



**AGENDA
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025
5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) June 10, 2025 Minutes**
 - B) July 8, 2025 Minutes**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) EBike Update - Jim Wood**
 - B) Speed Hump Request - Marcie Bell**
- 6. CURRENT BUSINESS**
 - A) PWPS Work Plan Review - Jim Wood**
 - B) Project Update _ Joe Bodi**
- 7. DISCUSSION** A) 1. Chairman Jim Wood 2. Vice Chair John Green 3. Tom Weidenhamer 4. Marcie Bell 5. Curtis Smith 6. Tammy Weidenhamer 7. Andrea Ansley
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 - 1. Chairman Jim Wood**
 - **Main St Sidewalk at Coleman Lake outfall**
 - **Clear Zone Sugar Loaf Appt.**
 - **Overhead Communications lines Maintenance**
 - 2. Vice Chair John Green**
 - 3. Tom Weidenhamer**
 - 4. Marcie Bell**

- **Damaged sidewalk Gulf Shore Dr**

5. Curtis Smith

6. Tammy Weidenhamer

7. Andrea Ansley

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - STORMWATER FLOODPLAIN
COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 837-4242 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Sec. 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex Chambers, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

James T. Wood, Jr.
Tom Weidenhamer
Curtis Smith
John Green
Marcie Bell

Members Absent

Tammy Weidenhamer

Staff

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Dir

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 13, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025 meeting as written was made by Committee member Weidenhamer with Committee member Green providing the second. Motion passed unanimously.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer, to approve the agenda, the motion passed 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Projects Update:**

- Crosstown Connector – The Engineers for Phase 1 of the Stormwater portion of the project and the Certified Engineer Inspector (CEI) will be going before Council at their next meeting for award of the contracts.
- Morgan’s Sports Center Bathrooms and Batting Cages – two sperate projects, the bids came in too high for the batting cages, therefore staff is looking to see if it can be done by the city’s continuing services contractor.
- Clement Taylor Park – Currently, nothing new to report.
- Norriego Point – The project is delayed however, may get finished by the end of July.
- Hwy 98 Utility Undergrounding is on track and somewhat ahead of schedule.
- Tarpon Street Beach should be starting construction soon.

6. MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

➤ Chairman Wood

- Area Reviews: focused on damaged utility pedestals identified and Century Link was repairing some that have been damaged for quite a while, in his neighborhood.
- Encouraged other committee members to turn in their reviews if they hadn't already.
 - Mr. Bodi Reported to the Chairman his items of concerns that he had previously reported:
 - Utility Pedestals: Ten utility pedestals identified and will be repaired/replaced.
 - Intersection Vision Triangles: Vegetation cut back at one intersection; at another, the stop bar was moved 15 feet to improve visibility.
 - Private Property Issues: Code Compliance has been notified about private property maintenance issues.
 - Pavement and Striping: Issues identified in various areas (Indian Trail, Harbor Lane, Bayou Drive, Mars, and Planet) will be addressed during upcoming repaving over the next 3 years.

➤ Vice Chair Green

- Acknowledged only 10% of his area has been reviewed, however, he will complete and submit them for the next meeting. Reported concerns about several road cracks in his area, Mr. Bodi explained adjusting the approach to road cracks by potentially removing a foot or two of damaged roadway and adding a stripe before the crack worsens, however they've received feedback from the public that most do not prefer this method. Future crack sealings and asphalt will have Kevlar fibers used in asphalt for durability.

➤ Committee member Bell - Rapid Flashing Beacons on Gulf Shore Drive

- Requested for a flashing beacon at the crosswalk on Holiday Isle where a pedestrian may have recently hit. The location is near where the five-lane road narrows to two lanes, just before the Holiday Isle sign.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Chairman Wood to recommend City Council use \$10k to install a rapid flashing beacon lights at the crosswalk on Gulf Shore Drive where the five lanes merge to two lanes, before the location of the Holiday Isle sign, at the west side of the Oceania Condominiums. The motion passed 5-0.

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Chairman Wood questioned their discussion at last month’s meeting regarding the rapid flashing beacon at Gulf Shore Drive and Durango, and if there will be sidewalks installed. According to Mr. Bodi, they would be installed on the public side of the roadway, with the funding coming from the sidewalk fund. Committee member Bell mentioned she would like for this to be readdressed if Council did not approve the funding to be allocated for the sidewalks.

➤ **Committee member Smith**

Asked staff the exfiltration system in Scenic 98 at the Crab Track has been cleaned recently. Mr. Bodi explained the systems are cleaned annually. Committee member Smith stated the reasoning for him asking is because he has noticed cracking in the pavement near Crab Trap, that potentially could be due to issues with the exfiltration system. Mr. Bodi agreed to investigate further and will provide additional details of what was determined.

Committee member Smith spoke about his motion he made at last month’s meeting regarding the speed limit for eBikes and feels that it needs to be readdressed and changed to 15 mph for straightaways. According to Chairman Wood, there is currently not an ordinance in place for speed limits for eBikes but he would bring this up at the next Council meeting and see if he gets any input from City Council.

7. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the topic.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2025.

John Green, Vice Chairman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Green called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex Chambers, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

John Green
Tom Weidenhamer
Marcie Bell
Tammy Weidenhamer
Andrea Ansley

Members Absent

James T. Wood, Jr.
Curtis Smith

Staff

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Dir
David Prichard, CD Director
Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer to approve the agenda as presented, the motion passed 5-0.

4. MINUTES: MAY 13, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025 meeting as written was made by Committee member Weidenhamer with Committee member Green providing the second. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Introduction - David Prichard, Community Development Director

Mr. Prichard provided the members with his past career experience.

B) Introduction - Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

Mr. Tomasek provided the members with his past career experience.

➤ Introduction and welcome new member: Andrea Ansley.

C) Work Plan Presentation - Chairman John Stephens HCRA Advisory Committee

➤ Camera Systems Installed City Wide

- Camera is now installed at city properties and recently installed at Capt. Royal Melvin Heritage Park, facing the harbor where transient slips are located.

