

CHAPTER 8 (9J-5.007)

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

Section 8.01 **Purpose:** The purpose of this Chapter (element) is to establish the desired and projected transportation system within Valparaiso and to plan for future motorized and non-motorized traffic circulation systems. Future traffic circulation systems are supported by the goals, objectives and policies of this element and are depicted on the Traffic Circulation Maps (Figures 8-1 and 8-2) which are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 8.02 **Data and Analysis:** This Chapter (element) is based upon data and analysis requirements pursuant to Subsections 9J5.005(2), F.A.C. and 9J-5.007(1)(2), F.A.C. (reference Sections 5.03, 5.06 and 5.07 of this Ordinance and Chapter 5 of the Foundation Documents).

Section 8.03 **Mass Transit, Aviation and Deep Water Ports:** Not applicable. There is no mass transit system within the City of Valparaiso nor is one planned during the planning period. Similarly, there are no airports, rail lines or deep water ports located within the City. Therefore, there are no goals, objectives or policies relating to these issues within this plan.

Section 8.04 **Goals, objectives and Policies:** The Goals, Objectives and Policies of this element are as follows:

Goal 8.A Provide a safe, cost effective and functional roadway and transportation system for all residents and visitors to the City of Valparaiso.

Objective 8.A.1 Continually provide for safe, convenient, efficient and cost effective motorized and non-motorized traffic circulation within the City by including regulations within the LDC (reference Policy 7.A.1.1) and implementing Policies 8.A.1.1 through 8.A.1.7, among others.

Policy 8.A.1.1 The City hereby adopts level of service C as the minimum operating level of service for local roads within the City.

Policy 8.A.1.2 All new developments, including but not limited to, planned unit developments, shopping centers, multi-family residential projects and other projects with internal circulation and parking needs shall be required to provide safe and convenient onsite traffic flow, labor intensive transportation facilities and sufficient vehicular parking to accommodate the needs of the development. Said provisions shall be delineated within the Land Development Code (reference Policy 7.A.1.1).

Policy 8.A.1.3 All new road construction projects within the City shall accommodate labor intensive transportation. Accommodation may include widening of shoulders, installation of signage, installation of sidewalk ramps at intersections, striping of roadways, etc.

Policy 8.A.1.4 The LDC shall address the control of connections and access points of driveways to arterials and collector roads to facilitate safe and efficient access. Regulations shall be included within the LDC to control the distance between new access points. The distance shall be not less than 500 feet.

Policy 8.A.1.5 Coordinated access routes (service roads) shall be encouraged for developments adjacent to major roadways within the City.

Policy 8.A.1.6 The LDC shall contain regulations which provide for all future developments to pay all costs and construct all roads within the development to City standards so that the roads, upon construction, may be accepted into the City's road system (reference Objective 14.A.4).

Policy 8.A.1.7 The City shall prioritize its maintenance and reconstruction activities pursuant to Policy 14.A.1.3 together with any cost/benefit analysis, traffic safety analysis and analysis of the physical conditions of the various roadways within the City. Said analyses may be performed by the City or others. If performed by others the manner and methods of analyses must be approved by the City.

Objective 8.A.2 Maintain the design function of roadways for present and future residents upon adoption of this Ordinance.

Policy 8.A.2.1 The following peak hour (100th highest hour) LOS standards for state and county roads within the City are hereby adopted:

John Sims Blvd from Eglin Entrance to SR 190-	LOS	E
John Sims Blvd from SR 190 to City Limits-	LOS	E
SR 190 from SR 85 to John Sims Blvd-	LOS	E
SR 85 from SR 190 to City Limits-	LOS	D
All other arterials and collector roads-	LOS	D

The above LOS standards were established in cooperation with the Florida DOT and the Fort Walton Beach MPO.

Policy 8.A.2.2 The City will include right-of-way protection provisions within the LDC (reference Policy 7.A.1.1).

Policy 8.A.2.3 The City will continue its periodic resurfacing and reconstruction projects to maintain and improve the roadways within the City and extend the useful life of such roadways. Drainage improvements will be made to rights-of-way in conjunction with the resurfacing or reconstruction of roadways.

Objective 8.A.3 Coordinate the traffic circulation system with the future land uses shown on the Future Land Use Map Series (Figures 7-1 through 7-3) upon adoption of this Ordinance.

Policy 8.A.3.1 All land use decisions shall be consistent with the Future Land Use Map (reference Figure 7-1) and the Traffic Circulation Maps (Figures 8-1 and 8-2).

Policy 8.A.3.2 The City shall continue its practice of providing or requiring the provision of labor intensive transportation facilities to link residential areas with recreational and commercial areas in a safe manner (reference Policies 8.A.1.2 and 8.A.1.3).

Policy 8.A.3.3 The committee appointed pursuant to Policy 14.A.3.6 shall include within its annual review, an analysis of the traffic volumes and systems and system demands in order to further monitor and identify impacts of new growth on the transportation and traffic circulation system of the City. The committee shall include within its reports, produced pursuant to Section 14.06 of this Ordinance, its analysis of said impacts.

Policy 8.A.3.4 The officials appointed pursuant to Section 6.07 of this Plan (or their designees) shall review all plans and proposals for development or redevelopment within the City by using the Future Land Use Map and the Future Traffic Circulation Maps adopted herein. The review shall include a determination of consistency with the maps. Note: The review is not limited to the map series but must include the map series.

Objective 8.A.4 Continually coordinate the City's decision making process with the plans and programs of the Fort Walton Beach MPO and the Florida DOT upon adoption of this Ordinance.

Policy 8.A.4.1 The City will participate in and cooperate with the preparation of the MPO's (FDOT) cost feasible plan.

Policy 8.A.4.2 The City will continue its active participation in and review of the Fort Walton Beach MPO plans and planning process in coordination with adjacent local governments and other public agencies and private organizations whose purpose is to implement the transportation, land use, parking and other provisions of the transportation element. The City's participation will include efforts to assure that needed projects within the City are included within the MPO and FDOT plans and that MPO recommendations and activities are consistent with this Ordinance.

Policy 8.A.4.3 The City will participate in and review the annual updates of the five (5) year construction plan (FDOT) to insure that activities of the City and the construction plan are consistent.

Policy 8.A.4.4 Participate in the development of the Five Year Transit Development Plan especially in the establishment of numerical indicators against which the achievement of the mobility goals of the community can be measured, such as modal split, annual transit trips per capita, and automobile occupancy rates.

Objective 8.A.5 The City shall provide for the protection of existing and future rights-of-way from encroachment by including regulations within the LDC (reference Policy 7.A.1.1) and implementing Policy 8.A.5.1.

Policy 8.A.5.1 The City shall continue to enforce Chapter 30 of the City Code (the Zoning Ordinance) and include said Ordinance within the LDC (reference Policies 7.A.1.1, 7.A.1.2, 7.A.7.2 and 8.A.2.2) Note: The Zoning Ordinance provides adequate setbacks along all area roadways, including state highways, so that existing rights-of-way are protected from building encroachment.

Objective 8.A.6 Minimize the need for construction of new highways through development of a Congestion Management System and identification of strategies to reduce travel demand. Encourage alternative modes of travel and implement traffic operations improvements.

Policy 8.A.6.1 Participate in the development of the Five Year Transit Development Plan and the MPO 2020 plan as they address establishment of transportation demand management programs to modify peak hour travel demand and reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled per capita within the community and region.

Policy 8.A.6.2 Participate in the development of the MPO 2020 plan as it addresses establishment of transportation system management strategies that are appropriate to improve system efficiency and enhance safety.