



City of Sanibel Transportation Master Plan

Steering Committee Meeting
March 18, 2026



Staff and Team Introductions



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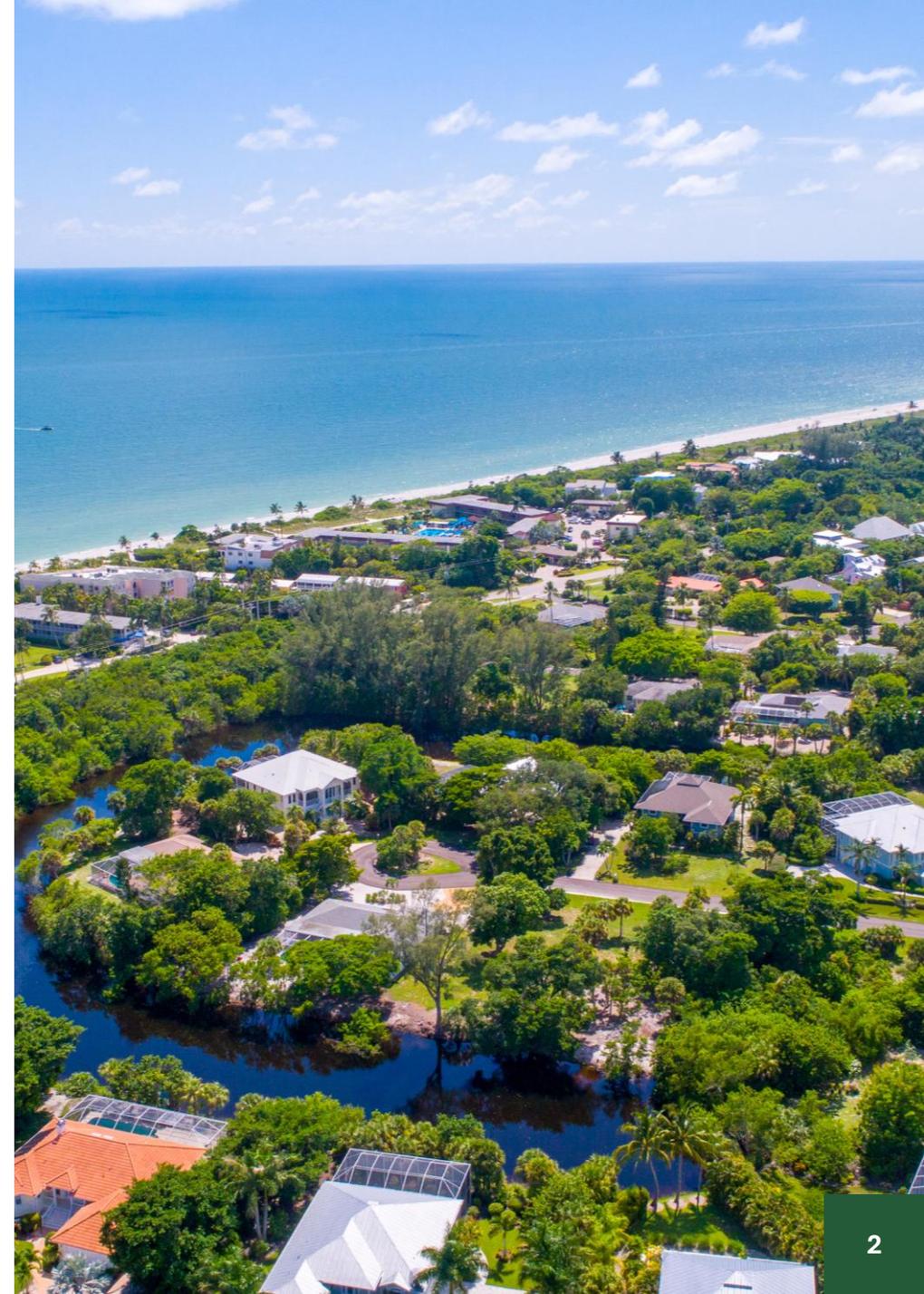
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Public Involvement Status

- **Recap of Focus Group Interviews**
 - Focus Group 1
 - Focus Group 2
 - Focus Group 3
 - Focus Group 4
- **Preview Workshop Format**

Focus Group Interviews

Committee of the Islands (COTI) - Monday,
February 9, 2026, 3 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

**Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
(SCCF)** –Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 8:30 A.M. -
10 A.M.