Mr. Stephens explained his proactive approach to presenting his work plans to all relevant committees before City Council's review, in order to expedite approvals and address questions early on. The plan is to eventually have the cameras installed in as many city facilities and parks

as possible, especially in the high pedestrian areas. Once setup, they can be connected to OCSO Realtime Monitoring System.

System Details:

- Cameras will be integrated with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office through their Fusus Connect system.
- Real-time access: Deputies can immediately access camera feeds without needing to contact business or city staff when a situation occurs.
- Private businesses or residents (e.g., using Ring, Arlo, etc.) can opt in to integrate their own security systems with the Sheriff's system using a small connection box.

Mr. Stephens personally uses this system at his business, Luther's Pontoon.

Technical Notes:

- Turing Sky-Shield brand cameras.
- City's IT department maintains access.
- Code compliance officers do not have live access; only the Sheriff's Office and City IT department does.

Possible Locations:

- Focus on Harbor CRA district, especially:
 - City Boardwalk
 - Additional camera suggestions:
 - North side of the park between park walkways
 - Potential expansion toward the county line was suggested but noted being outside of Mr. Stephen's Harbor CRA's purview for his workplan.

Mr. Stephens noted to the members that the Harbor CRA District's fund balance is currently financially constrained due to the One Harbor Boulevard acquisition. However, the Parks & Rec-related nonprofit group expressed interest in possibly funding park cameras.

Funding and Next Steps:

- Funding not committed yet, Stephens suggested possibilities:
 - 2026 Public Safety budget allocations
 - Grants
 - Destin Parks Foundation support

Motion to accept this work plan as presented to move forward in support of without committing any of our specific funds until we have further information in reference to the cost was made by Committee member Bell, with Committee member Tom Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

D) Paving Reprioritized - Airport Rd West & Regatta Bay Blvd Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Director

Mr. Bodi informed the members that a reallocation of the final round of paving for 2025 to focus on critically deteriorating roadways segments:

- Airport Road: From Main Street to the airport curve
- Regatta Bay Boulevard: North of Windstar, between two paver sections.
- These roads are rapidly degrading and were described as “scrub board” condition near the fire station.

➤ **Postponed 2025 Projects:**

- Five roads will be deferred to FY 2026:
 - Gulf Shore Drive (Sandpiper Cove to the dead-end)
 - Misty Way
 - Sea Hills Drive
 - Spanish Moss Trail
 - Spring Lake Drive

➤ **Stripping Update:**

- Delayed by weather and materials.
- New thermal markings will be applied once pavement cures.
- Sidewalk at Durango Drive:
 - Project has advanced in the 5-year CIP and is awaiting further review.

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer, seconded by Committee member Ansley to redirect the funds to the improvements to Airport Road and Regatta Bay. The motion passed 5-0.

6. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Bell** asked the status of the beacon flashing lights on Gulf Shore Drive. According to Mr. Bodi, the P.O is ready, however, the Finance Dept. is still dealing with the FY-26 Budget as well as a big software conversion from Munis to Aclarian and staff is just waiting for the purchase order to be approved so they can be ordered.

7. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vice Chairman Green opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the topic.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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John Green, Vice Chairman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

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Destin PW/PS Committee E-Bike Recommendation

PW/PS Update: 12 Aug 2025



Dated 21 Jul 2025/JTW

BLUF: The Motion

- Update Ord 20-18-LC on E-Scooters to clearly include E-Bikes.
- The PW/PS Committee Chair will work with PIO to ID top 10 employers in Destin, make contact to determine demographics of E-Bike riders (PSA/Flyers) – safety, speeds, median cut “location of safety” requirements, courtesy. (Sheriff: Portuguese and Spanish as a start).
- 12 MPH program (education) – why 12, it was different and would get noticed. (Add to Ordinance 20-18-LC). At the 10 June PW/S Committee meeting, it was discussed doing 15 everywhere except crossings (12).
 - Once approved, the updated Ordinance 20-18 LC will be brought back for Council approval and public education attempts will continue.

E-Bike Defined in Florida

ELECTRIC BICYCLE.—A bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets the requirements of one of the following three classifications:

- (a) **“Class 1 electric bicycle”** an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance **only when the rider is pedaling** and that **ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.**
- (b) **“Class 2 electric bicycle”** an electric bicycle equipped **with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel** the electric bicycle and that **ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.**
- (c) **“Class 3 electric bicycle”** an electric bicycle equipped **with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling** and that **ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.**

This is a Problem!

Illegal bike by FL Statutes



Roll over image to zoom in

Peak 5000W-Electric-Bike for Adults-Men, Dual-Motor-Ebike
40-46MPH-Hunting-Ebike, 52V 30AH Long Range Dirtbike,
26" Fat-Tire-Electric-Bicycle, Full Suspension Mountain Bike
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Many of our supposed E-Bikes are actually Mopeds.

Okaloosa County Health Improvement Partnership, OCHIP, Health Communities group

Type	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Crashes	57	57	83	72	59
E-Bike	1	4	2	8	3
<u>Sidewalk</u>	10	13	20	10	12
<u>Crosswalk</u>	14	16			
<u>Bike Lane</u>	5	2	7	2	4
Parking Lot	4	n/a	n/a	3	n/a
<u>Roadway</u>	24	23	23	26	
Electric Scooter	n/a	1	2	1	2
Off Road	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

the term sidewalk and crosswalk, that is referring to sidewalks at driveway entrances and sidewalks at crosswalks, which are crossing a roadway junction.

Biggest Issues in Destin

- **Vision Triangles limited.**
- **Faster speeds allows for shorter reaction times.**
- **E-Bike riders not cognizant of car patterns around median cuts (neighborhoods) – Place of Safety.**
- E-Bikes on sidewalk can come from either direction, on roadway must follow traffic pattern.
- **Poor car driver attention (distractions: pets, ear-buds, phones).**
- Poor use of attention devices (lights/horns etc.).
- Speed enforcement difficult/impossible.
- Understanding of pedestrian/bike/e-bike evolution.
- **Our situation is compounded by decisions over the years to focus on wider multi-purpose paths versus bike lanes on the roadways.** Are any of our complaining car drivers willing to give up their travel lanes for bike lanes on the roadway?

