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Zephyrhills Mobility Plan

Summary

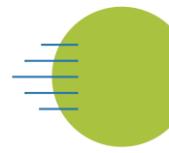
Mobility Solutions Workshop

Incorporated on the
workshop presentation



City of Zephyrhills
5335 8th Street
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

April 18, 2024



Attendance

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Name	Email	Meeting Attendance		
		Feb 15	Apr 18	May 28
Abner Nieves, Resident/Business Owner			X	
Barry Herscovitch, Resident		X	X	
Becky Pouliot, Resident			X	
Billy Poe, City Manager		X	X	
Brenda Pete, Resident			X	
Chad Linville, Resident			X	
David Armstrong, Planning Commission			X	
Ellen Taylor, Planning Commission			X	
Fern Williams, Resident		X		
Gail Hamilton, CRA Director		X		
Gayle Lynch, Resident		X	X	
Hunter Gearhart, Resident/Staff		X	X	
Ivan Abare, Chamber of Commerce		X		
John Koors, Pasco MPO		X		
Karen Herscovitch, Resident		X		
Kevin Bahr, Resident/Business Owner		X		
Lance Maiden, Resident			X	
Lance Smith, City Council		X		
Lorraine Stovall, Resident			X	
Marlene Tillman, Resident			X	
Melanie Romagnoli, Large Property		X	X	
Melonie Bahr Monson, Mayor			X	
Nathan Coleman, Zephyrhills Airport		X		
Randy Stovall, Planning Commission			X	
Rich Lynch, Resident		X	X	
Rosie D Paulsen, Planning Commission			X	
Russ Perlowski, Resident		X	X	
Ryan Lincoln, Resident			X	
Sam Turgeon, Resident		X		
Sandra Stanek, Resident			X	
Steve Spina, City Council		X	X	
Tim Linville, Resident			X	
Tom Pete, Resident			X	
Tom Vanater, Planning Commission			X	
Tommy-Lee Hunt, Commuter/Staff		X	X	
Tricia Hall, Resident			X	
Varghese Philip			X	

The workshop was attended by more than 30 people, 28 of which requested to be on the contacts list for Mobility Plan updates.

Several of the attendees had participated in the February 15 Transportation Roundtable.

Welcome & Introductions

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The Mobility Solutions Workshop for the Zephyrhills Mobility Plan started at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, 2024, at City Hall. Attendees were invited to sign-in and make a name badge. Handouts provided included the agenda and a comment questionnaire.



The City's Planning Director, Todd Vande Berg, started the workshop by welcoming everyone and introducing the project team and City dignitaries in the room. Mayor Melonie Monson, Councilperson Steve Spina, and several members of the City's Planning Commission participated in the workshop.

Todd provided background on the mobility plan, adding that the initiative was made possible by a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from the Florida Department of Commerce.

What is Mobility?

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Mobility^(n.) (mōō'bil.ə.tē)

1. Quality or state of being mobile or movable
2. **Ability or capacity to move**

What is a Mobility Plan?



The City's planning consultant, Rob Cursay (Benesch), began his presentation with the definition for mobility and by describing what a mobility plan is and how this planning will guide immediate and long-range transportation projects and programs by the City and its partners.

Agenda

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AGENDA | PRELIMINARY MOBILITY SOLUTIONS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Zephyrhills Mobility Plan | City of Zephyrhills | April 18, 2024, 6-7:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
2. Mobility Plan Overview (10 minutes)
3. Preliminary Mobility Strategies (15 minutes)
4. Preliminary Mobility Concepts (15 minutes)
5. Workshop Activities (40 minutes)
6. Next Steps and Closing Remarks (5 minutes)

Adjourn

**YOU ARE
APPRECIATED!**

*Thanks for your time
and contributions.*

Mobility Plan

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The Zephyrhills Mobility Plan will play a pivotal role in the update of the city's comprehensive plan.

This will ensure that our transportation landscape is aligned with the community's broader vision for growth, development, and placemaking.

