

METRO 2050 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives have been drafted for review and comment for the Metro 2050 MTP update. The draft goals include modifications and additions from the existing Metro Grow 2045 goals to reflect current needs and priorities.

Goals

The plan goals highlight the focus areas for 2050 and plan direction.

Objectives

Objectives were identified for each goal to establish specific and measurable actions within the plan. Specific performance measures will be established to inform the project selection progress.

SAFETY & SYSTEM SECURITY

Provide a transportation network that prioritizes safety for all modes and is adaptable to environmental and social change.

Objectives

- Reduce the number and severity of crashes.
- Eliminate all traffic-related death and sever injuries in the region.
- Reduce the severity of bicycle and pedestrian crashes.
- Reduce the number of transit-involved crashes.
- Support strategies to make transportation infrastructure more adaptive and responsive to environmental, social and economic change.
- Improve the multimodal transportation experience by increasing the safety and security for users.
- Support programs and multimodal roadway designs that reduce or eliminate safety issues.
- Support programs and design strategies that allow efficient and effective incident response.

TRAVEL EFFICIENCY & RELIABILITY

Improve mobility across the region that allows efficient and reliable movement of goods and people.

Objectives

- Improve travel reliability on the NHS and arterial roadways.
- Limit recurring peak period delay on the NHS and arterial roadways.
- Improve the connectivity of the street and multimodal networks and promote a grid street pattern.
- Promote the development of alternative routes that allow for reliable mobility during incidents.
- Support uninterrupted travel flow of all modes, including congestion reduction, incident response, and service reliability.
- Prioritize system investments that improve efficiency of the system and consider invests in transportation demand management and improvements that reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
- Manage access to commercial corridors to promote multimodal mobility – emphasizing the connection of people and goods.

WALKING, BIKING, & ROLLING

Empower people to walk, bike, and roll more often as a mode of transportation

Objectives

- Improve walking and biking connections and reduce network gaps.
- Support facility design that provides a comfortable and safe environment for walking, biking, and rolling.
- Provide bicycle and pedestrian corridors that connect community destinations and conducive land uses.
- Increase mode share for travel.
- Make bicycling more competitive with automobile travel in the region.
- Support the inclusion of infrastructure to enhance the security of walkers, bikers, and rollers within the transportation infrastructure (e.g., lighting, refuge).



TRANSIT ACCESS & RELIABILITY

Support people's access to reliable transit service.

Objectives

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connection to transit corridors.
- Develop transit-intensive corridors with supportive infrastructure to enhance service reliability and connections to development that encourages making trips by public transit.
- Support transit connections to other regional centers, including bus and rail services.
- Support the maintenance of efficient transit infrastructure, including the transit fleet.
- Promote right-sized transit services to increase transit access throughout the region, including micromobility and fixed route services.

MAINTAIN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Sustain transportation infrastructure in a state of good repair.

Objectives

- Continue to maintain NHS routes in good condition and minimize NHS routes in poor condition.
- Identify sufficient financial resources to maintain all Federal-Aid streets in fair and good condition.
- Continue to maintain the arterial system in good condition, prioritizing multimodal corridors.
- Support the maintenance of non-pavement infrastructure (e.g., technology, striping) on all multimodal infrastructure.



COMMUNITY CONTEXT AND IMPACT REDUCTION

Strengthen equitable access to and support environmental considerations into transportation planning decisions.

Objectives

- Limit transportation impacts to natural resources.
- Provide transportation system that fits within its context and mitigate impacts to environmental and community features.
- Improve access to the multimodal options for environmental justice and Title VI communities.
- Monitor regional air quality and implement practice to improve quality as needed (e.g., reduce transportation system energy consumption).
- Ensure transportation system impacts do not disproportionately impact environmental justice and Title VI communities.
- Support investments that include features to reduce the impacts of transportation improvements (e.g., stormwater/blue infrastructure).
- Prioritize investments in transit, biking, and walking improvements that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

FREIGHT NETWORK - MOVING GOODS

Accommodate freight movement to strengthen regional economic priorities and support efficient consumer mobility and delivery.

Objectives

- Improve freight reliability on the Interstate and NHS Systems to support regional and national commerce.
- Provide improvements to the truck freight system, including movement from the origin/destination in the region and/or through the region.
- Improve reliability and reduce delay for freight operations.
- Delineate and maintain a regional comprehensive freight network and prioritize investments for these regional connections.
- Support development and policies that allow for the efficient delivery and distribution of goods.



EMERGING TRANSPORTATION TRENDS

Monitor transportation trends and new technologies shown to improve the way people travel and incorporate into regional transportation plans.

Objectives

- Investigate technologies and strategies that need to be integrated into transportation infrastructure as part of maintenance/reconstruction activities.
- Identify intelligent transportation system technologies used in other regions that would promote other regional goals.
- Investigate the creation of a regional transportation management center (TMC) to review and manage regional mobility.
- Continue to monitor new and evolving technologies that may be implemented within the region to support mobility and safety improvements.
- Investigate the potential for new technologies and micro-mobility infrastructure in Fargo-Moorhead area.
- Coordinate emerging technologies and policies across region, supporting universal use when applicable.

TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS

Make regional transportation decisions that tie local and regional priorities together, promote fiscal responsibility, and support the movement of goods and people.

Objectives

- Coordinate regional land use and transportation investment decisions.
- Balance local and regional priorities.
- Balance maintenance and preservation needs with expansion activities to supporting infrastructure that is right-sized within the context and future needs.
- Prioritize considerations and input from Title VI and Environmental Justice communities in the decision-making process.
- Promote financially sustainable transportation investments that can adapt to changes in travel patterns, modal distribution, and community growth.
- Utilize a system approach for decision making that utilizes a high-level regional consideration.
- Balance the distribution of investments and resources in the region that includes consideration of need-based, population/destination hubs, roadway typologies, etc.



CONNECTING PEOPLE AND PLACES

Consider where people live and work, and people's relationship to the built environment in regional long-term transportation decisions.

Objectives

- Create places people want to live, work, shop and recreate.
- Promote development that provides connections and encourages multimodal trips to access destinations.
- Closely coordinate regional land use and transportation investment decisions.
- Utilize local land use and growth management strategies to inform maintenance, expansion, and new roadway priorities.
- Support the development of transit-intensive corridors that include development that encourages making trips by public transit and connections for walkers, bikers, and rollers.
- Balance multimodal connections to support transit-oriented development.
- Promote complete streets improvements in corridors that would see economic benefit, ensuring that land uses are accessible by multiple modes.
- Coordinate the transportation and regional role of the multimodal transportation network in supporting access to a healthy lifestyle.
- Support the development and investment that aligns land uses with regional roadway characteristics.

