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Public hearings continue on comprehensive plan changes

Sarasota County commissioners will conduct a second round of public hearings on proposed amendments to the county's comprehensive plan at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Commission Chamber, County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

The third and final public hearings will take place Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber, Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.

During the Nov. 10 public hearing, commissioners will take public comments and consider the following proposed amendments, which will affect several chapters of the comprehensive plan:

- Amending policies and updating tables regarding significant local roads, which are used to achieve the county's mobility goals.
- Amending and updating policies, tables and maps regarding the county's adopted roadway level of service standards, consistent with state growth management laws.
- Amending transit objectives, policies and maps to incorporate transit level of service policies as a means to assess the Sarasota County Area Transit service and conform to the Florida Department of Transportation's Transit Quality of Service Applications Guide.

Proposed changes to the comprehensive plan that commissioners will consider in the later public hearings include:

- Adding a policy and a map recognizing the Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway and the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway
- Amending policies regarding the water supply plan
- Expanding the boundaries of the Englewood Town Center on the Future Land Use Map

For more information, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Planning Services, or visit www.scgov.net and click the button for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Updates located at the bottom of the Web page.