the Mobility Element provides policies and guidelines that are intended to maintain and improve Wellington's transportation system and enhance the travel choices of current and future residents, visitors, and workers by providing multi-modal options. The Mobility Element sets forth a framework to create a modern, well-balanced transportation system that provides a range of mobility options and creates great places where people want to live and invest their time and money that is coordinated with the Village's future land use plan. True mobility means people have the option to walk, bike, ride, or drive in a safe and comfortable environment as a part of an interconnected system. The Mobility Element uses the following guiding principles:

- Enhance Wellington's transportation system to provide mobility options
- Enhance Wellington's transportation corridors to provide a broader mix of transportation modes
- Increase bicycle and pedestrian connections, routes, and facilities
- Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system

The Mobility Element proposes to split the current goal of the Transportation Element into three goals with expanded objectives and policies. The three goals are (1) Mobility System; (2) Mobility Infrastructure; and (3) Maximize Mobility Investment.

The Planning, Zoning & Adjustment Board (PZAB) recommended approval (4-0) as presented at the April 14, 2021 meeting.

Preliminary comments were received from the Florida Department of Transportation were incorporated after the PZAB recommendation but do not significantly change the proposed update. The comments which have been incorporated consist of changing the level of service mandate to a target in Policy MB 1.1.1, revising the functional classification map to include Federal Highway Administration labeling, and revising Policy MB 2.2.6 to support the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency non-inclusion of an urban interchange at Forest

Hill Boulevard and SR 7.

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED: NO

PUBLIC HEARING: YES **QUASI-JUDICIAL:** NO

FIRST READING: YES **SECOND READING:**

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: YES

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

WELLINGTON FUNDAMENTAL: Responsive Government

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Ordinance No. 2021-03, a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment (CPTA) to repeal the Transportation Element and replace with the Mobility Element of Wellington's Comprehensive Plan.