Study Area

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



Study Objectives

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- **Enhance accessibility** so all community members have access to safe, reliable, and affordable transportation options.
- Advance transportation solutions that **reduce environmental impact** and **support a healthier city**.
- **Support the local economy** through transportation investments that stimulate economic development and job creation.
- Strengthen the fabric of our community by making it **easier for people to connect with places, services, and each other**.

Existing and Planned Conditions

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Transportation Maps



Bicycle / Pedestrian and Multi-Use Trails



GOPASCO Transit Service



Planned and Programmed Projects

Mobility Plan Strategies

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STRATEGY 1:

Enhance access to safe, reliable, convenient, and affordable transportation options for all community members.

- Improve mobility with job centers and key community destinations.
- Enhance accessibility and comfort at public transit stops
- Collaborate with communities to develop solutions with established neighborhoods.



STRATEGY 2:

Advance transportation solutions that reduce environmental impact and support a healthier community.

- Construct sidewalk, bicycle lanes and trail in strategic locations.
- Install bike racks in convenient locations at community destinations.
- Explore opportunities to expand the use of low-speed, nonmotorized vehicles.



Tammy Vrana (Vrana Consulting) presented four Mobility Plan strategies and pointed to a sampling of related actions the city could carry out to implement the strategies.

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STRATEGY 3:

Prioritize strategic transportation investments aimed at stimulating economic growth and job creation.

- Upgrade transportation system to provide reliable access to markets from the Zephyrhills Industrial Corridor.
- Develop Complete Streets improvements within the Community Redevelopment Area.
- Partner with county and regional agencies to develop the regional bypass loop road.



STRATEGY 4:

Use transportation projects as opportunities to enhance the character, identity, and functionality of diverse place types within our city.

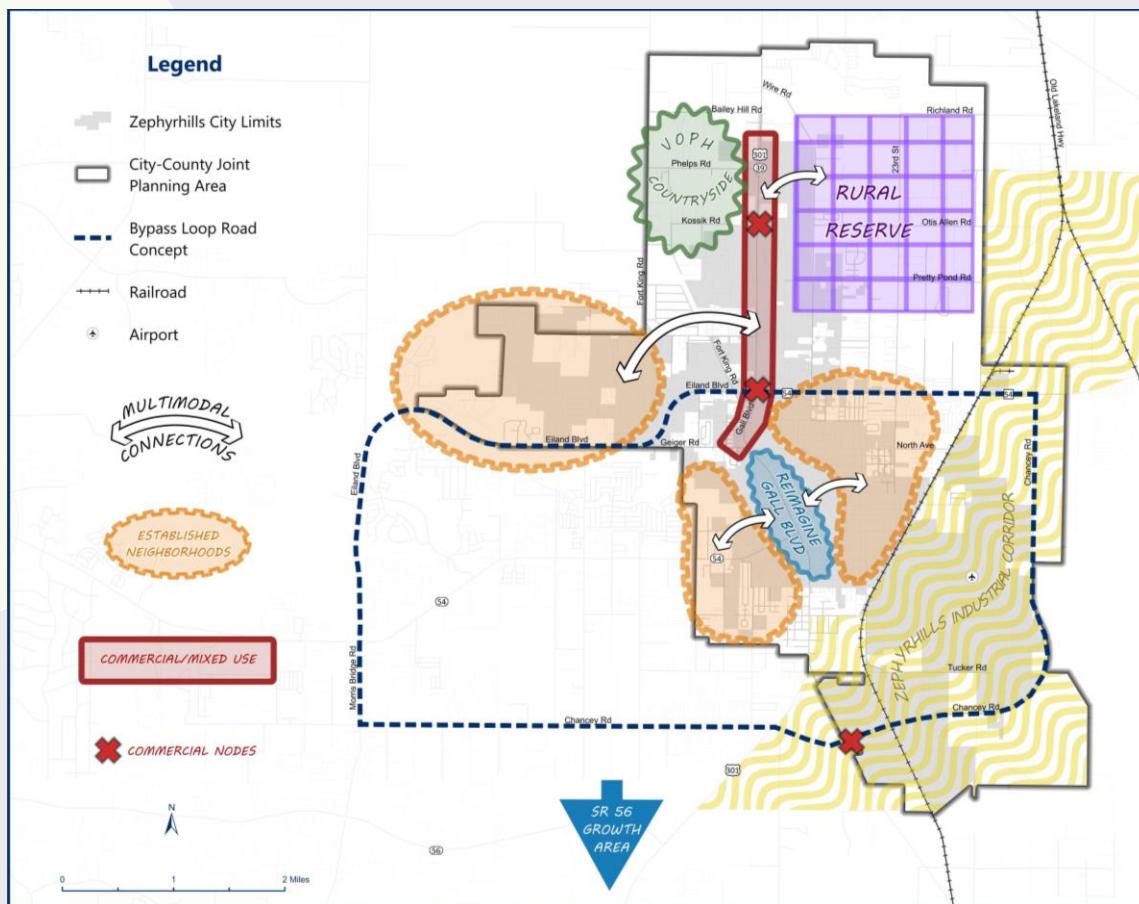
- Establish connectivity standards for new developments to create walking and cycling connections between residential and other destinations.
- Engage with communities to identify priorities and preferences that reflect the unique character of each.

