



**AGENDA  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARDROOM  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ATTENDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A) April 25, 2023 Minutes**
  - B) July 25, 2023 Minutes**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS** Presentations
  - A) Lamar Advertising - Presentation**  
(Request from Lamar to be placed on agenda)
  - B) Mobility Plan**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A) Pickleball**
- 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**
  - A) Nikki Johnson**
  - B) L'Rena Anderson**
  - C) Lisa Mason**
  - D) Isaac Birch**
  - E) Leslie Schmidt**
  - F) Daniella Piper**  
**Leonard Destin**
  - G) Sandy Trammell**
- 8. STAFF REPORTS**
  - A) Fall Programs/Special Events**
- 9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- 10. NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Comments from the public on any matters considered at the meeting, or on any matters not on the agenda)

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**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM  
APRIL 25, 2023 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Trammell called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

| <b><u>Members Present</u></b> | <b><u>Members Absent</u></b> | <b><u>Staff Present</u></b>          |
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| Sandy Trammell                | Isaac Birch                  | Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk     |
| Nikki Johnson                 | Lisa Mason                   | Lisa Firth Recreation Director       |
| Daniella Piper                |                              | Ryan Reed Dep. Recreation Director   |
| L'Rena Anderson               |                              | Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor |
| Leslie Schmidt                |                              | Ryan Scott City Engineer             |

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

**Motion to approve the February 28, 2023, meeting minutes as written was made by Committee member Johnson with Vice Chair Piper providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.**

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**Motion to change the order of the day was made by Committee member Piper with Committee member Johnson providing the second. Motion passed 5-0.**

**5. SPECIAL GUESTS:**

The sons of Captain Royal Melvin presented to the members their availability to be able to attend the Ribbon Cutting for the Grand Opening of the Royal Melvin Heritage Park. They discussed setting a tentative date for the ribbon cutting and at the time, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. was decided. The Melvin brothers thanked staff for all their help in getting the park finalized.

**6. PRESENTATION:**

➤ **Linear Park Presentation – City Engineer Ryan Scott**

Mr. Scott provided the members with the background information on the plan for the roadways and sidewalks that was adopted into the Comprehensive Plan in 2014 and explained that these plans are just in the conceptual stage at this point. He explained there is

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a lot of moving parts that needs to be brought together for the park and pointed out that portions of the eastern most area will only be a foot path to connect with Airport Road because of private property and spoke of the necessary easements that would have to be obtained as well as other options, if the easements are not obtained. He also spoke of the possibility of having pocket parks for work out benches that may possibly be installed in some green spaces, as well as all the obstacles that would have to be factored into the design for the park and how it would have to be done in phases, and he is looking for feedback from them on what they would like to see implemented.

Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how the design to her, is not a park and more of a right-of-way and suggests for the road to go to the north and south intersects to get with those people accessed to Hwy. 98 at Mattie M. Kelly and Airport Road and leave the rest of it as a park. Adding that she would like to see it accessible to skateboarders since there is not anything for in the city for that sport.

Committee member Johnson agreed and spoke of her concern for the wetlands and what the impacts are for those because they should be protected. She feels that the park would be more of a benefit to the citizens to be able to walk, picnic and bike, instead of a roadway. Adding that no matter what the speed limit is, people are going to speed down a road regardless, which will become a safety hazard for those walking. She spoke of an elevated pathway would be the ideal solution for the wetlands area that need to be crossed. Additionally, if the property is strictly made for just a pathway, events held could be held along there.

Committee member Schmidt spoke of Turkey Creek in Niceville and how it has a wooden boardwalk that has educational signs to teach people about the plants and animals that inhabit the wetlands and encouraged everyone who's not been there, to check it out.

Committee member Piper agreed with Committee member Johnson how she does not want any of the wetlands being filled and would rather see them preserved and enhanced.

Chairwoman Trammell questioned what the members thought of the use of LSV's for the pathway, so people could still connect to the businesses and grocery stores.

Committee member Johnson stated that she would prefer it to be more for bicycles than LSV's, if she had to choose.

Committee member Anderson agreed that Destin does not need anymore roadways to get congested or people to speed on and risk the safety of the people enjoying the park setting.



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**Motion to recommend not have the road installed and instead, make it a walking and biking path to better benefit the citizens of Destin. Committee member Schmidt provided the second. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Motion by Chairwoman Trammell to recommend the connection of Mattie Kelly Blvd. and South Mattie Kelly Blvd. to Highway 98 to Airport Road, with Committee member Johnson providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. John Crombie of 276 Twin Lakes Lane thanked the members for their vote which solves their problem to not have a roadway that would connect to Cordgrass Way. Adding that they would be agreeable to help provide the maintenance that area now that Cordgrass Way connects.

### **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **➤ Clement Taylor Park Update**

Mrs. Firth informed the members that the design for the park has been submitted to the county and the Federal Government for funding.

#### **➤ Adopt a Park**

Committee member Johnson stated a Hold Harmless form should be added. Additionally, Chairwoman Trammell spoke of the need to add the beach trails to the list of parks to adopt.

**Motion by Trammell, seconded by Piper to add the Hold Harmless and the beach trails to the Adopt-A-Park packet. The motion passed 5-0.**

The members also discussed adopting a park for the committee. **Motion by Johnson, seconded by Piper for the committee to officially adopt Clement Taylor Park. The motion carried 5-0.**

**\*Committee member Schmidt left the meeting at 5:30\***

City Manager Lance Johnson spoke to the members about the current issues with Royal Melvin Heritage Park that staff is working on.

- An administration rule to change the hours from sunrise to sunset because people will be traversing the boardwalk and the park. There was a brief discussion on the solution and the decision was to change it to one hour after sunset in the off season but leave it open during the 100 days of summer and the Fishing Rodeo. Additionally, he explicitly pointed out that open containers will not be allowed on the sidewalks and a water taxi stop needs to be added.

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Chairwoman Trammell suggested to designate one of the three slips on the harbor for a water taxi stop. There was additional discussion regarding allowing dogs on leash, alcohol friendly as well.

**Motion by Committee member Trammell, seconded by Vice Chair Piper to recommend City Council allow the following in the Captain Royal Melvin Heritage Park:**

- **Close the park one hour after sunset – no loitering after sunset.**
- **Close and lock the bathrooms one hour after sunset.**
- **Dog friendly on leash only.**
- **Alcohol friendly.**
- **Allow a 4-hour water taxi in one of the three transient slips. The motion carried 4-0.**

### 8. **MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Committee member Piper** – Spoke of how she would like to see beach mats available at beach parks for those in wheelchairs.

Mrs. Firth explained staff has investigated these and has found that permits from FDOT have to be obtained, they tend to not stay flat on the sand if the wind picks up, they can only be placed at the toe of dunes, and they can't be put down during turtle season, which is all summer long, and with the high cost, they're just not practical for local beaches. She explained that another option is to have the beach wheelchairs, which can be rolled into the water.

Committee member Johnson stated she would like to see one made available at one of the new beach parks. There was additional discussion on the topic and Mrs. Firth stated that the Destin Fire Control District does offers them.

**Chairwoman Trammell** – Briefly spoke of the decorations were not purchased and since the funds were never used, they rolled back into the General Fund.

➤ **Next Meeting June 27, 2023**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

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Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

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**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM  
JULY 25, 2023 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Trammell called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

| <b><u>Members Present</u></b> | <b><u>Members Absent</u></b> | <b><u>Staff Present</u></b>          |
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| Leslie Schmidt                |                              | Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor |

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairwoman Trammell stated that since they did not receive their packet prior to the meeting, she has not had the chance to review the minutes and asked that they be pushed to their next meeting for approval.

**4. PRESENTATION: Matthew Sweetser – Clement Taylor Park**

This was delayed to possibly the next meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **Committee Member Training Scheduling**

Staff discussed with the members that possible dates to have the training when all members could be present.

➤ **Joe's Bayou**

Mrs. Firth explained the comments from this committee, the public and Council have been implemented and the next set of plans they will see will be at 60%. She reminded the members that at that level, there cannot be any substantial changes made. She also discussed the groundbreaking, the timeline and how the ramps will have to be shut down at some point.

➤ **Clement Taylor Park Update**

Mrs. Firth explained that all the permits are in the process of being issued at the County level.

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➤ **Adopt a Park** – Mrs. Firth informed the members that her Afterschool Kids Club would really like to Adopt Clement Taylor Park and asked the members if they would be willing to select another park.

**Motion by Chairwoman Trammell for the Parks & Recreation Committee to change their Adopt-a-Park goal from Clement Taylor Park so the Kids Club can have Clement Taylor Park. Committee member Schmidt provided the second and the motion passed 4-0.**

After a brief discussion about how the members would have to individually go out and do whatever work they feel is necessary to the parks and not all together, because of the Sunshine Law, the members chose the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park because out of all the parks, that one is used the most and always needs maintenance.

**Motion by Committee member Johnson, seconded by Committee member Schmidt for the Parks & Recreation Committee officially adopt the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park for the Adopt-a Park program. The motion passed 4-0.**

➤ **Captain Royal Melvin Park** – Mrs. Firth explained the ribbon cutting for the park was officially a success and family is very pleased with the park. She also spoke of some of the issues they are having with people riding their bikes through the park pathway.

Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how hot the plastic parts are for the children's equipment and her granddaughter burned her hands on them. The members and staff discussed solutions on how to shade the equipment with trees or shade cloths.

➤ **Norriego Point Park** – Mrs. Firth informed the members that they are hoping that the road and all that applies will be finished by early to mid-September so the State can put the 30-day bid out to the public, with the hopes to have the construction to start in January.

➤ **Tarpon and Shores Beaches** – Mrs. Firth explained that both beach parks are at the County level and are moving quickly.

➤ **Beach Wheelchair Update** – Mrs. Firth explained the locations of beach accesses that fire departments will bring out the beach wheelchairs. Additionally, the city will have them available at Leonard Destin Park. Chairwoman Trammell suggested to get something put up on the Little Adventures kiosk with the contact information for those that need one at that beach.

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**6. MEMBER COMMENTS: None**

➤ **Next Meeting August 22, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

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Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk



