



**AGENDA
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) July 14, 2026 Minutes**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) 2027 PW/PS Work Plan**
 - B) All-Way Stop at Benning Dr & Maltezos**
 - C) All-Way Stop at Country Club Dr E/Old Creek Trail & Indian Bayou Trail**
- 6. CURRENT BUSINESS**
- 7. DISCUSSION/MEMBER COMMENTS**
 - A) Chairman Wood**
 - B) Vice Chair Green**
 - C) Committee Member Bell**
 - D) Committee Member Tom Weidehamer**
 - E) Committee Member Smith**
 - F) Committee Member Tammy Weidenhamer**
 - G) Committee Member Ansley**
- 8. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN QUESTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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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, JULY 14, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Vice Chairman Green called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 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
Andrea Ansley
Curtis Smith (in at 5:35)
Tammy Weidenhamer

Members Absent

James T. Wood, Jr.

Staff Present:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Green asked if there was any changed needed to the agenda, with none he approved the agenda as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

➤ **May 12, 2026**

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting as written was made by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer, with Tammy Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 5-0. Committee member Smith was not present for the vote.

➤ **June 9, 2026**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 meeting was made by Committee member Bell with Committee member Ansley providing the second. The motion passed 5-0. Committee member Smith was not present for the vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

❖ **Addition of Clipper Cove to 2026 Road Resurfacing Program**

Mr. Bodi reported that additional funding had been identified within the FY2026 resurfacing budget and Clipper Cove can be resurfaced. Staff is asking for a motion to request City Council to direct staff to add the project to the FY-2026 resurfacing project.

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- Existing resurfacing projects approved several months earlier remain in progress.
- Work on the current resurfacing package is expected to begin toward the end of July.
- Clipper Cove would likely begin after the summer season, approximately late August or later.

➤ **Additional Streets Identified for Resurfacing**

- Holiday Isle streets
- Misty Way
- Airport Road (second half)
- Several Keller Gardens streets
- Additional Crystal Beach streets

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer to recommend City Council approval to add Clipper Cove to the FY-2026 Resurfacing Plan. The motion passed 6-0.

➤ **Project Updates**

Public Works Director Joe Bodi provided the members with the following project updates:

❖ **Tarpon Street Park**

- Reported that Project No. 8 (Tarpon Street Park) would be complete the following morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 7:30 a.m., before temperatures became too excessive.

❖ **Pickleball Courts**

- Reported that Project No. 12 (Pickleball Courts) had been completed.
- Noted construction progressed quickly once work began.

❖ **Highway 98 Landscaping**

- Staff reported an oak tree had been knocked over within the new Highway 98 median landscaping project.
- FDOT remains responsible for the project and is expected to transfer it to the city in approximately two weeks.
- Staff hopes all deficiencies are addressed before completion of the transfer.
- Committee members discussed citizen concerns regarding landscaping maintenance in the median.
- Staff stated the city continues monitoring the conditions, but major work remains that is FDOT's responsibility until project acceptance.

❖ **Palm Street Traffic Signal Project**

- Staff reported FDOT is preparing to bid construction of a traffic signal at Palm Street and U.S. Highway 98.

- Construction will significantly impact the landscaped median between the new signal and the Drury Hotel development.

➤ **Committee member Discussion & Questions**

- The members discussed access to the Drury Hotel.
- Mr. Bodi explained:
 - Hotel access will be provided from Highway 98.
 - An additional connection will utilize Foxtail Drive through the adjacent townhouse development.
 - The Drury and Wyndham parking lots will not be connected.
- Committee asked whether the existing pedestrian crossing signal near the original Chick-fil-A would remain.
- Staff indicated it is expected to remain because it is sufficiently separated from the new traffic signal.

❖ **Traffic Study Update - Gulf Shore Drive Speed Study**

- Staff presented results of a traffic study conducted June 17–24, 2026 near Gulf Breeze Court and Gulf Winds Court.

