

## RELATED FACILITIES

### Airport

The Dunnellon Municipal Airport serves the general aviation needs of Dunnellon and the surrounding area. There is currently no commercial service available at the Ocala Municipal Airport; the closest commercial service is available at the Gainesville Regional Airport. A Master Plan was completed for the Dunnellon Airport in June 1987 for airport expansion, as a general aviation facility. Studies are now underway to determine the feasibility of several alternatives to providing for the aviation needs in the region, including consideration of further expansions of the Dunnellon Municipal Airport to serve as a regional facility. Results of these studies should be considered when they become available to update this Transportation Element.

### Rail

The nearest passenger rail service is provided by Amtrak, with the closest terminals in Ocala and Wildwood. There are two active railroad lines which pass through Dunnellon and a switchyard which is located just north of City limits.

The Seaboard Air Line, which ran north-south along the east side of the Rainbow river has been abandoned. Another section of this same railroad line also runs east-west, north of CR 484 predominantly outside the City limits; this was also abandoned in 1987 and has been acquired by Florida Power Corp. As mentioned earlier, the

Atlantic Coast line is still providing freight service; from Figure 2, it can be seen that this line runs north-south through the City just east of US 41.

#### CONCLUSION

All major roadways within the City are currently operating at acceptable levels of service, with exception of the northern 2-lane section of US 41. As the residential developments in the surrounding area depend on Dunnellon for many goods and services, plans to upgrade this section to a 4-lane facility are included in the Capital Improvements Element to improve existing operating conditions and accommodate the additional demand created by new growth.

The projection of future traffic volumes, based on historic information, has shown that acceptable operating conditions and levels of service are expected throughout the planning horizon. However, the area has and will be experiencing rapid growth and is expected to continue to do so as the various DRIs build out over the coming years. Therefore, to ensure that adequate capacity is available to accommodate new growth, the City will coordinate with the Marion County planning staff and FDOT to regularly monitor traffic volumes. They will also participate in the review of developments outside the city limits to ensure that the City's interests are protected with regard to traffic impacts to the roadway network.

The land development code and concurrency management system, to follow after Comprehensive Plan adoption, will address the specifics of monitoring and evaluating these impacts to ensure that levels of service are maintained.

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