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PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD STAFF REPORT

Always Delray Comprehensive Plan Update – Mobility Element

Meeting	File No.	Application Type
January 28, 2019	N/A	Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Request

Provide a recommendation to the City Commission regarding a City-initiated request to amend the Transportation Element, now known as the Mobility Element, of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendation

Recommend approval to the City Commission to repeal and replace the Transportation Element with the Mobility Element for transmittal to the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity.

Background Information

The update to the Delray Beach Comprehensive Plan, which has been branded "Always Delray," began in 2016 with the creation of a Steering Committee, appointed by the City Commission. Committee members have met on numerous occasions to establish a plan for the City's future that reflects current and projected trends, identifies key issues presently impacting the community, and that maintains, updates, or eliminates current policies as a result of this in-depth review. Five new elements are proposed for the plan, and several existing elements have been renamed to better capture their role in the plan. Community workshops were held to discuss and receive public input on each element. This input was utilized to formulate the draft elements, along with the input of Subject Matter Experts on each topic, which consisted of City Staff, consultants, and community members.

Review and Analysis

The **Mobility Element** incorporates the City's Goals, Objectives, and Policies to maintain and improve the City's transportation system and enhance the travel choices of current and future residents, visitors and workers. The Mobility Element sets forth a framework to create a modern, well-balanced transportation system that provides mobility choices and creates great places where people want to live and invest their time and money. True mobility means people have the option to walk, bike, ride, or drive in a safe and comfortable environment.

- Expanding the City's transportation system to provide alternatives to the use of single-occupant vehicles
- Enhancing the City's corridors for all modes of transportation
- Increasing bicycle and pedestrian connections, routes, and facilities
- Improving the efficiency of the existing transportation system
- Investing in bridge and roadway maintenance and repair
- Promoting transportation demand management techniques

The proposed element reflects the City's adopted complete streets policies, provides updated vehicular traffic data and transit plans, including the planned Tri-Rail Coastal Link commuter service, and sets forth policies to meet mobility needs in the future. New policies reflect the need to diversify transportation options and to create a Mobility Plan and fee to fund a wider range of improvements, expanding the past practice of focusing largely on new vehicular laneage under the current impact fee structure.

Review By Others

The **Always Delray Steering Committee** reviewed the draft element on November 15, 2018.

Following recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board, the Public Facilities Element will be scheduled for a Public Hearing before the City Commission for review and comment; no formal action will take place. Once all elements have been reviewed by the City Commission, final drafts will be prepared for a Transmittal Hearing of the full Always Delray Plan, which is tentatively scheduled for March 2019. The Transmittal Hearing, which is also the First Reading of the Ordinance for the adoption of the Always Delray Plan, is required prior to submittal to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The DEO review may take up to 180 days to provide comments to Staff. If comments are received, Staff will make adjustments as necessary; if no comments are provided, then the Second Hearing will be scheduled for final adoption by the City Commission.

Alternative Actions

- A. Move a recommendation of approval, as amended, to the City Commission to repeal and replace the Transportation Element with the Mobility Element for transmittal to the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity.
- B. Move a recommendation of denial to the City Commission to repeal and replace the Transportation Element with the Mobility Element for transmittal to the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity.

Public and Courtesy Notices

☒ Courtesy Notices are not applicable to this request

☐ Courtesy Notices were provided to the following:

- N/A

N/A Public Notices are not required for this request.

N/A Public Notice was posted at the property on (insert date)

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N/A Public Notice was mailed to the adjacent property owners on (insert date), twenty days before the meeting date.

☒ Public Notice was published in the Sun Sentinel on Friday, January 18, 2019, at least 10 days before the meeting date.

N/A Public Notice was posted to the City's website.

N/A Public Notice was posted in the main lobby at City Hall.

☒ The agenda was posted on Friday, January 18, 2019, at least 5 days before the meeting date.