❖ **Findings:**

- More than 16,000 vehicle trips were recorded during the study period.
- Average vehicle speeds were approximately 4 mph below the posted speed limit.
- Staff concluded excessive speeding was not identified.

❖ **Committee member Discussion**

- Members noted the study period included the Juneteenth holiday weekend and unusually heavy traffic.
- One member commented that traffic conditions resembled July Fourth weekend.
- Committee praised the City's July Fourth traffic management efforts, including:
 - Traffic control before vehicles entered two-lane roadways.
 - Use of cones and directional signage.
 - Reduced congestion compared to previous years.
- Members agreed that increased pedestrian activity is likely contributed to lower travel speeds.

❖ **Additional Traffic Studies**

- A committee member asked whether a traffic study was underway on Main Street north of the stop sign.
- Staff responded another consultant is performing studies through the Planning and Community Development Department.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS:

❖ **Committee member Bell** – spoke of the previously discussed request for a sidewalk along the west side of Durango Road.

- Mr. Bodi reported that Engineering reviewed the request and identified significant challenges:
 - Numerous parked vehicles within the right-of-way.
 - Utility infrastructure and water meters.
 - Concern that placing a sidewalk immediately behind parked vehicles could create a false sense of pedestrian safety and could potentially open up liability issues if a sidewalk were to be installed along the west side of Durango.
- Members discussed how it has been observed that pedestrians already walk within the roadway because no sidewalk exists.
- Several condominium and townhouse developments generate regular pedestrian traffic.
- Alternative suggestions include:
 - A striped pedestrian lane.
 - Pavement markings, similar to bike lanes or shared roadway markings.
- Staff agreed to forward the committee's additional suggestions to Engineering for further evaluation and report back.

❖ **Annexation Discussion**

The possible annexation efforts involving bringing in the unincorporated Okaloosa County parcels into the city was briefly discussed.

- Mr. Bodi explained that currently Public Works is not directly involved in annexation planning.
- Mayor is expected to conduct neighborhood and HOA meetings regarding the proposal.
- Additional information provided included:
 - First Reading scheduled for July 20, 2026 City Council meeting.
 - Second Reading scheduled for August 3, 2026 City Council meeting.
 - If approved, the proposal would proceed to referendum during the November General Election.
 - Timing is necessary to meet election deadlines for ballot placement.
- Committee discussed the infrastructure implications should annexation occur, including roadway maintenance responsibilities.
- Staff acknowledged Public Works is evaluating the long-term maintenance impacts associated with potential annexation.

❖ **Committee member Smith** – Four Prong Lake Outfall

- The additional state appropriations have increased available funding.
- Approximately \$2 million in state funding has now been secured.
- Total project estimate is approximately \$3.5 million.

Committee member Smith expressed optimism the project may proceed pending final engineering design and cost estimates.

7. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

➤ **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 Stormwater/Floodplain Public Comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk

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AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Action Item

AGENDA OUTLINE NUMBER: 5.A.

TO: Public Works / Public Safety Committee

THRU:

FROM:

DATE:

SUBJECT: 2027 PW/PS Work Plan

I. BACKGROUND:

II. DISCUSSION:

A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives:

B. Effect on Budget (EOB):

C. Level of Service (LOS):

D. Legislative Sponsor:

E. Business Impact Statement:

III. CONCLUSION:

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Attachments:

1. Proposed PWPS
Work Plan 2027

Destin Public Works and Public Safety Committee



Work Plan for Fiscal Year 20278

8 Sept 2027

James T. Wood Jr

Chairman, PWPS Committee

John Green

Vice-Chairman, PWPS 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](https://www.cityofdestin.com/FormCenter/City-Clerk-9/Committee-Volunteer-Application-57) (fill and submit the application on-line).

Committee Goals and Strategies:

Goals and Objectives for FY26-28

Destin Strategic Vision 2026

Destin is A family-oriented beach and fishing community where people want to live, work & play and where visitors are welcomed to respectfully enjoy our community and its resources.