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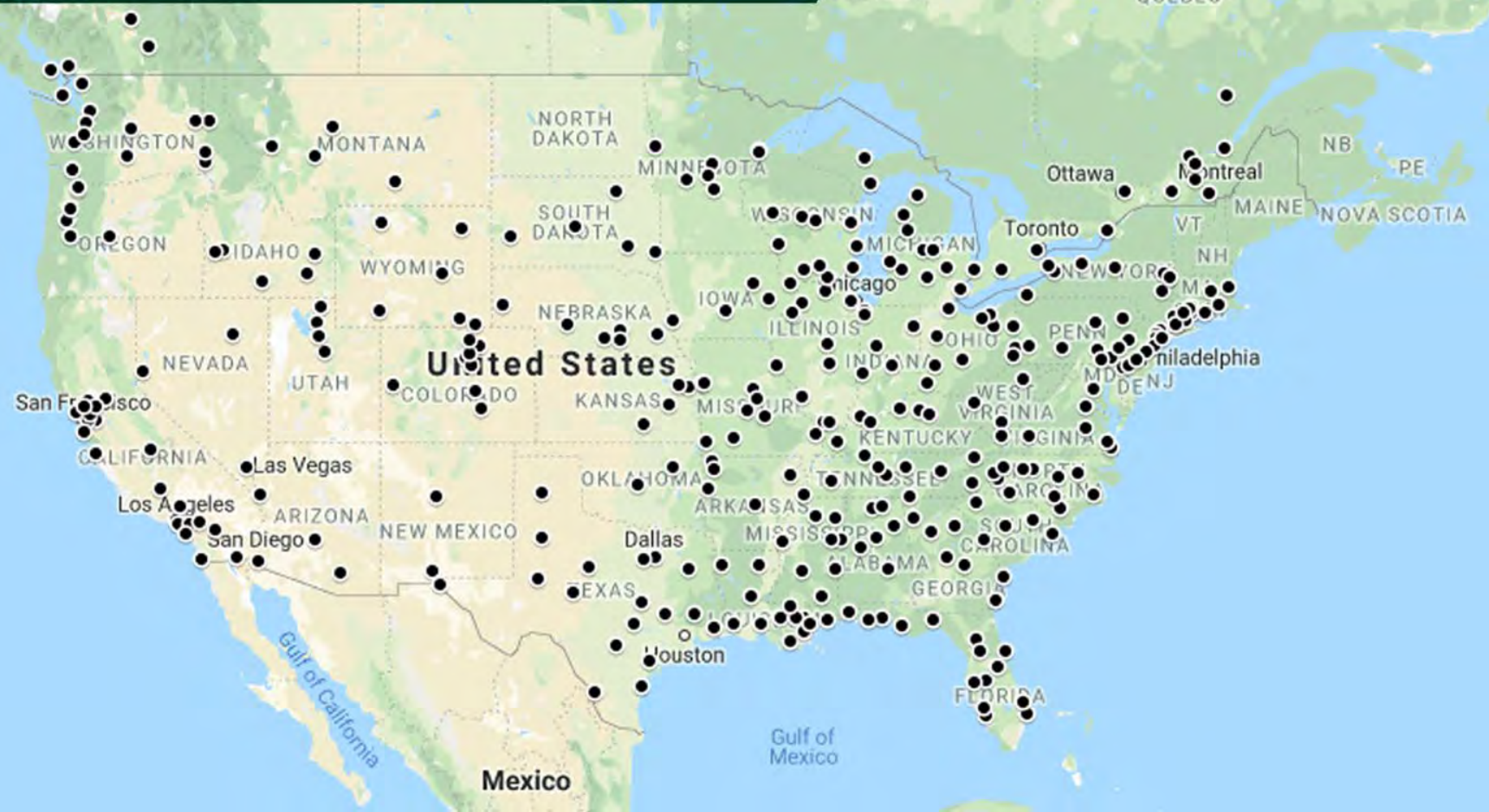
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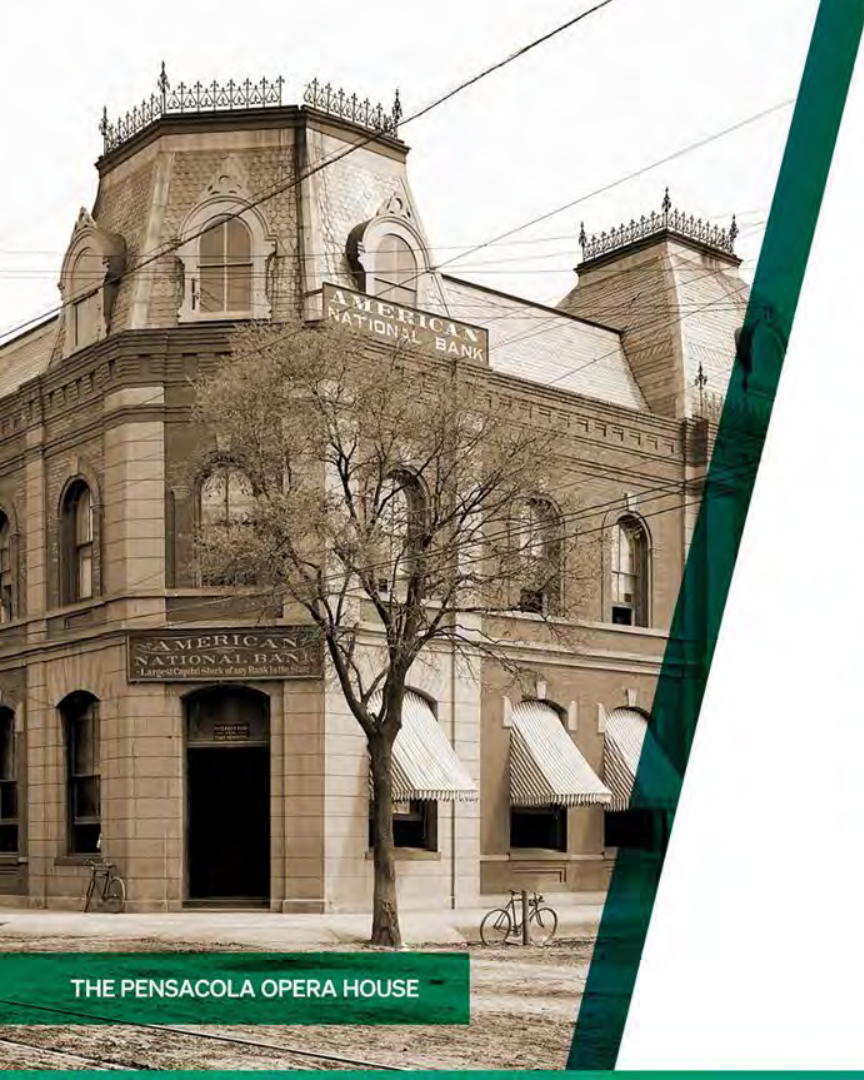
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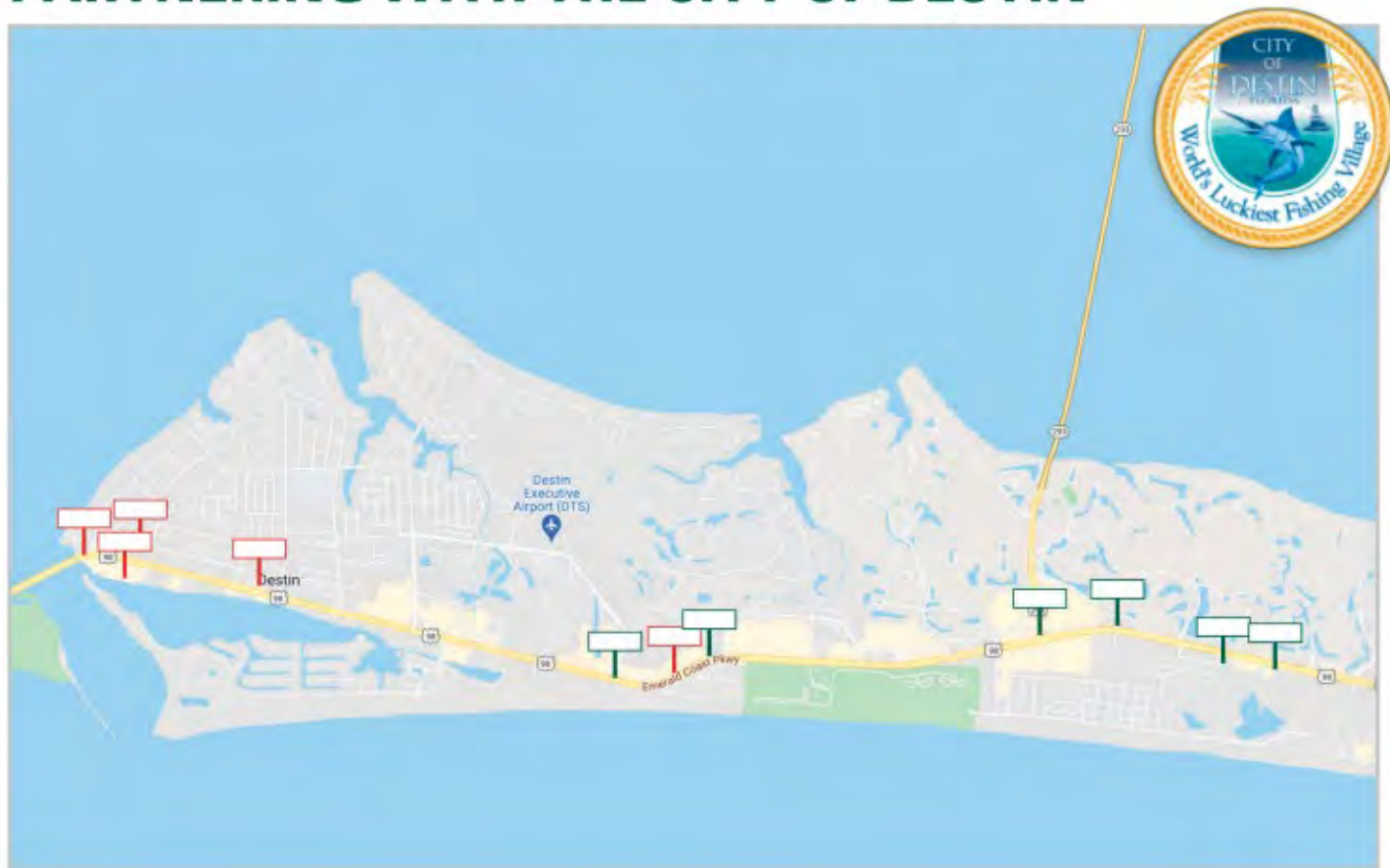


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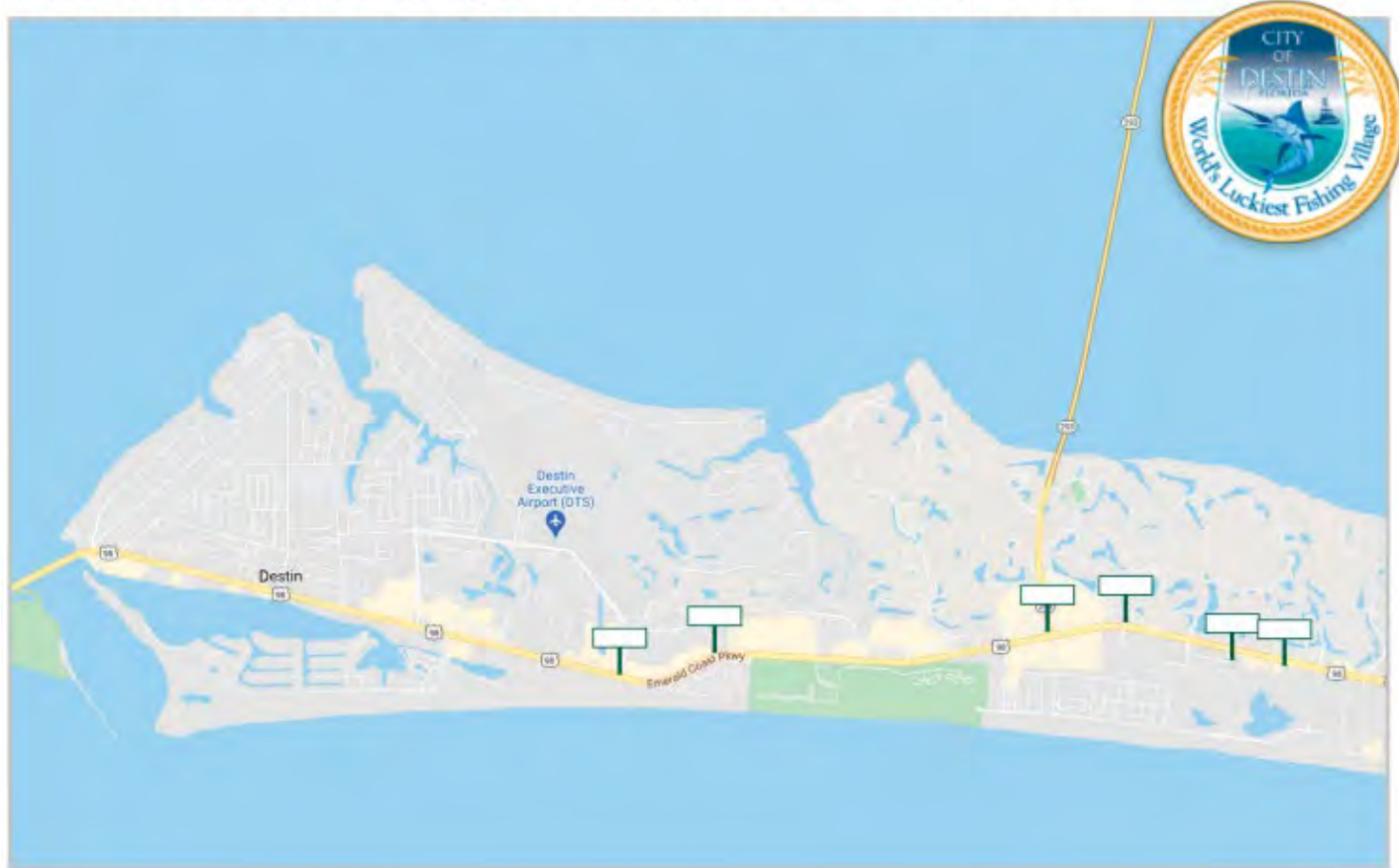
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**Lannie Corbin**  
City Manager  
City of Niceville

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**Richard A. Ryneerson**  
Mayor  
City of Fort Walton Beach



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**Kevin Guthrie**

Director

Florida Division of Emergency Management





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**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Softball Complex Parking Lot  
(Campbell Drive, Niceville)**



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**Thank you for your consideration**



-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Remington <sremington@clarkpartington.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:09 PM

To: Kimberly Kopp <kkopp@romanokopplaw.com>; Louis Zunguze <lzunguze@cityofdestin.com>

Cc: Scott Remington <sremington@clarkpartington.com>

Subject: Lamar Sign Request

Kim & Louis:

I hope this message finds you both well and good. I am following up on the Lamar Proposal. Attached is a clean copy of the proposal.

