

Comprehensive Plan Elements Update Transportation Element

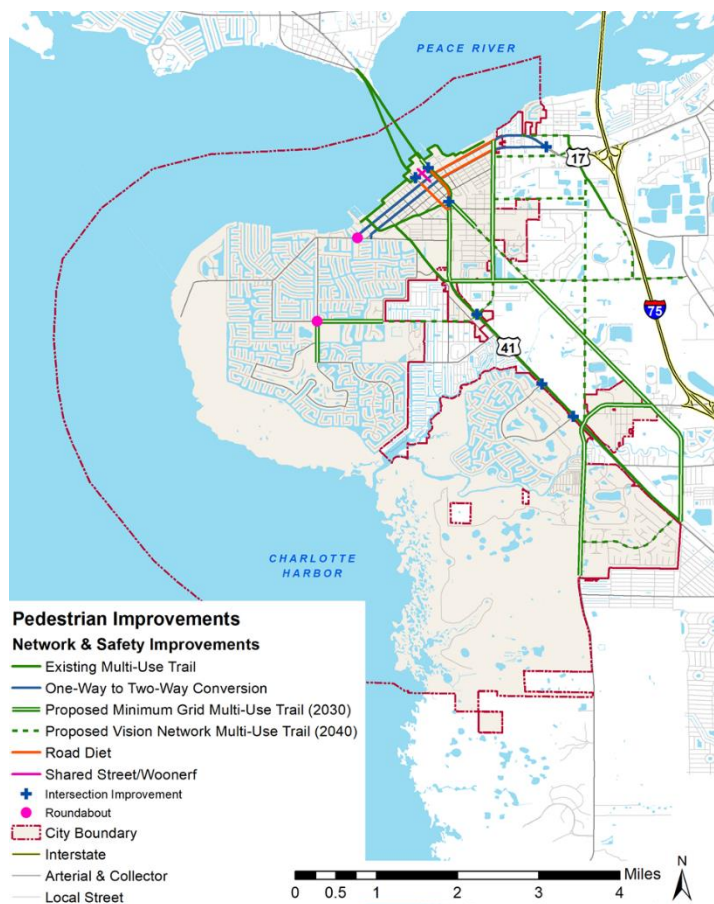
During the [August 26th City Council meeting](#), City staff provided an update to the Council on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan project. A brief overview was given of major items for revision in each of the following five elements:

- **Future Land Use** - Broadly sets development expectations
- **Coastal Management** - Water dependent uses & environmental resilience
- **Housing** – Population demographics & housing needs
- **Transportation** - Safer streets for everyone
- **Historic** - Preservation of built legacy



Next week the first drafts of the Coastal Management, Housing, and Historic Elements will be published online to the [Plan Punta Gorda](#) and [City of Punta Gorda](#) websites. This publication will provide the opportunity for the public to read the proposed documents and provide direct input in advance of the presentation of these drafts to Planning Commission and City Council.

Over the last few weeks, explanations of the Coastal Management, Housing, and Historic Elements were featured in the Planning Corner. This week's feature is the [Transportation Element](#), which provides data and analysis regarding current needs within the transportation system as well as projecting future travel demands. The Transportation Element purpose is to develop a true multimodal system built around a strong street network that safely and efficiently accommodates walking, bicycling, and in future public transportation as well as automotive traffic. With its small-town feel, geographic size, and high level of civic, institutional, and commercial amenities, Punta Gorda provides an ideal platform for focusing on modes of transport beyond the single-occupant automobile. While the current Transportation Element recognizes these opportunities, it does not delve too far into specific projects and programs that may move the City closer to its goals.



The update Transportation Element draws on the work from the [2019 Transportation Buildout Study](#) and the [Citywide Master Plan](#) to provide more concrete details for how the City can achieve its goals. The Transportation Element also acknowledges the valuable contributions of the City's partners at the [Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO](#) and the [Florida Department of Transportation](#) in providing planning support and transportation project funding vital to ensuring that the City's street network is safe and efficient for all who use it.