

What is a Regional Transportation Plan?



The Regional Transportation Plan is a federally-required planning product that lays out the region's long-term transportation needs and desires for the region over a minimum 20-year time frame.

Updated every five years, the Plan is a "blueprint" that helps guide federal funding investments in the North Central planning area based on members' vision for the region and is developed collaboratively with members, other agencies, stakeholders and the public.

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The Plan covers all modes of surface transportation in North Central's planning area, including roadways, bridges, public transportation, non-motorized transportation, freight movement, and human services transportation.

The Plan identifies the long-range needs of the transportation system and defines the projects and strategies proposed for federal funding.

The Plan considers the safety and security, resiliency, environmental impact and finances of the transportation system in the region.

Guiding Principles



- ➤ Equity Ensure that all members of the community have access to reliable and affordable transportation and use transportation investments to create opportunities in underserved communities.
- Economic Development Leverage transportation investments to create opportunities for economic growth and support local industries.
- Public Health Improve public health by providing more active transportation opportunities like walking and biking.
- Mobility & Accessibility Build a multi-modal system that is affordable and accessible and allows people to choose the mode that best fits their transportation needs.

- ➤ **Asset Management -** Maintain and improve existing transportation infrastructure to ensure system reliability for years to come.
- ➤ Land Use, Climate & Environment Safeguard the natural environment and ensure that environmental costs and benefits are distributed equitably throughout the region.
- ➤ Safety & Security Reduce the number of transportation related injuries and deaths.
- Social Equity Supports affordable mode improvements, special services and discounts for lower income groups, and efforts to insure that disadvantaged groups do not bear excessive external costs (pollution, accident risk, financial costs, etc.).
- ➤ **Technology & Efficiency** Make strategic investments in the transportation system that reduce delay, fuel consumption, and vehicle emissions; closely monitor and evaluate advancements in transportation technology and deploy these innovative technologies to improve the system





Discussion Topics



- > What are the 3-5 most important North Central region transportation issues or opportunities the LRTP should address?
- > As someone involved in the Workforce Development, what do you see as the ultimate goal(s) or objective for the update of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan?
- > Are there studies/presentations or notable sources of data that the LRTP planning process should consider as it relates to workforce development?
- > What are the 3-5 most important North Central region issues or opportunities that the Plan should significantly impact for workforce?
- > As transportation revenue streams continue to change, how would you like to see transportation projects funded?