Florida State Law

As per section 316.008(7)(a), Florida Statutes, *A county or municipality **may enact an ordinance to permit**, control, or regulate the operation of vehicles, golf carts, mopeds, motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric personal assistive mobility devices on sidewalks or sidewalk areas when such use is permissible under federal law. **The ordinance must restrict such vehicles or devices to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour in such areas.***

Generally, state law provides that an **operator may ride an electric bicycle where bicycles are allowed**, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, roadways, shoulders, bicycle lanes, and bicycle or multiuse paths.

Florida State Law

While FL Law requires bike/e-bike riders on the roadway to ride in the same direction as the cars and obey all rules of that same roadway, bikes and e-bikes on adjacent parallel sidewalks/ multi-purpose paths are not required to ride in the same direction as the parallel roadway, meaning that vision both right and left is required for safety.

316.130 Pedestrians; traffic regulations.— No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Safety Steps

How can you avoid e-bike or e-scooter injuries?

- Wear a helmet.
- Follow road rules.
- Slow down.
- Ride defensively.
- Reflect.
- Call out.

Size Matters! – “The bug or the windshield”

The Motion

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Motion Passed 6-0

The Way Ahead

- This original motion is only the beginning.
- Bring back updated Ordinance 20-18-LC for 1st and 2nd reading.
- Continue to monitor e-Bike use in Destin.
- Expand education methods and opportunities as new data Affords.
- End goal is “0” serious injuries or deaths.

Following the Council Meeting

- Clarification.
- OCHIP – 1 Oct 2025 (possible county standardization).
- Update of 20-18-LC (Repeal and Replace versus update).
- E-Mails sent (provided to PW/PS Committee).
- Crestview Ordinance.
- Senate Bill 462 — More power to local communities to regulate E-Bikes. The bill also authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances regarding age and identification requirements to operate an electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or micromobility device and to provide training on the safe operation of these devices.
- Schedule: PW/PS Review new ordinance at Sept meeting and Goes to Council 3nd Monday in Sept.

Here is another list I found that lists many micromobility electronic devices. Should we add these in a thorough Whereas statement, so in the advent that some start using any of these in our area that they will similarly be covered by our zoning, rental prohibition and 12 mph sidewalk/multi-purpose path speed limitations. Would we need definitions for all? The link is below.

<https://www.hobbr.com/types-of-electric-personal-transport-devices/>

- electric bicycles
- electric seated scooters
- electric folding bicycles
- electric motorcycles
- electric trikes (three wheel scooter)
- electric folding tricycles
- electric hoverboards and scooters with handlebars
- electric kick scooters
- electric off-road scooters
- electric skateboards
- electric unicycles (eWheels)
- electric hoverboards
- electric single wheel skateboards
- electric rideable “laptop”
- electric enclosed e-bikes

ORDINANCE NO _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE 20-18-LC; AMENDING ARTICLE 3 "DEFINITIONS" OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 8 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROHIBIT MOTORIZED SCOOTER OR E-BIKE RENTAL BUSINESSES, OFFICES, AND OTHER RELATED LAND USES WITHIN THE CITY OF DESTIN; PROVIDING FOR A 12 MPH SPEED LIMIT BY E-BIKES AND OTHER PRIVATELY OWNED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES WHILE OPERATING ON SIDEWALKS OR MULTI-PURPOSE PATHS WITHIN THE CITY OF DESTIN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State of Florida clearly prescribes safety regulations for pedestrians 316.130, bicycles 316.2065, E-Bikes 316.20655 and similar micro-mobility vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the operators of roadway motor vehicles as well as micro-mobility vehicle (motor scooter and E-Bike) operators have a clear responsibility under existing FL Statutes to operate safety; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of both motorized scooters and E-Bikes are proving increased conflict with other sidewalk, multi-purpose path and roadway vehicle users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Destin is a tourist destination frequented by tens of thousands at a time; and

WHEREAS, while drawn to the City by the beach, visitors look for other forms of amusement off the beach as well; and

WHEREAS, rental motor scooters and E-bikes are operating in the City and provide entertaining means of touring the City as well as basic transportation; and

WHEREAS, irresponsible driving behavior by roadway vehicles, motor scooter and E-Bike users has become so common that it frequently affects visitors and residents who are all-to-often forced to modify their own behavior or routes of travel to compensate for this irresponsible behavior, or else fall victim to a motor vehicle accident involving a motorized scooter or E-Bike; and

WHEREAS, insurance is not required under state law for motorized scooters, or E-Bikes, parties to a motor vehicle accident involving a motor scooter or an E-Bike are at risk of greater damages than in a conventional motor vehicle accident as the scooter driver or E-Bike are mostly unprotected (physically and fiscally) from the effects of the collision and the other party is left without adequate compensation for the losses sustained; and

WHEREAS, reckless and often illegal driving behavior of motor scooter and E-Bikes operators create an impracticable strain upon law enforcement resources and siphons those valuable resources from other important law enforcement work; and

WHEREAS, the City is fortunate to enjoy a robust and growing tourism and more recently local and regional retail economy which has resulted in the expansion of major roads and connectors and even more significant increases in the number of vehicles on those roads because the City is linear, being approximately 7 miles long but only one-mile-wide with only

two parallel major thoroughfares. all of which combined has resulted in increased congestion on City streets; and

WHEREAS, the materially increased congestion and size of City roads and intersections of roads have made it increasingly dangerous for inexperienced operators of motor scooter and E-Bike to operate and, frequently play, in the streets; and

WHEREAS, additionally the increased congestion has created greater and greater incentives for the operators of motor scooters and E-Bikes to take short cuts through parking lots, on pedestrian sidewalks, on the pier board-walk. and generally through private or quasi-public property where through traffic of any kind is inappropriate. and frequently when pedestrians occupy those areas; and

WHEREAS, the limits of the City's infrastructure capacity, resources to police dangerous, disrespectful and, frequently simply mindless, behavior of the motor scooter and E-Bike operators, combined with the sheer volume that would be realized should rental operations be allowed for both motorized scooters and E-Bike have materially and adversely impacted the tourists' experiences and the residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach completely prohibited scooter rentals within the City. After a Bay County Circuit Court upheld the City's ordinances. Classy Cycles appealed. Subsequently. the First District Court of Appeals upheld the ruling. A request for Supreme Court intervention was denied. Each court found that the City's home rule powers enabled it to regulate the public's safety and its right to restrict certain vehicles in congested areas: and

