

# Transportation

## Aspiration

Provide a safe, accessible, well-connected and resilient transportation system that connects people and places, supports economic vitality, aligns with regional land use goals, minimizes environmental impacts and promotes equitable, healthy, and sustainable mobility alternatives.

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## Goals

- Goal 1. Evolve the regional transportation system through innovation, technology and data.
- Goal 2. Diversify regional coordination in transportation planning.
- Goal 3. Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.
- Goal 4. Increase the safety of the transportation system for all users.
- Goal 5. Evolve regional transportation infrastructure and services toward a resilient network capable of withstanding extreme weather events with minimal disruption.
- Goal 6. Maintain and enhance the performance of existing transportation assets to provide efficient, reliable, and cost-effective mobility for people, goods and freight.
- Goal 7. Expand affordable and accessible transportation options that connect all residents to jobs, housing, education and essential services.
- Goal 8. Incentivize healthy, active and sustainable travel.
- Goal 9. Transform regional connectivity by improving links between all modes of transportation to create a seamless, equitable and inclusive network for all users.
- Goal 10. Incentivize transportation investments to reinforce compact land use patterns, support planned growth areas and strengthen regional economic vitality.
- Goal 11. Limit adverse visual, cultural and environmental impacts of the transportation network.
- Goal 12. Increase transportation equity by ensuring all residents benefit fairly from transportation investments, infrastructure improvements and mobility services.
- Goal 13. Expand transportation access to recreation and tourism destinations to enhance visitor experiences and support local economies.

## Intent Summaries

Goal 1. Evolve the regional transportation system through innovation, technology and data.

**Intent Summary:** A transportation system that leverages innovation, technology and data enhances efficiency, safety and sustainability across the region. This goal emphasizes the adoption of emerging technologies, data-driven decision-making and pilot programs to improve system performance. By integrating these tools, the region can respond proactively to changing travel patterns, support underserved communities and optimize investment decisions.

Goal 2. Diversify regional coordination in transportation planning.

**Intent Summary:** Coordinated regional transportation planning ensures that municipal, regional and state priorities align to maximize benefits for all communities. This goal emphasizes inclusive engagement, interagency collaboration and shared planning approaches that integrate equity, environmental and economic considerations. By strengthening partnerships, the region can advance resilient and sustainable transportation solutions.

Goal 3. Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

**Intent Summary:** Reducing transportation-related emissions supports climate goals and improves regional air quality. This goal emphasizes sustainable travel options, low-emission technologies and land use coordination to decrease single-occupancy vehicle reliance. By integrating emission reduction strategies into planning and infrastructure investments, the region can promote environmental sustainability and equitable access to clean transportation options.

Goal 4. Increase the safety of the transportation system for all users.

**Intent Summary:** A safe transportation system protects people, reduces injuries and supports community well-being. This goal emphasizes roadway design, traffic management and public education measures that prioritize the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists. By integrating safety into all phases of planning and investment, the region can prevent crashes and enhance mobility for everyone.

Goal 5. Evolve regional transportation infrastructure and services toward a resilient network capable of withstanding extreme weather events with minimal disruption.

**Intent Summary:** A resilient transportation network ensures communities can maintain mobility and recover quickly from disasters and extreme weather events. This goal emphasizes proactive planning, infrastructure hardening and climate adaptation measures. By embedding resilience into operations, maintenance and investments, the region can safeguard economic stability, public safety and access to essential services.

- Goal 6. Maintain and enhance the performance of existing transportation assets to provide efficient, reliable, and cost-effective mobility for people, goods and freight.  
**Intent Summary:** High-performing transportation assets support mobility, economic vitality and efficient freight movement. This goal emphasizes the preservation, maintenance and strategic enhancement of roads, bridges and other infrastructure. By prioritizing cost-effective interventions and coordinating regional efforts, the system can remain reliable and responsive to current and future needs.
- Goal 7. Expand affordable and accessible transportation options that connect all residents to jobs, housing, education and essential services.  
**Intent Summary:** Accessible transportation supports equity, opportunity and quality of life across the region. This goal emphasizes the expansion of public transit, paratransit, shared mobility and other affordable options that meet community needs. By reducing barriers to mobility, the region can improve access to employment, education and essential services for all residents.
- Goal 8. Incentivize healthy, active and sustainable travel.  
**Intent Summary:** Encouraging active transportation supports public health, environmental sustainability and livable communities. This goal emphasizes investments in walking, biking and transit infrastructure, as well as policies that reduce vehicle dependence. By integrating active travel into land use and transportation planning, the region can enhance safety, well-being and equitable access to mobility options.
- Goal 9. Transform regional connectivity by improving links between all modes of transportation to create a seamless, equitable and inclusive network for all users.  
**Intent Summary:** Seamless connectivity across modes strengthens mobility and regional economic competitiveness. This goal emphasizes the integration of transit, trails, roads and freight networks to create efficient, inclusive and user-friendly connections. By removing barriers to multimodal travel, the region can enhance accessibility, equity and system efficiency.
- Goal 10. Incentivize transportation investments to reinforce compact land use patterns, support planned growth areas and strengthen regional economic vitality.  
**Intent Summary:** Transportation investments guide development, support economic growth and reinforce efficient land use. This goal emphasizes strategic alignment of infrastructure with growth centers, infill development and compact community patterns. By linking transportation and land use planning, the region can strengthen economic vitality, reduce sprawl and enhance access to services.
- Goal 11. Limit adverse visual, cultural and environmental impacts of the transportation network.  
**Intent Summary:** Transportation infrastructure can shape community character and environmental quality. This goal emphasizes context-sensitive design, resource preservation and mitigation of visual, historic and ecological

impacts. By integrating aesthetic and environmental considerations into planning, the region can maintain community character and protect natural and cultural resources.

Goal 12. Increase transportation equity by ensuring all residents benefit fairly from transportation investments, infrastructure improvements and mobility services.

**Intent Summary:** Equitable transportation ensures that all communities, especially underserved populations, have access to safe and reliable mobility. This goal emphasizes inclusive planning, investment prioritization and monitoring to prevent disparities. By centering equity in decisions, the region can ensure fair distribution of transportation benefits and opportunities.

Goal 13. Expand transportation access to recreation and tourism destinations to enhance visitor experiences and support local economies.

**Intent Summary:** Accessible recreation and tourism travel enhances community vitality and regional economic development. This goal emphasizes multimodal connections, signage and planning that integrate tourism with local infrastructure. By improving access while minimizing negative impacts, the region can support visitor experiences, local businesses and sustainable tourism.