On behalf of Lamar can I request that we be placed on the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for June 5 or June 20, 2023? We would like to get a date set as soon as practical that allows staff and council time to consider the request and allows Lamar to plan accordingly.

If I need to direct this request to another person, please let me know.

Thank you again for all your assistance with this matter.

Warmest personal regards,

Scott

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Warmest personal regards,

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## THE MISSION

Unify to Beautify! Lamar Advertising will partner with the City of Destin to help beautify the landscape by reducing the number of outdoor advertising structures AND upgrading the aesthetics of the remaining Lamar billboards.

## THE PLAN

Lamar will reduce the number of Lamar billboards within the City limits by 45%! There are currently eleven (11) structures owned and operated by Lamar Advertising, from the Destin Bridge to just east of Gulfstarr Dr. Lamar is offering to permanently **REMOVE FIVE (5) BILLBOARD STRUCTURES** and upgrade the remaining six (6) to blend within the coastal landscape.

## THE AESTHETICS

The Lamar Art Department has created a unique billboard design consistent with the City of Destin's coastal vernacular architectural design theme. The remaining six (6) billboard structures will be rebuilt with this one-of-a-kind architecture, providing unity with the coastal community theme.

The billboard faces will also be upgraded from the dated look of the "old fashioned" billboards to the more contemporary and efficient LED digital billboard faces. The digital components will be regulated and controlled to meet all industry standards and State regulations with no scrolling, flashing, or blinking graphics.

## THE POWERLINES

Lamar Advertising will, at our expense, install underground power to all six of the remaining billboard structures, thus contributing to the City's long-term underground powerline project.

## THE ADDED PARTNERSHIP BENEFIT

As another benefit of partnership, Lamar will provide the City with one digital spot on each of the remaining six (6) billboard structures. The spot may be used to advertise upcoming events, safety and weather conditions, storm prep and evacuation routes, or anything the City desires to communicate to the community.

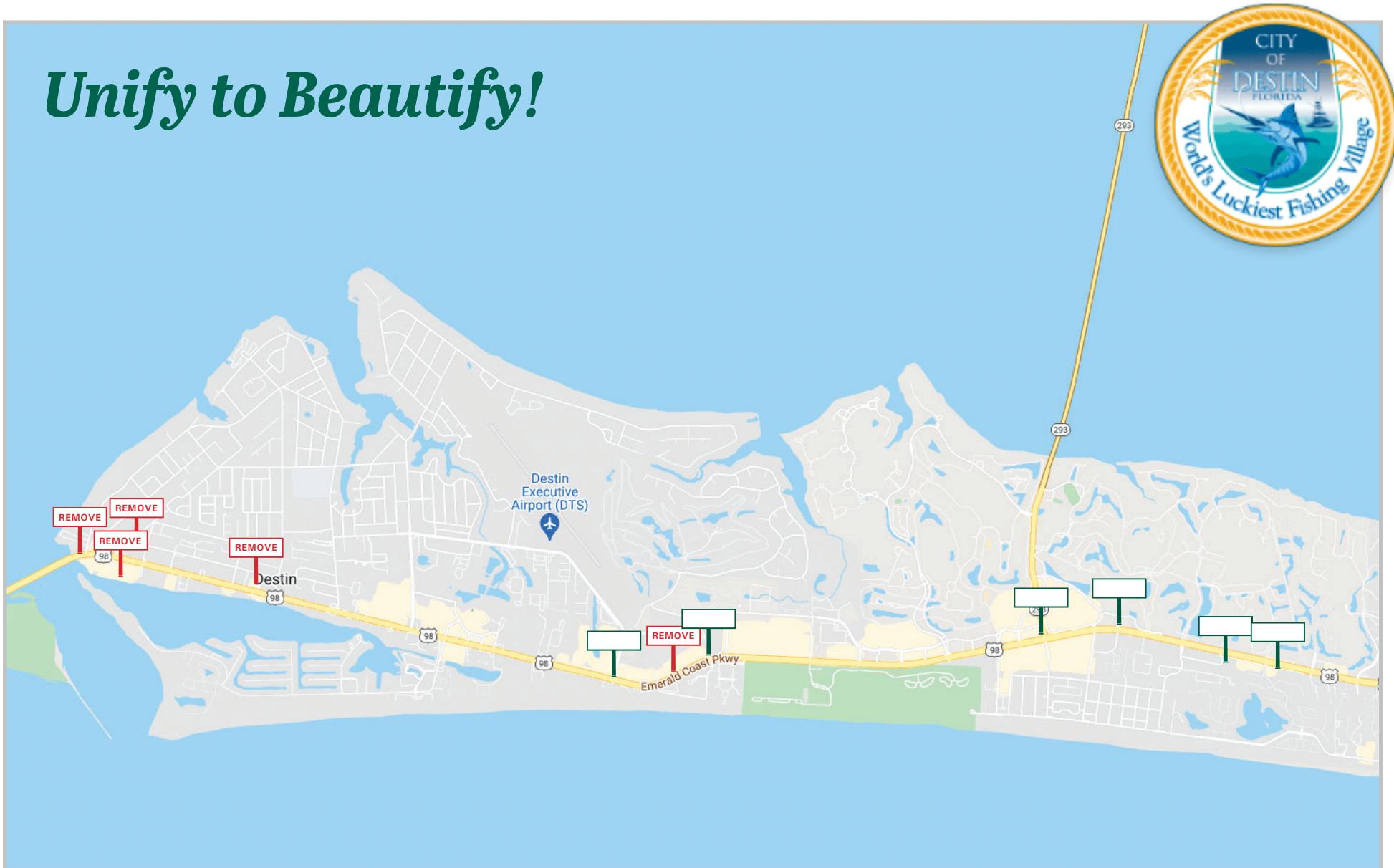
The digital display will allow the City to upload and schedule new messages in real time. In the case of an emergency situation that affects the community, a digital board will allow the City to get a message to the public faster than any other media.





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## CITY OF DESTIN



# AGENDA ITEM

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** May 15, 2023**TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:** Action Item**AGENDA OUTLINE NUMBER:** 4.F.

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**TO:** City Council

**THRU:** Lance Johnson, City Manager  
Krystal Strickland, Finance Director

**FROM:** Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director  
Kimberly Kopp, Land Use Attorney

**DATE:** May 5, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Destin Mobility Plan

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**I. BACKGROUND:** The attached Destin Mobility Plan- City Council Fact Sheet was prepared for Council's review following the Council's directive, at the March 1, 2021 City Council meeting, for the City Administration to prepare a Mobility Plan to replace the City's Multi-Modal Transportation District (MMTD). As you are aware, the purpose of the Mobility Plan is to establish long-term needs for the transportation network to facilitate the safe and effective movement of people to and around the City of Destin

**II. DISCUSSION:** The Mobility Plan under preparation consists of more than fifty (50) transportation improvement projects. These projects will either provide a new transportation facility or improve the performance of an existing facility. New facilities are intended to close gaps in the transportation network. Each project will receive a prioritization score that will determine the City of Destin's highest transportation priorities. Each year the City Council will be able to utilize the Mobility Plan to designate funds from the Mobility Fee.

**A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives:** 3. Improve mobility and connectivity

4. Enhanced quality of life and safety for families

5. Economic development and revitalization

6. Effective, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing infrastructure.

**B. Effect on Budget (EOB):** The project priority list (future expenses) is the basis for establishing mobility impact fees (future revenues).

**C. Level of Service (LOS):** Enhanced Level of Service

**D. Legislative Sponsor:**

**III. CONCLUSION:** The City Council is requested to decide on a "Policy Priority Score" for each project. The Staff has already prepared a "Benefit Score" using data such as: crash

history, Level of Service (LOS), and demand. Each project received a 1, 3, or 5 score. 1 indicating less benefits and 5 indicating more benefits, relative to other projects, included in the proposed Plan. The “Total Score” will be a combination of the “Benefit Score” and “Policy Priority Score”. It is requested that each Council member choose their top fourteen (14) projects (seven highest and seven next highest priority) from the list of projects on the attached City Council Fact Sheet document.

**IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION:** (If priorities are established at this meeting): I move that the City Council adopts the project priority list for the Destin Mobility Plan.

**OR**

(If priorities not yet established): I move that each Council Member provide his or her priorities to the City Manager by June 12, 2023, and the City Manager include these priorities on the June 19, 2023 agenda for discussion and adoption.

Attachments:

1. DestinCouncilFactSheet

# DESTIN MOBILITY PLAN

City Council Fact Sheet





# Mobility Plan Fact Sheet

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**Cross Town Connector** consists of six projects. These projects provide a parallel roadway to U.S. 98 which will alleviate congestion from the west end to the east end of Destin.



**New Streets** consists of seven proposed minor collectors and local streets. These projects are meant to close gaps in Destin's transportation system.



**Bike and Pedestrian** projects total twenty-eight improvements. These include bike lanes, new sidewalks, and multi-use paths to aid in connectivity.



**Community Parking** consists of four projects. Destin's current public parking does not meet the needs of the community, especially during peak months. These projects include parking decks, parking lots, and parking expansions.



**Intersection Enhancements** consists of fourteen projects. These intersections require attention due to crash history, congestion, and projected growth. Enhancements include crosswalks, signage, and medians.

**City Council's Task:** City Council must decide on a 'Policy Priority' score for each project. The 'Benefit Score' has already been decided using data such as crash history, level of service (LOS), and demand. Each project received a 1, 3, or 5, 1 indicating less benefits and 5 indicating more benefits, relative to other projects included in the plan. The 'Total Score' will be a combination of the 'Benefit Score' and 'Policy Priority Score.' Each Council member shall choose their top fourteen projects (seven highest priority and seven next highest priority) from the list of projects on the following pages prior to the Council Meeting on May 15. Chosen projects should exclude the Cross Town Connector.

## Priority

Benefit Score:

5

Policy Priority Score:

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Total Score:

5+?

**Note:** The projects listed in the Mobility Plan will be funded by the Mobility Fee which is currently being developed. The Mobility Fee is a one-time fee levied by the City to new developments. The fee varies based on land use and district but only applies to developers.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the Destin Mobility Plan and Mobility Fee?

The Destin Mobility Plan is a report containing future transportation projects and existing conditions that warrant these projects. The Mobility Fee is intended to be proposed as a funding source for these projects.

### How will the mobility projects be paid for?

The mobility projects will be paid for using the mobility fee. The mobility fee is a one-time fee levied by the City to new developments. The fee each development owes will be based on land use and district. The mobility fee will replace the transportation impact fee that was passed in 2009.

### What are the mobility projects?

The mobility projects are separated into the following categories: Cross Town Connector, New Streets, Bike and Pedestrian Projects, Intersection Enhancements, and Community Parking. There are a total of 59 projects.

### How are the mobility projects prioritized?

The mobility projects are prioritized based on a score made up of the benefit score and the policy priority score. The benefit score is based on data such as crash history, level of service (LOS), and demand. The policy priority score is given by Destin's City Council. Once each project is given a score, all projects will be ranked in order of priority.

