

# Chapter 2

## Transportation Element

# Goals, Objectives and Policies

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City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan

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## Goals, Objectives and Policies

### Goal 2 Transportation

Provide for a safe, efficient transportation system that encourages multi-modal transportation, reduces accidents, and maintains acceptable levels of service.

#### Objective 2.1 Design Standards

Maintain transportation design standards within the land development regulations. The transportation design standards shall be consistent, as applicable, with the “Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways” published by FDOT, and the “Manual on Uniform Control Traffic Devices” (MUTCD) published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and include engineering standards, driveway standards and roadway access standards.

##### Policy 2.1.1 Safe Circulation and Access

All development proposals shall address and include provisions for safe and convenient on-site traffic circulation, both pedestrian and vehicular; safe roadway access; and assure accessibility in design to multimodal facilities.

##### Policy 2.1.2 Preservation of Future Roadways

Land development regulations shall provide standards and definitions for the preservation or protection of existing and future roadway right of way.

#### Objective 2.2 Multimodal System

Provide the opportunity for the use of multi-modal transportation options (i.e. bicycle, pedestrian, public transit, and rail) to serve the local and regional movement of and connections among people, jobs, goods, and services.

##### Policy 2.2.1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways

In transportation facilities planning, the City will consider bicycle and pedestrian ways as a part of the preliminary design phase.

##### Policy 2.2.2 Promote Compact Growth

Belleview shall promote compact growth with a variety of land uses within the municipal area as a means of promoting a walkable community.

##### Policy 2.2.3 New Residential Developments

New residential subdivisions, multifamily developments, and RV and mobile home parks shall provide for a bicycle and pedestrian friendly environment.

- a. Bicycle and pedestrian connections shall be provided along all collector or arterial roadways.
- b. Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall connect new residential development to recreational areas, schools and shopping areas within neighborhoods.
- c. New residential subdivisions and master planned communities shall provide for safe internal pedestrian and bicycle circulation.
- d. New residential developments shall connect to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities when possible.

##### Policy 2.2.4 New Land Uses

The City shall encourage land uses which promote multi-modal transportation in public transportation corridors, including mass transit, bicycling and walking.

**Policy 2.2.5 Public Transit**

The City shall support and encourage Marion County in efforts to provide a transit system that meets residents' mobility needs in a cost effective and efficient manner.

- a. The City shall coordinate public transit efforts through the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to create a transit system that will provide greater interconnection between Belleview and adjacent population centers; and
- b. The City shall promote land use patterns that support a compact public transit system.

**Policy 2.2.6 Transit Service**

The City shall to the extent possible coordinate with the TPO and Marion County in order to provide safe and convenient public transit services to existing and proposed activity centers, including the provision of services to the transportation disadvantaged.

**Policy 2.2.7 Rail**

Belleview shall coordinate with CSX regarding the operation of the S-line to mitigate potential negative impacts of increased rail traffic and promote safe operations within the City.

**Objective 2.3 Level of Service and Congestion Management**

Establish minimum level of service (LOS) standards for public roadways and adopt congestion management implementation policies to ensure all roadway segments classified as collector or arterial maintain a volume to capacity ration less than 1.0.

**Policy 2.3.1 Level of Service**

Belleview shall maintain the following levels of service for State, City, and County Roadways. These adopted LOS standards are not regulatory but provide a basis to monitor congestion and coordinate needed improvements with the TPO and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). These LOS standards, based on peak hour are as follows:

- a. LOS D for roadways funded through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP);
- b. LOS D for all State roadways; and
- c. LOS E for all County and City roadways.

**Policy 2.3.2 Congestion Management**

The City shall utilize the following approaches to monitor and plan for transportation facilities to meet current and future demands and minimize congestion:

- a. Participate in the TPO's Congestion Management Process that provides for the monitoring of impacts to the transportation network and identify areas of concern and opportunities for improvement; and
- b. Partner with the TPO in maintaining an on-going traffic information program, including an on-going traffic count program to provide information for the Congestion Management System. This program shall serve as the basis for project review, prioritization of traffic improvements, as well as for providing the database for updating the Transportation Element.

