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Prime Consultant for the Development of a Mobility Plan & Mobility Fee

Client: Walton County Planning and Development

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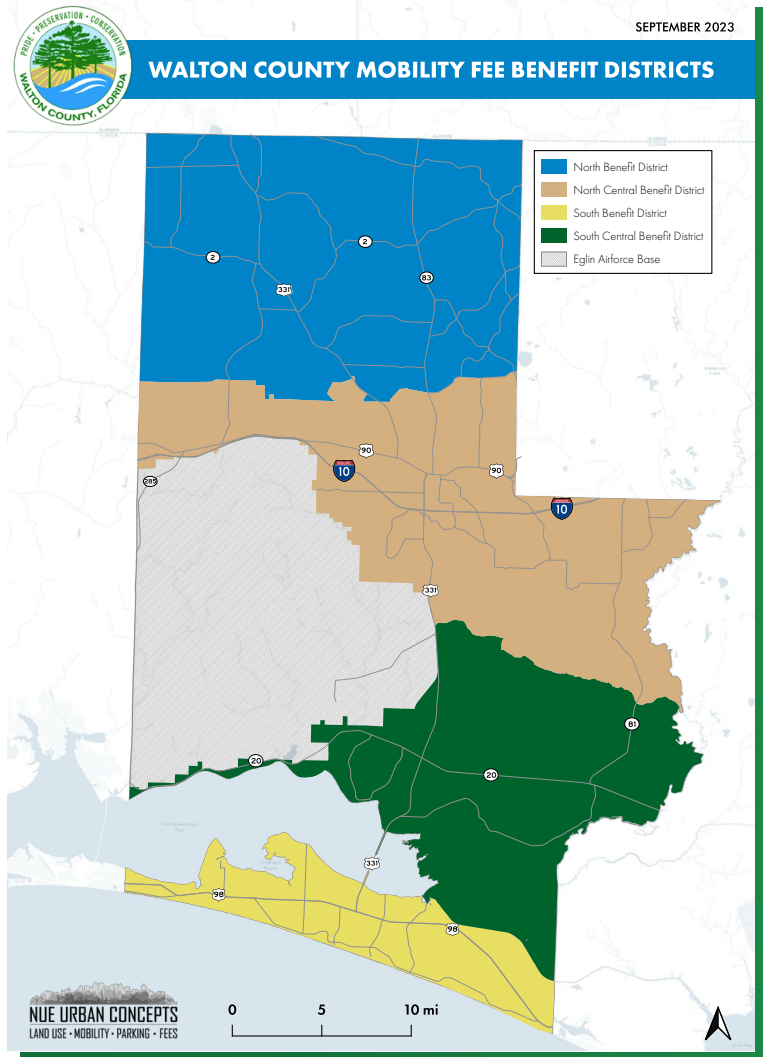
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Project Duration:	Status:	Year Adopted:	Cost:
3 years	Completed	2023	\$550,000

The Mobility Cohort worked with Walton County to develop a comprehensive Mobility Plan that was adopted in 2021 and incorporated into the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Mobility Plan established a multimodal framework that accommodates micromobility and microtransit options, including e-scooters, e-bikes, golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, and autonomous transit shuttles. A key objective was to support a “park once” environment through strategically located mobility hubs and parking facilities to improve access to beaches and mixed-use destinations such as Seaside, Alys Beach, and Rosemary Beach.

The Plan identified major roadway and multimodal improvements, including proposed widening of US 98, SR 20, US 331, US 90, and alternatives for SR 85 or US 331 north of DeFuniak Springs, along with shared-use paths and multi-use trails to create a regional multimodal network and improve access management. The heavily traveled 30A corridor was a central focus, requiring extensive analysis of right-of-way constraints and development of more than 100 cross-sections to reflect the corridor’s diverse contexts, particularly through Seaside and other iconic coastal communities.

StreetLight data was used to model local and external travel patterns, and significant effort was devoted to refining travel demand analysis, accounting for major developments, and updating the County’s CMS database. While a draft Mobility Fee was prepared, funding challenges and community concerns shifted the emphasis to ensuring adoption of the Mobility Plan for inclusion in the 2045 LRTP.



Later in 2023, NUE Urban Concepts worked with the County to update the Mobility Plan and adopt a Mobility Fee based on the 2045 Mobility Plan. The Mobility Fee was developed to allow the municipalities of DeFuniak Springs, Freeport, and Paxton to participate in the County’s Mobility Fee through interlocal agreements. ■