### Who decides which projects are implemented first?

City Council has the final discretion on which projects are implemented and in which order they are implemented. Priority scores provide City Council a basis for these decisions.

### What is the timeline for completion of the mobility projects?

There is no set timeline for completion of all mobility projects. The mobility fee will be a continuous fund and projects will be completed using this fund over time. The fee relies on new development to fund transportation infrastructure.

### How can community members provide feedback for projects and prioritization?

Community members are welcome to attend Destin City Council meetings, community engagement sessions, or call (850) 654-1119 Option 2 during business hours to provide feedback.





Old Destin  
Crystal Beach



## MOBILITY PLAN | Mobility Projects

- Cross Town Connector
- New Streets
- Sidewalk
- Bike Lane
- Multi-Use Path
- # Intersection Enhancement
- # Community Parking





Destin’s Network Connectivity Projects: Cross Town Connector

| Destin Cross Town Connector Projects List |      |                                    |                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                                      | ID   | Location                           | Improvement                                                                                                                |
| Stahlman Avenue                           | CC-1 | Harbor Boulevard to Mountain Drive | Add lighting; reconstruct east side with buffer, trees, wider sidewalk, and pedestrian amenities                           |
| Stahlman Avenue                           | CC-2 | Mountain Drive to Azalea Drive     | Reconstruct with parking (west side), buffer and trees (east side), lighting, pedestrian amenities, and multi-use pathways |
| Azalea Drive                              | CC-3 | Stahlman Avenue to Benning Drive   | Add trees, lighting, pedestrian amenities, and multi-use pathways to fill gaps; Add planted median where feasible          |
| Legion Drive                              | CC-4 | Beach Drive to Main Street         | Add trees, lighting, and pedestrian amenities                                                                              |
| Airport Road                              | CC-5 | Main Street to Commons Drive       | Add trees, lighting, and pedestrian amenities                                                                              |
| Commons Drive                             | CC-6 | Airport Road to Indian Bayou Trail | Add trees and pedestrian amenities                                                                                         |

Destin’s Network Connectivity Projects: New Streets

| Destin New Street Projects List |      |                                                                      |                                |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name                            | ID   | Location                                                             | Improvement                    |
| Pine Street                     | NC-1 | Sibert Avenue to Blue Marlin Court                                   | New local street (residential) |
| Sailfish Drive                  | NC-2 | Azalea Drive to Sailfish Circle                                      | New local street (residential) |
| Indian Bayou North Extension    | NC-3 | Current end of Indian Bayou North to Indian Trail                    | New local street (residential) |
| 98 Palms Boulevard              | NC-4 | From existing end of 98 Palms Boulevard to Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard | New minor collector            |
| Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard       | NC-5 | From existing ends of northern and southern roadways                 | New minor collector            |
| Sunchase Boulevard              | NC-6 | Indian Bayou Trail to Indian Trail                                   | New minor collector            |
| John Avenue                     | NC-7 | Dolphin Street to Sunfish Street                                     | New local street (residential) |

Destin’s Network Connectivity Projects: Bike/Pedestrian

| Destin Sidewalk Projects List                 |       |                                      |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Name                                          | ID    | Location                             | Improvement          |
| Sibert Avenue Sidewalk                        | SW-1  | Calhoun Avenue to Zerbe Street       | East side sidewalk   |
|                                               | SW-2  | Forest Street to Kelly Street        | East side sidewalk   |
|                                               | SW-3  | Cross Street to Benning Avenue       | East side sidewalk   |
| Zerbe Street Sidewalk                         | SW-4  | Sibert Avenue to Stahlman Avenue     | South side sidewalks |
| Pine Street Sidewalk                          | SW-5  | Blue Marlin Court to Stahlman Avenue | North side sidewalk  |
| Stahlman Avenue Sidewalk                      | SW-6  | Pine Street to Primrose Lane         | Sidewalk             |
|                                               | SW-7  | Kelly Street to Hickory Street       | West side sidewalk   |
| Hickory Street Sidewalk                       | SW-8  | Stahlman Avenue to Sibert Avenue     | South side sidewalk  |
| Indian Trail Sidewalk                         | SW-9  | Bayou Drive to Main Street           | South side sidewalk  |
| Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard (northern) Sidewalk | SW-10 | Existing sidewalk to Airport Road    | West side sidewalk   |
| Mountain Drive Sidewalk                       | SW-11 | Stahlman Avenue to roundabout        | North side sidewalk  |

| Destin Bike Projects List                          |       |                                                |               |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Name                                               | ID    | Location                                       | Improvement   |
| Sibert Avenue Bicycle Lanes                        | BL-1  | Calhoun Avenue to Kelly Street                 | Bicycle Lanes |
| Forest Street Bicycle Lanes                        | BL-2  | Calhoun Avenue to Stahlman Avenue              | Bicycle lanes |
| Stahlman Avenue Bicycle Lanes                      | BL-3  | Azalea Drive to Kelly Street                   | Bicycle lanes |
| Beach Drive Bicycle Lanes                          | BL-4  | Harbor Boulevard to Kelly Street               | Bicycle lanes |
| Gulf Shore Drive Bicycle Lanes                     | BL-5  | Sandpiper Cove to Harbor Boulevard             | Bicycle lanes |
| Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard (northern) Bicycle Lanes | BL-6  | Existing end roadway to Airport Road           | Bicycle lanes |
| Scenic 98 (west)/Restaurant Row Bicycle Lanes      | BL-7  | Emerald Coast Parkway to Emerald Coast Parkway | Bicycle lanes |
| Indian Bayou Trail Bicycle Lanes                   | BL-8  | Emerald Coast Parkway to Country Club Drive    | Bicycle Lanes |
| Crystal Beach Drive Bicycle Lanes                  | BL-9  | Scenic 98 to Emerald Coast Parkway             | Bicycle Lanes |
| Scenic 98 (east) Bicycle Lanes                     | BL-10 | Matthew Boulevard to Walton County Line        | Bicycle Lanes |

| Destin Multi-use Path Projects List                                   |      |                                             |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name                                                                  | ID   | Location                                    | Improvement                    |
| Powerline easement (west) Multi-use Path                              | MU-1 | Main Street to Airport Road                 | Multi-use path                 |
| Gulf Shore Drive Multi-use Path                                       | MU-2 | Sandpiper Cove to Harbor Boulevard          | West side multi-use path       |
|                                                                       | MU-3 | Norriego Point to Durango Road              | West/south side multi-use path |
| Crystal Beach Drive Multi-use Path                                    | MU-4 | Scenic 98 to Emerald Coast Parkway          | East side multi-use path       |
| Dolphin Street/Regatta Bay Boulevard Bicycle Lanes and Multi-use Path | MU-5 | Scenic 98 to Emerald Coast Parkway          | East side multi-use path       |
| Powerline easement (east) Multi-use Path                              | MU-6 | Emerald Coast Parkway to Walton County Line | Multi-use path                 |
| West of Twin Lakes                                                    | MU-7 | 98 Palms Boulevard to Airport Road          | Multi-use path                 |

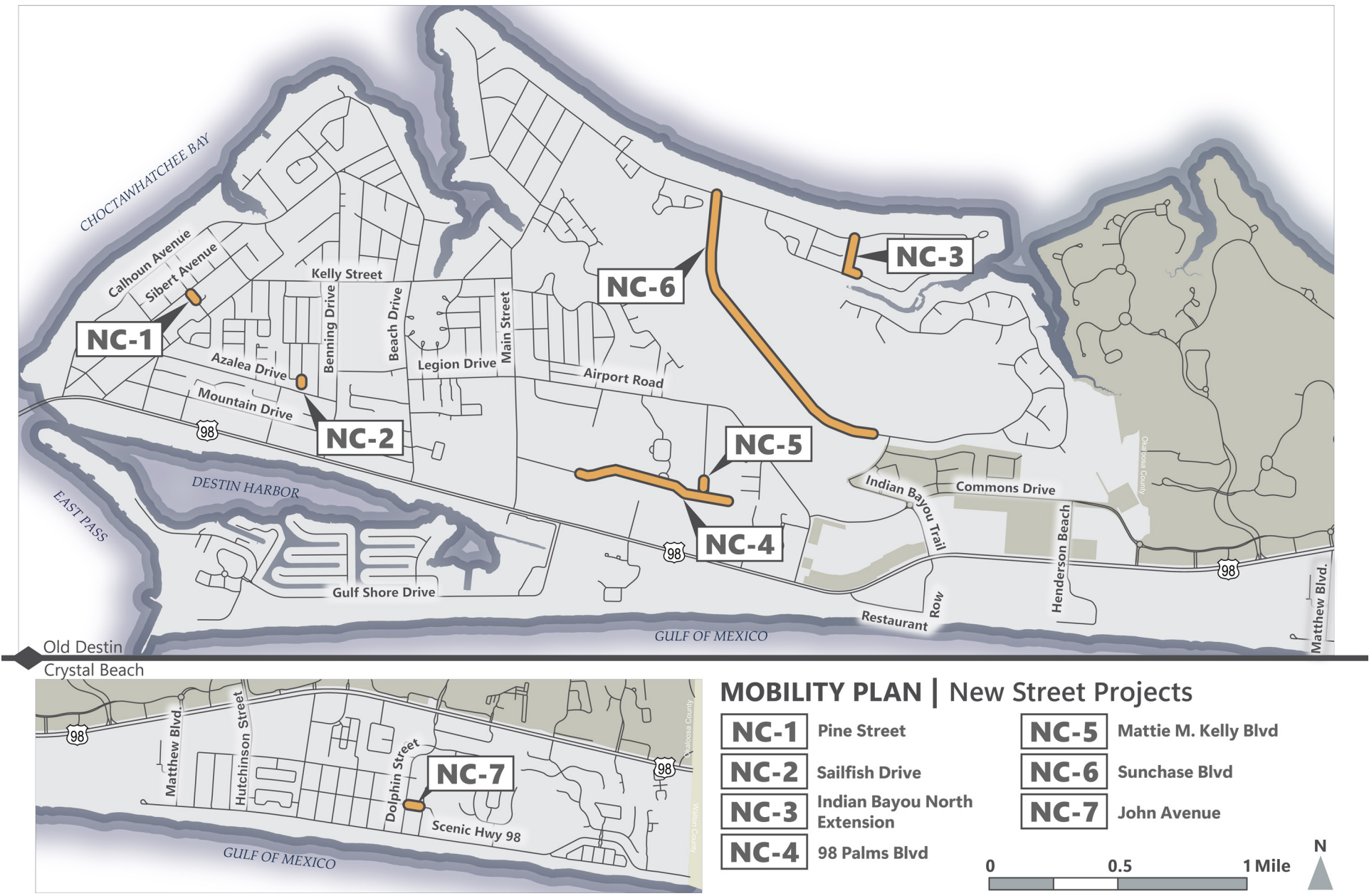
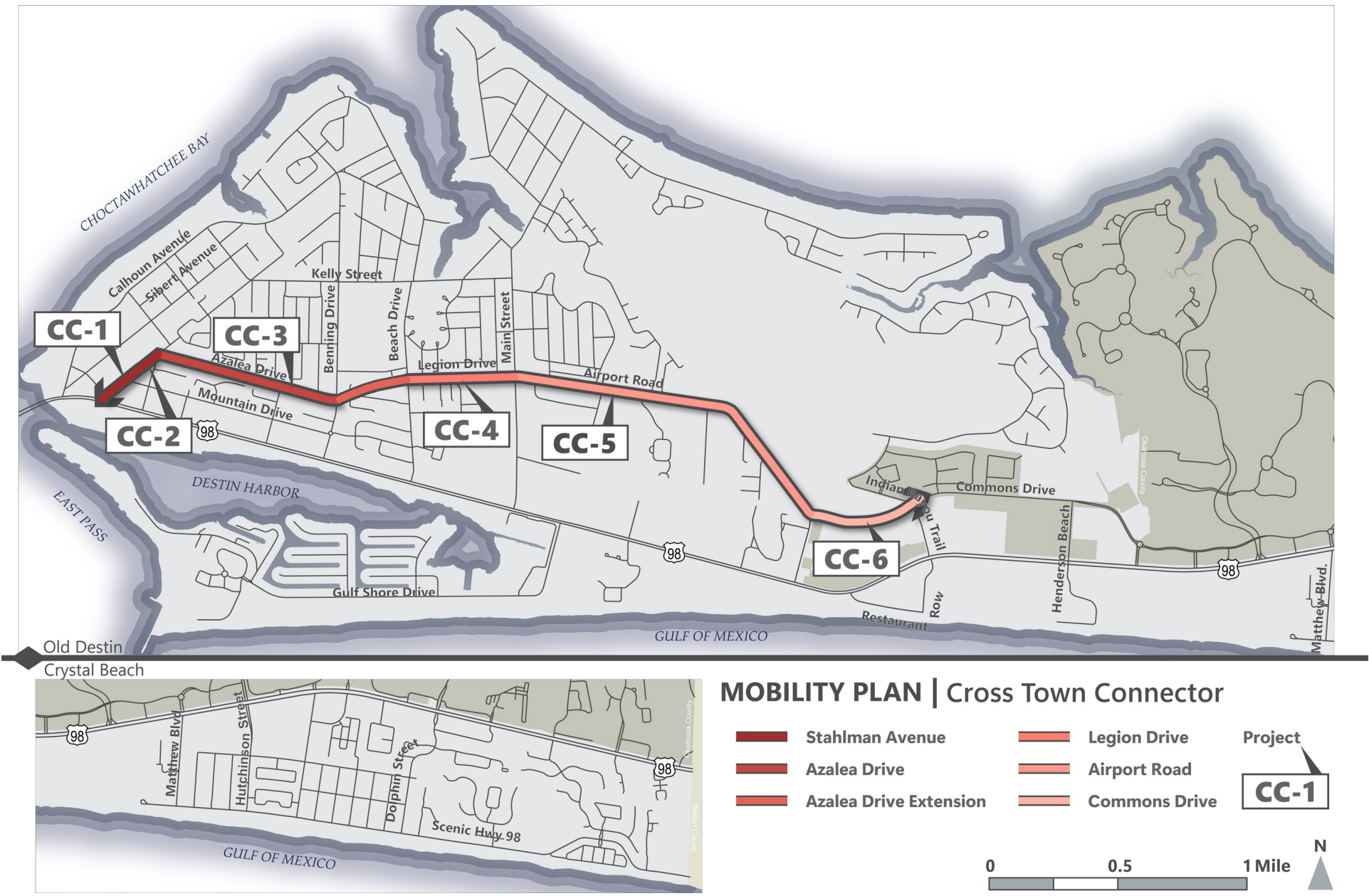
Destin’s Community Parking Projects

