MONITORING & EVALUATION OF THE ORLANDO GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Monitoring & Evaluation Section identifies monitoring, updating and evaluation procedures to be followed in the preparation of the required evaluation and appraisal process for the Growth Management Plan.

Citizen Participation in the Monitoring and Evaluation Process

Public participation in the monitoring, updating and evaluation of this Growth Management Plan (GMP) will consist of opportunities for review and comment by the general public and by citizens groups and special interests, as well as review by the Local Planning Agency and adoption by the City Council.

Procedures used for this public participation process will be generally similar to those described in the public participation document of this GMP; however, the Land Planning Agency shall review the procedures and recommend any modifications to them prior to the commencement of updating and evaluation of the Plan.

Updating of Baseline Data

The first step in the periodic monitoring, updating and evaluation of the GMP is the updating of baseline data. The City’s growth projections report will be used to establish baseline data and future projections. The City has a well-established methodology that is fully described in the report. Results are compared to data collected by the US Census and the Florida Bureau of Economic Research.

Accomplishments, Obstacles and Problems Updating Analysis and Support Documents

The second step in the update is updating the Plan’s analytical sections. This review will include an evaluation of new data collected, and updating needed sections of the support documents to reflect those changes. Analysis of new topics may also be added as needed.

Following the analytical update and based on its findings, the third step in the update will be the re-evaluation and revision of the adopted Level of Service (LOS) standards of the GMP, if needed.

New or Modified Goals, Objectives and Policies

The final step in the monitoring, updating and evaluation of the GMP will be the preparation of new or modified goals, objectives and policies needed to reflect new data and analysis. This final step builds on the update of the baseline data and projections, the analytical update and the recommended revised LOS standards.

Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation of the Plan

The monitoring and evaluation of the Growth Management Plan following its adoption does not occur just once during the planning period. Rather, it is a continuous process with many points
at which individual goals, objectives and policies can be re-evaluated and amended on a case-by-case basis, and which culminates with the major update of the Plan resulting from the evaluation and appraisal process.

Three kinds of continuous monitoring and evaluation are particularly important. First, amendments to GMP goals, objectives and policies and the Future Land Use Map may be made by the City Council as needed. Amendment applications may be made either by the public in order to accommodate the needs of property owners, citizen groups or special interests, or by the City itself as a result of its on-going monitoring and evaluation of the Plan’s effectiveness.

Second, the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) is reviewed and updated on an annual basis to reflect projects needed to maintain the City’s adopted level of service standards. Thus, the annual CIE review serves to continually monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of those aspects of the GMP related to LOS standards and capital projects implementation.

Third, the City is maintains a Concurrency Management System. The Concurrency Management System determines the availability of capacity and monitor the impact new development will have on the provision of service for the following public facilities: transit, sewer, potable water, solid waste, stormwater and parks. A concurrency determination will be required for all final development approvals. Sewer and parks will require a concurrency determination before a final development permit can be issued; while transit, stormwater, potable water and solid waste Level of Service standards will be reviewed for capacity availability and provision of service on an annual basis. An Annual Capacity Report will be prepared at the end of each year which addresses the City’s ability to achieve and maintain adopted Level of Service standards for each public facility and the availability of capacity and provision of service for the upcoming year.

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