



# MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20, 2026

TO: City Commission

FROM: Jordan Smith, AICP, PP Planning and Development Services Director

THRU: Doc Dougherty, City Manager

SUBJECT: Rhode Island Avenue Extension – Project Delivery and Jurisdictional Direction  
(Discussion Item) (Matthew West, Project Manager)

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**REQUEST:** Direction from the City Commission regarding whether the City of Deltona should pursue the design, construction, and maintenance of the proposed Rhode Island Avenue Extension as a City facility or coordinate with Volusia County for development as a County thoroughfare.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed Rhode Island Avenue Extension would extend from Veterans Memorial Parkway to Normandy Boulevard within Volusia County and from Normandy Boulevard through Pine View Estates to Wolf Pack Run within the City of Deltona.

The extension has been identified as a potential improvement to enhance connectivity, traffic circulation, and long term transportation planning in this area of the City and County. Advancement of the project beyond preliminary evaluation requires a policy determination regarding project ownership, funding responsibility, and long term maintenance.

**DISCUSSION:** There are two potential approaches for advancing the Rhode Island Avenue Extension: a City led project or a County led project. Each option presents distinct implications related to project control, funding availability, implementation timing, and long term maintenance responsibilities.

Under a City led approach for the portion of Rhode Island Avenue between Normandy Boulevard and Howland Boulevard, the City would maintain control over the project schedule, roadway design, access management, and Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) review. This option allows the City to ensure consistency with local transportation policies and maintenance standards. However, the City may have limited access to County funding sources and would assume responsibility for construction costs and ongoing maintenance obligations.

Under a County led approach for the entire roadway between Veterans Memorial Parkway and Howland Boulevard, the roadway would be developed as a County facility pursuant to a City/County Interlocal Agreement. This approach may provide access to a larger pool of County Road Impact Fee credits and allow the County to fund cost differences beyond the City's contribution. The City would not be responsible for long term roadway maintenance, and County owned land contributions would not require City negotiation. This approach may also improve coordination with County utility infrastructure. The interlocal agreement would need to address funding participation, project timing, design standards, construction responsibilities, and

maintenance obligations. City control over project pace, design, and access management would be more limited under this approach.

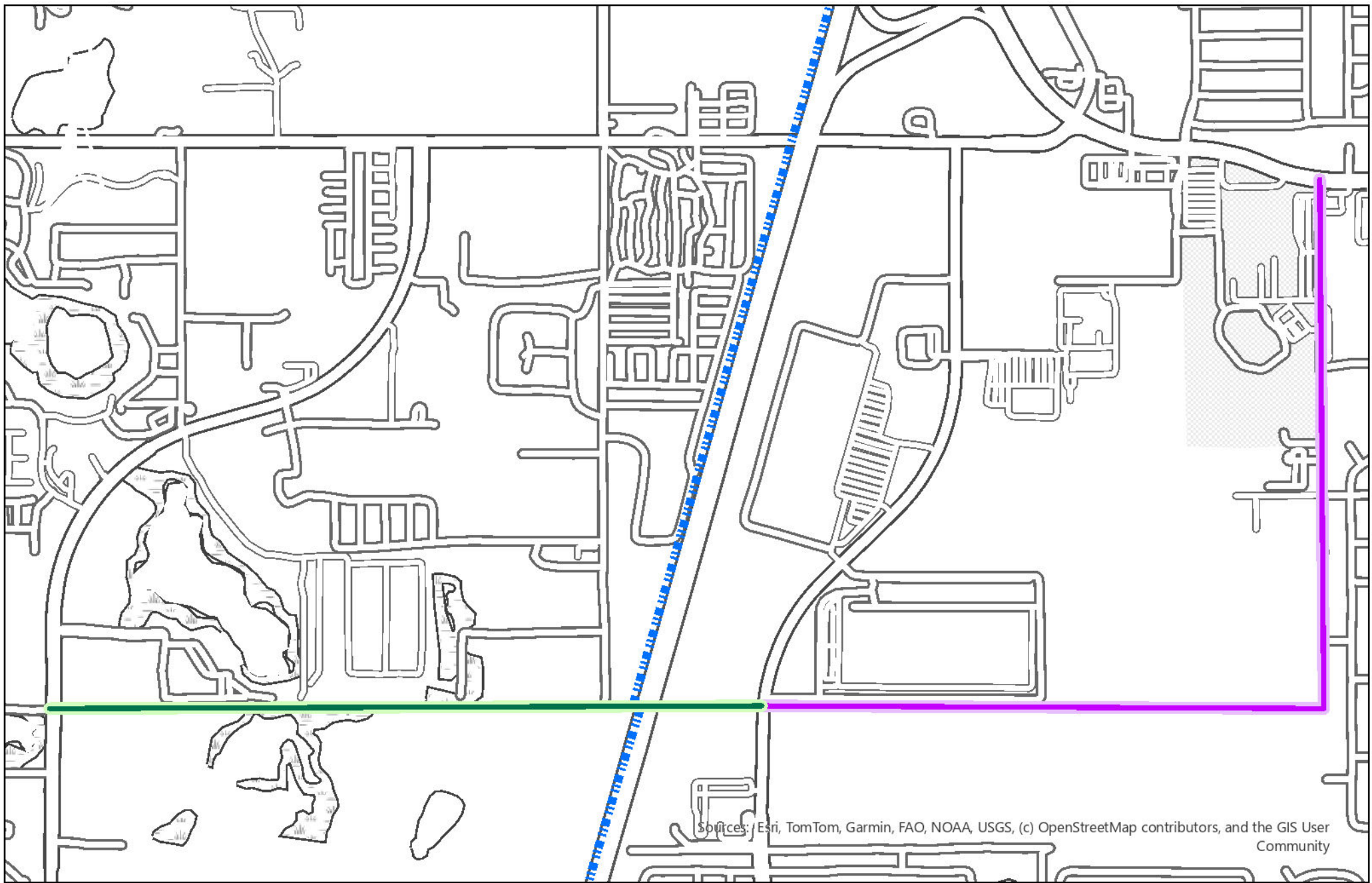
Category	City-Led Project	County-Led Project
<b>Project Control</b>	City controls pace, design, access management, and TIA Review	County controls project pace, design, and access management
<b>Funding Availability</b>	Limited access to County funding sources	Potential access to County Road Impact Fee credits; County may fund cost differences beyond City contribution
<b>Maintenance Responsibility</b>	City responsible for long term maintenance	County responsible for long term maintenance
<b>Interlocal Agreement</b>	Not required	Required to address funding, timing, design, construction, and maintenance
<b>Land Contributions</b>	May require negotiation	County land contributions would not require City negotiation
<b>Utility Coordination</b>	City led coordination	Improved coordination with County utilities

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No immediate fiscal impact is associated with this discussion item. Fiscal implications will depend on the delivery method selected and will be evaluated during subsequent design, funding, and interlocal discussions.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for discussion and policy direction. Staff recommend that the City Commission provide guidance on whether to proceed with the Rhode Island Avenue Extension between Normandy Boulevard and Howland Boulevard/Wolf Pack Run as a City led project or to pursue coordination with Volusia County for a County led approach

**NEXT STEPS:** Based on City Commission direction, staff will either:

- Initiate City led planning and project development activities, or
- Coordinate with Volusia County to explore a County led project and potential interlocal agreement.



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# Rhode Island Extension Map



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-  City Boundary

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