Preliminary Mobility Concepts

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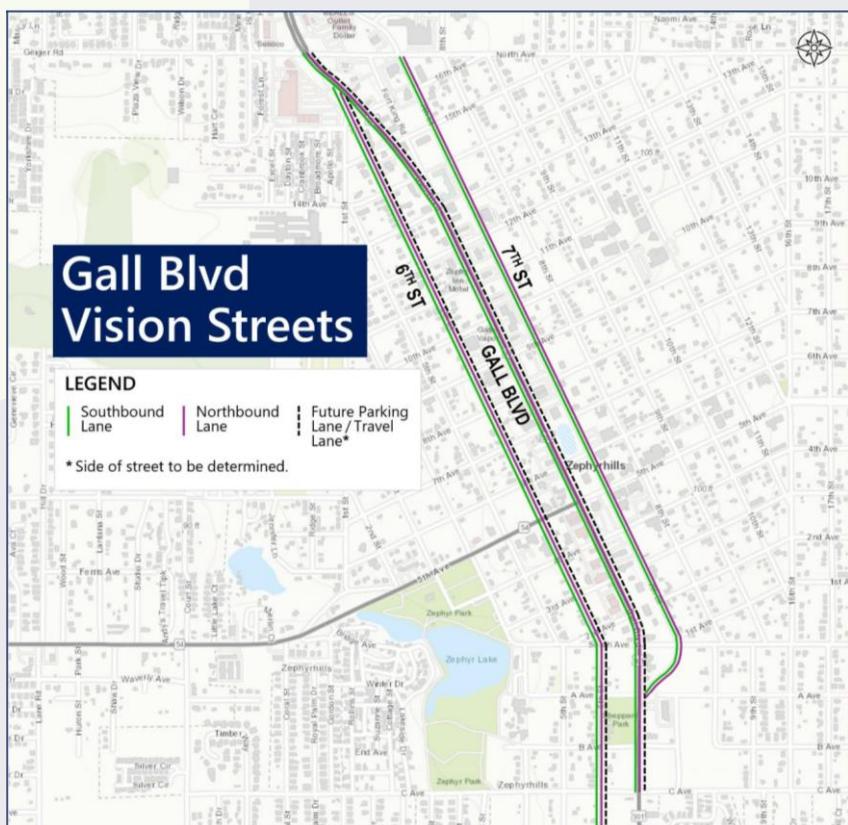
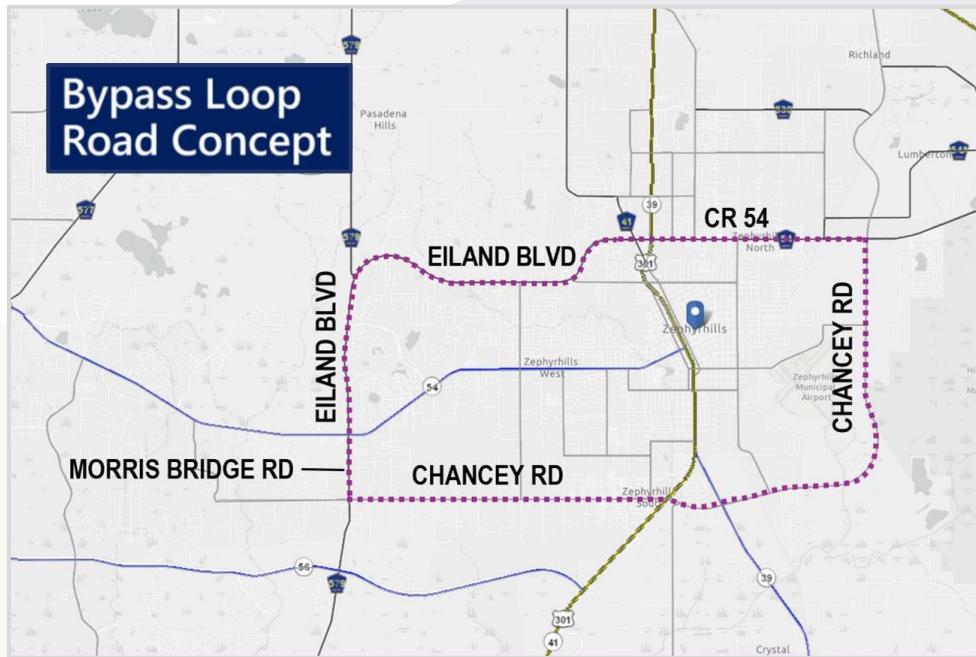
Address mobility needs based on context of each distinct area:

- Existing Neighborhoods
- Community Redevelopment Area (US 301/Gall Blvd)
- Commercial/Mixed Use
- Commercial Nodes
- Zephyrhills Industrial Corridor
- Rural Reserve
- Village of Pasadena Hills Countryside
- SR 56 Growth Area



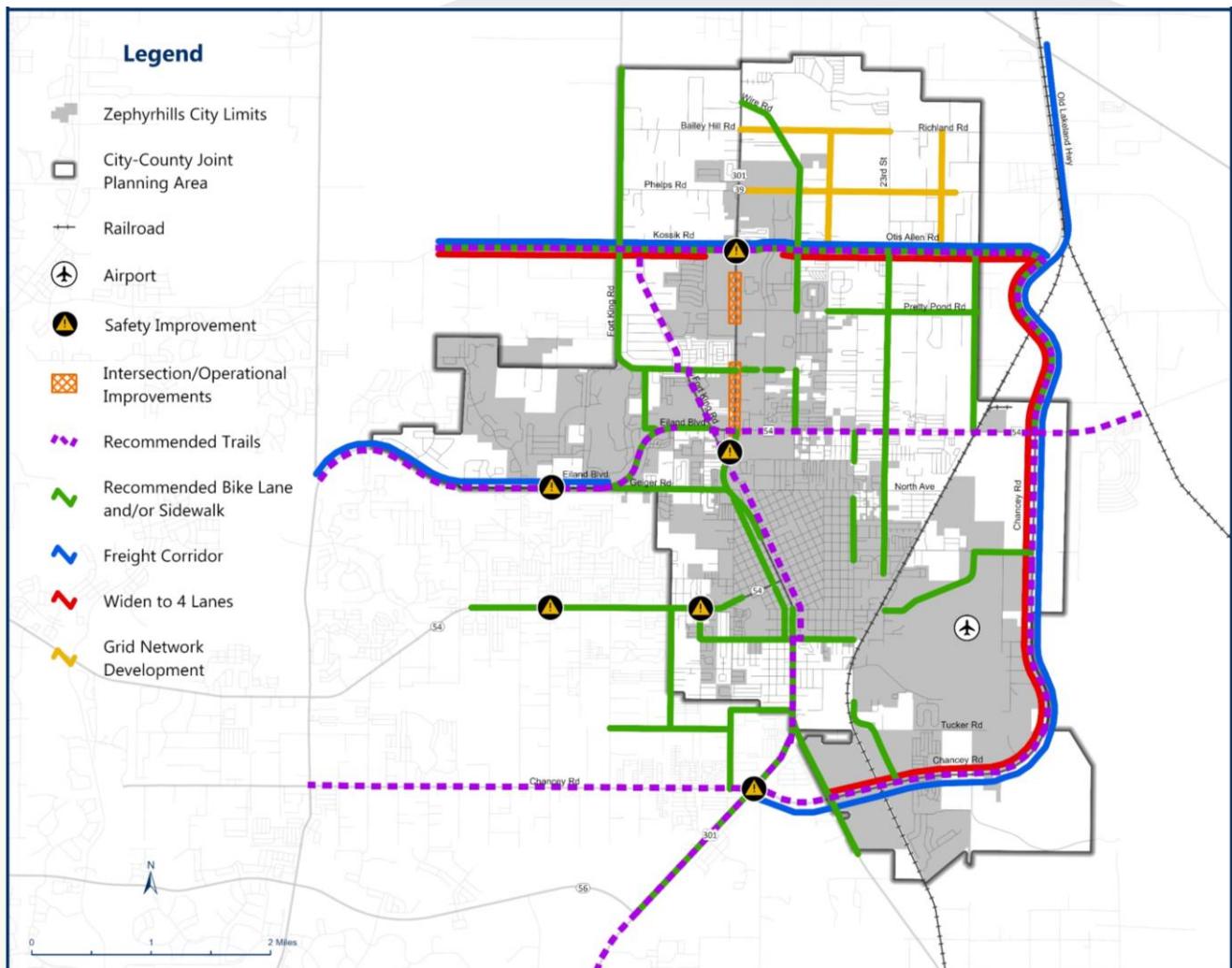
Regional Traffic/ Gall Boulevard Concepts

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Mobility Plan Recommendations

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- Sidewalk connections on major roads
- Trail facilities connecting with regional trails and the statewide SUN-Trail Network
- Intersection improvements
- Safety improvements
- Regional travel needs (bypass loop road)
- Freight considerations connecting Zephyrhills Industrial Corridor

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety

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- Add mid-block crossings with enhanced crosswalk markings and driver awareness beacons where appropriate
- Lower posted speed limits to 35 mph
- Enhance street lighting at crosswalks to improve visibility
- Install sidewalks to connect with nearby transit stops



Concept: Pedestrian Crossing on SR 54 east of Court Street.

Freight Design Considerations

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Freight-Oriented Area

FDOT DISTRICT 7 STRATEGIC FREIGHT PLAN – FREIGHT DESIGN GUIDELINES

- Optimize intersection operational efficiency
- Balance truck movement needs with pedestrian refuge and safety
- Design left turn lanes to accommodate large truck turning radius
- Extend turn lanes to provide additional storage for trucks



