

SECTION 5
COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED NEW POLICY 3.7
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Preface

While the Committee discussed revisions to Group 4 RLSA Overlay Policies with the Transportation Planning Department of the Transportation Division of Collier County and, in particular Policy 4.5 of the RLSA Overlay, it became apparent that a new companion Policy 3.7 of the Transportation Element of the Growth Management Plan would be required.

Below is the Committee-recommended new Policy 3.7 of the Transportation Element of the Growth Management Plan. This recommended Policy was crafted by the Transportation Division due to proposed language amendments to Policy 4.5 of the RLSAO. New Policy 3.7 of the Transportation Element of the Growth Management Plan (GMP) requires County adoption of a plan for a transportation network that has been shown to meet the adopted Level of Service through the build out of the County (County Build Out Vision Plan"). This Policy 3.7 was deemed appropriate because of other recommended amendments to certain Group 4 Policies.

Policy 3.7 [New Future Transportation Element Policy]

Within 12 months after adoption of this policy, the county shall develop a plan for a transportation network that has been shown to meet the adopted Level of Service (LOS) through the build out of the county (the "County Build Out Vision Plan"). The build out network shown on the County Build Out Vision Plan shall define the existing roadways that need to be improved, all proposed roadways, and the facility type and lane needs. The County Build Out Vision Plan shall be adopted by the MPO, serve as a guide to future updates of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and be reviewed no less than annually and amended as needed by the MPO to reflect changed circumstances which occur from time to time. The County Build Out Vision Plan adoption and review shall include a review of land uses within the County and shall include consideration of the location of public services needed to accommodate the build out population. These services shall include but are not limited to government offices, jails, courthouses, landfills, maintenance facilities or any other facility that might otherwise require long distance travel.

Public Comment on November 10, 2008: Nick Casalanguida, Director of the Transportation Planning Department, stated that this proposed new Policy is intended to apply county-wide and not be limited to the RLSA Overlay.

Staff Comments: The language shown above is proposed new Policy 3.7 to be located in the Transportation Element of the GRP and is outside of the RLSAO, but should be considered for recommendation by the Committee as it would harmonize the new language being proposed in the RLSAO with the Transportation Element. The above language represents a consensus by those Transportation Division staff personnel participating in its creation with representatives of Eastern Collier Property Owners [ECPO].

Committee Deliberations on September 23, 2008: Mr. Farmer asked what is considered "long distance travel" to which Nick Casalanguida replied that it is subjective, but generally a trip in excess of 30 minutes in length.

Committee action on September 23, 2008: The Committee referred certain Group 4 Policies to John Passidomo and the Transportation Division to resolve and this new policy outside of the RLSAO was found to be needed.

Committee action on November 10, 2008: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of new Policy 3.7 as outlined above.