**Objective 2.4 Roadway Maintenance and Improvements**

The City shall continue to maintain the transportation network.

**Policy 2.4.1 Transportation Improvements Priorities**

Transportation improvement projects shall be evaluated and prioritized according to the following guidelines:

- a. Funded projects to correct existing identified transportation system deficiencies;
- b. Projects to relieve identified safety and congestion problems;
- c. Projects to promote economic revitalization and job creation;
- d. Projects necessary to fulfill a legal commitment made by the City; and
- e. Projects that will preserve or achieve the full utilization of existing transportation facilities.

**Policy 2.4.2 Improvements to Public Roads Due to Private Development**

New development and redevelopment activities that result in more intense traffic use are required to bring city roadways to the appropriate physical condition necessary for the proposed use. The developer shall be responsible for required improvements and, if requested by the City's Public Works Director or designee, shall provide the following information or analysis during the permitting process:

- a. Evaluation of the physical condition (width and construction including subgrade) of City roads used to gain access to the development site;
- b. Volume and type of traffic to be generated by the proposed development; and
- c. Improvements required bringing city roads to the appropriate physical condition necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**Objective 2.5 Coordination with the Future Land Use**

The City shall provide a transportation system that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Element and the most recent TPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Policy 2.5.1 Future Land Use Element**

The City shall coordinate the development of new transportation regulations, policies, and plans with the Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map.

**Policy 2.5.2 Future Land Use Map Amendments**

The City shall consider both the Transportation Element and Future Land Use Element when evaluating Future Land Use map amendments.

**Objective 2.6 Coordination with County, Regional, and State Agencies**

Provide a transportation system that is coordinated and consistent with the plans and policies of the TPO, FDOT, and county government.

**Policy 2.6.1 Intermodal Coordination**

The City shall coordinate transportation improvements, including but not limited to strategies that address intermodal terminal and access, with the current and future needs of regional public transportation facilities within Belleview.

**Policy 2.6.2 Coordination with TPO**

Belleview shall continue to coordinate with the TPO to promote and implement a regional transportation system that enhances economic opportunities and serves the regional transportation needs of residents and businesses.

- a. Belleview shall coordinate with the TPO to maintain and monitor transportation counts, accident counts;
- b. Belleview shall adopt the current Long Range Transportation Plan by reference; and

- c. Belleview shall continue to coordinate with the TPO to identify and rank transportation priorities and funding availability.

**Policy 2.6.3 Coordination with FDOT**

Belleview shall continue to maintain open and effective dialog with FDOT and applicable FDOT staff members. Specifically, the County and Cities shall coordinate with FDOT for:

- a. Development and implementation of the FDOT 5-year Work Program; and
- b. Impacts of development on State transportation facilities.

**Policy 2.6.4 Coordination with Marion County**

Belleview shall continue to maintain open and effective dialog with the County to maintain a safe efficient transportation system.

**Objective 2.7 Roadway Safety**

The City will emphasize safety and aesthetics in the maintenance and development of its transportation system.

**Policy 2.7.1 Minimizing Hazards**

The City shall eliminate or minimize roadway designs which lead to hazardous conditions by:

- a. Requiring the provision of adequate storage and turning areas;
- b. Prohibiting direct access from driveways and local roads onto high-speed traffic lanes; and
- c. Providing adequate capacity for emergency evacuation.

**Policy 2.7.2 Emergency Evacuation Routes**

The City shall continue to coordinate with the TPO, FDOT, and Florida Department of Emergency Management to assure adequate capacity and access for emergency evacuation. The following are the emergency evacuation routes designated in the City:

- S US Hwy 441
- S US Hwy 301
- Baseline/SE 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Policy 2.7.3 Accident Reduction**

The City shall strive to reduce the number of vehicular and pedestrian accidents within the City.

- a. The City shall utilize information developed through the TPO Crash Data Management System to identify high accident intersections.
- b. Pedestrian displays shall be provided at all signal installations.
- c. The City shall coordinate with the TPO and FDOT to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along S US Hwy 441.