Sanibel Bike Club –Tuesday, February 10, 2026,
10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce –
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Focus Group Interviews

Purpose

Gather community feedback on concerns, challenges, and opportunities that will shape Sanibel's future

Who Participated

Community members representing diverse backgrounds, experiences, and roles across Sanibel

Focus Group Interviews

Key Themes Discussed

- Transportation and quality-of-life considerations
- Alignment with Sanibel's Sanctuary Vision
- Environmental protection
- Mobility and Safety
- Multi-use path conditions
- Traffic congestion
- Visibility and lighting
- Wildlife–vehicle mortality

Focus Group Interviews

What Happens Next

The project team will analyze all feedback, identify patterns and priorities, and develop recommendations for City Council and the Planning Commission to consider for inclusion in the Sanibel Transportation Master Plan.

Focus Group One

Committee of the Islands (COTI)

William Millar
February 9, 2026
3 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Seven (7) Group Representatives: William Millar, Paula Friedman, Paul Harvey, Allan Antley, Mitch Koppleman, Bud Reinhold and Jeff Blackman

Group Moderators: Ned Baier, Mellisa Martin, Chris Zuppa and Craig Chandler

Key Take Aways:

- Environmental concerns and protecting natural resources
- Improving mobility on and off the island
- Interest in reversible lanes on the Causeway
- Interest in golf-cart pull-off areas
- Openness to water taxi / ferry service
- Concerns about a roundabout
- Wildlife mortality issues on San/Captiva Road
- Opposition to speed humps
- Opposition to scooters

Focus Group Two

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)

James Evans

February 10, 2026

8:30 A.M. - 10 A.M

One (1) Group Representative: James Evans

Group Moderators: Ned Baier and Mellisa Martin

Key Take Aways:

- Wildlife Preservation and Coastal Protection
- Beach Carrying Capacity and Wildlife Impacts
- Improving mobility on and off the island
- Interest in Reversible Lanes on the Causeway
- Interest in Golf Cart Pull-Off areas
- Casaybel Intersection Concerns
- Tarpon Bay Road access challenges
- Wildlife mortality on San/Captiva Road Concerns
- Opposition to Electric Bikes on Multi-Use Paths
- Opposition to Scooters
- Opposition to Water Taxi or Ferry Service

Focus Group Three

Sanibel Bike Club

Jim Meyer

February 10, 2026

10:30 A.M. - 12:00

P.M.

Three (3) Group Representatives: Jim Meyer, Jim Metzler and David Liscinsky

Group Moderators: Ned Baier and Mellisa Martin

Key Take Aways:

- Safety of Multi-use Paths
- Need for Improved lighting along Multi-use Paths
- Need a formal biking accident reporting process
- Interest in Reversible Lanes on the Causeway
- Interest in dedicated bike lane on the Causeway
- Interest in Golf Cart Pull-Off areas
- Interest in Island Inn Road as a dedicated Multi-use Path or bicycle path
- Interest in Electric circulating trolley
- Opposition to widening roads
- Concerned about Narrow bike lanes
- Opposition to Electric Bikes on Multi-Use Paths

Focus Group Four

Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce

Evelyn Stewart

February 10, 2026

1:30 P.M. - 3 P.M.