| Destin Community Parking Projects List   |      |                                                                  |                   |
|------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Name                                     | ID   | Location                                                         | Improvement       |
| Marler Street Public Parking Lot         | CP-1 | Marler Street at Mountain Drive and Harbor Boulevard             | Parking Deck      |
| Zerbe Street Public Parking Lot          | CP-2 | Zerbe Street at Sibert Avenue behind the Destin Community Center | Parking Deck      |
| Crystal Beach Parking Lot (FPL easement) | CP-3 | In the utility easement between Cobia Street and Dolphin Street  | Parking Lot       |
| Crystal Beach On-Street Parking          | CP-4 | Along numerous roads in Crystal Beach                            | On-Street Parking |

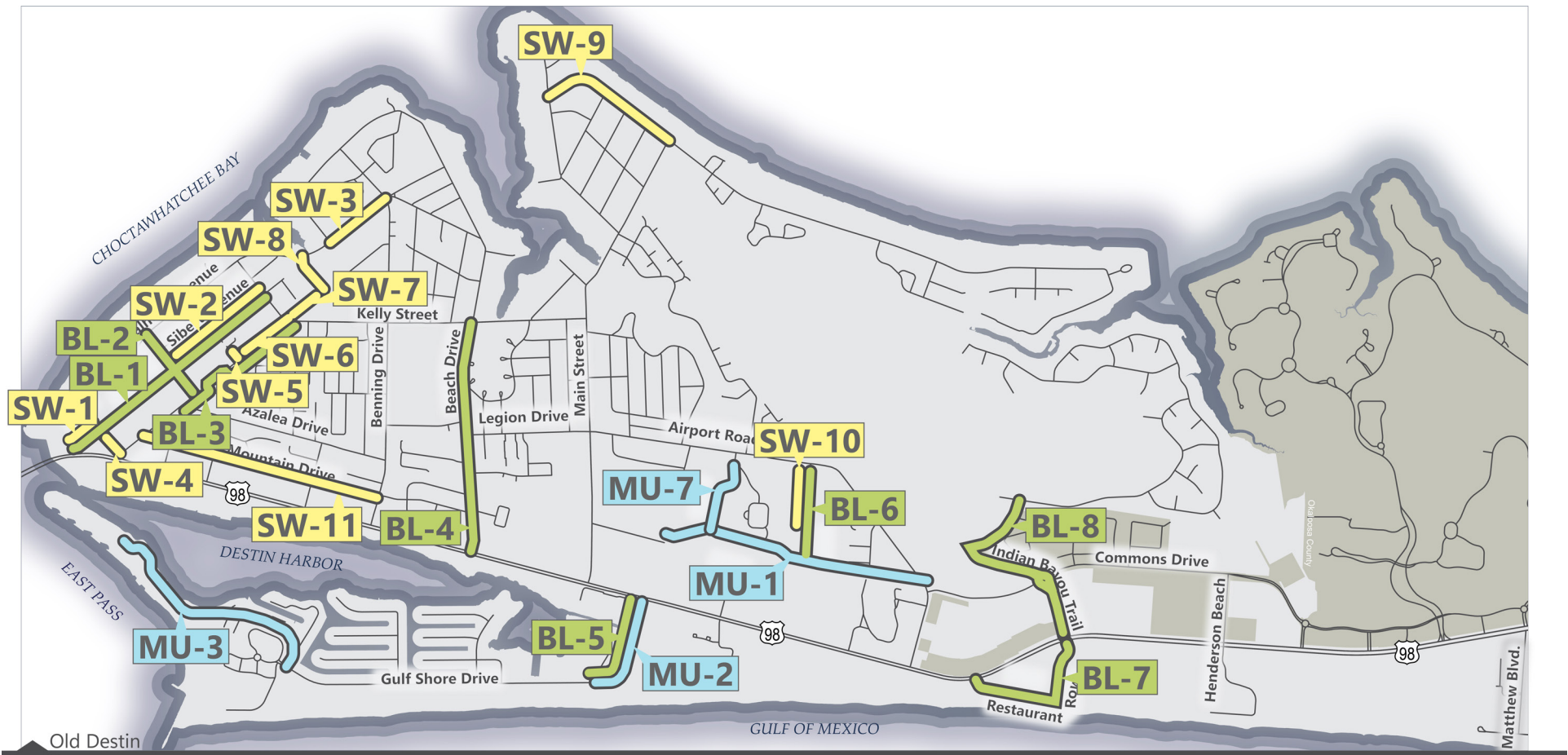
Destin’s Intersection Enhancement Projects

| Destin Intersection Enhancement Projects List           |       |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                                                    | ID    | Location                                                    | Improvement                                                                                                                                         |
| Stahlman Avenue at Zerbe St & Harbor Blvd               | IS-1  | Intersection with Zerbe Street and Harbor Boulevard         | More visible crosswalks, reduce curb cuts, pedestrian refuge, extend central medians                                                                |
| Stahlman Avenue at Azalea Drive                         | IS-2  | Intersection with Azalea Drive                              | Crosswalks, continuous sidewalk, close Palmetto at intersection, move Azalea stop line                                                              |
| Legion Drive/ Airport Road at Main Street               | IS-3  | Intersection with Main Street                               | Extend curb/sidewalk, remove double left turn, shift lanes, rehab crosswalk, reduce turning radius, streetscaping                                   |
| Airport Road at Commons Drive                           | IS-4  | Intersection with Commons Drive                             | Improve crosswalks, add crosswalk across south leg, add pedestrian refuge, add bike lane/path, reduce turning radii, add N/S pedestrian signal head |
| Commons Drive at Indian Bayou Trail                     | IS-5  | Intersection with Indian Bayou Trail                        | Extend bike lanes, rehab crosswalks                                                                                                                 |
| Benning Drive at Sibert Ave, 1st Street, and 4th Street | IS-6  | Intersection with Sibert Avenue, 1st Street, and 4th Street | Add roundabout with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations                                                                                           |
| Stahlman Avenue at Kelly Street                         | IS-7  | Intersection with Kelly Street                              | Enhance pedestrian island, explore roundabout option                                                                                                |
| Calhoun Avenue at Sibert Ave                            | IS-8  | Intersection with Sibert Avenue                             | Enhance multimodal access between public parking and planned boardwalk under the bridge                                                             |
| Calhoun Avenue at Kelly St                              | IS-9  | Intersection with Kelly Street                              | Add crosswalk, repaint bike lanes, three-way stop at intersection                                                                                   |
| Main Street at 98 Palms Blvd                            | IS-10 | Intersection with 98 Palms Boulevard                        | Improve crosswalks and build a median on 98 Palms                                                                                                   |
| Main Street at Kelly Street                             | IS-11 | Intersection with Kelly Street                              | Enhance multimodal access, reduce turn lanes, reduce curb cuts, extend bike lane                                                                    |
| Scenic 98 East at Matthew Blvd                          | IS-12 | Intersection with Matthew Boulevard                         | Repaint and add crosswalks, add signage, and streetscaping                                                                                          |
| Scenic 98 East at Shirah St                             | IS-13 | Intersection with Shirah Street                             |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Scenic 98 East at Pompano St                            | IS-14 | Intersection with Pompano Street                            | Mid-block crossing links to beach access                                                                                                            |







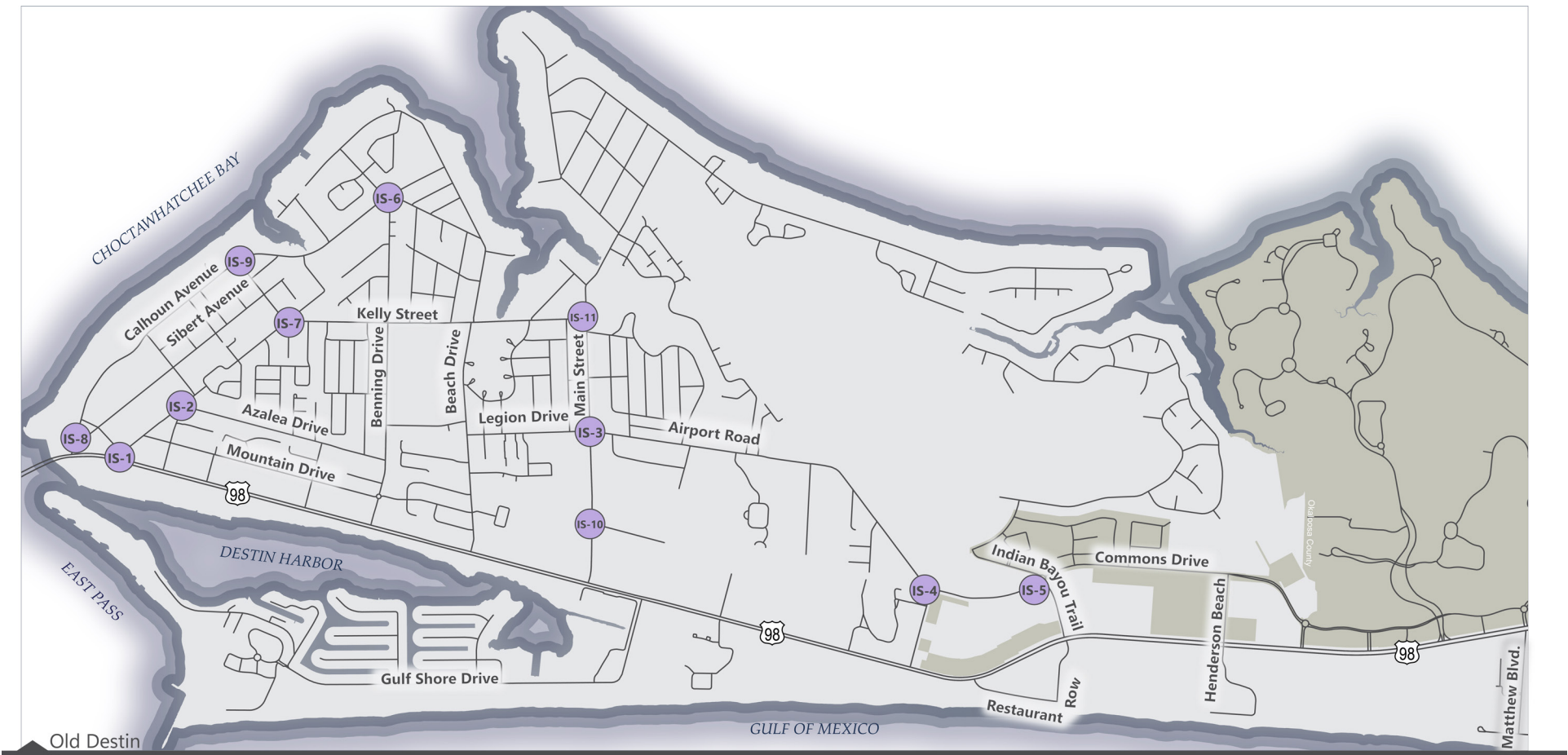


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### MOBILITY PLAN | Bike/Pedestrian Projects

- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Proposed Bike Lane
- Proposed Sidewalk

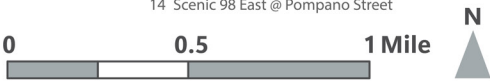


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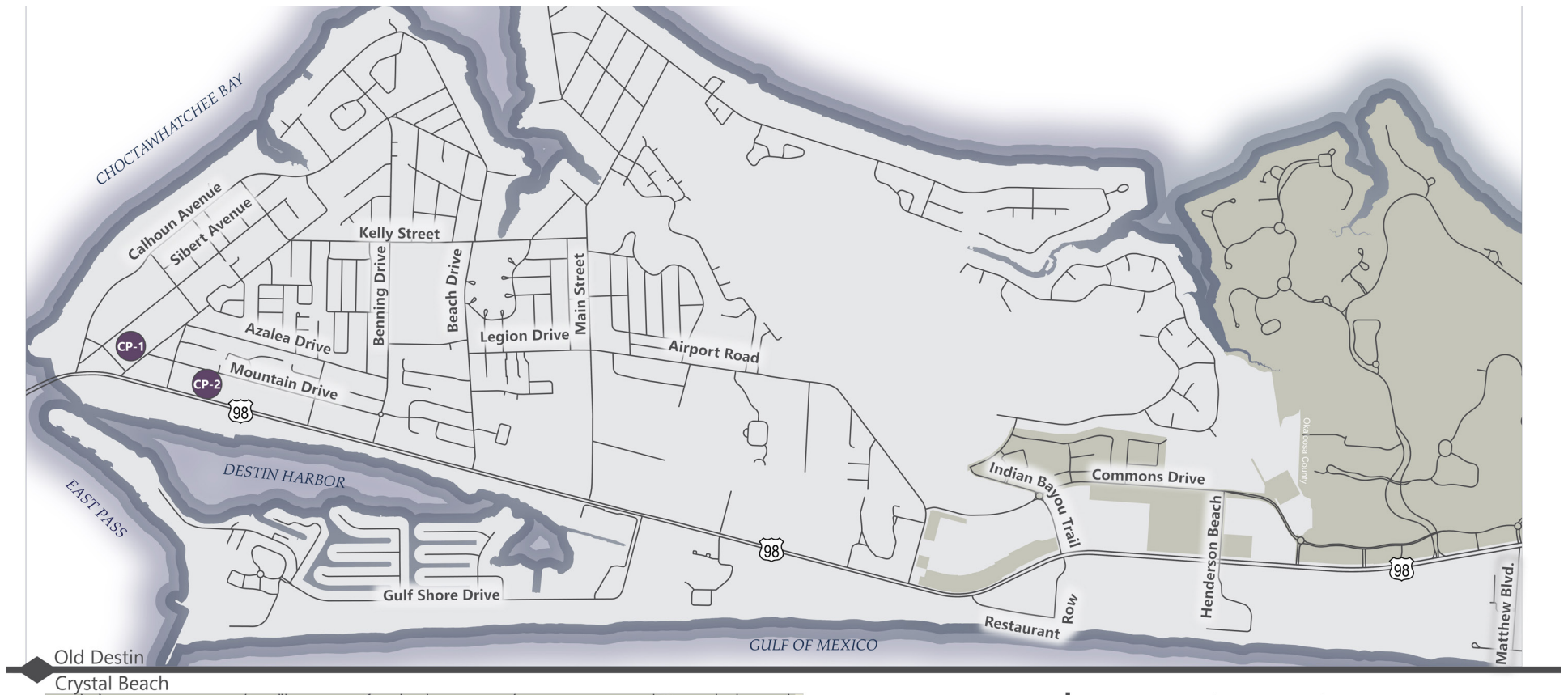


### MOBILITY PLAN | Intersection Enhancements

- # Intersection Safety Project
- |                                                              |                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Stahlman Avenue @ Zerbe Street and Harbor Boulevard        | 8 Calhoun Avenue @ Sibert Avenue      |
| 2 Stahlman Avenue @ Azalea Drive                             | 9 Calhoun Avenue @ Kelly Street       |
| 3 Legion Drive/Airport Road Intersection with Main Street    | 10 Main Street @ 98 Palm Boulevard    |
| 4 Airport Road @ Commons Drive                               | 11 Main Street @ Kelly Street         |
| 5 Commons Drive @ Indian Bayou Trail                         | 12 Scenic 98 East @ Matthew Boulevard |
| 6 Benning Avenue @ Sibert Avenue, 1st Street, and 4th Street | 13 Scenic 98 East @ Shirah Street     |
| 7 Stahlman Avenue @ Kelly Street                             | 14 Scenic 98 East @ Pompano Street    |







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## MOBILITY PLAN | Community Parking

- CP-1** Zerbe Street Public Parking Deck
- CP-2** Marler Street Public Parking Deck
- CP-3** Crystal Beach Parking Lot
- CP-4** Crystal Beach On-Street Parking



# City of Destin Mobility Plan

City Council Briefing

May 15, 2023

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## Agenda

- Project status
- Council priorities
- Next Steps

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# Mobility Plan Project Status

- Completed
  - Update and publish a draft project list
  - Map recommended projects
  - Draft plan document

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### Safety

Crashes are a significant issue across Florida. The most severe crashes in Destin – resulting in a serious injury or fatality – are concentrated on U.S. 98, particularly on the western and eastern thirds. The roadways that comprise the Crosstown Connector also stand out for crashes. The upcoming projects to improve these roadways so they can function as a relief valve for U.S. 98 congestion are also an opportunity to improve safety.

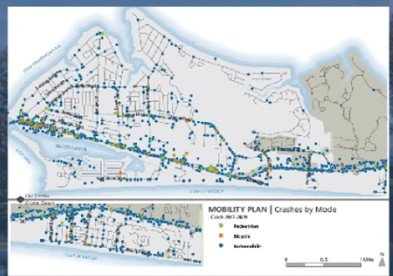
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Addressing safety will require the City to collect more data on the specific causes and situations that led to crashes. The federal government's increased interest in safety planning and implementation at the local level is an opportunity. Planning and implementation grants are available from the Federal Highway Administration. Obtaining a grant can help the City dig deeper into the causes and identify viable solutions for reducing crashes citywide.



The map below shows where crashes were concentrated between 2017 and 2021.



### Summary

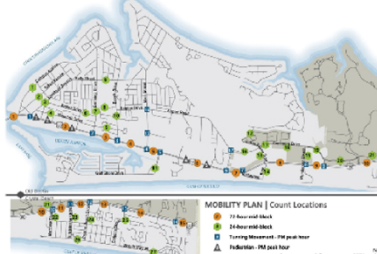
Destin is a desirable community that is expected to keep growing, just like our neighboring communities. The addition by 2050 of more than 2,000 full-time residents, nearly 2,000 seasonal residents, and more than 1,000 jobs will cause more travel on roadways that are already congested during peak periods. The Mobility Plan is the City's strategy for keeping congestion to a manageable level by investing in roadway improvements that can provide for more route options (connectivity), improve safety and performance, and give people more options to walk, bike, and use transit. The rest of this report describes in more detail the population and employment forecasts, transportation system performance, and other key issues that the mobility plan will need to address.



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| Roadway           | From         | To         | 2021 | 2017 | % Change |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|------|------|----------|
| Scenic Highway 98 | Matthew Blvd | Dolphin St | 963  | 742  | 30%      |
| Sibert Avenue     | Calhoun Ave  | Kelly St   | 580  | 324  | 79%      |
| Stallman Avenue   | U.S. 98      | Kelly St   | 762  | 714  | 7%       |

The map below shows the locations where the City counted traffic, and the type of traffic count. Not all locations are shown in the preceding table because some locations lacked reliable count data for 2017.



### Roadway Level of Service

Level of service is a quantitative measure of how well vehicle traffic flows on a roadway segment. The LOS describes roadways using a letter from A to F to describe performance, with A indicating the best performance and F the worst. It is important to note that the A to F letters do not necessarily indicate desired performance. A LOS of A is often

not feasible, cost effective, or even desirable given other competing transportation or societal goals. As FDOT states in its Quality/Level of Service Handbook, "transportation professionals widely consider LOS 'D' for the automobile mode an acceptable condition, and this threshold is often used as a design condition in urbanized areas."

Therefore LOS D is the standard for performance of the state-maintained U.S. 98/Harbor Boulevard. The City's policy as described in the Comprehensive Plan is also to maintain its system of collector roadways at an LOS of D or better. However, there are a different set of standards, described in the subsequent section, for collector roadways within multimodal transportation districts. Within these districts there are also LOS standards for pedestrian, bike, and transit modes using different data to quantify performance.

**The Level of Service (LOS) Standard for the City's collector roadways and for U.S. 98 is LOS D. However, most of the City's collector network falls within a multimodal transportation district, where LOS standards for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit modes also apply.**

The vehicular level of service for an arterial roadway segment is based on the volume-to-capacity (v/c) ratio. The v/c ratios for 2011, 2016, and 2021 on Destin's only arterial roadway (U.S. 98) are shown in the table below. These tables are color coded to show how each segment has performed over time. A v/c ratio under 1.0 indicates this segment is meeting the LOS D standard. A v/c ratio of more than 1.0 indicates the segment is not meeting this standard. Green is meeting the standards, yellow is near the standard limit, and red is failing (does not meet the standards). The map below also shows the v/c ratio for the City's collectors, all of which are operating below a 1.0 v/c ratio.

