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GOAL, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

GOAL

PROMOTE SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC FLOW IN AND AROUND JOHNSON CITY

POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

Policy 3.4.1: It is the policy of the city to classify streets according to their function so that streets are designed according to their intended use.

Policy 3.4.2: It is the policy of the city to create a street network to better disperse traffic throughout the city. This network shall consist of freeways, arterials, collectors, and major local streets.

Policy 3.4.3: It is the policy of the city to construct and maintain an arterial street system, **where feasible**, to improve major cross-town traffic flow and the flow into and out of the major commercial corridors.

Policy 3.4.4: It is the policy of the city to construct, **where feasible**, and maintain a collector street system to provide improved access within major residential areas and to the arterial street system.

Policy 3.4.5: It is the policy of the city to construct and maintain a highway network to improve traffic circulation in and through the city and region.

Policy 3.4.6: It is the policy of the city to construct and maintain a residential street system designed to promote safety and convenience for those living along these streets.

Policy 3.4.7: It is the policy of the city to require future arterial and collector streets to be designed with crosswalks and sidewalks for pedestrian use and safety.

Policy 3.4.8: It is the policy of the city to identify hazardous street segments or intersections, rank them in priority for improvement, and provide improvements within the limits of financial resources.

Policy 3.4.9: It is the policy of the city to establish construction standards for private drives in accord with the standards established for public streets.

Actions:

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1. The City should ~~criteria identifying~~ catalogue the location and design of private drives. Private drives built below the City's public street standard must be brought up to standard in order to be considered for City ownership/management.
2. The City should catalogue the location and design of public streets. Public streets which are below standard will be brought up to standard as feasible.

Policy 3.4.10: It is the policy of the city to participate in a context sensitive solution process to involve the public in the design of new roads or the major road redesign or improvement of existing roads in order to ensure a high quality and safe roadway which meets the desires of the community.

- Maintain a project list on a FY calendar cycle that is reviewed quarterly. The projects comprising the list will be reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission for a recommendation prior to annual budgeting for each project.

Policy 3.4.11: It is the policy of the city to review site plans and subdivision plats to ensure logical street extensions through the provision of street stubs.

Policy 3.4.12: It is the policy of the city to protect the capacity of major roadways by controlling access.

Actions

- Regulate the number of curb cuts to properties along collector and arterial streets in order to protect the street's function and safety.
- Require the construction of deceleration lanes to enter multi-family, commercial, and industrial properties along collector and arterial streets.

Policy 3.4.13: It is the policy of the city to construct sidewalks, crosswalks and bicycle facilities along new streets and when major improvements occur in order to advance complete streets for all user types.

Actions

- Construct new sidewalks as part of any major street improvement.
- Require sidewalks as part of all new street construction projects.
- Accommodate bicycle lanes and/or off-street multi-use paths
- Install high-visibility crosswalks with pedestrian activated signals that work in unison with the existing traffic control system.

Policy 3.4.14: It is the policy of the city to maintain continual coordination between the Transportation Element and other elements of the Comprehensive Plan to aid in proper planning, and coordinated capital improvements programming.

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Policy 3.4.15: It is the policy of the city to monitor traffic volumes, levels of service, safety, and land platting on an on-going basis in order to anticipate needed improvements to the local transportation system.

Policy 3.4.16: It is the policy of the city to maintain close communication with county, regional, state, and neighboring local units of government in order to promote roadway system continuity and uniformity across and beyond its boundaries.

Policy 3.4.17: It is the policy of the city to work closely with the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to secure and coordinate the allocation of state and federal funding in the area.

Policy 3.4.18: It is the policy of the city to investigate the development and implementation of impact fees to help defray the cost of needed traffic improvements.

Policy 3.4.19: Evaluate existing roads under the authority of TDOT to determine fiscal impact and opportunity-cost of establishing local control.