WHEREAS, despite the popularity of the motor scooters and E-Bike the benefit of this amusement to the tourism industry which is the lifeblood of the City, and for the use of basic transportation, the Council

regretfully finds that a prohibition on commercial rental is in the best interests of the City. is of great public need and is the most reasonable measure available to the Council to protect the health. safety and welfare of the community and the reputation of the City as a safe and comfortable tourist destination and the benefit to the public outweighs the loss to the affected parties; and

WHEREAS. the City possesses home rule powers to legislate on any matter not consistent with general law or special law and is specifically authorized to create and implement a plan of zoning uses. and to amend the list of uses that are permitted or prohibited; and

WHEREAS, in order to deny access to the rented motor scooter and E-Bike as a resource the City in the exercise of its police power is prohibiting the conduct of renting a motor scooter or E-Bike anywhere within the city: and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that prohibiting the rental of motor scooters and E-Bikes within the City will provide some alleviation of the problems associated with the behavior of the operators of those motor scooters and E-Bikes; and

WHEREAS, FL State Statutes allow for municipalities to regulate E-Bike operations within their jurisdictions and in doing so through the local ordinance process are bound to include an operating speed not in excess of 15 mph, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the safe operation of privately owned motor scooters and E-Bikes upon our local sidewalks the Destin City Council directs a 12 mph speed limit be enacted.

WHEREAS, the City of Destin has identified other micro-mobility devices currently in operation on city sidewalks and multi-purpose paths that will also abide by the 12 mph speed limit. These devices include but are not limited to the following (center wheeled hover boards, 2 wheel self-balancing hover boards, electronic skateboards and E-unicycles), and

WHEREAS, the city of Destin assumes future emerging technology/devices may be developed that may differ slightly from the definitions of this ordinance, but with the same user intent and city safety concerns. These micro-mobility devices will likewise if operated on sidewalks or multi-purpose paths will be limited to 12 mph, and.

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted after due public notice by the Local Planning Agency and its recommendations reported to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted by the City Council after due public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

NOTE: Language in all sections of this ordinance that is strili:e thr11 is language proposed to be deleted, underline lane.uage is language to be added, language that is not in strike- thru or underlined is not to be changed. The symbol * represents sections of the Land Development Code that have been skipped and remain unchanged.**

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

Article III of the Land Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

Article III- DEFINITIONS

Motor Scooter E-Scooter or Scooter: Any vehicle or micromobility device that is powered by a motor with or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more than three wheels, and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. The term does not include an electric bicycle. and shall include a moped as defined in FS 316.03(41) (2019). and any other one, two or three wheeled. self-propelled vehicle for which state law does not require proof of financial responsibility, (see Chapter 324. Florida Statutes (2019).

Motor/E-Scooter or Scooter Rental - the provision, rental. hire. or delivery of a Motor Scooter for a valuable consideration or the solicitation of that service.

ELECTRIC BICYCLE (E-Bike). A bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets the requirements of one of the following three classifications:

- (a) “Class 1 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- (b) “Class 2 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- (c) “Class 3 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed

of 28 miles per hour.

Electronic Bicycle (E-Bike) Rental: the provision, rental, hire, or delivery of a Motor Scooter for a valuable consideration or the solicitation of that service.

Article VIII of the Land Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

Article VIII-TRANSPORTATION

Sec. s,11.00, Prohibition and attrition of the rental of motor scooters and Electronic Bicycles (E-Bikes).

The act of providing, renting or delivering a motor scooter, or electronic Bicycle (E-Bike); the solicitation of that service or the rental or hire of a either within the City of Destin is prohibited.

Sec. (?), Establishment of speed limit for all motor scooters, electronic bicycles (E-Bikes) and other similar micro-mobility devices while operated on sidewalks, multi-purpose paths in the City of Destin.

A 12 mph speed limit is hereby established to enhance overall safety of the general public

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

This ordinance shall be incorporated into the City of Destin's Code of Ordinances and any section or paragraph number or letter and any heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. Special Acts of the Florida Legislature applicable to the incorporated area of the City of Destin, City Ordinances and City Resolutions, or parts, thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby superseded by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, phase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon its

ORDINANCE NO. 20-18-LC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 3 “DEFINITIONS” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 8 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROHIBIT MOTORIZED SCOOTER RENTAL BUSINESSES, OFFICES, AND OTHER RELATED LAND USES WITHIN THE CITY OF DESTIN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Destin is a tourist destination frequented by tens of thousands at a time; and

WHEREAS, while drawn to the City by the beach, visitors look for other forms of amusement off the beach as well; and

WHEREAS, several decades ago rental scooters began operating in the City and provided an entertaining means of touring the City; and

WHEREAS, over the years the rental of scooters has proven itself to be a popular form of amusement; and

WHEREAS, as the popularity of rental scooters increased the behavior of scooter operators became noticeably dangerous as traffic violations were more common among rental scooter than other vehicles; and

WHEREAS, irresponsible driving behavior by scooter renters has become so common that it frequently affects visitors and residents who are all-to-often forced to modify their own behavior or routes of travel to compensate for this irresponsible behavior, or else fall victim to a motor vehicle accident involving a renter scooter; and

WHEREAS, because neither safety equipment nor insurance are required under state law for motor scooters, parties to a motor vehicle accident involving a motor scooter (especially a rented motor scooter) are at risk of greater damages than in a conventional motor vehicle accident as the scooter driver is entirely unprotected (physically and fiscally) from the effects of the collision and the other party is left without adequate compensation for the losses sustained; and

WHEREAS, the typical reckless and often illegal driving behavior of rental operators create an impracticable strain upon law enforcement resources and siphons those valuable resources from other important police work; and

WHEREAS, the City is fortunate to enjoy a robust and growing tourism and more recently local and regional retail economy which has resulted in the expansion of major roads and connectors and even more significant increases in the number of vehicles on those roads because the City is linear, being approximately 7 miles long but only one-mile-wide with only two parallel major thoroughfares, all of which combined has resulted in increased congestion on City streets; and

