

## Mobility Fee Mitigation

Mobility Fee Mitigation Program allows the County to mitigate up to 100% of mobility fees (short term costs, typically paid before a building permit or certificate of occupancy is issued), designed to foster economic development by encouraging the expansion and attraction of certain businesses and industries that primarily benefit the residents of Sarasota County while maintaining funding for transportation facilities.

### Eligibility

- Project that qualifies as Public Service Construction is eligible for mitigation and the location of such Public Service Construction within a Designated Mitigation Area is not required.
- A Project that does not qualify as Public Service Construction must fulfill the following criteria to be eligible for mobility fee mitigation:
  - The Project must fall within the industries identified by Enterprise Florida or County Resolution as Qualified Targeted Industries.
  - The Project must be located within a Designated Mitigation Area.
  - A minimum of ten (10) new jobs (having an Average Wage equal to or exceeding the average annual wage for all industries in the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Metropolitan Statistical Area; and/or an existing business in Sarasota County which is operating as of the date of the mitigation application.
- The Qualified Mitigation calculation determines the amount of eligible mitigation by examining the following elements: the provision of job vacancies within Sarasota County (job creation element), the provision of Quality Jobs within Sarasota County (Quality Job element), the investment in capital improvement (Capital Investment element), and provisions for the care of employees' children (child care element).

### Application Process

- Contact the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County to discuss project parameters and needs
- The Owner/Developer must submit the appropriate completed application forms and supporting documentation to the County no sooner than 60 days prior to the anticipated date of issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, but no later than 60 days after the date of issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.

### Approval Process

- County staff reviews submitted application and accompanying documents and, if deemed eligible, calculates Qualified Mitigation amount.

- Prior to receiving mitigation, the Owner/Developer and the County enter into a mitigation agreement.
- The County Administrator, or designee, is authorized to execute mitigation agreements on behalf of the County.
- Mitigation agreements shall not be executed by the County prior to approval of the site and development plan for the Project.