



2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Task Force

September 23, 2013; 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

City Hall, Hooker Room (245)

- I. Welcome
- II. Travel Demand Model Update
- III. 2040 Vision Statement, Goals & Strategies Discussion
- IV. Next Meeting: October 28

Adjournment

The material below represents a draft proposal for the goals and strategies of the 2040 MTP. Our definition of “goals” and “strategies” are also provided so that we can operate from a common understanding as we continue to discuss and revise this material. Please note that the goals are numbered only as identifiers for discussion, not as a representation of any priorities among the goals. MPO staff welcomes any comments that the MTP Task Force may have. We are especially interested in the following:

- Are the presented goals and strategies written such that they comply with our provided definitions?
- Is there anything proposed that is inappropriate, unsupportable, or unachievable?
- Is there anything missing that must be addressed?

Goals – a goal explains what you want to achieve in your community. They are usually long-term and represent global visions such as “protect public health and safety.”

Strategies – a strategy describes the implementation steps to attain the identified goals. Strategies are specific, measurable, have a defined completion date, and outline who, what, why, when, where and how goals will be reached.

Introduction

The 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Vision Statement is a reflection of the concerns and desires of local citizens and the members of the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO). It provides the foundation upon which the goals and policies of the MTP are established. Together with these goals and strategies, the Vision Statement guides the decision making of the BMCMPPO and represents the ideals that will shape the future of local transportation in the MPO area.

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Vision Statement

The BMCMPPO regional transportation system will provide high-quality movement of people and goods in support of a sustainable economy, a preserved and protected environment, and a livable, safe and diverse community.

Goals & Strategies

The following goals and strategies will provide direction so that this vision might become a reality.

- **GOAL 1: Maximize and maintain the utility of existing transportation investments**

The community cannot build its way out of congestion. It is physically, environmentally and fiscally irresponsible to do so. This plan supports investment in the existing transportation system that will maximize its usefulness. We must be good stewards of public investment by utilizing management and operation systems technology that will allow for the maximum use of existing transportation facilities.

- Adopt a “fix-it-first” mentality that directs transportation funding and project selection.

- Support “soft projects” that maximize the use of existing infrastructure through systematic and operational best practices.
 - Evaluate proposed new projects for productive alternatives that maximize existing transportation facilities.
 - Implement public outreach programs that create awareness of the impact that travel choices have on the transportation system, the environment, and the community.
 - Create a process that evaluates the implementation success of this Metropolitan Transportation Plan prior to the adoption of the next plan.
 - Review all projects for opportunities to incorporate Complete Streets elements such as: curb cut removal, “zebra stripe” crosswalks, refuge islands, or bike lanes.
- **GOAL 2: Make transportation investments that balance environmental, social, economic, and public health benefits**

Walking, biking and transit are viable and popular modes of travel in the BMCMPPO area. A network of connected trails, sidewalk and bicycle facilities promotes a quality of life that attracts strong economic development. Biking, walking and transit is here to stay and our transportation planning includes those needs now and in the future.

- Increase investment in public transit services by 15% over the next ten years.
 - Implement an annual evaluation program to survey the community on transportation facilities and programs relating to, but not limited to, environmental, social, economic, and public health factors.
 - Create a Transportation Improvement Program that reflects the visions, policies, goals and expectations of this Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
 - Increase the share of all trips fewer than five miles in length made by cycling to at least 10%.
 - Use the BMCMPPO Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan as a tool to identify gaps in service to elderly, disabled and low-income citizens in the region.
 - Use local Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans as tools to identify deficiencies and select projects that ensure proper integration of ADA components into the transportation system.
- **GOAL 3: Improve the safety of the transportation system for all modes and all users**

A safe travel environment is a high priority for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and neighborhoods. The BMCMPPO is committed to reducing transportation-related deaths and injuries. Innovative approaches to crash reduction should be included in the project selection and planning process.

- Fund non-traditional, non-capacity adding transportation projects that encourages and educates the public about driving, biking, walking, and using transit.
- Fund non-traditional, non-capacity adding transportation projects that improve the safety of all modes and all people.
- Eliminate all traffic crash fatalities within 10 years.
- Reduce roadway crashes and injuries by 10% each year.

- Annually evaluate the top 10 crash locations in the most recent MPO Crash Report and implement quick, low-cost improvements while also seeking funding for more comprehensive changes, if necessary.

- **GOAL 4: Improve the movement of goods and people through the transportation system as a means to enhance the community's economic competitiveness and quality of life**

The transportation system should be developed to allow mobility for all and provide appropriate access to employment, housing, services and recreation areas. An efficient transportation system allows people to move from place to place as directly as possible while allowing them to reduce the amount of time spent in travel. Increased connectivity allows citizens to make route decisions and mode choices based on traffic and road conditions, or desired destinations.

- Set aside 40% of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding on an annual basis for projects specific to biking, walking and transit.
- Spend Federal transportation funding proportionally on walking, biking and transit projects based on desired future mode shares of 15% walking, 10% biking, and 15% transit.
- Ensure transportation maintenance and operational decisions enhance the efficient movement of freight.

- **GOAL 5: Ensure that transportation projects reflect the community's most up to date land use plans and policies**

Linking transportation and land use planning is important to ensure that the transportation system effectively and efficiently serves existing and future development within the community. This coordination helps ensure that existing and future developments are adequately connected to the region's transportation system and appropriately located to preserve quality of life. Inter-jurisdictional coordination is paramount to avoid inadequate community planning and insensitive site development that severely reduce the effectiveness of the transportation system.

- Implement transportation projects that are supportive of the adopted future land use policies of the impacted communities.
- Encourage development patterns that are walkable, bikeable, and readily served by public transit.
- Discourage the extension of roadways to areas underserved by water and sewer utilities.
- Involve the public in transportation project selection and scoping.
- Select transportation projects that do not induce sprawl development and that are sensitive to the community's character.
- Plan, design, develop, construct and maintain transportation facilities to minimize adverse impacts on environmentally sensitive areas, public parks and recreation areas, historic structures and neighborhoods.
- Incorporate aesthetic elements, such as streetscape features, into transportation projects such that they are compatible with the abutting area.