



Florida Department of Transportation Research Guide for Review and Assessment of Local Mobility Plans: A Proposed Practice BDK84 977-02

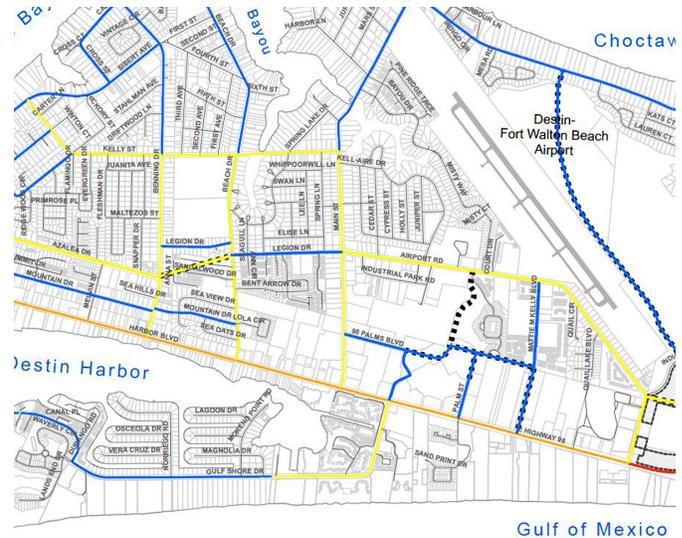
Local government comprehensive plans set the direction for where and how communities will grow. Local governments evaluate amendments to comprehensive plans to determine the impacts proposed development will have on the existing transportation infrastructure. Local governments also submit proposed amendments to FDOT for a determination of the consistency of land use changes with the comprehensive plan's transportation component, or mobility plan.

Researchers at USF's Center for Urban Transportation Research recently developed a guide and companion spreadsheet to assist local government and FDOT planners in the review of local government mobility plans.

Researchers developed a user's guide to assist in evaluating mobility plans to determine whether the plan supports alternative modes, advances corridor management objectives for major highway corridors, reduces vehicle miles of travel, and enhances the multimodal environment.



This street in Destin shows all the components of a multimodal environment with its broad sidewalks, bike lanes, and dedicated lane for public transport.



In this map of Destin, Florida, streets are color-coded according to type as part of a proposal to create a multimodal district in the city.

Researchers then created a spreadsheet template that allows local governments and reviewing agencies to assess the proposed mobility plan related to relevant criteria.

The method and spreadsheet created in this project will assist FDOT in evaluating comprehensive plan amendments. FDOT is expecting hundreds of these plans in the coming years, and the ability to evaluate them efficiently will save FDOT time and money while focusing the evaluation process on legislatively mandated goals. The communities that submit plans and their developers will benefit from a more timely review process.