

RESOLUTION 21-03-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL SB 350 (2023) AND HOUSE BILL HB 235 (2023), ACTS RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE MOBILITY FUNDING SYSTEMS AND CALLING ON THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THE SUBJECT LEGISLATION, CLARIFYING ALTERNATIVE MOBILITY FUNDING SYSTEMS, IMPROVING EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MOBILITY PLANS AND FUNDING SYSTEMS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO TRAFFIC CONCURRENCY, THEREBY REFOCUSING TRANSPORTATION METHODS FROM THE MOVEMENT OF AUTOMOBILES TO THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the public purpose and intent of SB 350 (2023) filed by Senator Jason Brodeur (R-Lake Mary) and HB 235 (2023) filed by Representative William "Will" Robinson (R-Bradenton) is to revise and clarify state statutes related to alternative mobility funding systems in the State of Florida to provide an alternative means of addressing and mitigating the transportation needs precipitated by new development ; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park has developed and implemented a mobility plan and funding system as an alternative to transportation concurrency ; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park implemented a mobility plan and funding system as a means of refocusing the Town's transportation mitigation strategy onto alternative transportation methods that are concentrated on the movement of people and away from road building with a concentration on moving automobiles ; and

WHEREAS, both SB 350 and HB 235 clarify that development cannot be charged twice for the same transportation impacts, a mobility plan and fee must fully mitigate a development's transportation impacts, only the local government issuing the building permit for the development may charge a fee within the mobility plan area, and that payment of a mobility fee shall be deemed to have fully mitigated the development's full transportation impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that this legislation will benefit and encourage infill development and redevelopment that is supportive of the construction of desperately needed workforce housing ; and

WHEREAS, creatively moving people through alternative modes of transportation, such as high-speed rail, light rail, micro-buses, small EV's, ride-share, electric carts and bikes, and improved pedestrian connections, is beneficial to both the economy and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission deems approval of this Resolution and the adopting of SB 350 and HB 235 into law to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of the Town of Lake Park, the development and business community, and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.

SECTION 2. The Town of Lake Park supports the public purpose and intent of SB 350 (2023) filed by Senator Jason Brodeur (R-Lake Mary) and HB 235 (2023) filed by Representative William "Will" Robinson (R-Bradenton) to revise and clarify state statutes related to alternative mobility funding systems in the State of Florida to provide an alternative means of addressing and mitigating the transportation needs precipitated by new development.

SECTION 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to Senate President Senator Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples), Speaker of the House Representative Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast), Senator Jason Brodeur (R-Lake Mary), Representative William "Will" Robinson (R-Bradenton), and the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.