

L RTP Goals and Objectives

Metropolitan planning regulations require that in formulating the long range transportation plan, the MPO should provide for consideration of projects and strategies that consider the following thirteen (13) evaluation factors, as they relate to a minimum twenty (20) year forecast period:

- 1) Support the economic vitality of the United States, the States and the Metropolitan planning areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
- 2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users. The safety element shall incorporate or summarize priorities, goals counter measures or projects contained in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP);
- 3) Increase the security of the transportation system for its users. The security element shall incorporate or summarize the priorities, goals or projects set forth in the transit safety and security planning review process, plans and programs;
- 4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- 5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- 6) Promote participation and coordination among interested public, tribal and private parties;
- 7) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation systems, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- 8) Promote efficient system management and operation; and
- 9) Emphasis the preservation of the existing transportation system; and
- 10) Improve the resiliency of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- 11) Enhance travel and tourism; and
- 12) Address the Transportation Performance Measures;
- 13) Plan for the development and implementation of Automated, Connected, Electric and Shared Use Vehicles.

The draft Goals and Objectives are provided below.

GOAL 1: Enhance the safety and security of the transportation system for both motorized and non-motorized users.

GOAL 2: A transportation system that offers meaningful transportation choices for existing and future residents, visitors and businesses.

GOAL 3: A transportation system that is financially feasible and uses the best available technology to improve the efficiency of the system.

GOAL 4: A transportation system that is sensitive to the community's health, the community character and the changing environment.

GOAL 5: A sustainable transportation system that supports the economic competitiveness of the region.

GOAL 6: A transportation system that manages congestion, enhances connectivity between modes and improves the resiliency and reliability of the system to keep people and goods moving.

GOAL 7: A transportation system that is coordinated through local, regional and state agencies and encourages quality growth and sustainable land development practices.

GOAL 8: A transportation system that supports the development and implementation of Autonomous, Connected and Mobility on Demand options for our residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVE 1 Adopt a fix it first policy in directing transportation funding. Initial focus should always be on the maintenance or improvement of existing facilities and assets to keep them in good condition.

OBJECTIVE 2 Develop sustainable and predictable funding sources that encourage funding for all modes of transportation.

OBJECTIVE 3 Consider how transportation policies, programs and investment strategies affect the overall health of people and the environment including air quality, physical activity and natural resources.

OBJECTIVE 4 Improve communication and opportunities among stakeholders to assist in the collection, implementation and monitoring of transportation performance measures to help achieve the adopted performance targets.

OBJECTIVE 5 Improve the sustainability of the community by investing in non-automobile access to jobs, retail, recreation and other community amenities in a safe and secure manner.

OBJECTIVE 6 Support an integrated transportation system with efficient connections between modes that maximizes the use of emergent technology.

OBJECTIVE 7 Reduce fatalities and serious injuries to the adopted target of zero for both motorized and non- motorized users through engineering, education, enforcement and technological advancements.

OBJECTIVE 8 Enhance the connectivity to essential services for elderly populations, persons with disabilities and the transportation disadvantaged using evolving technology.

OBJECTIVE 9 Develop and implement multi-modal infrastructure improvements with the intent of improving resiliency and minimizing their life cycle costs.

OBJECTIVE 10 Improve the reliability of the transportation system by increasing awareness of and the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems, Transportation Demand Management programs and Autonomous/Connected vehicles.