

**RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
URBAN PLANNING DIVISION
STAFF REPORT**

Comprehensive Plan 23-T1: Capital Improvements Element

I. Item Summary

The amendment proposes changes to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan’s Capital Improvements Element (CIE) to streamline the process required for the annual CIE update.

Commission District	All
Application/Agent	Urban Planning Division
Proposed modifications	Amends the Broward County Comprehensive Plan’s CIE Goal, Objectives CI1 and CI5, and Policies CI1.1, CI5.1, CI5.7, CI1.13, and CI1.14.
Effect of Proposed Change	Streamlines the process required to annually update the CIE.
Comprehensive Plan Consistency	Consistent

II. Staff Recommendation

The Broward County Resilient Environment Department Urban Planning Division staff recommends that the Local Planning Agency find the proposed ordinance consistent with the Broward County Comprehensive Plan and recommend that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed ordinance.

III. Background.

Pursuant to Florida’s Community Planning Act, found in Chapter 163.3164, Florida Statutes, the comprehensive plan must contain a CIE. It must consider the need for, and the location of public facilities, in order to encourage the efficient use of such facilities. Pursuant to Chapter 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes, the CIE must be reviewed by the local government on an annual basis. Modifications to update the 5-year capital improvement schedule may be accomplished by ordinance and may not be deemed to be amendments to the local comprehensive plan. The CIE must include, among other things:

- A schedule of capital improvements which includes any publicly funded projects of federal, state, or local government.
- Projects necessary to ensure that adopted level-of-service standards are achieved and maintained for at least a 5-year period.
- Transportation improvements included in the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Improvement Program.

IV. Description of Amendments.

The proposed amendment adds web links to the CIE for the Broward County and Metropolitan Planning Organization schedules of capital improvements. As required by Chapter 163.3164, Florida Statutes, the CIE will continue to be reviewed annually and

updates to the Support Document or amendments to the GOPs will be completed each year as needed.

V. Data and Analysis.

The annual update to the CIE is currently a labor-intensive process. It involves extracting lengthy data tables adopted as part of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program and Broward County's budget, and incorporating them into the CIE. Chapter 163.3177(1)(b), Florida Statutes, provides that a local government may include, as part of its adopted plan, documents adopted by reference but not incorporated verbatim into the plan. The adoption by reference must identify the title and author of the document and indicate clearly what provisions and edition of the document is being adopted.

The addition of web links to the CIE will:

- Reduce staff time dedicated to a primarily ministerial process to ensure the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 163.3177(3)(b).
- Provides for the CIE to be current as possible.

The Urban Planning Division staff consulted with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity when drafting the proposed amendment language. Consistent with state statute, staff will continue to review the CIE on an annual basis.

VI. Attachments.

Attachment A: Proposed Amendment