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Proposed Mobility Fees Drop For Rural Areas

Pasco commissioners agreed to slightly higher road fees in developed parts of the county to offset reductions in rural areas.

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Residents and developers building in rural parts of Pasco County should pay more for roads than in other parts originally proposed.

They were eventually delivered straight to commissioners when they agreed Tuesday to [Proposed fees that brought on by new development. The new fees would replace transportation impact fees for road construct](#)

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Last week, **County Commissioner Ted Schrader** objected to the levy because it was higher for rural homes in more developed sections of the county.

The levy, which would replace transportation impact fees, would drop compared to impact fees for areas like Pasco, Central Pasco, including Land O' Lakes, and southern Pasco. The [New Port Richey City Council](#) voted to keep the fees within the city boundaries.

Schrader wanted the fees lowered for rural areas, also.

In response, county staff members slightly raised the fees charged for each typical single-family home in the proposed fee structure. The fees for rural segments.

Because more homes are anticipated for the urban and suburban sections, each \$1 **increase** in those areas.

The proposed fee for a home in a rural area now stands at \$9,800, down from last week's proposal of \$11,100.

The fee for urban areas would be \$5,835. It would be \$8,650 for suburban areas.

The fees replace a universal transportation impact fee of \$10,302.

The lower fees are intended to stimulate growth and promote development in already densely populated areas.

Commissioners also talked about adjusting the proposed fees for retail development but stopped short of a decision.

One aspect of the new fee structure is charging no fee for developers of office space or light industry in urban areas. **Commissioner Jack Mariano**.

He supported higher fees for rural areas because people who move to those parts of the county may want to stay there longer.

"If people know we're going to keep our rural areas rural, it adds more value," he said.

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