Destin Prioritized Customers

- Year-round city of Destin residents
- City of Destin-based businesses
- City of Destin visitors

PW/PS Committee Mission Statement: Provide safety and public works policy recommendations and approved projects that enhance overall public safety and quality of life allowing for the implementation of the Destin Strategic Vision 2035 Public Works and Public Safety Committee Internal and external Stakeholders:

Strategic Priority/Focus: **Goal/Objective 1**

Provide public works and safety policy recommendations and approved projects that enhance overall public safety and quality of life.

Organizational Objective:

Provide a regular scheduled public venue for raising public issues related to safety and public works including stormwater concerns.

Performance Objective:

- 1. Schedule and conduct meetings*
- 2. Conduct IAW approved agenda to include stormwater comments as needed*
- 3. Motions on policy or improvements tracked*
- 4. TRASf funds tracked and expended as needed*
- 5. Receive requests for, analyze and install traffic calming devices to include speed humps, modifications to lane widths, signage etc.*

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year		
	2025	2026	2027
<i>Scheduled monthly meetings conducted</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Agenda published at least 72 hours prior</i>	<i>Work in Progress</i>		
<i>Minutes published, approved and signed</i>	<i>12</i>		

Funding oversight to ensure spending within budgetary limits	1	1	
Install speed humps, control signage and other traffic calming measures			

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
<i>Meeting notices, agendas, minutes</i>	<i>PW/PS Staff Liaison and City Clerk's Office</i>	<i>Monthly as needed</i>
<i>Receive, track and expend TRASF funds on projects</i>	<i>Finance Director, PW/PS team, City Engineer</i>	<i>As needed</i>
<i>Recommend changes to city website to aid in public awareness and education</i>	<i>Coordination with PIO and responsible staff section for change</i>	<i>As needed.</i>
<i>Receive, analyze and install traffic calming measures</i>	<i>OCSO, Stealth Speed Studies</i>	<i>As needed</i>

Process Improvement: Plan, Do, Check, Act

Improve current agenda process. Slow released agendas hamper our committee members from being able to research and properly prepare for meetings.

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
<i>PW/PS Staff Liaison</i>	<i>Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office</i>
<i>Public Works Director</i>	<i>Residents, Businesses and Visitors to Destin</i>
<i>City Clerk</i>	
<i>City Engineer</i>	

Process Owner:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
<i>PW/PS Committee</i>	<i>Jim Wood</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>850 502-9468</i>
<i>E-Mail: jwood@cityofdestin.com</i>			

Strategic Priority: **Goal/Objective 2**

Review citywide public works projects for efficiency, cost, effect on safety and consistency with City of Destin Mobility Plans and other applicable documents.

Organizational Objective:

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.

Performance Objective:

Review all listed plan on an annual basis to check for continuity with City of Destin Strategic Goals, CIP funding and overall impacts on public safety and overall quality of life.

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year		
	2025	2026	2027
<i>Assess Annual Sidewalk Plan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Assess Annual Road Resurface Plan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Assess Annual Road Restriping Plan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Review New Mobility Plan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
<i>Assess Annual Sidewalk Plan</i>	<i>Copy of prioritized plan/PW/PS Director, Staff Liaison and Engineer</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Assess Annual Road Resurface Plan</i>	<i>List of planned roads and amount of funding available</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Assess Annual Road Striping Plan</i>	<i>List of planned roads and amount of funding available</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Review New Mobility Plan</i>	<i>Copy of plan and any desired city changes</i>	<i>Annually</i>

Process Improvement:

Improve the operational functionality of established above ground infrastructure as well as improve aesthetic quality of properties, especially commercial ones through the use the Property Maintenance Code and Code Compliance.

