

Gulf Breeze Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) Policy Update

City of Gulf Breeze - Traffic Calming Committee

Meeting Agenda

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Traffic Calming Committee Policy and Guidelines
- ▶ Multi-Use/Shared Use Pathway Discussion
 - ▶ Current Conditions
 - ▶ State Law
 - ▶ Proposed Ordinance
- ▶ Questions / Comments from the Public

Policy and Guidelines

Initiation:

- Requests can come from residents, City Council, Police, or staff.
- Residents submit a questionnaire identifying traffic concerns.

Evaluation:

- City reviews the request and defines the affected street segment.
- Traffic data (speed, volume, peak times) is collected and analyzed.

Plan Development:

- If warranted, a traffic calming plan is developed with public input.
- Solutions may include:
 - **Immediate:** enforcement, signage, temporary devices.
 - **Long-term:** permanent construction like speed humps or road narrowing.

Petition and Approval:

- Residents must obtain 85% approval via petition for long-term solutions.
- Cost sharing may apply: City pays 50%, residents pay 50%.

Implementation:

- Upon approval and funding, City designs and installs measures.

Monitoring and Adjustment:

- Effectiveness is evaluated post-installation.
- Removal may occur after 12 months with 85% petition support or changed conditions.

Current Conditions

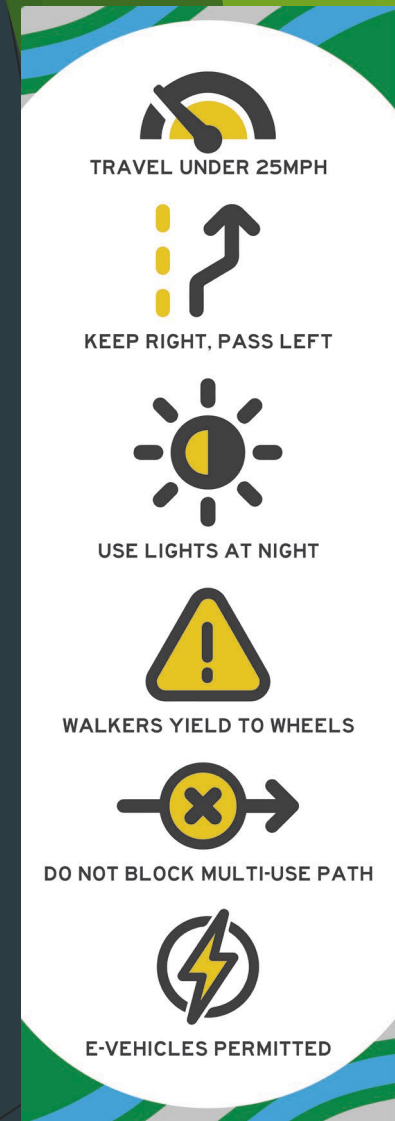
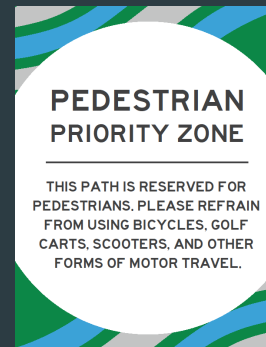
- ▶ Original Objective

- ▶ Install a ± 4 -mile multi-use and/or shared use pathway (“The Loop”) along Shoreline/Fairpoint Drives to **separate wheeled users from pedestrians**, enhancing safety and connectivity.



Current Conditions Cont..

- Signage: Directional signs, speed limits, crosswalk and stop sign enforcement
- Usage: Bicycles, EPAMDs (Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices), LSVs, scooters, mopeds, golf carts, Micromobility, UTV, ATV, etc.
- Challenges: Speed variance, pedestrian conflicts, sidewalk misuse, Confusion over ROW.
- Concerns: Underage drivers, improper use on City property (e.g., Shoreline Park)
- PD Report: Recent stops involving improper MUP use



State Law

- ▶ E-Bikes (§316.20655): 3 classes, treated like bicycles, allowed on MUP/sidewalk unless restricted through Ordinance
- ▶ Micromobility (§316.2128): Scooters, Hoverboards, Segways, Electric Skateboards, Etc.
 - ▶ ≤ 20 mph, same rights/duties as bicyclists
 - ▶ Local ordinance authority to regulate operation on sidewalks, streets
- ▶ LSVs & Golf Carts (§320.01):
 - ▶ LSVs: 20-25 mph, licensed/titled/insured, road use ≤ 35 mph
- ▶ Golf Carts: ≤ 20 mph,
 - ▶ registered with city, prohibited for under age 15
- ▶ Golf Carts/LSVs subject to DUI and open container laws
- ▶ Golf Carts must yield to vehicles/pedestrians, obey all traffic signs



State Law Cont..

- ▶ Walkers: (F.S. 316.130) Sidewalk is preferred, MUP use not prohibited \Bicycles: MUP preferred, but allowed on sidewalks/roadways (F.S. 316.2065)
- ▶ Non-Compliant Use: ATVs, UTVs, mopeds >25mph, pocket bikes, custom motorized devices >25mph - prohibited on public property
- ▶ **HB 567 Strengthened local control:** Municipalities can now adopt ordinances governing operation on streets, sidewalks, and shared paths



Proposed Ordinance

Vehicle Classification & Access Rules

- ▶ Allowed on MUP: bicycles, Class 1-3 e-bikes, micromobility devices ≤ 20 mph, EPAMDs (Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices), Pedestrians
- ▶ Prohibited: ATVs, pocket bikes, high-speed mopeds, UTVs, High Speed Custom Devices

Use Zone and Enforceable Signage

- ▶ Clearly defined signage for MUP, sidewalks, crosswalks
- ▶ Speed limits for MUP users
- ▶ Enhanced crosswalk visibility & enforcement
- ▶ Enforce prohibition of all wheeled transportation on sidewalks; allow cross at designated points. (prohibit Bikes)
- ▶ City Property Uses (Shoreline Park)
- ▶ Parking in Undesignated Areas



Proposed Ordinance Cont..

Equipment & Operational Requirements

- ▶ **All motorized users:** helmet and lights per state requirements; visible ID or label for classification.
- ▶ Under 16 Helmet Requirements for all uses
- ▶ **LSVs:** must be titled, insured, and operated by licensed drivers per §320.01/§316.2122.
- ▶ Golf Cart must City Registration

Education & Enforcement

- ▶ Develop a public awareness campaign (online maps, handouts, signage, social media explaining permitted devices, safe passing, right-of-way).
- ▶ Partner with PD to regularly patrol. Issue civil penalties (e.g., \$50-\$150 + confiscation) for violations.
- ▶ Ordinance to align with Florida law while addressing unique local conditions.

Periodic Review & Updates

- ▶ Annual review process to reassess vehicle types and safety outcomes.
- ▶ Adapt ordinance for emerging device classes (e.g., delivery robots, e-UTVs).



Thank you

Questions/Comments?

- ▶ Fill out Traffic Calming Questionnaire on the City Web Page
- ▶ Fill out provided paper form
- ▶ Email Cchamberlin@gulfbreezefl.gov
- ▶ Call 850-934-5109

*Staff will review public input during the development of a proposed ordinance to be presented to the City Council on July 21st



THE LOOP



**Golf Cart
Approved
Streets &
Pathways**

LEGEND

-  Prohibited
-  The Loop
-  Allowed
-  Determined by HOA