Workshop Activities

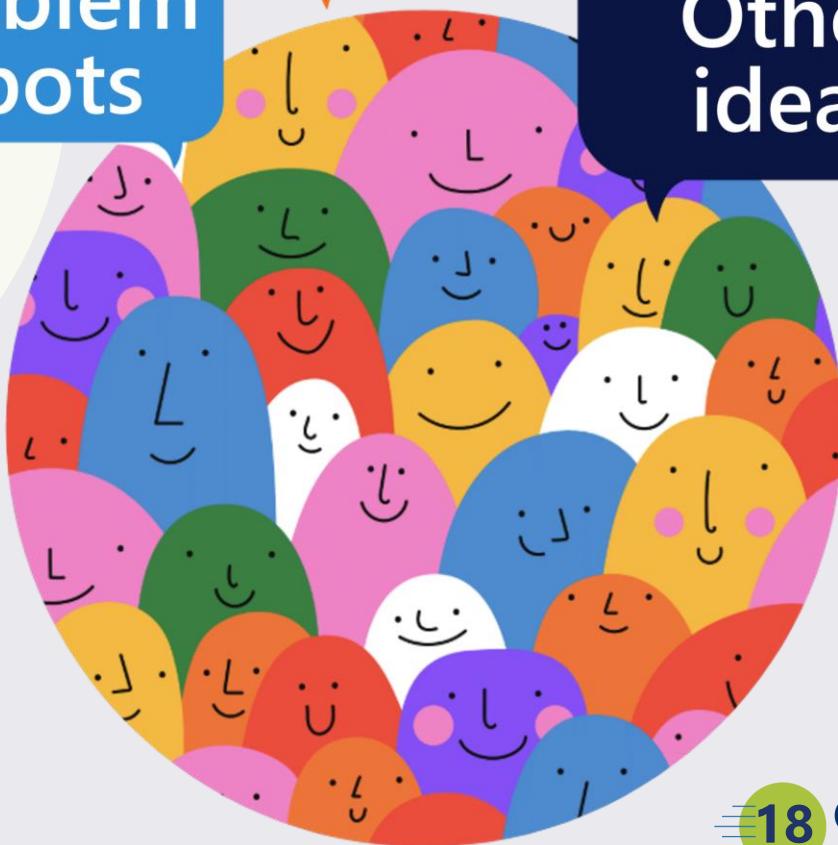
Mapping Activity

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Problem
Spots

Potential
Solutions

Other
ideas



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Working in small groups, the workshop participants identified their transportation concerns or solution ideas on tabletop maps. A volunteer from each group took note of the discussion for the report-out phase of the activity.



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Mobility CONCEPTS



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Legend

- Zephyrhills City Limits
- City-County Joint Planning Area
- Bypass Loop Road Concept
- Railroad
- Airport

MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS

ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS

COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE

COMMERCIAL NODES

Mobility CONCEPTS

Mobility Context

Established Neighborhoods: Areas where homes and businesses are needed to support infrastructure.

Commercial Areas: Areas characterized by high volume of activity and uses. These areas consist of stores, restaurants, and other commercial uses, such as major retail hubs.