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
<i>PW/PS Director/Staff Liaison</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>City Engineer</i>	

Process Owner:

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Performance Objectives:

- *Processes updated*
- *Public requests reviewed and analyzed*
- *Alternatives considered*
- *Operates within budget*
- *Fixes were applied*
- *Public education*

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year		
	2025	2026	2027
<i>Assess all requests</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Conduct proper analysis</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Motions to City Council</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Policy changes or equipment/device installed for public use</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
<i>Receive request from the public</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>As required</i>
<i>Determine analytical analysis required for determination of recommendation and ultimate installation</i>	<i>Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office PW Director/Staff Liaison City Engineer</i>	<i>As required</i>
<i>Committee assesses based on data and makes recommendations to City Council</i>	<i>Analytical data</i>	<i>As required</i>
<i>Verify installation once approved</i>	<i>PW Director/Staff Liaison City Engineer</i>	<i>As required</i>

Process Improvement:

Enhance/upgrade our ability to properly review and make recommendations on public infrastructure projects. Schedule training/discussions to build committee member knowledge in all required areas.

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
<i>Public Works Dept</i>	<i>Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office</i>
<i>City Engineer</i>	

Process Owner:

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Strategic Priority: Goal/Objective 3

Review, update, implement policy leading to improved safety for Pedestrian and LSV operations citywide

Organizational Objective:

Annually review city LSV/E-Bike operations and pedestrian safety issues. Submit recommendations to policy changes to the City Council. Recommend additional Pedestrian Flashing HAWK systems for use add additional crosswalk striping where appropriate. Recommend policy changes or new Ordinances as needed.

Performance Objective:

Safety conditions monitored. Policy changes recommended. Public education.

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year		
	2025	2026	2027
<i>Review city LSV, bicycle and pedestrian safety issues.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Submit recommendations for policy changes.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Use Area Reviews to ensure vision triangles identified and cleared for improved safety, especially for E-Bikes.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
<i>Review Plans</i>	<i>Public Works Director/Staff Liaison</i>	<i>As required</i>
<i>Submit recommendation as needed</i>	<i>SAB</i>	<i>As required</i>
<i>Manage TRASF funds to provide improvements.</i>	<i>Funds/Finance Director</i>	<i>As required</i>

Process Improvement:

<i>Continually assess to minimize accidents/deaths in Destin.</i>

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
<i>Public Works Director/Staff Liaison</i>	<i>Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office</i>
<i>City Engineer</i>	
<i>Community Planning Department</i>	

Process Owner:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
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Strategic Priority: Goal/Objective 4

Review each of our areas of responsibility (1-7) for safety, damage and other concerns on an annual basis.

Organizational Objective:

Provide annual review of infrastructure items in Destin for structural integrity, overgrown properties, clear vision triangles etc.

Performance Objective:

Each committee member drives/walks their assigned areas on an annual basis checking roads, sidewalks, stormwater issues, broken sprinklers, overgrown trees, weeds etc. This review helps ensure safety and overall movement ease in Destin.

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year		
	2025	2026	2027
<i>Drive all 7 areas annually</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Report back to committee with results/pictures</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Prioritized list developed</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Public Works coordinates with city staff, area infrastructure to improve the existing conditions</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
<i>Drive all 7 areas annually</i>	<i>7 members reviewing their areas</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Report back to committee with results/pictures</i>	<i>Schedule agenda time for report to committee</i>	<i>Annually</i>
<i>Prioritized list developed</i>	<i>Following presentations from each member</i>	<i>Annually</i>

<i>Public Works coordinates with city staff, area infrastructure providers to improve the existing conditions</i>	<i>Attentive community partners to fix their issues</i>	<i>Annually</i>
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Process Improvement:

<i>Improve overall operations/maintenance using the LDC and Newly passed Property Maintenance Code.</i>

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
<i>Public Services</i>	<i>Cox Cable, Embarq, Okaloosa Gas</i>
<i>City Engineer</i>	<i>Destin Water Users, Live Oak, AT&T</i>
<i>Community Development Staff/Code Compliance</i>	

Process Owner:

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Results for FY26

At the end of FY26 our committee results will be reported to City Council. The goal will be Oct/Nov 2026.

