



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission **MEETING DATE:** October 25, 2022

FROM: Michael Daniels, Planning and Zoning Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Mobility Plan Introduction and Presentation by Jonathan Slason, RSG

BACKGROUND

At present, the City manages traditional transportation concurrency carried out through traffic impact analyses. Development applicants generating 40 or more net new peak hour trips must complete a traffic study to determine the impact of their development on area roadways and identify improvements necessary to mitigate that impact. Traffic studies, on average, take approximately six months to complete, which can slow the process of development approval and may prove to be a hindrance to medium-sized development. While this system does intend to support multimodality, the mitigation generally supports vehicles more than other modes of transportation and generally, due to the proportional share requirements, the necessary funding to enact needed improvements is not provided.

In order to continue to manage the impacts of development and move toward a more multimodal transportation system, the City has hired Gannett Fleming to conduct a transportation mobility study to define the need for additional transportation investment, specifically multimodal, document the standards of service and rational for additional capacity and ensure that there is a rational nexus between the payees of the mobility fee and the beneficiaries. This would provide more fee predictability for development applicants, as well as shorter application timelines without the need for a traffic study. It would further support the City in using funds collected to improve multimodal transportation capacity by improving walking and biking facilities as well as vehicular traffic, and potentially introducing additional transit services as the City and the region continue to grow.

Gannett Fleming completed the mobility plan for Clay County in 2020 and as a result would be able to use much of the same data for the development of a mobility plan for the City of Green Cove Springs. The projected completion date of the projected is within three months.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Informational Item only no action is required.