



Legislation Text

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Update of the Comprehensive Multimodal Transportation Plan scope.

On January 28, 2015, the City Commission directed staff to proceed with development of a comprehensive transportation plan for The City of Coral Gables to address the growing concern of congestion in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

Regionally, the City is a transportation linchpin between the City of Miami to the north and east and the rest of the County to the west. There is limited control over the regional network or growth in surrounding communities. The City of Coral Gables, itself, supports a robust downtown and doubles its population during the day. Most of the arterial roadways in the City are at or beyond capacity during the peak hours and intersections in the downtown are failing or will fail in the near future. The geographic location and capacity issues on the network create a significant amount of cut-through traffic which permeates through residential neighborhoods. Staff recognizes the importance of maintaining a well-integrated urban street grid to provide access to existing job centers but we must not sacrifice the high quality of life that exists within City neighborhoods.

Staff has worked collaboratively to develop a scope of work that consists of developing a ten-year comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan for the City that improves accessibility for all modes of transportation, with an emphasis on sustainability, and provides recommended improvements based on current and projected future conditions. The plan will provide for convenient and efficient use of motorized and non-motorized transportation and address such issues as vehicular circulation and parking, pedestrian/bicyclist movements, and public and locally operated transportation. The selected consultant team will work intensively with all stakeholders and staff to develop the plan and craft workable strategies for implementation.

As staff continues to advance the planning process, existing traffic calming studies and their respective solutions will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan or finalized depending on the current stage of development. In addition, new traffic calming requests will be incorporated into the planning process.