

1. Improve Transportation System Safety

Strategies

- Adopt relevant state and local plans that seek to reduce transportation-related injuries and fatalities
- Improve traveler safety in all modes through traffic and transit system management and operations techniques
- Invest in cost-effective safety improvements to eliminate hazardous or substandard conditions in high crash locations and corridors (all modes)
- Collect and analyze safety data for all modes for use in transportation planning applications
- Increase public awareness of transportation safety issues in all modes through education campaigns and outreach programs

2. Preserve the Existing Infrastructure

Strategies

- Make the necessary investments to continuously improve the condition of federal-aid eligible and local roadway systems (pavement, bridges, tunnels)
- Make the necessary investments to replace aging traffic signals and ITS elements on a timely, systematic basis
- Make the necessary investments to replace aging transit vehicles on a timely, systematic basis
- Make the necessary investments to continuously improve the condition of rail infrastructure
- Make the necessary investments to continuously improve the condition of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Encourage local jurisdictions to develop comprehensive asset management programs to monitor the conditions of transportation assets and repair/replace those assets on a timely, systematic basis

3. Improve Accessibility

Strategies

- Improve access to jobs and other necessities for all segments of the population, including disabled, elderly, minority, and low-income populations, through coordination and transportation investments
- Increase transportation alternatives in all modes for all segments of the population
- Ensure that all segments of the population, including disabled, elderly, minority, and low-income populations, have equal access to the regional planning and decision making process

- Integrate strategies identified through the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan into the regional planning and decision making process
- Ensure that ADA compliance is an integral part of the planning process for all transportation systems
- Encourage transportation programs and projects that take a comprehensive view of access issues and seek to enable seamless, safe movement among all areas and modes by travelers of all ages and abilities
- Improve inter-jurisdictional and inter-regional connectivity among all modes

4. Increase Mobility

Strategies

- Continue to refine and implement a Congestion Management Process (CMP), incorporating the regional ITS architecture as well as transportation systems management and operations strategies
- Continue to integrate strategies identified through the CMP into the regional planning and decision making process
- Prepare congestion mitigation plans, including the consideration of congestion pricing, for corridors and locations experiencing recurring high congestion levels
- Encourage the use of modes other than single-occupant passenger vehicles to mitigate congestion through education campaigns and outreach programs
- Increase mobility through traffic and transit system management and operations techniques
- Improve traffic and transit incident response and recovery through system management and operations techniques
- Improve transportation system reliability through broad-based information distribution for interstate highways, surface streets, and transit network

5. Preserve the Environment

Strategies

- Improve air quality by developing programs to reduce congestion, reduce growth in mobile source emissions, and encourage emission reduction technologies
- Invest in transportation programs and projects that reduce surface runoff and protect water resources
- Promote efficient use of energy resources by supporting fuel efficient technologies and alternative fuel use
- Invest in transportation programs and projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Preserve and protect natural and cultural resources
- Increase public awareness of issues related to preservation of the natural and human environment through education campaigns and outreach programs

6. Improve Transportation System Security

Strategies

- Continue to refine and implement a regional emergency coordination and response plan to address large-scale, inter-jurisdictional emergency events, including evacuation routes and procedures. Identify policies and procedures for communication, resource sharing, and cooperative response among transportation and non-transportation response agencies.
- Improve emergency response and recovery through the use of traffic and transit system management and operations techniques
- Leverage transportation and security funds to implement regional priorities
- Improve the capabilities of the region to respond to security threats and natural disasters through the use of traffic and transit system management and operations techniques
- Plan for the potential security implications of climate change (e.g., rising sea level, storm surges)
- Increase public awareness of transportation system security issues in all modes through education campaigns and outreach programs

7. Promote Prosperity and Economic Opportunity

Strategies

- Incorporate as appropriate into the region's transportation programs and projects the six livability principles developed jointly by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the US Department of Transportation, and the US Environmental Protection Agency
- Coordinate transportation investments with state and local plans regarding growth and development
- Concentrate transportation investments within local- and state-designated growth areas to encourage prosperity in and revitalization of existing communities
- Improve transportation infrastructure (all modes) that provides access to and supports regional "economic engines": major employment centers, ports and freight intermodal facilities, freight corridors, BRAC opportunities
- Improve transportation infrastructure to support existing communities and mixed-use development, including transit-oriented development as well as access to and connections among all modes
- Increase public awareness of issues related to responsible growth and economic development through education campaigns and outreach programs



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8. Foster Inter-jurisdictional Participation and Cooperation

Strategies

- Foster communication with and encourage input from all groups, public and private, with a stake in the performance of the region's transportation system
- Coordinate transportation planning and programs across all modes and among all government entities, service providers, and private partners
- Develop regional assessments of demographic, travel, land use, fiscal, and technology trends for use in all plans, programs, and projects
- To the greatest extent possible, work with planners and engineers in all jurisdictions to develop common policies and design strategies for transportation facilities