

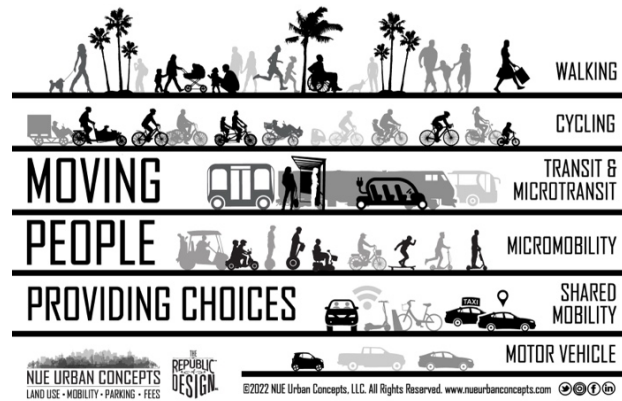
CITY OF LAKE WALES

MOBILITY PLAN & MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

WHAT IS A MOBILITY PLAN?

The City of Lake Wales Mobility Plan is a vision, over the next 22 years, to emphasize the **movement of people**, versus moving cars. This is done by planning for multimodal transportation projects that provide people choices: whether they want to walk, bicycle, ride microtransit, transit, micromobility devices or shared mobility, or continue to drive their cars.



WHY DOES LAKE WALES NEED A MOBILITY PLAN?

The City is projected to add new homes, businesses, and shops over the next 22 years. The new residents and businesses will result in additional traffic and demand for multimodal transportation projects to move around the City and to and from surrounding communities and neighborhoods.

WHAT TYPES OF MULTIMODAL PROJECTS ARE IN THE MOBILITY PLAN?

The Mobility Plan includes multimodal projects such as new sidewalks, bike lanes, shared-use paths, multi-use trails, traffic calmed streets (low speed streets), high visibility crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), and safety enhancements. The Mobility Plan also includes adding turn lanes or roundabouts at existing intersections, adding a raised center median and turn lane to existing streets, and constructing new streets. There are six recommended programs for the City to develop after the Mobility Plan: (1) Streetscape & Street Trees Program; (2) Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program; (3) Curb Ramp Upgrade Program; (4) Safe Routes to Schools Program; (5) Mobility Equity Program; and (6) Micromobility Share Program.

HOW COULD THE CITY FUND MOBILITY PLAN PROJECTS?

The projects identified in the Mobility Plan could be funded through a **variety of sources** such as federal and state appropriations, funds, grants, and programs allocated through the Polk County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). Gas taxes, special assessments, County infrastructure surtax (requires referendum, subject to residents voting to approve), road and utility upgrades, County road impact fees, and City multimodal transportation impact fees are all potential funding sources for mobility plan projects.

WHAT IS A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE?

A multimodal transportation impact fee is a **one-time fee** paid to the Town by **new development activity** (e.g., new or expanded homes and businesses) to off-set (mitigate) any increases in travel demand and pay for its share of **the multimodal projects** adopted as part of the **Mobility Plan**. Multimodal transportation impact fees provide the City with greater flexibility to fund a variety of multimodal transportation projects included in the Mobility Plan. Multimodal Transportation Impact Fees are not taxes on existing homes and businesses. Multimodal Transportation Impact Fees are only assessed if new development and redevelopment results in an increase in travel demand.