

## 8. Transportation

**Goal:** Encourage reliable funding for a safe and efficient regional transportation system that includes public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports. A key component of this goal is the desire to attract a second airline to Valdosta Airport.

### Policies

8.1 Bike and pedestrian transportation infrastructure should be built and promoted, as identified in developed plans, which link schools, neighborhoods, and activity centers, as well as planned transit services that attract residents and tourists for healthy alternative modes of transportation. The community should continue to be made increasingly bicycle and pedestrian friendly, while promoting economic development through scenic tourism.

8.2 Newly constructed, reconfigured, or retrofitted roadways should reflect NACTO (National Association of City Transportation Officials) standards of aesthetics, environmental stewardship, and urban design; and should fully accommodate multiple functions, including pedestrians, parking, alternative modes of transportation, and vehicular circulation.

8.3 Stakeholders and those affected by local transportation projects should be provided with early notification, and the public should be provided with opportunities to become involved in project goals, timelines, and information throughout the duration of each project.

8.4 Awareness through various forms (maps, brochures, etc.) about cycling, walking, sharing the road, public health, and planned transit services should be encouraged, especially to local schools and universities.

8.5 Walking, biking, and accessible public transit should be considered viable and sustainable forms of transportation supported through appropriate land use and infrastructure decisions.

8.6 Safety should be improved for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists throughout the entire community through infrastructure improvements (bike lanes, traffic calming, etc.), education, and enforcement efforts.

8.7 Efforts should be made to reduce crashes resulting in injury and loss of life through education programs and improvements at identified intersections.

8.8 Speed limits should be enforced.

8.9 Pedestrian-friendly design should be employed, especially in areas with high pedestrian traffic.

8.10 Traffic calming measures should be employed where appropriate, especially in areas with congestion or high pedestrian traffic.