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Long Range Transportation Plan Update

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What is the Long Range Transportation Plan?

A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a document that guides policy and funding decision making for the entire region's transportation system over the next 25 years. Federal requirements mandate the plan be updated every 5 years. All transportation programs and projects requesting federal funds within the region must be consistent with this plan.

Each successive update of the LRTP identifies potential improvements to the overall transportation system and provides policy direction so that many individual short range decisions made throughout the county work together to move the county towards its long range transportation and land use goals

Richland County Long Range Transportation Plan

Regional Vision

Richland County will have a transportation system that meets the needs of the 21st Century. A truly multimodal system will operate to move people and goods safely and efficiently throughout Richland County.

The development of Richland County will be supported by a framework of transportation options, with the goal of protecting physical, social and economic environments.

Mobility and access will be optimized by a balanced system of roadway networks, transit, rail freight, pedestrian, and bicycle modes.



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Goal #1

Safety

Goal Statement

Transportation modes and facilities in the region will be safe for all users

Objectives

Reduce total number of crashes in the region

Reduce crash severity

Prevent bicycle and pedestrian crashes

Strategies

Continue to produce High Crash Location Report

Develop county wide safety program which will assist all jurisdictions in addressing safety concerns

Participate in Richland County Safe Communities Coalition

Continue to support all local Safe Routes to School efforts

Assist ODOT and all local partners with their safety goals

Continue to monitor statewide crash database

Initiate Bicycle and pedestrian safety action plan

Emphasize safety improvements within the project selection process



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Goal #2

Economic Vitality

Goal Statement

A regional transportation system that supports and furthers economic vitality

Objectives

Integrate transportation and land use planning to ensure future decisions support keeping Richland County a place where people want to reside and businesses want to be located

Improve multimodal freight system for movement of goods

Improve access to and from major employment areas

Strategies

The MPO will work with local governments to ensure transportation and mobility strategies and local land use plans are compatible and mutually supportive

RCRPC will support roadway design standards that balance the need to improve operations and traffic carrying capacity with the economic viability of adjacent land uses

Coordinate long range planning activities with land use, economic development and local community organizations

Encourage ODOT and local governments to employ context sensitive solutions in the planning and development of transportation projects

Maintain an efficient transportation system

Promote the region's logistical advantages

Continue to participate in OARC Freight Working Group and other statewide freight planning efforts



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Goal #3

System Preservation and Reliability

Goal Statement

Preserve, operate, and manage an efficient transportation system

Objectives

Maintain reliable transportation infrastructure in a state of good repair.

Improve and optimize the existing system through innovative transportation system management and operations

Strategies

We will encourage local and state agencies to maintain adequate funding programs for the operation and maintenance of the transportation system

Promote system preservation throughout the project selection process

The MPO will investigate the benefits of a level of service report to monitor operating conditions and identify improvement needs

Assist in promoting development plans along the existing transportation network where capacity is sufficient to minimize the construction and maintenance of new roadways

Introduce innovative transportation solutions such as access management or signal coordination to reduce the need for new roadways and added capacity



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Goal #4

Public Involvement

Goal Statement

Public participation in the Long Range Transportation Plan and other MPO planning activities that reflect the needs of the region, particularly those that are traditionally underserved

Objectives

Provide opportunities to engage citizens, and other public and private sector entities

Consider and respond as appropriate to all comments and concerns

Strategies

RCRPC will continue to implement, evaluate and update its Public Involvement Plan

We will continue to be a readily accessible forum for cooperative decision making by local government officials with regards to land use and transportation related issues and the development and implementation of transportation related plans and programs

Continue to develop and monitor social media strategies

Participate in organizations and events targeted to underserved populations and areas



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Goal #5

Quality of Life

Goal Statement

Enhance quality of life and promote sustainability

Objectives

Protect the environment from any adverse impacts of the transportation system and mitigate as appropriate

Provide users in the region access to a network of transportation modes and infrastructure that maximizes connectivity and promotes the use of motorized and non-motorized modes of travel

Support active living, universal design, and place making

Ensure the benefits and impacts of transportation investments are equitably distributed

Strategies

The MPO will continue to support construction of infrastructure which makes walking, biking, and riding transit safer, accessible and more efficient

Develop County-wide Complete Streets Policy that can act as catalyst for local government to adopt their own policy

Continue to support local bike lane striping and signing

Develop Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Encourage transportation design standards that consider community and environmental impacts through incorporation of context sensitive solutions in to projects