Industrial Corridor: A corridor of land that connects a highway to a major industrial facility. It is characterized by large commercial and residential uses, such as the "Zephyrhills Industrial Corridor" that is currently under construction.

Commercial Nodes: Areas that are expanding and have the availability of adequate parking, access, and service utilities and alignment with the community's vision for the area.

Zephyrhills Industrial Corridor: Consists of Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, industrial businesses, interspersed residential neighborhoods, and industrial designated areas available for manufacturing, processing, and distribution uses.

Seating. Give me a reason to hang out for an hour

Bike trails with bikes & e-bikes w/o accidents

Plan trails to be wide enough

Plan trails to connect with shops

What is % of regional trips on US 301 now?

"DANNY Burgess Parkway"

Possible airport shuttle

Please explain the "bypass" concept

Will Chancey Rd be developed and turn into another Eiland Blvd with traffic lights?

Shuttle for main roads



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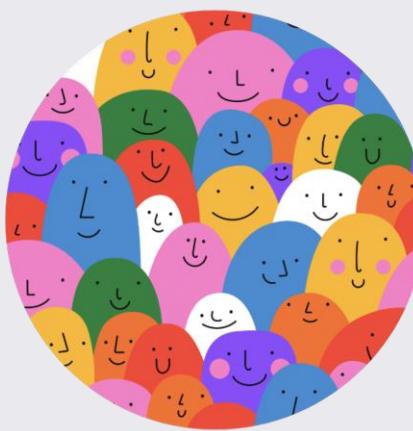
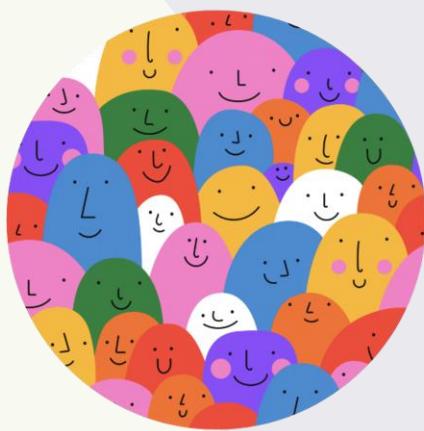
Group Presentations

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Our
thoughts...

