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The County's developing Urban Cluster will one day be within the City of Gainesville. It is in the mutual interest of the City and County to: 1) contain premature expansion of the County's Urban Cluster and avoid competition for new growth based on a "race to the bottom" in our respective development codes and fees; 2) promote growth patterns and public infrastructure within the Urban Cluster capable of supporting viable transit service and bicycle/pedestrian mobility; 3) insure that the infrastructure necessary to support the above is funded and built as the area develops; and 4) head off future annexation disputes and promote the orderly annexation of developed areas.

MOTION

In order to establish a framework and timeline for decision points by our respective Boards, with the goal of a Joint Planning Agreement:

1. For future City annexations within the County's Urban Cluster, the County's development code will be used. A joint meeting of the City and County Commissions will be scheduled promptly to highlight the current substantive differences between the respective codes for greenfield development. City objections to the County's code will be resolved through specific votes of both Boards before adoption of a Joint Planning Agreement.
2. Agree to a work program for future transportation infrastructure within the County's current Urban Cluster and standardize the collection of development fees by both City and County needed to build it.
3. Develop transit policy that integrates and supports current City and County long-range planning.
4. Develop County policy that supports and encourages annexation of developed areas in accordance with this motion.
5. Use the MTPO Long Range Transportation Planning process to accomplish this work, supplemented by joint meetings if needed.