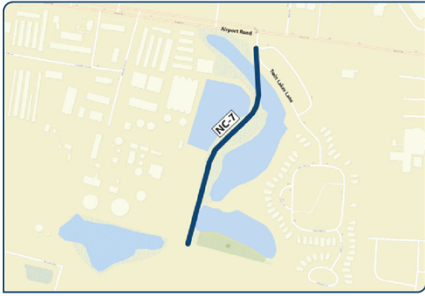


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MOBILITY PLAN | New Streets

NC-7 TBD Roadway (west of Twin Lakes)



Details

Project: NC-7

Initiative: New Street

Name: TBD Roadway (west of Twin Lakes)

Source: Comp Plan Policy 2-1.3.16; LDC 8.01.00E; LDC Table 8-1

Location: 98 Palms Boulevard to Airport Road

Improvements

- Develop an interconnected road network by extending 98 Palms Boulevard to Airport Road
- New roadways are expected to have parking lanes, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, street trees, and street lighting with adequate signage, markings, and accessways
- Minor collectors should have a speed limit of 35 mph with two 11' lanes of traffic, a 6' to 12' median, 8' parking, 5' bike lane, 8' to 10' sidewalks on both sides, and a 6' buffer

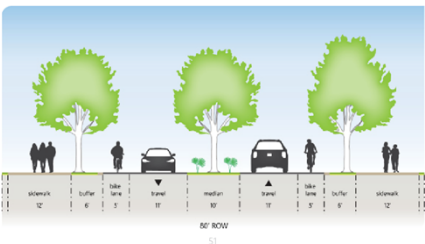
Cost

TBD

Priority

| Benefit Score: | Policy Priority: | Total Score: |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1              | N/A              | N/A          |

Proposed:

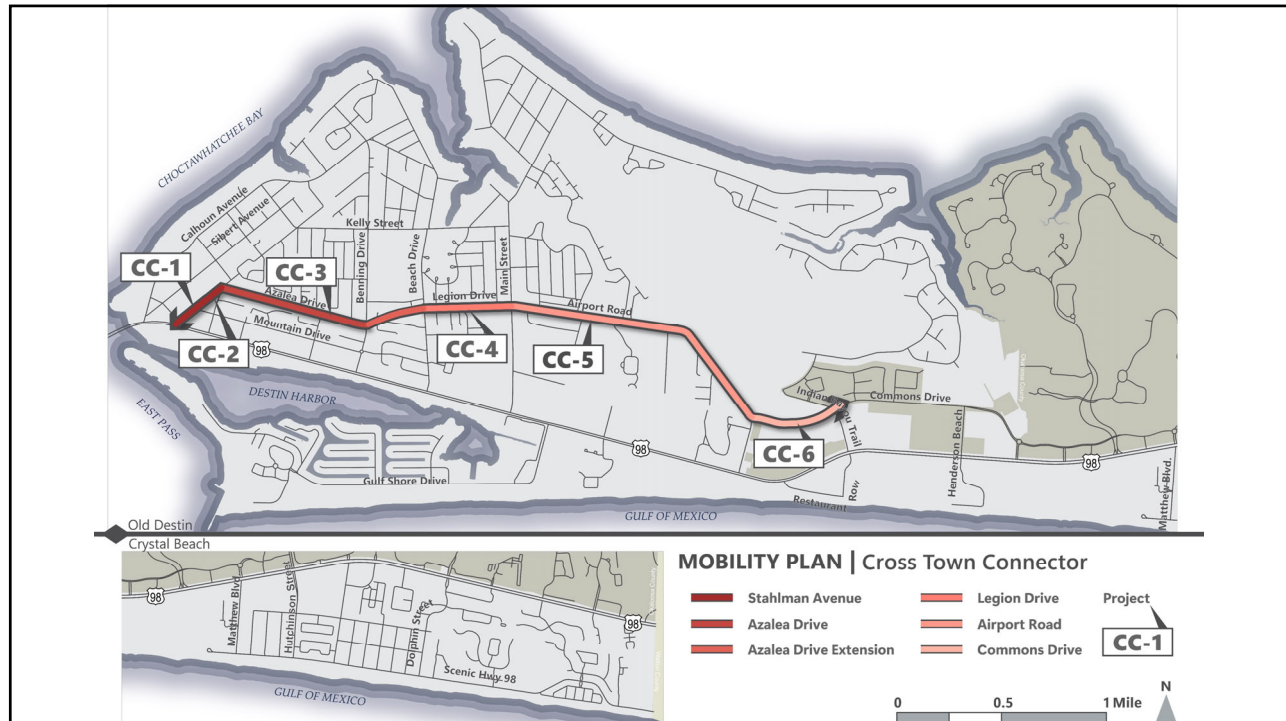


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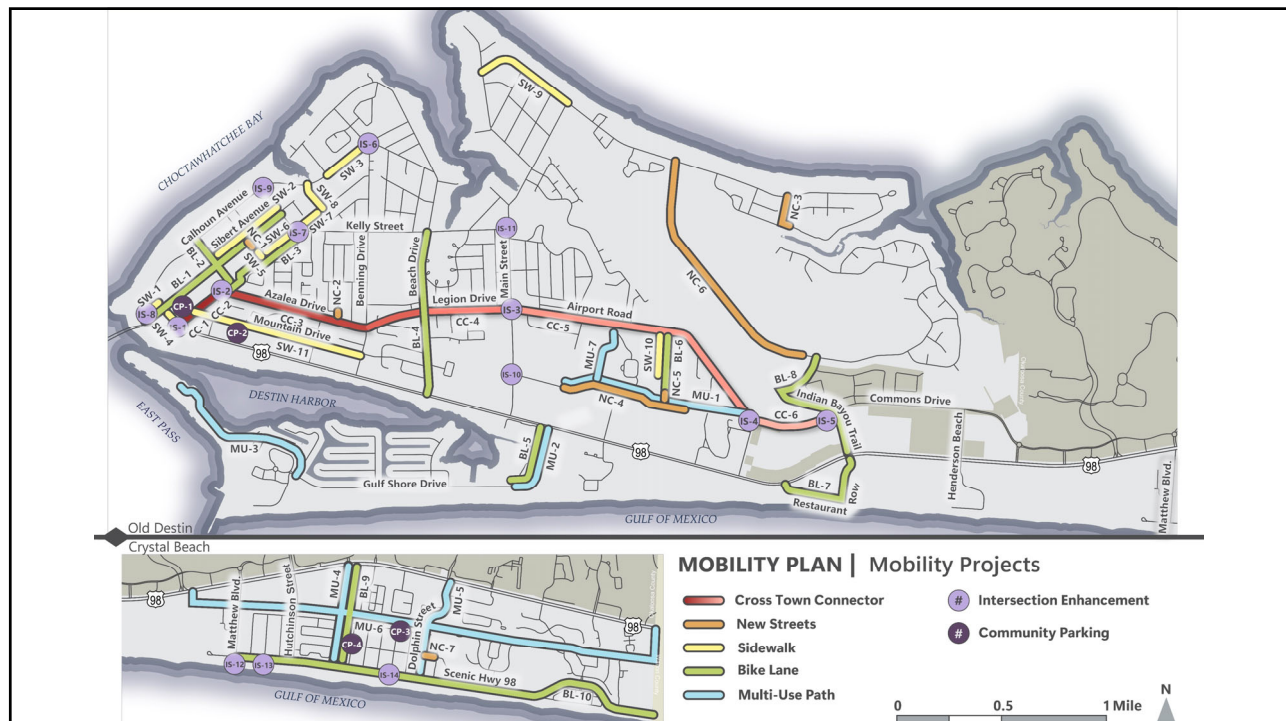
## Mobility Plan Project Status

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  - Draft plan document
- Final steps
  - Vet, refine and prioritize projects
  - Complete cost estimating for plan projects
  - Complete mobility fee calculations

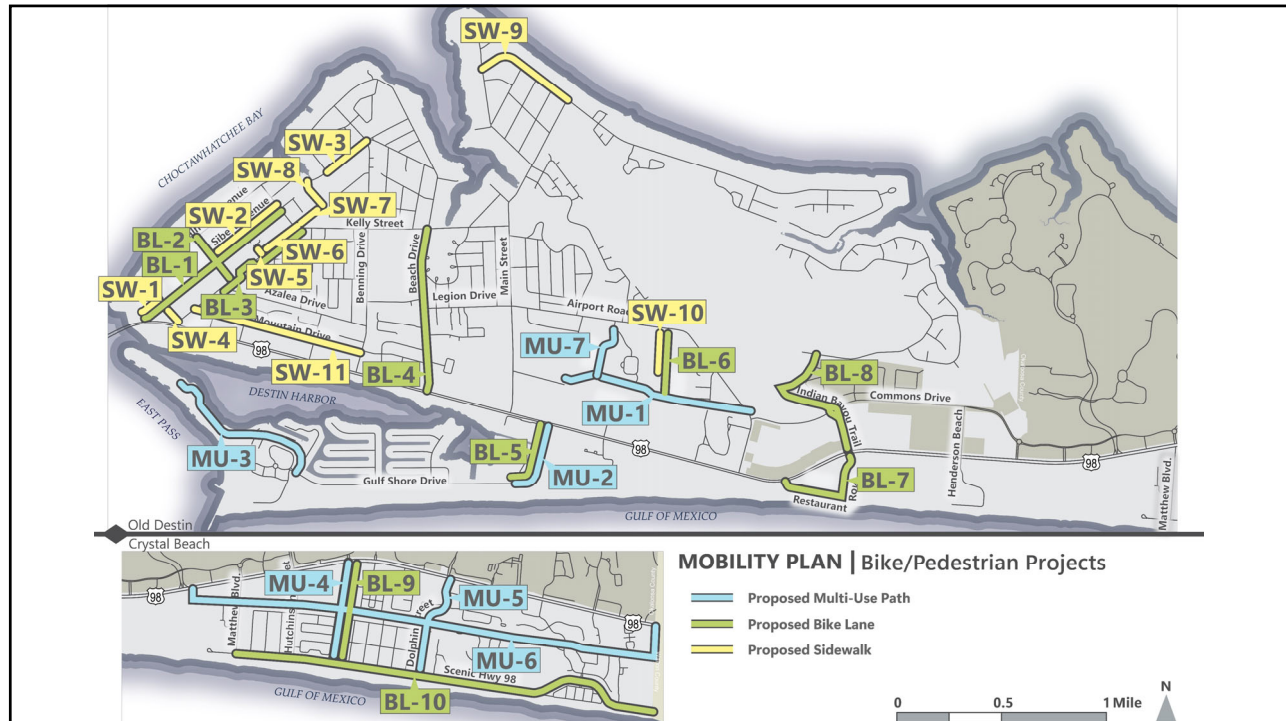
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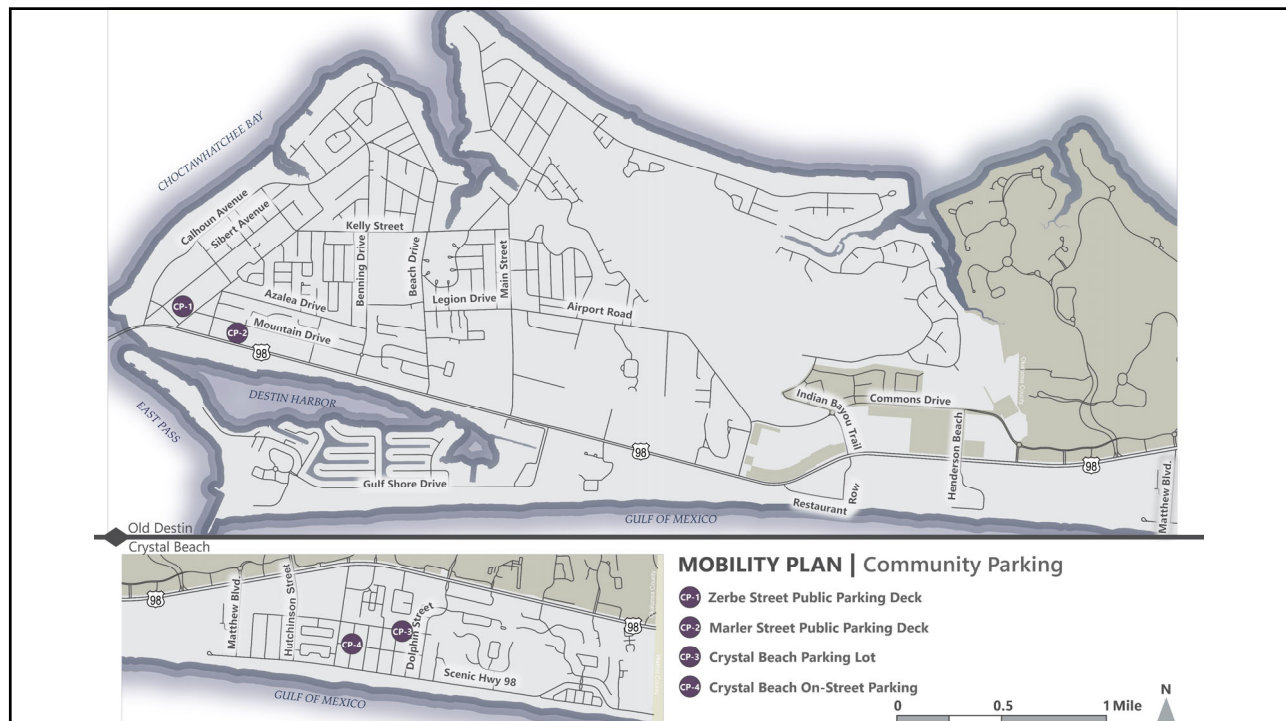
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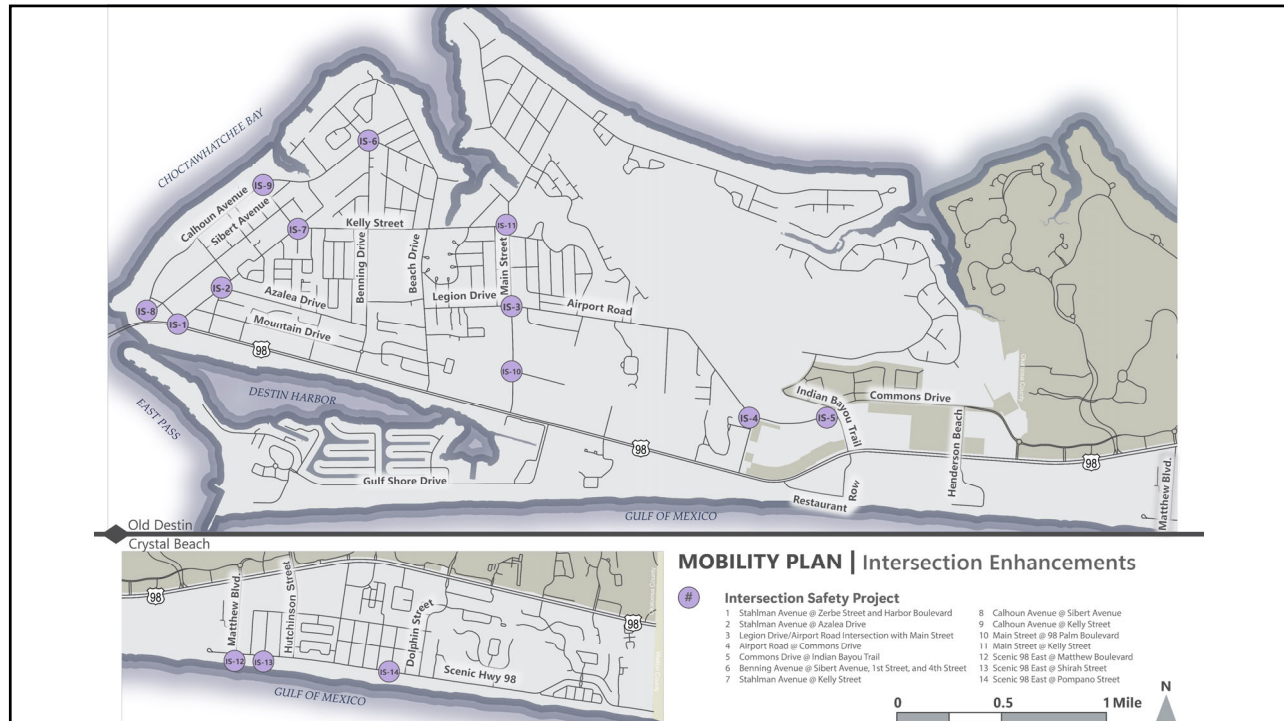


