

Z24-000010: County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Update Capital Improvements Element Project Schedules

Board of County Commissioners Adoption Public Hearing

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Background

- Florida Statutes Section 163.3177(3)(a) requires that the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element contain a schedule of publicly funded capital improvement projects which must be reviewed annually and updated as needed.
- Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element contains project schedules for multimodal transportation, recreation, and public schools.
- These schedules are no longer current and need to be updated for consistency with other adopted ordinances and plans such as:
 - Alachua County FY 2025 Capital Budget and Financial Plan
 - Transportation Mobility Fee, 2023
 - Recreation Master Plan, 2023
 - Alachua County School District 5-Year Facilities Workplan, January 2025

Transportation Capital Improvement Schedule Updates

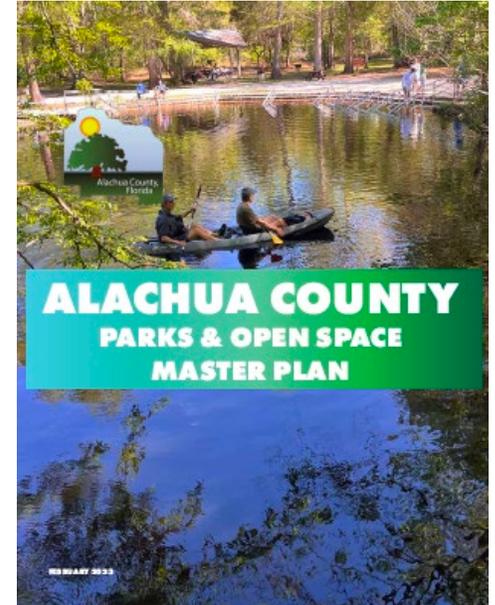
- County Commission adopted a Mobility Fee to replace the Multi-modal Transportation Mitigation in November 2023
 - Mobility Fee is like an impact fee, but funds projects that provide mobility throughout the County.
 - Mobility Fee is based, in part, on the projects that the County adopts to provide that mobility.
 - Fee went into effect on March 1, 2024.
- This update includes the transportation project lists included in the adopted Mobility Fee

Transportation Capital Improvement Schedule Updates

- Transportation Projects are identified for certain timeframes, not for specific years.
- Generally, current tables are replaced with new tables with similar types of projects.
- Update includes one new Table (1e) that identifies a new set of project types that can be funded with the Mobility Fee:
 - Not specific projects, but types of projects.
 - Specific projects for any given fiscal year are identified in the Boards adopted Capital Improvement Plan as part of its budget.

Recreation Capital Improvement Schedule Updates

- Alachua County completed a Parks and Open Space Master Plan in 2023 which serves as a guide for planning and funding of recreation capital improvements.
- 10-Year Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) 1-cent infrastructure surtax passed in 2022 (½ cent to parks and conservation lands).
- WSPP surtax will help to realize the long-range vision of the Parks Master Plan by providing funding for improvements to existing facilities and for new recreation facilities.



Recreation Capital Improvement Schedule Updates

- Adopted project schedules in Comprehensive Plan are no longer current and are proposed to be updated for consistency with the County's adopted Capital Budget and Financial Plan.
- 24 park improvement projects totaling nearly \$19 million
- Key projects for Fiscal Years 2025 to 2029:
 - West End: New park
 - Pinesville/St. Peter Park: New park
 - Jonesville Park: Soccer stadium and pickleball courts
 - Copeland and Montechoa Parks: Playground and site improvements
 - Cuscowilla: Playground
 - Veterans Park: Playground and roller rink or pickleball

Public School Capital Improvement Schedule Updates

- Project table in adopted Comprehensive Plan is no longer current and is proposed to be updated for consistency with School Board 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan for 2025-2029.
- Updates are required per Comp Plan Public School Facilities Element and Schools Interlocal Agreement
- One public school capacity project included in capital improvements program for five-year period:
 - Littlewood Elementary: 2 new classroom buildings, 44 new and renovated classrooms

State Agency Review

- Letters of “no comment” provided by:
 - Department of Commerce
 - Department of Transportation
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - St. Johns River Water Management District
- No response from other review agencies

Staff Recommendation

Adopt ordinance approving Comprehensive Plan Amendment Z24-000010.