WHEREAS, the materially increased congestion and size of City roads and intersections of roads have made it increasingly dangerous for inexperienced operators of rented scooters to operate and, frequently play, in the streets; and

WHEREAS, additionally the increased congestion has created greater and greater incentives for the operators of rented scooters to take short cuts through parking lots, on pedestrian sidewalks, on the pier board-walk, and generally through private or quasi-public property where through traffic of any kind is inappropriate, and frequently when those areas are occupied by pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the limits of the City's infrastructure capacity, resources to police dangerous, disrespectful and, frequently simply mindless, behavior of the rented scooter drivers, combined with the sheer volume of rented motor scooters on the street have materially and adversely impacted the tourists' experiences and the residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach completely prohibited scooter rentals within the City. After a Bay County Circuit Court upheld the City's ordinances, Classy Cycles appealed. Subsequently, the First District Court of Appeals upheld the ruling. A request for Supreme Court intervention was denied. Each court found that the City's home rule powers enabled it to regulate the public's safety and its right to restrict certain vehicles in congested areas; and

WHEREAS, despite the popularity of the rented-scooters and the benefit of this amusement to the tourism industry which is the lifeblood of the City, the Council regretfully finds that a prohibition is in the best interests of the City, is of great public need, and is the most reasonable measure available to the Council to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and the reputation of the City as a safe and comfortable tourist destination and the benefit to the public outweighs the loss to the affected parties; an

WHEREAS, the City possesses home rule powers to legislate on any matter not

inconsistent with general law or special law, and is specifically authorized to create and implement a plan of zoning uses, and to amend the list of uses that are permitted or prohibited; and

WHEREAS, in order to deny access to the rented-scooter resource the City in the exercise of its police power is prohibiting the conduct of renting a scooter anywhere within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that prohibiting the rental of scooters within the City will eliminate the problems associated with the behavior of the operators of those scooters; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted after due public notice by the Local Planning Agency and its recommendations reported to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted by the City Council after due public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

NOTE: Language in all sections of this ordinance that is ~~strike-thru~~ is language proposed to be deleted, underline language is language to be added, language that is not in strike-thru or underlined is not to be changed. The symbol * represents sections of the Land Development Code that have been skipped and remain unchanged.**

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

Article III of the Land Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

Article III- DEFINITIONS

Motor Scooter or Scooter - Any vehicle or micromobility device that is powered by a motor with or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more than three wheels, and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground and shall include a moped as defined in FS 316.03(41) (2019), and any other two or three wheeled, self-propelled vehicle for

which state law does not require proof of financial responsibility (see Chapter 324, Florida Statutes (2019)).

Motor Scooter Rental or Scooter Rental - the provision, rental, hire, or delivery of a Motor Scooter for any valuable consideration or the solicitation of that service or good.

Article VIII of the Land Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

Article VIII- TRANSPORTATION

Sec. 8.11.00. Prohibition and attrition of the rental of motor scooters.

The act of providing, renting, or delivering a motor scooter, or the solicitation of that service or good, or the rental or hire of a motor scooter, within the City is prohibited.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. This ordinance shall be incorporated into the City of Destin's Code of Ordinances and any section or paragraph number or letter and any heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. Special Acts of the Florida Legislature applicable to the incorporated area of the City of Destin, City Ordinances and City Resolutions, or parts, thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby superseded by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, phase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon its

adoption by the City Council and signature by the Mayor.

ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER
2020.

By: 

Gary Jarvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

The form and legal sufficiency of the foregoing has
been reviewed and approved by the City Land Use
Attorney, for the City of Destin, only.



Rey Bailey, City Clerk

Kimberly Kopp, City Land Use Attorney

First Reading: DECEMBER 7, 2020
Second Reading: DECEMBER 21, 2020

From: Joseph J. Fulghum <jfulghum@sheriff-okaloosa.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 4:13 PM

To: Tamara Young <tyoung@cityofdestin.com>; Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Subject: New addition to E-bike law

Electric Bicycles (Effective July 1, 2025)

The bill also authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances regarding age and identification requirements to operate an electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or micromobility device and to provide training on the safe operation of these devices.

Joseph Jason Fulghum
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Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
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Destin, FL 32541
(850)613-2208

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From: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 7:39 AM

To: Kim Kopp <kkopp@cityofdestin.com>; David Prichard <dprichard@cityofdestin.com>; Daniel Butler <dbutler@cityofdestin.com>; Joe Bodi <jbodi@cityofdestin.com>

Cc: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Subject: Re: E-Bike Ordinance Rewrite

I have attached one last item; a link to a exhaustive list of micromobility electronic devices in case we wanted to incorporate them into the new ordinance so cover all bases.

I may be getting outside of my lane at this point. My thought was if we add all these possible devices, we would not have to come back and update every time the public latches on to the flavor of the month.

Thanks, Jim Wood

From: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 7:10 AM

To: Kim Kopp <kkopp@cityofdestin.com>; David Prichard <dprichard@cityofdestin.com>; Daniel Butler <dbutler@cityofdestin.com>; Joe Bodi <jbodi@cityofdestin.com>

Cc: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Subject: Re: E-Bike Ordinance Rewrite

I looked up definitions on the other micromobility devices that I mentioned in the Whereas statements. Do not know if we need them, but just in case.

Jim Wood

From: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 10:44 AM

To: Kim Kopp <kkopp@cityofdestin.com>; David Prichard <dprichard@cityofdestin.com>; Daniel Butler <dbutler@cityofdestin.com>; Joe Bodi <jbodi@cityofdestin.com>

Cc: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>

Subject: E-Bike Ordinance Rewrite

OK, I have attached my initial thoughts on our current Ordinance 20-18-LC.

I tried to strike through and underline using the current ordinance. I found myself wanting to change so much that I thought that repeal and replace might be better, if I am using the proper term.

The draft body of my proposed ordinance is attached.

Can we repeal 20-18-LC and completely replace it?

