

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

The purpose of the Transportation Element is to provide for safe and efficient movement of people and goods to support existing and future development.

GOAL 2A: PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Objective 2.1: Coordinate the traffic circulation system with the Future Land Use Map.

Policy 2.1.1: Map 2.1 depicts the Transportation System Map and shows the arterial and collector roadways, functional classification, and number of lanes.

Policy 2.1.2: Map 2.1 shall be used to review proposed development orders for compliance with locational criteria, as applicable.

Policy 2.1.3: Commercial and other non-residential developments shall provide access to adjacent non-residential developments to reduce unnecessary trips on arterial, collector, and local roadways. If no development exists adjacent to the proposed development at the time the development order is requested, then a roadway stub-out shall be planned as part of the development for a future connection.

Policy 2.1.4: Where feasible and applicable, Gadsden County shall support complete streets initiatives and encourage development which reduces urban sprawl, sustainable development patterns, and promotes alternative modes of transportation.

Policy 2.1.5: To avoid potential vehicular conflicts, access management criteria shall be outlined in the Land Development Regulations.

Policy 2.1.6: Shared use parking may be used to meet the requirements of the Land Development Regulations only if a Joint-Use Agreement is submitted to the County. This Agreement will assist the County to maintain adequate vehicular parking for non-residential development.

Policy 2.1.7: On-street parking may be used to meet the requirements of the Land Development Regulations if the development is located in an Urban Mixed Use or Master Planned Community Future Land Use category.

Objective 2.2: Provide for a safe, convenient and efficient motorized and non-motorized transportation system.

Policy 2.2.1: All definitions for levels of service qualitative measures shall be those listed in the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Congestion

Management Process Report (CMPR) dated January 28, 2013 which include ratings from LOS A to LOS F.

Policy 2.2.2: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 Level of Service reports for Gadsden County shall be used to identify existing and projected conditions on roadway segments within Gadsden County.

Policy 2.2.3: The minimum levels of service for roadways within Gadsden County shall be evaluated at a PM peak hour volume data and shall be as follows:

Principal Arterial, Interstate RURAL.....	LOS B
Principal Arterial, Interstate URBAN.....	LOS B
Principal Arterial, Other RURAL.....	LOS C
Principal Arterial, Other URBAN.....	LOS C
Minor Arterial, RURAL.....	LOS C
Major Collector, RURAL.....	LOS D
Minor Collector, URBAN.....	LOS D
Minor Collector, RURAL.....	LOS D
Minor Collector URBAN.....	LOS D

Policy 2.2.5: With exception to those developments that meet the de minimis impact threshold, all new development impacts shall not decrease the roadway minimum level of service requirements of Policy 2.2.3. For the purposes this Element, a de minimis impact shall be that which does not impact a roadway by greater than one percent of the maximum capacity of the adopted level of service standard for the affected roadway segment, as shown in the FDOT District 3 Level of Service reports for Gadsden County.

Policy 2.2.6: Single-family residential dwelling units on lawfully created lots or parcels of record shall be exempt from concurrency evaluation and review.

Policy 2.2.7: Generation rates for land uses shall be derived from the ITE Trip Generation Manual, most recent version, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Planning Official. Such agreement must be received in writing by the Planning Official.

Policy 2.2.8: In the case of city, state, and federal roadways, the County will coordinate with the appropriate agency to ensure that the roadway capacities are maintained to meet their functionality.

Policy 2.2.9: To increase the usage of alternative modes of transportation, require all new non-residential development to provide at least one bicycle parking area within the development site, by including a bicycle parking rack.

Policy 2.2.10: Development within the Urban Mixed Use and Master Planned Community Future Land Use categories shall provide sidewalks or multi-use trails on at least one side of the street.

Policy 2.2.11: Ranking criteria for existing roadway paving projects shall be as follows:

- A. Collector roadways that connect two arterial roadways.
- B. The average daily traffic counts on the segment.
- C. For local roads, the population number that directly accesses the roadway.
- D. Whether or not there is existing infrastructure within the right-of-way.
- E. The Future Land Use categories of all properties that have direct access to the segment or segments considered for the paving project.

Policy 2.2.12: To prevent an increased number of driveways that access on to high-speed roadways, subdivisions that are adjacent to arterial or collector roadways shall be designed so that one or more shared access points from local roads are planned to prevent individual driveways from accessing the arterial or collector roadway.

Policy 2.2.13: Gadsden County shall provide support to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and surrounding counties regarding the Chattahoochee to Bristol hiking trail which will promote additional eco-tourism and health-benefit activities within the region.

Policy 2.2.14: The County shall explore innovative options such as seeking revenues from other governmental entities and/or establish impact fees or special liens to provide paved streets to residential areas.

Objective 2.3: Coordinate with other transportation agencies.

Policy 2.3.1: Gadsden County shall coordinate with the appropriate agencies regarding long-range transportation projects and needs.

Policy 2.3.2: The County shall continue to participate with the CRTPA boards and committees.

Policy 2.3.3: The County shall continue to coordinate with and support coordinated transportation systems within the County and to Tallahassee.

Policy 2.3.4: In support of the revitalization of the Apalachicola Northern Railway, Gadsden County shall supply continued support to the initiatives establishing, maintaining, and enhancing the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone.

Policy 2.3.5: The Planning Division shall work with the Quincy Municipal Airport as applicable to assist in land use compatibility surrounding the site.

Objective 2.4: Protect existing and future rights-of-way from building encroachment.

Policy 2.4.1: Unless approved as part of a master planned community, all subdivisions shall provide an access right-of-way or easement of a minimum sixty (60) feet to an arterial or collector roadway. The minimum requirement may be reduced if the roadways are designed and constructed with a stormwater system that does not include roadway swales.

Policy 2.4.2: No new development shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of the edge of any access easement or road right-of-way, unless part of a master planned community.

Policy 2.4.3: Requests for vacation or closures of existing rights-of-way shall be prohibited unless:

- A. The requested vacation or closure does not prevent any property owner from having access to a public right-of-way.
- B. The requested vacation or closure does not compromise the public interest.
- C. The requested vacation or closure does not cause the market value of abutting properties to be substantially reduced without the consent of or payment of damages to the owners of the abutting properties.
- D. The requested vacation or closure does not interfere with any existing alignment of a mode of transportation.
- E. The requested vacation or closure does not preclude construction of a planned greenway, bike trail, sidewalk, or other mode of transportation.
- F. The requested vacation or closure does not affect any public access to a waterbody.

Conditions or reservations may be attached to the approval of a requested vacation or closure.

Policy 2.4.4: Gadsden County shall support and implement the access management criteria of the Florida Department of Transportation for all projects accessed from a state maintained right-of-way.