Installation of 4 sets of Rapid Flashing Beacons (locations)
Movement of School Zone (signs/lights) at DES
E-Bike Ordinance
Presentations during year
Requests provided during meetings
Area Reviews
Road Resurfacing / Road Striping / Sidewalk upgrades recommended
Roads resurfaced during year (name and linear feet/miles)
Stormwater work completed
Meetings held (Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar,)
Meetings without quorum 1 (Nov 2025),

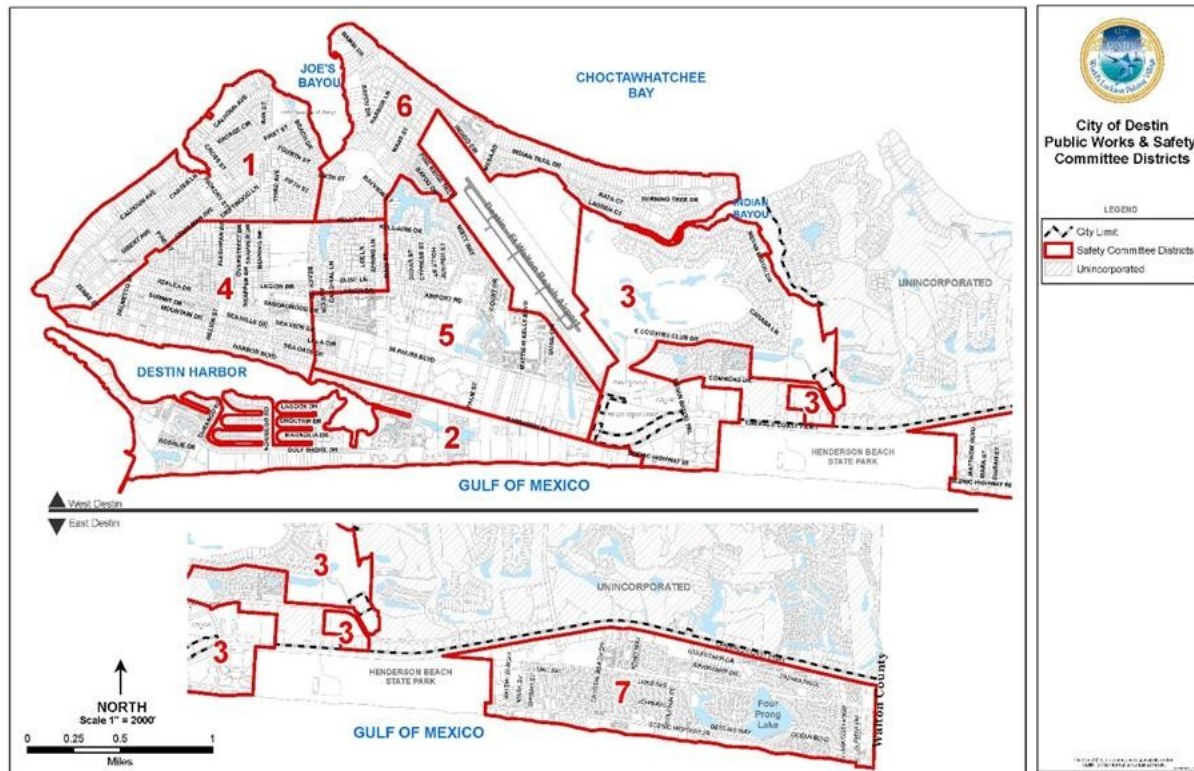
PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

CITY OF DESTIN
PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AREA
ASSIGNMENTS AS OF Mar 2026

- 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. Andrea Ansley
4. Tami Weidenhamer / 5. Jim Wood / 6. John Green / 7. Curtis Smith

CITY OF DESTIN



AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Action Item

AGENDA OUTLINE NUMBER: 5.B.

