

MEMORANDUM

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Goals and Objectives

The following are the seven goals based on categories defined by the federal government and determined most important to the region by the Technical Advisory Committee, presented to the public during a formal open house (11/30/2022), and reviewed and approved by the Policy Board (12/15/2022). Each goal was drawn from local Transportation System Plans, with language modified to be used by the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Following each goal are the accompanying objectives approved by the Policy Board (2/22/2023).

Goal 1: Provide an equitable transportation system that ensures mobility for all members of the community.

- a) Support implementation of standards to meet the requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- b) Support a complete pedestrian and bicycle network throughout the MPO area.
- c) Promote equitable access to underserved, disenfranchised, and vulnerable populations in the transportation system.
- d) Identify areas that could support additional transit service, and work with transit providers to improve the coverage, quality, and frequency of services.

Goal 2: Support a safe and comfortable transportation system for all travel modes.

- a) Support design solutions that balance reducing congestion with improved safety for people walking and biking.
- b) Support the identification of truck routes to reduce commercial vehicle and neighborhood conflicts.
- c) Promote the installation of enhanced pedestrian crossings to improve safety of underserved and vulnerable populations.
- d) Promote projects that improve safety for all users and identify opportunities for including system management solutions.
- e) Help implement streetscape projects that enhance the comfort and aesthetics of the surrounding environment, promoting safe active transportation modes.

Goal 3: Ensure the transportation system meets existing and future needs through wholistic, context sensitive multimodal solutions.

- a) Promote the addition of streets or roads, as identified in AAMPO Member plans, to increase connectivity between isolated areas.
- b) Educate the region on the benefits of mixed use development and reducing trip length through improved land use.
- c) Promote Complete Street design principles, the use of ODOT's Blueprint for Urban Design, and FHWA's Safe Systems approach, for use in street design.
- d) Improve multimodal connectivity across physical and natural barriers (i.e. I-5, Willamette River, OR-34, etc.).
- e) Identify regional corridors of significance that are important to multimodal travel in the region.

Goal 4: Partner with local and state agencies on regional transportation issues.

- a) Collaborate with the Corvallis Area MPO to investigate inter-regional housing, employment and travel demands, and their impact on the transportation system.
- b) Pursue grants and collaboration with other agencies to efficiently fund transportation improvements and programs.
- c) Support statewide and regional transit opportunities, including high-speed rail and passenger rail. Coordinate with agencies external to the AAMPO region as appropriate.
- d) Coordinate transit services, facilities, and improvements with local jurisdictions within AAMPO.

Goal 5: Ensure the transportation system supports a prosperous local and regional economy that leverages strengths to compete globally.

- a) Support a freight system provides for the efficient movement of goods within and connecting to the AAMPO region.
- b) Identify transportation improvements that will enhance access to employment.
- c) Support reduced system lifecycle costs through asset based planning and preventative maintenance.
- d) Consider the increased cost of long commutes by populations that are unable to afford housing in more urban areas.
- e) Improve the resilience of the region's transportation system by planning for the protection of regionally critical facilities from catastrophic events and natural disasters.

Goal 6: Plan and design a transportation system to enhance livability and supports positive environmental health outcomes.

- a) Encourage minimized impacts to the scenic, natural and cultural resources within the region from transportation related projects.
- b) Help maintain roadway and intersection operations while considering environmental and land use impacts.
- c) Improve health and wellness of the general population by increasing active transportation choices and access to health care and related facilities.
- d) Support lifecycle reduction of total air contaminates and toxins by transportation projects.
- e) Support access to public spaces and encourage active transportation and social interaction.

Goal 7: Provide an efficient transportation system that facilitates the local and regional multimodal movement of people and goods.

- a) Support programmatic approaches for increased user transportation options, commute reduction, and travel demand management.
- b) Promote projects that support a comfortable and inviting downtown to promote regional tourism.
- c) Support connectivity between the various communities within the member region and nearby.
- d) Minimize conflicts between active transportation users and vehicles along high volume and/or high speed corridors, especially corridors with a multimodal focus.
- e) Help maintain a minimum level of freight and/or motor vehicle travel efficiency and by which land use amendments and development proposals can be evaluated.