Three (3) Group Representatives: Evelyn Stewart, Katy A. Forret, David B. Lowden and Bill Wellman

Group Moderators: Ned Baier, Mellisa Martin and Craig Chandler

Key Take Aways:

- Relocating Multi-use Path behind businesses
- Interest in cross-access between businesses
- Interest in Golf Cart Pull-Off areas
- Mixed perspectives on a circulating trolley
- Improved visibility needed at Rabbit Road & San-Captiva intersection
- Visibility concern at Jerry's and Dixie Beach intersection
- Lack of traffic control along Periwinkle
- Opposition to Ferry or Water Taxi Service

Public Workshop Update

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Welcome: Bill Millar, Chairman of the Steering Committee

Presentation: Ned Baier, AICP, and Chris Zuppa, AICP, Volkert, Inc.

In Person:

Sanibel Community House
2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel,

Hybrid:

Link: <https://bit.ly/3Mbwww>



**We want
your input!**

Send comments/questions to:

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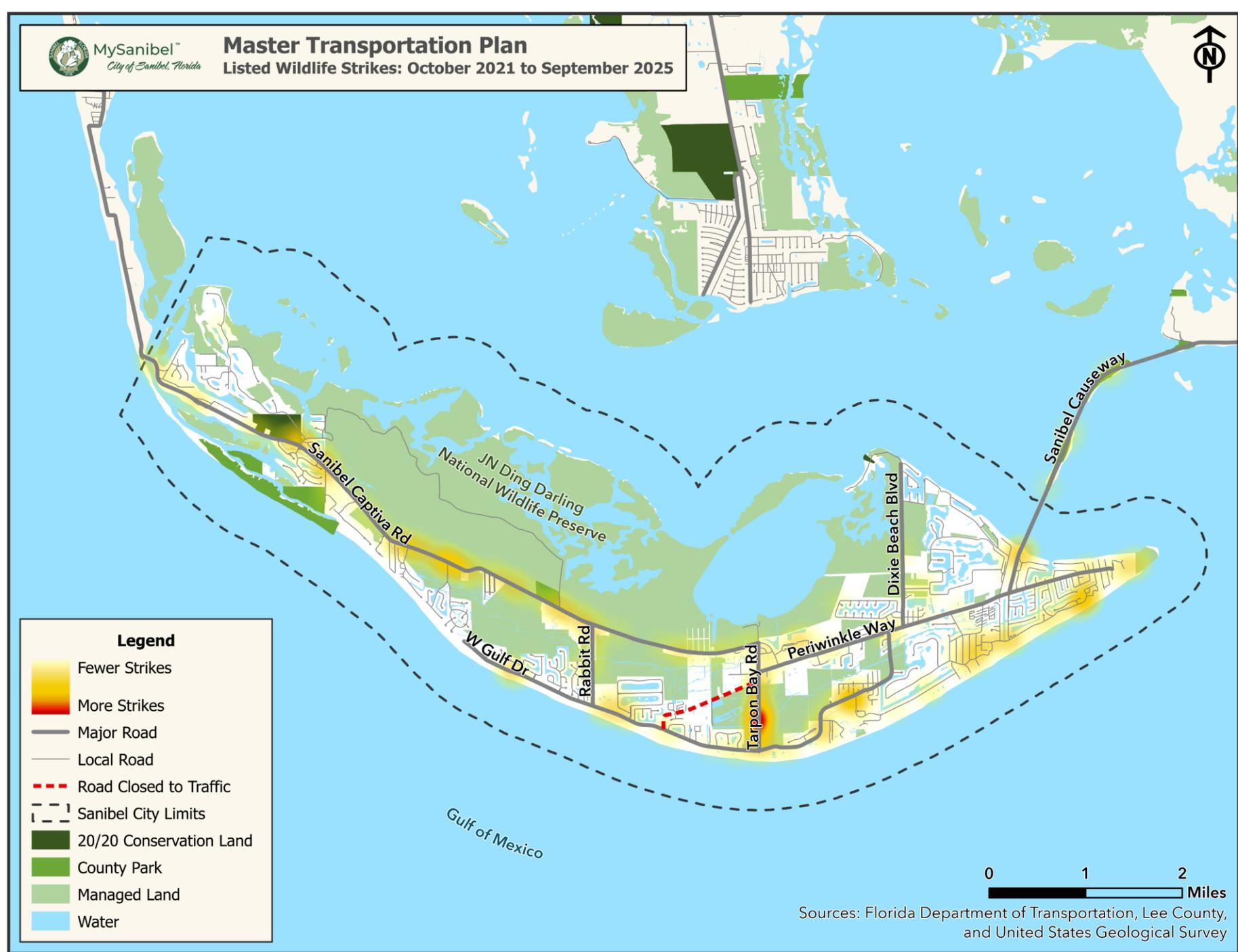
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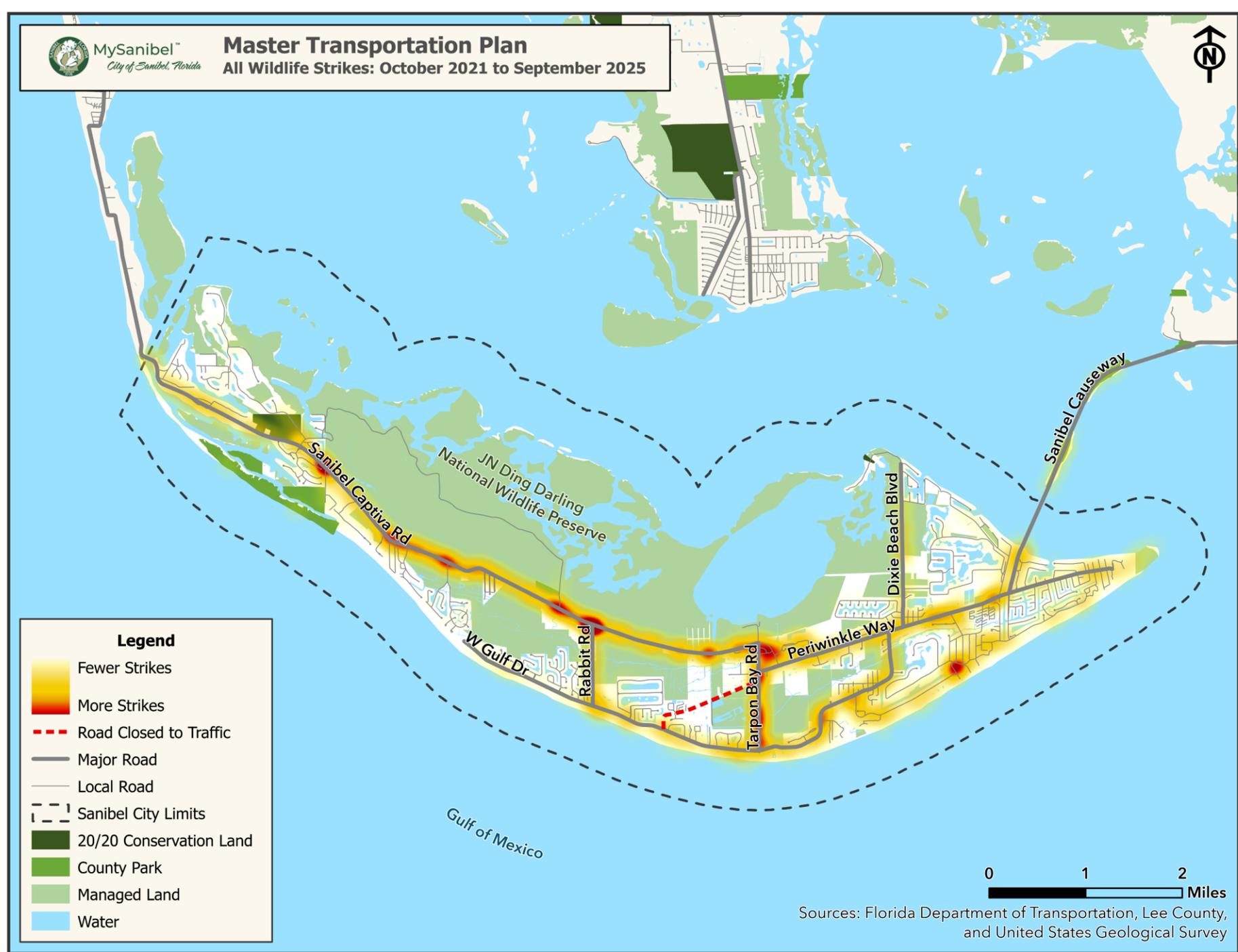
New Business