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From: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 6:42 AM
To: Joe Bodi <jbodi@cityofdestin.com>; Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>
Subject: Fw: PW/PS Presentation for Monday, 21 Jul 2025

See below. Our motion passed last night. There is an OCHIP (Okaloosa County Health Group) on 1 Oct, they will supposedly bring back data collected from around the State. Capt. Fulghum serves on this committee. I will be out of town, so staff will need to attend. An invite is supposed to be coming to Mayors and City Managers to identify each municipality attended. Hopefully with all that data, we can find something useful and hopefully the County will take the lead to standardize all municipalities. Not sure if the Council will want 10, 12 or 15 mph, on the ordinance. so we can not pre-make stencils for sidewalk/multi-use path sign painting.

Jim Wood

From: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 6:36 AM
To: Tamara Young <tyoung@cityofdestin.com>
Subject: Re: PW/PS Presentation for Monday, 21 Jul 2025

Thank you. Kim Kopp will send me the ordinance in Word Doc form. I will work on it and send to her for the final touches. I will bring to PW/PS Committee in either Aug (if finished) otherwise Sept and to Council the 2nd meeting in Sept (15 Sept). Not sure what the speed will be 10, 12 or 15. I believe there will be some discussion on this issue. Once completed we will wait for the data from OCHIP to see results and I want to gauge County interest in taking the lead on some standard format for implementation. True solutions may require some changes to the State Statutes.

Thanks, Jim Wood

From: Tamara Young <tyoung@cityofdestin.com>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 10:05 AM
To: Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>
Subject: Re: PW/PS Presentation for Monday, 21 Jul 2025

G'morning! Thanks for putting this together! We (Public Info Office) has done quite a bit of initiatives listed, so we hope that is noted this evening. We did a full 5-week campaign. Teamwork makes the dream work! :)

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

From: James Wood <armyguyindestin@embarqmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 6:55 PM

To: Larry Jones <ljones@cityofdestin.com>

Cc: Justin Fulghum <jfulghum@sheriff-okaloosa.org>; Jim Wood <jwood@cityofdestin.com>; Joe Bodi <jbodi@cityofdestin.com>

Subject: E-Bike Data

Larry, in discussing with Capt. Fulghum, I would like to wait until 1 Oct for the OCHIP meeting. They have been collecting data all over the state. Their findings could be instrumental in our ability to reach our desired effect. Would really rather avoid having 11 municipalities, all with differing standards. In the meantime our committee recommendation could be done as an interim action. If the motion comes to the 2nd Council meeting in Sept, we can pass it while we digest any data from OCHIP.

Thanks, Jim Wood us 🍷

Sent from my iPhone




DESTIN PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE




WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

11 Mar 2025


James T. Wood Jr.
Chairman, PW/S Committee


John Green
Vice Chairman, PW/S Committee

Public Works/Safety Committee

The Public Works/Safety committee is comprised of seven (7) members, each serving four-year terms consecutive with that of the Councilor making the nomination. The committee members elect a new Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson following new city elections once new committee members are chosen at the first available meeting.

MEETING DATE/TIME: The second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The meeting location is the City Hall Annex facility across Commons Drive from the main City Hall facility (the current City Council Meeting location).

STAFF LIAISON: Public Services Department

MISSION STATEMENT: The Public Works/Safety committee's purpose is to identify and review various functional areas relating to public works and safety, including street construction and maintenance, public parking areas and sidewalks, City rights-of-way, and the like; assess the need for projects relating to matters of public safety including, but not limited to, traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks and emergency management information; and to staff recommendations to City Council. The committee's objectives shall be based upon implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plan. An additional mission assigned by the City Council is to serve as the City Surtax Committee making recommendations to the City Council on use of funds from the recent Okaloosa County ½ cent sales tax referendum.

Florida Sunshine Compliance: The Public Works / Safety Committee as an advisory committee to the Destin City Council is required by law to operate within Florida Governmental Sunshine Laws. The practical impact of the law is to limit all of your conversations with fellow committee members on topics currently or potentially coming before the committee to the meeting itself and no conversations outside of the meetings. Additionally, and purely as a recommendation, when e-mailed by staff as a meeting/issue topic, never select "reply to all" as other committee members may have been addressed on the original e-mail. Selecting "reply to all" is not in itself a violation; but may inadvertently lead to comments between committee members that could then be construed as violations of the law.

How to Join the Committee: <https://www.cityofdestin.com/FormCenter/City-Clerk-9/Committee-Volunteer-Application-57> (fill and submit the application on-line).

Committee Goals and Strategies:

Goal 1: Provide Destin's citizenry with a venue for raising community issues in the public works and safety arenas. **Strategy:** Conduct meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, conduct research and analysis, prioritize and provide recommendations to the Destin City Council.

Goal 2: Review citywide public works projects for efficiency, cost, effect on safety and consistency with City of Destin Mobility Plans and other applicable documents. **Strategy:** Review 5 - Year Pedestrian Facilities Plans: Pathways Master Plan, sidewalk plan, road resurfacing plan, roadway restriping plan and evaluate alternatives and prioritize for implementation. Review individual assigned areas for issues and improvements

Goal 3: Develop, manage and implement a process that allow for citizens to request speed humps, stop signs and other regulatory/traffic calming options be added to neighborhoods. **Strategy:**

- Develop the processes for review
 - Ensure posting on the city website
 - Review, conduct analysis, prioritize and make recommendations to City Council
- Note: In order to facilitate these actions, we will ensure proper equipment on hand, calibrated and deployed as needed to collect stealth speed data, crash data etc. and collaborate with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in order to fully understand issues.

Goal 4: Review, update, implement policy leading to improved safety for Pedestrian and LSV operations citywide: **Strategy:**

- Annually review city LSV operations and pedestrian safety issues
- Submit recommendations to policy changes
- Recommend additional Pedestrian Flashing HAWK systems for use
- Add additional crosswalk striping where appropriate

Goal 5: Review each of our areas of responsibility for safety, damage and other concerns on a monthly basis: **Strategy:** Ensure a continual review of issues, reporting, tracking and ultimately reporting to Council on success.

Goal 6: Serve as an advisory committee to the Destin City Council recommending projects for funding from the recent Okaloosa County ½ cent sales tax referendum. Approximately 10% of the annual funds will be set aside for committee project recommendations. **Strategy:** Ensure fiscal prudence applied to spending and that overall spending is within budget constraints.