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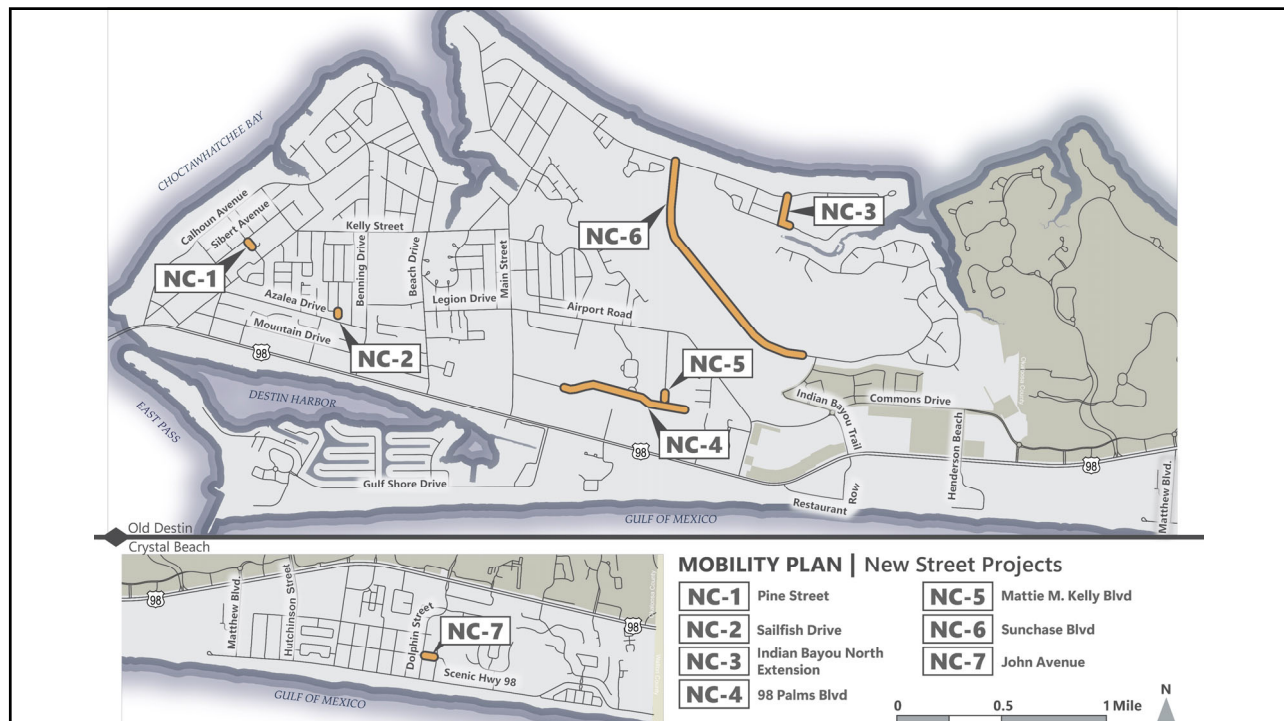


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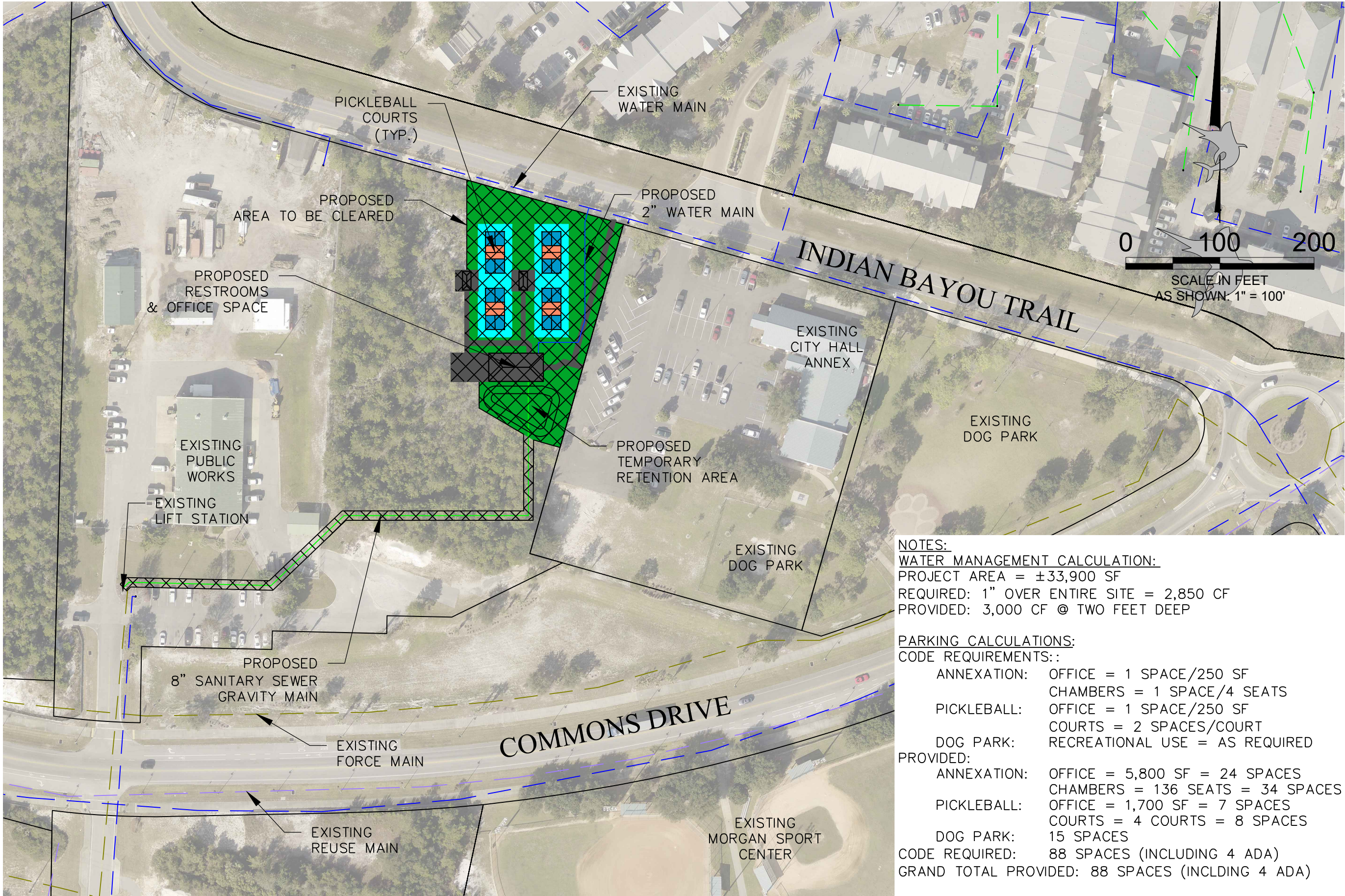
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## Council Priorities

- Review projects and identify:
  - Seven highest priority projects
  - Seven second highest priority projects
- Will yield high, medium and low
- Will combine Council priorities with policy priority benefit scores for a total score
- Priorities will be used to phase projects in the mobility fee study





**NOTES:**  
WATER MANAGEMENT CALCULATION:  
PROJECT AREA = ±33,900 SF  
REQUIRED: 1" OVER ENTIRE SITE = 2,850 CF  
PROVIDED: 3,000 CF @ TWO FEET DEEP

PARKING CALCULATIONS:  
CODE REQUIREMENTS::  
ANNEXATION: OFFICE = 1 SPACE/250 SF  
CHAMBERS = 1 SPACE/4 SEATS  
PICKLEBALL: OFFICE = 1 SPACE/250 SF  
COURTS = 2 SPACES/COURT  
DOG PARK: RECREATIONAL USE = AS REQUIRED

PROVIDED:  
ANNEXATION: OFFICE = 5,800 SF = 24 SPACES  
CHAMBERS = 136 SEATS = 34 SPACES  
PICKLEBALL: OFFICE = 1,700 SF = 7 SPACES  
COURTS = 4 COURTS = 8 SPACES  
DOG PARK: 15 SPACES  
CODE REQUIRED: 88 SPACES (INCLUDING 4 ADA)  
GRAND TOTAL PROVIDED: 88 SPACES (INCLDING 4 ADA)

| REVISIONS    | DESCRIPTION | DATE |
|--------------|-------------|------|
| NO.          |             |      |
| DATE:        | JULY 2023   |      |
| PROJECT NO.: | N/A         |      |
| FILE NO.:    | N/A         |      |
| SCALE:       | 1" = 100'   |      |
| SHEET TITLE  |             |      |