

# 2040 WALTON COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN

## CREATING A PARK-ONCE ENVIRONMENT

### PARKING & MOBILITY HUBS: 30A & SCENIC HWY 98

#### Introduction

The future of mobility will be one where the focus is on the movement of people: not just cars. Creating an environment where people feel safe, find it convenient, and have the choice to walk, bicycle, scoot, ride an autonomous transit shuttle or drive a golf cart to move around the community is a vision of the draft Walton County 2040 Mobility Plan. Achieving that vision will not happen overnight; it will be an iterative process that involves land use, transportation, parking, and funding. The reality is that Walton County and its beach communities are destinations with most visitors arriving by car and they need a place to park.

An essential component to reimagining the future of mobility on 30A and Scenic Hwy 98 will be creating a **park-once environment** where employees, visitors, and County residents (who do not live along 30A or Scenic 98) will **park** their cars at a regional or community **mobility hub** and use some other form of transportation (walk, bike, golf cart, autonomous transit shuttles, etc) to access curbside and neighborhood **mobility hubs** located at various destinations along 30A and Scenic Hwy 98: such as Seaside or Seascape.

#### Mobility Hubs (Attachment A)

Mobility hubs are proposed locations where three or more ways (modes) to travel (walk, bike, ride microtransit, etc) meet at a safe and convenient area, with various levels of amenities such as covered waiting areas and charging stations for electric devices, and switch modes of travel to reach their destination (e.g., bicycle to a neighborhood mobility hub, park the bicycle in a secure covered area, and walk to the beach). There are four (4) types of **mobility hubs** proposed as part of the 2040 Mobility Plan: **Regional, Community, Neighborhood, and Curbside**.

**Regional and Community Mobility Hubs** will provide parking for cars and will be served or have access to some combination of bicycles, micromobility devices (electric-bicycles {e-bikes}, electric-scooters {e-scooters}, Segways, etc), microtransit (golf carts, autonomous transit shuttles, low speed vehicles (LSVs), etc), transit and trolleys, rideshare services (Uber, Lyft, etc) and carshare services (Zipcar, Rentals, etc). Regional Mobility Hubs feature parking garages and Community Mobility Hubs feature surface car parking, with the option to provide garages.

**Neighborhood and Curbside Mobility Hubs** will serve modes of travel other than driving a personal car: no parking for cars will be provided. These hubs will provide parking for bicycles and micromobility devices, along with covered drop-off / pick-up areas served by microtransit circulators and rideshare services. These hubs will be located to provide safe and convenient access to Regional / Neighborhood Beach Access and destinations along 30A, Scenic 98 and US 98. Access will be provided by micromobility devices and microtransit that will run along 30A and Scenic Hwy 98, ideally on their own dedicated lanes, and will and connect to **Regional and Community Mobility Hubs**.

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Achieving a **park-once environment** will require the County to do the following:

- !! Construct **mobility hubs** on parcels of land that the County has already acquired;
- !! Purchase additional land along 30A, Scenic Hwy 98, and US Hwy 98;
- !! Pursue public/private partnerships for land along 30A, Scenic Hwy 98, and US Hwy 98; and
- !! Where land is not available, construct curbside mobility hubs within existing right-of-way.

## Amenities at Mobility Hubs (Attachment B)

The amenities offered at each mobility hub will vary based on need, location, and the size of the parcel(s) on which the mobility hubs would be located. The amenities to be offered at each hub will assist the County in determining which parcels of land should be acquired for future mobility hubs and assist the County with preparing context sensitive design for each mobility hub.

## Proposed Mobility Hub Locations (See Mobility Plan Maps)

- !! **Regional Mobility Hubs** are intended to facilitate park-once environments where cars park in a multi-level garage and then use bicycles, micromobility devices, microtransit, car and ride share programs to access Community, Curbside, and Neighborhood Mobility Hubs. There are three (3) proposed Regional Mobility Hubs:

- (1) **30A Regional Mobility Hub @ Grayton Beach;**
- (2) **General Vicinity of the US 98 and Scenic 98 intersection; and**
- (3) **Watersound Origins north of US 98 at Watersound Parkway.**

- !! **Community Mobility Hubs** are intended to initially provide surface parking for cars, micromobility and microtransit and use micromobility devices, microtransit circulators, carshare, and rideshare to access **Curbside & Neighborhood Mobility Hubs** and connect to **Regional Mobility Hubs**. There are eight (8) proposed **Community Mobility Hubs**:

- (1) **Miramar Beach on County property on Driftwood Drive, north of Scenic 98;**
- (2) **Gulf Place on County property at CR 393, north of 30A;**
- (3) **Blue Mountain Beach in the vicinity of the intersection of CR 83 and 30A;**
- (4) **Seagrove Beach in the vicinity of the intersection of CR 395 and 30A;**
- (5) **Inlet Beach, north of US 98, in the vicinity of the 30A intersection;**
- (6) **South Walton County Center on the west side of US 331;**
- (7) **Walton County Sports Complex, north of US 98; and**
- (8) **General Vicinity of the US 98 and future Westbay Parkway intersection;**

- !! **Neighborhood Mobility Hubs** are proposed at destinations and beach access along 30A, Scenic 98 and US 98

- !! **Curbside mobility hubs** are intended as a quick and interim measure or where land is not available for a neighborhood mobility hub.

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## Attachment A Mobility Hubs



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## Attachment B Amenities at Mobility Hubs