Goal 7: Provide an avenue for citizen concerns and input on stormwater management issues including: Localized flooding issues, Drainage system failures, City wide Stormwater Master Plan Update, Stormwater Utility Fee adoption. **Strategy:** Provide a dedicated public comment period in each scheduled meeting for citizen input

Committee Motions of Significance and the status of each:

Motion	When Proposed	Status
<p>Motion by Committee member Bell to recommend City Council approve the funds for design and permitting with 50% coming from Public Works/Safety Committee and 50% from Engineering Professional Services for a total of \$64,500.00, with committee member Weidenhamer providing the second.</p>		
<p>Motion by Chairman Wood to recommend the narrower striping in the curves on the roadway as discussed by Mr. Scott and Committee member Smith and then review the results of the speed study to see if they has reduced the speeding. Committee member Perman provided the second, the motion passed 7-0.</p>		
<p>Motion by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer, seconded by Committee member Bell to recommend Council direct staff to install a new pedestrian crosswalk and signage at Beach Drive at Sea View Drive.</p>		
<p>Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member to recommend that City Council move forward with the Boardwalk Under the Bridge concept as presented and to have Staff work with the Consultant towards 30% plans. Also, have staff look into applying for the Florida Sun Trail Grant money. Chairman Wood provided the second</p>		
<p>Motion by Chairman Wood, seconded by Committee member Perman for the Public Works / Public Safety Committee recommend the following paving projects be approved by City Council: • 1st Street and Sibert Ave, Cross to Benning • Benning Drive US98 to Calhoun revised • John Ave Crystal Beach to Dolphin • Pompano Street • Mountain Drive Beach to Benning • Carter Lane</p>		
<p>Motion by Chairman Wood to request to have a set of Rapid Flashing Beacons installed at the crosswalk for Mountain Drive and Beach Drive, similar to what has been installed at several other crosswalk locations in the city. Committee member Bell provided the second.</p>		
<p>Chairman Wood made the motion to recommend the crosswalk to be installed at north end of Mountain on Beach Drive with rapid flashing beacons to be installed.</p>		

<p>Committee member Smith provided the second. In discussion, Committee member Green stated that he feels that a crosswalk should also be installed at the southern location as well, that was provided by staff. Committee member Green made a substitute motion to recommend a crosswalk be installed at the southern location as well as a crosswalk installed at the northern end of Mountain Drive on Beach Drive with the rapid flashing beacons at this location. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0.</p>		
<p>Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Chairman Wood, the members voted 6-0, to recommend the City Council approve allocating \$10k for the purchase of the rapid flashing beacons to be installed at the Mountain Drive Beach Drive north crosswalk.</p>		
<p>Motion by Chairman Wood to update ordinance 20-18-LC to include e-bikes, and to work with the city Public Information Officer Dr. Tamara Young, to identify the top 10 employers in town so we can go to them and figure out the demographics of their riders to create PSAs, Committee member Weidenhamer provided the second.</p>		
<p>Committee member Smith amended the motion, to add to the motion to recommend the City Council reduce the speed limit to 12 miles per hour and recommends beginning a program for demarking the speed limits on sidewalks, with Committee member Green providing the second. The amended motion passed 6-0.</p>		
<p>Motion by Chairman Wood, seconded by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer to accept the current Goals and Objections as they are in the current plan. The motion passed 4-0, with Committee member Smith not being present for the vote.</p>		
<p>Motion to by Committee member Smith, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer to request for Engineering staff to create a schematic and cost estimate for the Durango Road sidewalk and recommend the City Council fund the project through the city's sidewalk funds.</p>		
<p>Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer, to recommend the installation of a rapid flashing beacon at the intersection</p>		

of Durango Road and Gulf Shore Drive for safety purposes of all walkers, pedestrians and dogs.		

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

James T. Wood Jr – Chairman / John Green – Vice Chairman
 Tom Weidenhamer, Marcie Bell, Curtis Smith, Tami Weidenhamer, Vacant

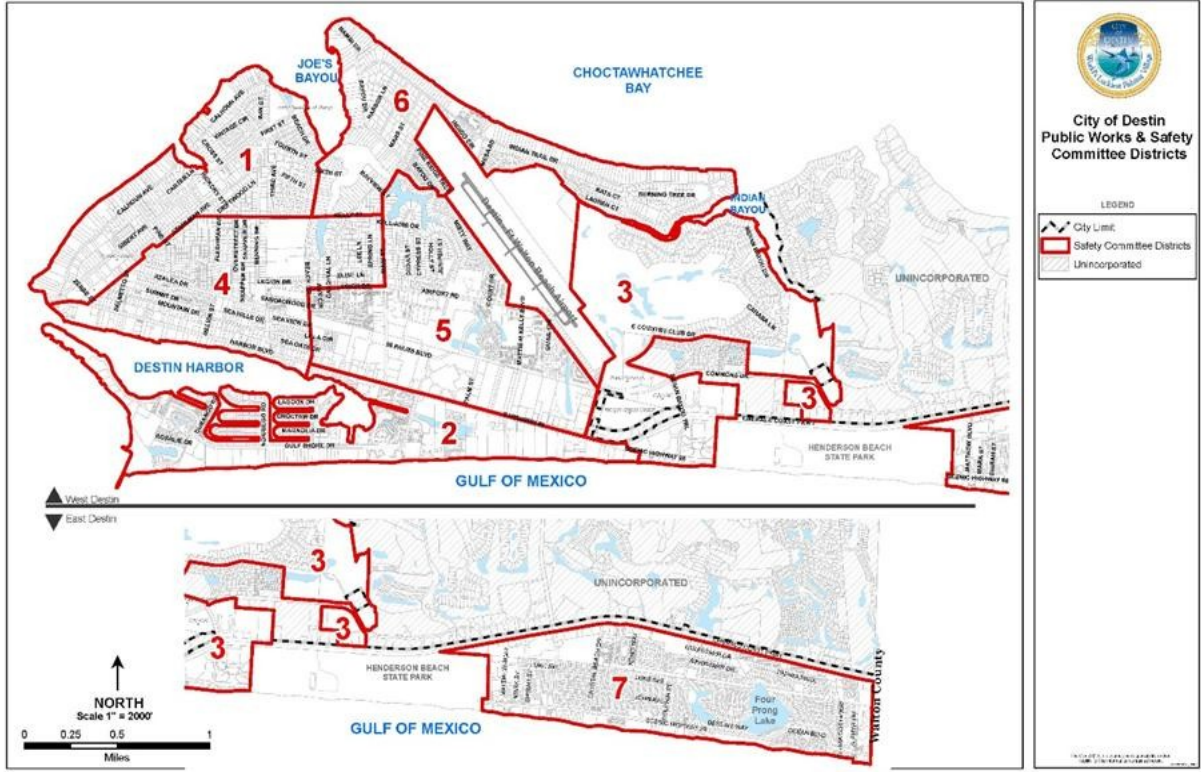
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PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