- **Update on Baseline Conditions**
 - Wildlife Strikes (Request for Follow Up)
 - Road Elevation
- **Preliminary Project Ideas**
- **Drone Video of Congestion**

Wildlife Strikes Update



Wildlife Strikes Update



Endangered, Imperiled, Threatened or Vulnerable

(October 2021 to September 2025)

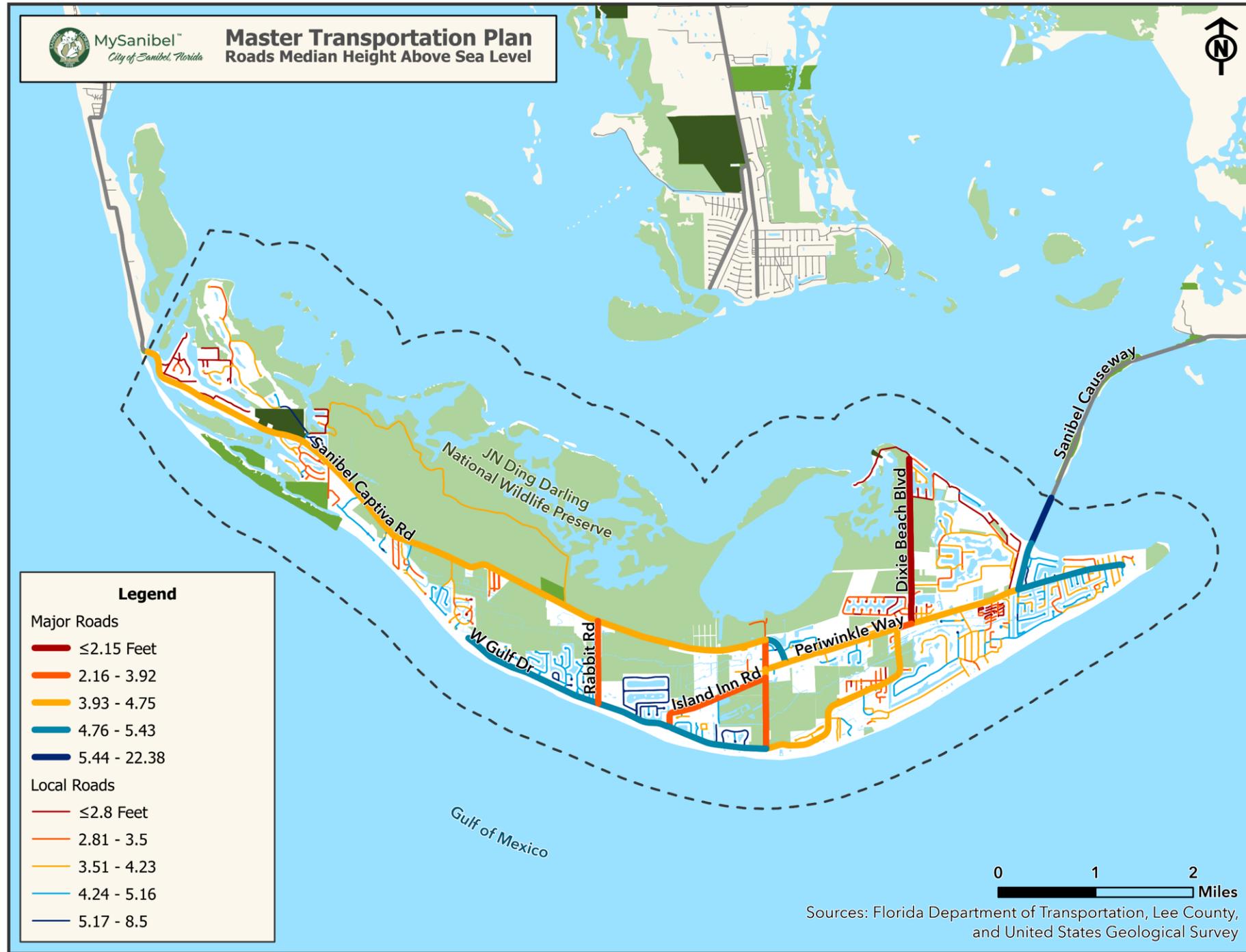
Common Name	Total	Percentage
Florida Box Turtle*	101	44.89%
Striped Mud Turtle	35	15.56%
Gopher Tortoise	34	15.11%
American Alligator**	13	5.78%
Peninsula Ribbon Snake	12	5.33%
Brown Pelican***	8	3.56%
Osprey	6	2.67%
Chuck-will's-widow	5	2.22%
Snowy Egret	3	1.33%
Killdeer	2	0.89%
White Ibis	2	0.89%
American Kestrel	1	0.44%
Florida Mud Turtle	1	0.44%
Mangrove Cuckoo	1	0.44%
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	0.44%
Total	225	100%