TO: Public Works / Public Safety Committee

THRU: Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

FROM: Joe Bodi, Deputy Director, Public Works

DATE: July 29, 2026

SUBJECT: All-Way Stop at Benning Dr & Maltezos

I. BACKGROUND: The Okaloosa County School Board (OCSB) is constructing a significant addition to the Destin Elementary School. This addition includes a new access tying into the intersection with Benning Dr at Maltezos Street. The OCSB now desires to make this a primary access to the school. With this change, the intersection becomes more important for pedestrian and vehicle safety. The City Engineer is recommending that this intersection is re-signed to an all-way stop-controlled intersection.

The Committee previously recommended to place a rapid flashing beacon at this location. City Council approved the recommendation. City staff ordered and received the beacon from the vendor the week of July 13th and is waiting to be scheduled for assembly and installation.

II. DISCUSSION: The OCSB now desires to make this a primary access to the school. With this change, the intersection becomes more important for pedestrian and vehicle safety. The City Engineer is recommending that this intersection is re-signed to an all-way stop-controlled intersection. This recommendation would make a rapid flashing beacon scheduled for this location unnecessary and redundant. There are several places within the City to place this beacon. As an example, the existing crosswalk located at the western access of James Lee Park across Scenic 98 is a three-lane crosswalk with a small median cut that is not controlled, mid-block crosswalk. This crosswalk is well-used by pedestrians and would be a good candidate for the rapid flashing beacon. This would be a discussion point for the Committee. Staff is requesting a positive recommendation to City Council for the safety modification to the intersection.

A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives: I. Financially Sound City providing Service Excellence

II. Enhanced Quality of Life and Safety for Families

IV. Effective, Efficient, and Aesthetically Pleasing Infrastructure

B. Effect on Budget (EOB): The effect on the budget will be minimal, less than \$500.00; the cost of installing the needed stop sign and all-way placards.

C. Level of Service (LOS): The level of service will increase vehicle and pedestrian system safety.

D. Legislative Sponsor:

E. Business Impact Statement:

III. CONCLUSION: It was determined that an all-way stop condition would be the safest intersection treatment for this intersection due to the adjacent land use (new elementary school access) and traffic on Benning Dr (a collector street). The all-way stop condition at this location would negate the need for a rapid flashing beacon that was previously approved at this location.

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the Public Works Public Safety Committee recommend approval of the All-Way Stop condition at the intersection of Benning Drive and Maltezos Street and relocate the previously approved rapid flashing beacon from this intersection to the existing crosswalk located at the western access of James Lee Park across Scenic 98.

Attachments:

None

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Action Item

AGENDA OUTLINE NUMBER: 5.C.

TO: Public Works / Public Safety Committee

THRU: Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

FROM: Joe Bodi, Deputy Director, Public Works

DATE: August 3, 2026

SUBJECT: All-Way Stop at Country Club Dr E/Old Creek Trail & Indian Bayou Trail

I. BACKGROUND: The Indian Bayou West is constructing a new single family subdivision now tying into this intersection. The subdivision would use the intersection as its only access. With this change, the intersection becomes would need to be modified for pedestrian and vehicle safety. The City Engineer is recommending that this intersection is re-signed to an all-way stop-controlled intersection.

II. DISCUSSION: Staff is requesting a positive recommendation to City Council for the safety modification to the intersection.

A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives: I. Financially Sound City
providing Service Excellence

II. Enhanced Quality of Life and Safety for Families

IV. Effective, Efficient, and Aesthetically Pleasing Infrastructure

B. Effect on Budget (EOB): The effect on the budget will be minimal, less than \$500.00; the cost of installing the needed stop sign and all-way placards.

C. Level of Service (LOS): The level of service will increase vehicle and pedestrian system safety.

D. Legislative Sponsor:

E. Business Impact Statement:

III. CONCLUSION: It was determined that an all-way stop condition would be the safest intersection treatment for this intersection due to the adjacent land use (new subdivision access).

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the Public Works Public Safety Committee recommend approval of the All-Way Stop condition at the intersection of Country Club Dr E/Old Creek Trail.

Attachments:

None