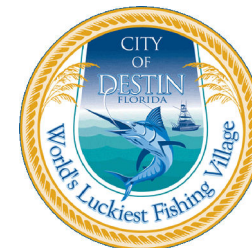
AREA ASSIGNMENTS AS OF Mar 2025

- Review assigned area at least monthly for any safety concerns.
- Review area for proper signage, condition of roads, sidewalks, bike paths, medians, streetlights, drainage, etc.
- Review any citizens/homeowners’ association concerns/recommendations.
- Report concerns/recommendations at monthly committee meetings.

Area Map



1. Tom Weidenhamer / 2. Marci Bell / 3. Curtis Smith
 4. Tami Weidenhamer / 5. Jim Wood / 6. John Green / 7. Vacant



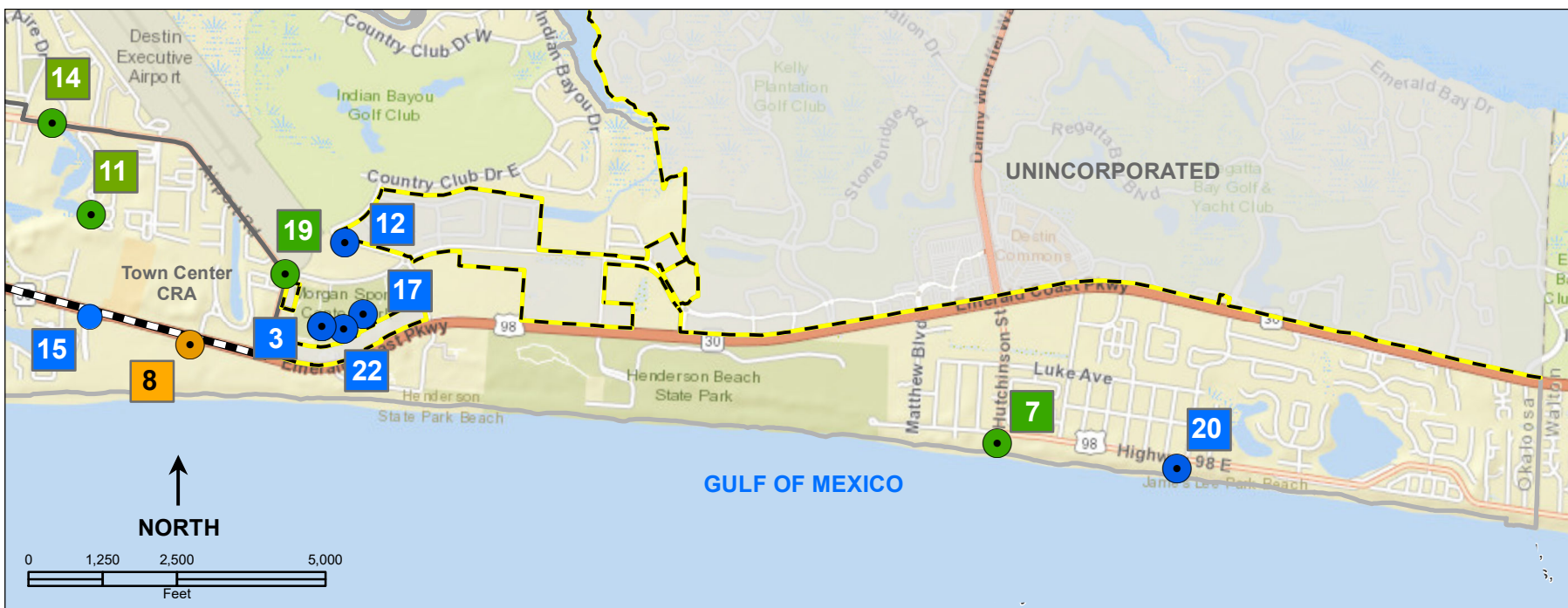
City Projects July 2025



LEGEND

- Under Design/Permitting
- Other Projects
- Under Construction
- (PD&E) Study Hwy. 98 Airport Rd. to include the Marler Bridge.
- City Limit Line

▲ West Destin
▼ East Destin



1. Crosstown Connector (Beach to Benning).
2. Zerbe/Calhoun Pedestrian Project Phase II (Boardwalk under the Bridge).
3. Morgan Sports Center – Bathroom, maintenance facility expansion.
4. Clement Taylor Park Improvements, 131 Calhoun Ave.
5. Sibert Ave Parking Lot Improvements, 108 Sibert Ave
6. Hwy 98 at Stahlman Ave Signalization Project.
7. The Shores at Crystal Beach Parking lot additions.
8. Hwy 98 Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study Hwy 98 – Airport Rd to include the Marler Bridge.
9. Mattie M. Kelly Park (FDEP).
10. CTC Wayside Trail.
11. Linear Trail.
12. Pickleball.
13. Norriego Point Park/Gulf Shore Drive Extension.
14. Airport Road/Industrial Park Road Median Improvements.
15. Utility Undergrounding (Marler Bridge to Airport Road).
16. Channel Maintenance Dredging.
17. Morgan Sports Center – Field/Parking Lights.
18. Buck Destin Park- Bathroom Relocation.
19. Airport Drive/Commons Blvd. Pedestrian Signal Upgrade.
20. Tarpon Street Parking Lot Additions.
21. Mattie Kelly Park Drainage Outfall Project.
22. Morgan Sports Center batting cages.