

CPA2008-16
LEE COUNTY FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE
TRANSIT PLAN MAP 3C UPDATE
BoCC SPONSORED
AMENDMENT
TO THE

LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE LEE PLAN

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Sponsored Amendment and Staff Analysis

BoCC Adoption Document

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**LEE COUNTY
DIVISION OF PLANNING
STAFF REPORT FOR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
CPA2008-16**

Text Amendment

Map Amendment

	This Document Contains the Following Reviews:
✓	Staff Review
✓	Local Planning Agency Review and Recommendation
✓	Board of County Commissioners Hearing for Transmittal
✓	Staff Response to the DCA Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report
✓	Board of County Commissioners Hearing for Adoption

STAFF REPORT PREPARATION DATE: May 20, 2009

PART I - BACKGROUND AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION

A. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT:

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REPRESENTED BY LEE COUNTY DIVISION OF PLANNING

2. REQUEST:

Update Lee Plan Map 3C, The 2020 Financially Feasible Transit Network Map by changing the planning horizon to 2030.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY

1. RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit the updated 2030 Financially Feasible Transit Map (Map 3C).

2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Florida statutes require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develop a transportation plan with a minimum 20 year planning horizon. The MPO decided on the 2030 planning horizon to be consistent with this requirement.
- The Lee County MPO adopted the 2030 Transportation Plan on December 7, 2005.

- The Transit Element of the MPO 2030 Transportation Plan includes Map 10-1, the 2030 Financially Feasible Plan Map.
- Lee Plan Policy 44.2.4 requires the Lee Plan to include future mass transit facilities in the Future Transportation Map Series as Map 3C.

C. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2030 Financially Feasible Transit Map depicts the location of transit facilities which have been identified as financially feasible in the MPO 2030 Transportation Plan. These are facilities which have been identified as being able to be funded by existing and projected revenue sources. Lee Plan Map3C was not updated as part of CPA2005-05, which advanced the planning horizon for the entire Lee Plan from 2020 to 2030. This was because CPA2005-25 was initiated before the MPO adopted its 2030 Transportation Plan.

State Statutes

Florida Statute FS339.175(7) requires that the Metropolitan Planning Organization develop a long-range transportation plan that addresses at least a 20-year planning horizon. The plan must be consistent with future land use elements and the goals, objectives and policies of the comprehensive plans of the local governments within the MPO. Further, the MPO Transportation Plan must be considered by local governments when developing transportation elements of their comprehensive plans.

2030 Transportation Plan

On December 7, 2005, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the 2030 Transportation Plan. The Transportation Plan includes a Transit Element outlining the processes by which transit needs and funding are to be determined. This process includes a background review and a review of existing public transportation services. The report also contains a 2030 transit needs assessment and a 2030 financially feasible transit element. The proposed amendment concerns the financially feasible element, Map 10-1, of the Transit Element. This map is the basis for proposed Lee Plan Map 3C.

Lee Plan

Lee Plan Goal 44 addresses the development of a Transit Development Plan for the County. This includes prioritizing transit alternatives and investigating funding sources. Additionally, transit facilities must be shown in the Lee Plan Map Series:

***POLICY 44.2.4:** Include the future mass transit facilities in the Future Transportation Map Series (Map 3C).*

PART II - STAFF ANALYSIS

A. STAFF DISCUSSION

In order to allow sufficient time for long-term planning, a 20-year planning horizon is used to determine future transportation needs and the means to address them. With the approach of the year 2010, it has become necessary to push the planning horizon from the year 2020 to 2030. This

was accomplished for the Lee Plan as a whole by Lee Plan Amendment CPA2005-25, adopted on May 16, 2006. Florida Statute FS339.175(7) requires that the Lee Plan conform to the MPO Transportation Plan. The MPO Transportation Plan has been revised to extend to the 2030 planning horizon. Therefore, the Lee Plan Map 3C must be similarly amended to remain in conformance. In addition, Lee Plan Policy 44.2.4 requires that the Lee Plan include mass transit facilities. Map 3C must be revised to depict the planned facilities for the 2030 horizon.

B. CONCLUSIONS

In order to conform to the 20-year planning horizon required by FS339.175(7), Lee Plan Map 3C must be amended to extend its horizon to the year 2030. Adoption of the proposed Map 3C will also conform to the state requirement that the Lee Plan conform to the MPO Transportation Plan. The proposed amendment will also bring Map 3C into conformance with Lee Plan Policy 44.2.4.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit this amendment that updates Lee Plan Map 3C, the 2020 Financially Feasible Transit Map to the 2030 planning horizon.

**PART III - LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**

DATE OF PUBLIC LPA HEARING: June 3, 2009

A. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW

Planning staff provided a brief summary of the proposed amendment. The LPA did not provide any comment on the proposed amendment.

B. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY

1. RECOMMENDATION:

The LPA recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit the proposed amendment.

2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:

The LPA accepted the findings of fact as advanced by staff.

C. VOTE:

NOEL ANDRESS

AYE

CINDY BUTLER

AYE

CARIE CALL

AYE

JIM GREEN

AYE

MITCH HUTCHCRAFT

AYE

RONALD INGE

AYE

CARLA JOHNSTON

AYE

**PART IV - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEARING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

DATE OF TRANSMITTAL HEARING: September 23, 2009

A. BOARD REVIEW: The proposed amendment was heard as part of the consent agenda. The board of Commissioners provided no comment on the amendment. No member of the public spoke on the amendment.

B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

1. BOARD ACTION: The Board voted to transmit the proposed amendment as part of the consent agenda.

2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT: The Board of County Commissioners accepted the findings of fact as advanced by staff and the Local Planning Agency.

C. VOTE:

BRIAN BIGELOW	<u> AYE </u>
TAMMARA HALL	<u> AYE </u>
ROBERT P. JANES	<u> ABSENT </u>
RAY JUDAH	<u> AYE </u>
FRANK MANN	<u> AYE </u>

**PART V - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OBJECTIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMMENTS (ORC) REPORT**

DATE OF ORC REPORT: January 15, 2010

A. DCA OBJECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

The Department of Community Affairs provided no objections, recommendations, or comments concerning the proposed amendment.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed amendment as transmitted.

**PART VI - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

DATE OF ADOPTION HEARING: March 3, 2010

A. BOARD REVIEW:

This plan amendment was approved as part of the consent agenda. The Board provided no discussion concerning the proposed plan amendment. No members of the public commented on the proposed amendment.

B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

1. BOARD ACTION:

The Board of County Commissioners adopted the proposed plan amendment.

2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:

The Board of County Commissioners accepted the finding of facts as advanced by Staff and the LPA.

C. VOTE:

BRIAN BIGELOW

AYE

TAMMARA HALL

AYE

ROBERT P. JANES

AYE

RAY JUDAH

AYE

FRANK MANN

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