



February 23, 2024

Via Electronic Mail Delivery

The Honorable Debbie Mayfield
Florida Senate
400 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: SB 688 Alternative Mobility Funding Systems
02/26/24 Agenda, Senate Rules Committee

Dear Chair Mayfield:

The Florida League of Cities (“League”) offers the following comments to you and the members of the Senate Rules Committee in support of SB 688 relating to alternative mobility funding systems. The League respectfully requests the Senate Rules Committee’s favorable consideration of SB 688 on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Transportation concurrency is the method used by local governments to fund necessary public facilities and services required to be in place to support and serve new development. One method of funding local government transportation concurrency requirements is through the adoption and imposition of impact fees on new development. In 2013, the Legislature created an alternative to impact fees with the creation of mobility plans and fees as an encouraged alternative to transportation concurrency.

Mobility fees were established by the Legislature to provide developers a simplified alternative to transportation concurrency, proportionate share and road impact fees. Therefore, a mobility fee is charged in lieu of an impact fee. Current law provides little guidance specific to mobility plans and lacks necessary definitions of mobility fees and mobility plans. SB 688 seeks to remedy this lack of clarity. SB 688 simply provides the following:

- The bill provides definitions for “mobility fee” and “mobility plan” to be used within the Community Planning Act.
- In the scenario where both a county and a municipality charge new development for transportation impacts, the bill prohibits local governments from charging twice for the same transportation impacts.



- The bill will require cities and counties to work together in addressing the traffic needs of new development by entering interlocal agreements.
- The bill will require local government interlocal agreements to have the local government issuing a building permit to a new development to be the sole entity imposing a fee for their traffic impacts.

Absent additional legislative guidance, city ordinances on mobility plans and mobility fees are subject to attack over differing legal interpretations of the current state statute. Therefore, the League supports SB 688 to provide clear guidelines for the creation and adoption of mobility plans and mobility fees.

The League respectfully requests your favorable support of SB 688. Thank you for your consideration of the League's comments. Please contact me if you have any questions at dcruz@flcities.com or 850.701.3676.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the Senate Rules Committee