

Mobility Fee Stakeholder Meeting

December 15, 2021

Purpose of the meeting was to allow for input regarding the City's proposal to change from transportation impact fees to mobility fees.

- The Stakeholders were provided the Consultant's report/plan ahead of the meeting for review.
- The Stakeholder invitees were similar to the individuals/companies who participated in the two previous workshops in late October 2021, regarding the City's overall impact fee review.



At the prior meetings there was clear consensus that they preferred mobility fees as they provide more flexibility and options.

This was expressed to the City Commission by the facilitator, Charles Hines, at the public hearing in November 2021.

It is believed that due to the prior Stakeholder meetings and having had the ability to review the Consultant's report and the fee schedule being proposed, (which reduces the fee on construction in most cases and is lower than the two Counties compared, Sarasota and Hillsborough), the participation in this latest workshop was limited.

Mr. Alex Anaya, the Prime Consultant, set forth the overview of work done so far, and the proposed mobility fee schedule. He also stated that the City currently has sufficient road capacity and except for a few roads that need some improvements, the City was in good shape as to transportation capacity into the future. It was also clarified that the mobility fee was a replacement fee for the current transportation fee and not an additional fee.

The Consultant's full presentation will be made to the City Commission on March 08, 2022. The full report identifies future conditions for traffic and capacity demand in the City, along with adopted and proposed plans, various connectivity opportunities, safety issues, project prioritization and costs.

The Consultant indicated that the proposed plan does not show any improvements for the Wellen Park area. Improvements such as, roads, trails, paths, etc., are currently being built by the Developer. The question was raised regarding the impact the implementation of the new fee schedule, (lowering of fees on development in Wellen Park) would have on the Wellen Park Developer Agreement with the City as to the reimbursement/credits for the improvements they are building.

The Consultant and the Facilitator acknowledged the legitimacy of the question but felt this was an issue beyond the scope of this meeting and that and possible solutions should be addressed with the appropriate City staff.

Mobility Fee Online Meeting

February 08, 2022

Overview

- On February 08th, the City held an additional and supplemental on-line Stakeholder meeting regarding the City's proposed plan to change from Transportation impact fees to Mobility fees.
- The Consultant presented his findings and recommendations regarding how Mobility fees can be used throughout the City to improve its overall infrastructure and connectivity. He also presented his new calculations for the amounts that would be charged for Mobility fees for various land uses/developments.
- Responses from the Stakeholders was similar to the prior meetings where all agreed that Mobility fees are preferred, as they provide greater flexibility for the City for various types of mobility projects/features. The recommended amounts to be charged we're not objected to.
- The Stakeholders questioned the current ability of City staff to manage and implement the Consultant's recommendations due to an employee shortage. Also, comments were made by Stakeholders that they preferred the City being the jurisdiction to collect and manage the City's impact fees. It was even mentioned that when comparing the two jurisdictions collecting the fees, the City has been more responsive.