*Declining numbers

**Due to being mistake for the American Crocodile

***Part of the Imperiled Species Management Plan

Road Elevations



Project Ideas Themes

Island Circulator

On-Demand Transit

Mobility Hub(s)

Water Ferry/Taxi

New Commercial Parking (Not Beach)

Safety Improvements and Intersection Improvements

New Crosswalks

Fill Shared Use Path Gaps

Traffic Calming (e.g., Wild Mile)

Dynamic Messaging Boards

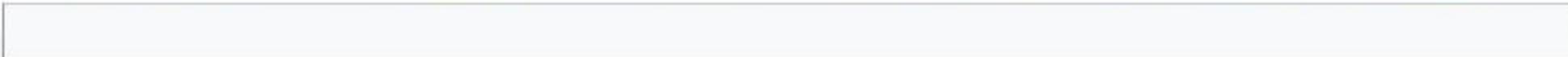
Elevated Roads (Stormwater Master Plan Projects)

Drainage and Stormwater (Stormwater Master Plan Projects)

Streetlighting Plan (at Major Crosswalks and Intersections)

Pull Offs for Lower Speed Travel

Aerials



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Next Steering Committee Meeting Dates

- 1:30 PM Wednesday, May 20, 2026
- 1:30 PM Wednesday, July 15, 2026
- 1:30 PM Wednesday, September 16, 2026
- 1:30 PM Wednesday, November 18, 2026



Scope of Work and Deliverables

1. Baseline Measures

- 1.1 Plans Review
- 1.2 Data Collection and Analysis
- 1.3 Golf Cart Analysis
- 1.4 Maps
- 1.5 Technical Memorandum

2. Recommended Projects, Programs, and Policies

- 2.1 Preliminary Recommendations in Table Format
- 2.2 Typical Sections
- 2.3 Map of Projects
- 2.4 Technical Memorandum

Scope of Work and Deliverables

3. Prioritized Project List

- 3.1 Develop Planning-Level Cost Estimates
- 3.2 Develop Prioritization Criteria
- 3.3 Prioritize Projects
- 3.4 Match available funding to recommendations
- 3.5 Technical Memorandum

4. Public Involvement

- 4.1 Public Involvement Plan
- 4.2 Notifications (e.g., public meetings and workshops, focus groups)
- 4.3 PowerPoint Presentations
- 4.4 Public Workshop (1)
- 4.5 Focus Group Interviews (4)
- 4.6 Presentation to the Planning Commission (2)
- 4.7 Presentations to City Council (2)

Scope of Work and Deliverables

5. Plan Documentation

5.1 Draft Master Plan Report

5.2 Executive Summary

5.3 Master Plan Report



Comments and Questions?

