

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT
Goal, Objectives and Policies

City of Avon Park Comprehensive Plan
Adopted December 26, 1990

GOAL: **Provide a safe, efficient and cost effective traffic circulation system for the residents of Avon Park.**

Objective 1:

To provide a safe, convenient and efficient transportation system, Avon Park shall establish a level of service standard for peak hour traffic for all roadways within its jurisdiction, and shall, in the City's land development regulations, set forth criteria to manage direct arterial access. [9J-5.007(3)(b)1]

Policy 1.1: Avon Park establishes the following peak hour level of service standards for roadways within its jurisdiction: [9J-5.007(3)(c)1]

1. Principal Arterials- C
2. Minor Arterials- D
3. Urban Collectors- D
4. Other Local Streets- D

Policy 1.2: By July 1, 1992, Avon Park shall coordinate with Highlands County and the Florida Department of Transportation to establish a traffic counting program for collector roadways. [9J-5.007(3)(c)1]

Policy 1.3: Upon completion of the traffic counting program, Avon Park shall use the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual to determine operating levels of service on collector roadways. [9J-5.007(3)(c)1]

Policy 1.4: Beginning July 1, 1991, Avon Park shall review all new development proposals to ensure that the impacts of proposed development do not exceed the established level of service standards for Avon Park's roadways. [9J-5.007(3)(c)1]

Policy 1.5: Avon Park shall include in its land development regulations measures that control access onto arterial and collector roadways. Shared access and frontage/back lot parallel access roads shall be required where possible. [9J-5.007(3)(c)2]

Policy 1.6: Avon Park shall cooperate with Highlands County and the Florida Department of Transportation in a technical access study of the U.S. 27 corridor.

[9J-5.007(3)(c)2]

- Policy 1.7: Upon completion of the technical access study of the U.S. 27 corridor, Avon Park shall adopt regulations that establish direct driveway and roadway access spacing and design criteria and intersection spacing regulations. Relevant Florida Department of Transportation Access Management Standards, pursuant to Chapter 338, F.S., shall be incorporated into local regulations. [9J-5.007(3)(c)2]
- Policy 1.8: By July 1, 1991, land development regulations shall include criteria for on-site traffic flow and vehicle parking needs. On-site traffic flow criteria shall be consistent with access management criteria regarding direct access to arterial and collector roadways.
- Policy 1.9: By July 1, 1992, Avon Park shall determine if Castle Road is improperly delineated as a Truck Route. If Castle Road is improperly marked, the City shall correct its designation.

Objective 2:

Avon Park shall, on an ongoing basis, cooperate and coordinate with Highlands County and the Florida Department of Transportation to manage projected capacity impacts along Federal, State, County and City owned roadways. The City shall coordinate the traffic circulation system within the City limits with the Florida Department of Transportation Five-Year Work Schedule. [9J-5.007(3)(b)3]

- Policy 2.1: By July 1, 1993, Avon Park shall coordinate with Highlands County and FDOT to implement a roadway improvement program that minimizes truck and other traffic related noise and pollution, and considers the need for on-site parking and traffic flow for motorized and non-motorized vehicles for parcels along sections of U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 64 that pass through the City. [9J-5.007(3)(c)2/3]

Policy 2.2: Avon Park shall annually review the Traffic Circulation Element and Florida Department of Transportation's Five-Year Work Schedule to ensure consistency. Avon Park shall notify the Department of Transportation of any apparent inconsistencies, and shall work with the Department to resolve any discrepancies. [9J-5.007(3)(c)3]

- Policy 2.3: Avon Park supports the formation of a county-wide transportation

Objective 3:

By July 1, 1991, Avon Park shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation to adopt regulations which protect existing and future arterial rights-of-way from building

encroachment. [9J-5.007(3)(b)4]

Policy 3.1: Consistent with the Future Land Use Map and Future Traffic Circulation Map, new development that adjoins a planned or scheduled new roadway or roadway expansion will be required to dedicate right-of-way, where applicable, to maintain the established Level of Service Standard. [9J-5.007(3)(c)4]

Policy 3.2: To preserve right-of-way for roadway expansion, Avon Park shall include in its land development regulations necessary setback provisions. The City, through right-of-way preservation regulations, shall protect the U.S. 27 corridor within its jurisdiction. The City's right-of-way regulations shall be amended, as necessary, to reflect relevant Florida Department of Transportation Rights-of-Way Protection Standards for the State Highway System. The City shall participate in traffic engineering studies, funded by the Florida Department of Transportation and/or development interests, to assist in the determination of appropriate right-of-way needs for U.S. 27 within Avon Park. [9J-5.007(3)(c)4]

Objective 4:

On adoption of the Avon Park Comprehensive Plan, the City's zoning regulations and site plan review processes will be used to ensure that the traffic circulation system within the City limits is coordinated with future land uses. [9J-5.007(3)(b)2]

Policy 4.1: When changes are proposed to Avon Park's traffic circulation system, the appropriateness of the change will be viewed in the context of the Future Land Use Map and established level of service standards. [9J-5.007(3)(c)1]

Policy 4.2: Development approvals shall ensure the availability of roadway capacities and the maintenance of established levels of service.

Objective 5:

By July 1, 1991, Avon Park shall provide for convenient and efficient non-motorized transportation by incorporating bicycle and pedestrian ways in the planning of local transportation facility improvements. [9J-5.007(3)(b)1]

Policy 5.1: Avon Park shall include in its land development regulations criteria for the construction and dedication of sidewalks and/or bicycle paths where pedestrian traffic exists or can reasonably be anticipated to exist in the future. Local regulations regarding bikeways along the State highway system shall reflect criteria of the Florida Department of Transportation Bicycle Standard Design

Manual. [9J-5.007(3)(c)5]

Policy 5.2: Avon Park shall implement a program that inventories and prioritizes sidewalk construction and repair. [9J-5.007(3)(c)5]

Policy 5.3: Avon Park shall cooperate with the Highlands County School System to ensure that new schools, parks and playgrounds provide pedestrian access. [9J-5.007(3)(c)5]

Policy 5.4: The development of new pedestrian ways shall be designed to be accessible to handicapped persons. [9J-5.007(3)(c)5]

MAPS IN THIS ELEMENT:

Map 6, Future Traffic Circulation, Functional Classifications, City of Avon Park: 2000

Map 7, Future Traffic Circulation, Number of Traffic Lanes, City of Avon Park: 2000