

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan encourages the establishment of an integrated transportation system and the coordination of transportation related issues with the Florida Department of Transportation, St. Lucie County, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the St. Lucie County TPO, and other transportation-related agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation District 4 hired consultants with expertise in multi-modal transportation planning to prepare a countywide mobility plan for St. Lucie County, the City of Port St. Lucie, the City of Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie Village containing data and analysis on local and regional roadways and strategies and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie has worked with the Florida Department of Transportation District, the consultants, and St. Lucie County, the City of Port St. Lucie, the City of Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie Village, the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, St. Lucie Transit, St. Lucie County School District, and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to prepare the mobility plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie as follows:

Section 1. That the document entitled "Mobility Plan Linking Land Use and Transportation," dated November 2011, a copy of which is attached hereto

RESOLUTION NO. 12-R23

as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, is hereby recognized by the City as a guiding document for transportation planning purposes.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 27TH day of February, 2012.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

BY: _____
JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Roger G. Orr, City Attorney

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FL - CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

MEETING: **REGULAR X** **SPECIAL**

DATE: **February 27, 2012**

ORDINANCE RESOLUTION X MOTION PUBLIC HEARING X

ITEM: **Project Number – P10-100
Mobility Plan For St. Lucie County and Municipalities**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The draft resolution was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board at the February 7, 2012 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. A motion was made to approve the petition as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Resolution**
 - B. Staff Report**
 - C. Support Materials**
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SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For the past eighteen months, staff from the Planning and Zoning and Engineering departments have participated in the preparation of a countywide mobility plan for St. Lucie County, the City of Port St. Lucie, the City of Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie Village. The project was funded by the Florida Department of Transportation District 4. The final document was prepared by FDOT's consultant, Renaissance Planning Group. The mobility plan contains objectives, strategies, and policies to enhance the multimodal transportation network in the City of Port St. Lucie. The Planning and Zoning Department is proposing the adoption of a resolution recognizing the mobility plan as a guiding document for transportation planning in the City of Port St. Lucie.

IF PRESENTATION IS TO BE MADE, HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE REQUIRED?

None.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: PLANNING and ZONING

DATE: February 14, 2012



City of Port St. Lucie
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Planning and Zoning Department Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL - MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012

FROM: BRIDGET KEAN, PRINCIPAL PLANNER *BK*

RE: P10-100 – MOBILITY PLAN FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2012

BACKGROUND:

In 2010, the Florida Department of Transportation District 4 offered to fund a countywide multi-modal transportation mobility plan for St. Lucie County, the City of Port St. Lucie, the City of Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie Village. FDOT's consultant, the Renaissance Planning Group, would prepare the plan with input from staff from the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie Village, the St. Lucie TPO, St. Lucie Transit, St. Lucie County School District, and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. FDOT's offer was in response to legislative changes that shifted the focus in transportation planning from concurrency to multi-modal mobility. The intent was to create a plan that considered the multi-jurisdictional nature of transportation in developing strategies to support multimodal transportation.

The St. Lucie County Mobility Plan, published in November 2011, was the culmination of nearly a year of work by consultants, local government and agency staff, and FDOT. Staff from the Planning and Zoning and Engineering departments participated in the preparation of the plan, provided data on local conditions, and review and comment on the final draft. The Mobility Plan includes an assessment of existing and future conditions countywide, within 12 sub-areas that were developed for purposes of the plan using strategic corridors and geographic features as boundaries, and for specific transportation corridors. It analyzes how future projects will impact the multimodal transportation network. Existing and future conditions were used to develop a series of strategies to reduce average trip lengths and vehicle miles traveled. The Mobility Plan expands on the data in the 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan to address the quality of service for other modes of travel including walking, bicycling, and transit use. It provides each jurisdiction with an analysis of these facilities in their community as well as recommendations for establishing level of service or quality of service goals for these facilities.

Roadway level of service standards are directly related to the number of vehicles and congestion on the facility. Non-roadway standards focus on the comfort, safety, and convenience of the traveler and are referred to as quality of service (QOS) standards. Overall, the countywide quality of service is C for bicycle facilities, D for pedestrian facilities, and F for transit based on an analysis of existing conditions. Based on the significant expansion of transit included in the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and the bicycle, sidewalk and multi-purpose trails projects identified in the 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and the City of Port St. Lucie western annexation area roadway projects, the pedestrian network is anticipated to improve to QOS C, the bicycle network is anticipated to improve to QOS B, and the transit network is anticipated to improve from QOS F to QOS E by 2035. Generally speaking, the best pedestrian conditions in Port St. Lucie are in St. Lucie West and Tradition.

Based on the analysis, the Plan contains a set of strategies and recommendations to improve multimodal conditions and enhance overall mobility in St. Lucie County, Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie Village. The strategies and recommendations address sidewalk; bicycle and multimodal paths; land use and development; transit and transit-related infrastructure, including bus shelters; park-and-ride facilities; and intergovernmental coordination mechanisms. Funding and implementation strategies are included to layout a framework to achieve the goals set forth in this Mobility Plan.

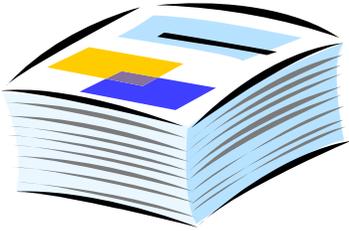
The consultant for FDOT, Karen Kiselewski from Renaissance Planning Group, gave a presentation to the Planning and Zoning Board on the mobility plan at the December 6, 2011 Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Department is proposing the City adopt the Mobility Plan by resolution to serve as guiding document to improve multi-modal transportation networks in Port St. Lucie and intergovernmental coordination.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

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**Due to the size of
Item 11E
Resolution 12-R23
for the 2-27-12
Council Meeting, the
additional back-up could not
be sent electronically. The
back-up is available for
review in the City Clerk's
Office.**

