

I. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL #11 – Provide an efficient, safe, affordable, and accessible transportation system to all County residents.

Trip Generators

Objective 11.1 The County shall expand the existing public transportation system within the planning period. This shall be accomplished by expanding service hours, creating new terminals, purchase of additional buses, and establishing fixed service routes. All services shall be based upon existing and proposed major trip generators, the need for safe and convenient terminals and accommodating the needs of special segments of the population, such as the transportation disadvantaged.

Policy 11.1.1 The County shall implement Phase One of the Public Transportation Plan by:

- Establishment of an East-West fixed route within the County;
- Expansion of service hours
- Provision of sheltered bus stops
- Provision of a central transfer point to provide a more efficient transit system
- Expansion of the bus fleet to provide improved service to the public

Policy 11.1.2 The County shall implement Phase Two of the Public Transportation Plan by:

- Construction of new terminals in the Beverly Hills and Crystal River areas
- Establishment of a second East-West fixed route within the County
- Expansion of the bus fleet to provide improved service to the public

Policy 11.1.3 Private developments which provide parking for more than 250 vehicles shall install a bus stop facility at their site.

Policy 11.1.4 The County shall investigate various funding mechanisms, including impact fees, to finance the Public Transportation Plan.

Policy 11.1.5 The County shall continue its publicity campaign to attract additional riders through appropriate organization and media,

including but not limited to civic organizations, chambers of commerce, and public institutions.

Plan Coordination

- Objective 11.2 The County shall assure that its Public Transportation Plan, especially its plan for transportation disadvantaged people, is coordinated and consistent with the five-year Transportation Plan of the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Policy 11.2.1 Increase the level of transit service by 2030 so that all transportation disadvantaged individuals have increased access to the paratransit system within six to eight hours of requesting the service.
- Policy 11.2.2 Service on a non-fixed route basis shall be continued for transportation disadvantaged individuals not served by the fixed-route system.
- Policy 11.2.3 The County shall continue to provide transportation to the transportation disadvantaged at no-cost or reduced-cost through available State and Federal fare supplements.
- Policy 11.2.4 The County shall study the implementation of fixed route public transit systems within Planned Service Areas with particular emphasis on high density residential and mixed use developments.
- Policy 11.2.5 The County shall implement Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, establish a Designated Official Planning Agency for Citrus County, organize a Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and nominate a Community Transportation Coordinator for appointment by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.