

9. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a strategic plan that guides future policies, programs, and development of transportation in the region over the next 20 years or more. A core document of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the RTP targets federal, state, and local funding resources to support transportation investments that implement the region's vision. The plan must be updated every four (4) years per federal statute. The current RTP was last updated in 2024 and is set to expire on November 1, 2027.

CURRENT SITUATION

The initial phase of the 2050 RTP development process included data collection, public outreach, development of the vision, goals, objectives, and existing conditions for the RTP. The first round of public outreach concluded in late Summer 2025. Emerging key themes were presented to the Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee (RTPSC), which is functioning as the RTP2050 steering committee. The RTPSC voted to endorse, and the project team has adopted the following vision statement and goals for the RTP2050:

RTP 2050 Vision:

"A world class innovative and integrated transportation network that moves people and goods efficiently, reduces travel time, preserves the environment, ensures safety, and accessibility for all."

RTP 2050 Goals:

1. Safety

Goal: Prioritize safety for all users by eliminating fatalities and serious injury due to crashes

2. Optimized Mobility and Economic Vitality

Goal: Develop a reliable transportation system that supports economic growth by moving people and freight seamlessly, minimizing congestion and reducing travel times.

3. Integrated and Innovative Network

Goal: Improve regional connectivity and ensure accessibility for all by integrating multimodal options and applying unique and cutting-edge solutions and technologies.

4. Resiliency and Adaptability

Goal: Develop a transportation system that minimizes adverse environmental impacts while withstanding and quickly recovering from disruptions.

A consultant has been selected to support the RTP2050, and contract negotiations are underway. In addition, preparations are in development for Phase 2 of public engagement. Once the consultant has an executed contract in place, project development will transfer from in-house resources to the consultant team.

ACTION REQUESTED

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