Our
ideas...

Our
priorities...



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Table 1

- Smooth traffic; getting around without traffic lights.
- How many regional trips would be taken out of town by the "bypass"?
- Slow traffic; give families places to travel and spend money; plant trees to make it nice to walk around. Avoid creating "stroads".
- Address difficulty of left turns on Eiland Blvd (safety and delay issues).
- More cars per household than in the past; everyone in a family drives.

Table 2

- Need sidewalks on 6th Ave east of RR track; 5th Ave west of 1st St.
- Need crosswalks on 5th Ave to connect neighborhoods with Zephyr Park.
- Expand bus routes (e.g., South Ave at Newport Rd and 20th St).
- Kossik Rd connection to Otis Allen Rd; remove Duke Energy pole.

Table 3

- Trail to Ft. King Rd connecting mobile home parks and Abbott Square.
- Widen Ft. King Rd (narrow road) and also Eiland Blvd.
- Expand trails and install signage so people are aware of the trails.
- Direct more traffic onto the US 301 one-way pair.
- Safe pedestrian access along Wire Rd from Pretty Pond Rd to CR 54.

Table 4

- Refresh faded striping and symbols on bicycle lanes. Offer e-bike rentals.
- Shuttle service to places such as Walmart
- Bus shelters for school children and elderly bus riders
- Truck route on Chancey Rd designated as "Danny Burgess Parkway".
- Bike trail connectivity (Wire Rd to US 301 trail to avoid Kossik Rd).
- Mid-block crossing on CR 54 at Hercules Park.

Priorities Questionnaire

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"Must Haves" Questionnaire

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A. "Must Haves"

Help your City set transportation priorities. In your opinion, what are the top three (3) mobility solutions the Zephyrhills Mobility Plan must include. Please describe below:

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"Must Haves"

"Must Avoid"

B. "Must Avoid"

What mobility solution(s) would you absolutely be against. Please describe below:

C. Additional Comments

Please write any additional comments or ideas on the back of this page. Place in Comment Box.

*Thank you for your feedback and being part of this important community planning initiative!
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Questionnaire Responses

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"Must Haves"

To install a left turn signal from East Pretty Pond turning south onto Gall Blvd. There is already one for cars turning off Pretty Pond heading north. Several crashes at that intersection or near crashes.

Public transportation, traffic lights needed, downtown get rid of the pedestrian stop signs

ECV Accessibility A lot of seniors and disabled people use Electric Conveyance Vehicles (ECVs). I would like to see the sidewalk on 20th St. completed all the way to 5th Ave. A lot of Apt dwellers would benefit by being able to go downtown for festivals and shopping.

Widen 301 on the south end to Chauncey Road

Get some people movers or trolley s to run some routes

Golf Cart Rental business

At the most basic, sidewalks and bike lanes form the core of small city mobility. However, a local shuttle loop within the confines of the city limits would be invaluable.

Need more busses out in communities. People who don't have transportation and are on limited incomes can't afford Ubers or Lyfts, cabs would also like to go uptown to eat, shop, bank or see doctors.

Additional traffic lights on Eiland Blvd and Hidden Creek Blvd. Widening Eiland Blvd from Hwy 54 to Gall Blvd.

All the bicycle lanes in town have faded silhouettes of bike riders with arrows; need to be repainted.

At the school bus pickup area at Garden Wall Way and Simon Road outside the Oaks community and Abbott Square, there needs to be a bus shelter for the kids with a bench and light. At present, they sit on the floor in the dark between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.

1. Sidewalks - connectivity to all parks
2. More lighting
3. My community Court Square needs a hidden driveway sign for people coming in

1. Widen Eiland Blvd. *Medians will help residents turning left out of communities
2. Before widening, strategically place traffic signals that if timed out will create gaps to assist drivers turning left
3. Add turn arrows at Geiger Rd and on Fort King Hwy off of US 301

1. More options for public transit: Bus systems; more routes; better stops
2. Constant monitoring of light timing, changes made in a timely manner
3. Better utilization of 6th and 7th streets like more awareness that they are alternatives to 301

1. Kossik Rd connector from Old Lakeland Hwy to Handcart Rd (opens Overpass up); move Duke pole on redesign of intersection.
2. Improvements to Eiland Blvd.
3. Open 301 to economic/main street activities.
4. Chancey Rd widening; open up to Lakeland, Dade City; move trucks to bypass.

1. Traffic that flows
2. Small shuttle loops
3. Businesses - other tattoo parlors and smoking rooms downtown

1. Connections for walking/biking
2. Small shuttle loops connecting shopping areas to decrease need for cars
3. Firm rules and clear pathways if electric vehicles like carts and bikes are used (wild West elsewhere)

Include airport in Mobility Plan - possible feeder to Tampa.

1. Relieve 301 traffic
2. Better (more) use of one-way pairs
3. Crosswalks

1. Free bus/shuttles to get around the city or small fee in areas like Rural Reserve or on 5th Ave
2. Creating yield lights on Court Street
3. Expand bike Lanes

1. Bus service to the Industrial Corridor
2. Daugherty Rd - Widen from 301 to Fort King Hwy
3. Golf cart trail to Walmart?
4. Bus stops by the mobile home park

1. Widen the roads designated as "by-pass" so there will be a reason to take them.
2. Extend SR 56 to east from US 301 to connect to "Danny Burgess Parkway."

Questionnaire Responses

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“Must Avoid”

None.

I have nothing to add here.

I can't imagine any transportation solution that wouldn't be an improvement on our current situation.

None.

Continue to enforce no electric devices at the park.

New development that fails to account for all levels of transportation.

No golf carts on roads.

No golf carts.

Stroads

We need to avoid spending all of our time in planning. Once this plan is complete, we need to execute the plan.

Timeline/Next Steps

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Phase 1 Jan – Feb

- Project initiation and discovery
- Identify mobility issues and existing conditions

Phase 2 Feb – Apr

- Develop a mobility needs assessment
- Strategies and recommendations for consideration in Future Land Use Plan
- Prepare illustrative concept maps to communicate the Mobility Plan

Phase 3 Apr – Jun

- Prepare draft documentation for public review
- Present recommendations to Planning Commission and City Council.

Commentary: The planning team showed the mobility plan timeline at the workshop, pointing out that Phase 2 would end after the Mobility Solutions Workshop and that more opportunities for public participation would be offered during Phase 3. The workshop attendees were encouraged to attend these events.

Stay Informed

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Visit the webpage!



Welcome to the GoingPLACES Mobility Plan Initiative

New! April 18 Mobility Solutions Community Workshop Materials

- [April 18 Workshop Flyer](#) ([link](#))
- [Existing Conditions Report](#) ([link](#))
- [Multimodal Maps Report](#) ([link](#))
- [Preliminary Mobility Plan Recommendations](#) ([link](#))
- [Tell Us What YOU Think!](#) ([link to Comment Form](#))

Transforming Transportation, Connecting Communities

GoingPLACES is a forward-thinking initiative by our city to reimagine how we move, connect, and thrive. This comprehensive effort is not only about planning for our long-range transportation needs but also exploring how transportation investments can help create vibrant, accessible places for everyone in our community.

The GoingPLACES Mobility Plan will play a pivotal role in the update of the city's comprehensive plan, ensuring our transportation landscape is aligned with the community's broader vision for growth, development, and creating quality places.

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Workshop attendees were encouraged to stay informed by visiting the GoingPLACES webpage, where the draft Mobility Plan and a comment form will be posted.

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