

Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development and Education Center

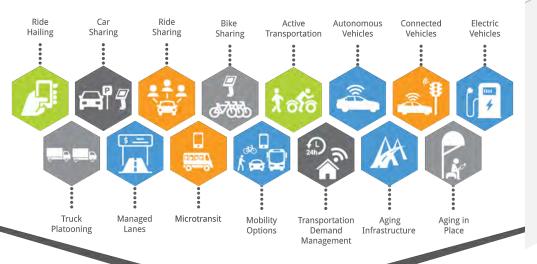


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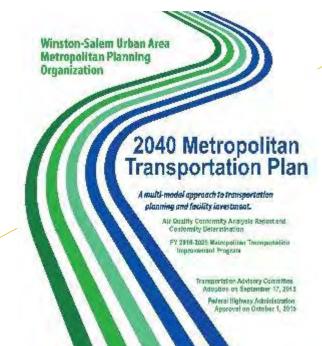
- 1. Planning procedures, jurisdictional priorities & policy decisions.
- 2. Funding methods & revenue sources.
- 3. Advocacy groups, professional societies & policy influences.
- 4. Understanding & navigating public policy process.

Primary Driving forces in Urban Transportation Planning?

- 1. Critical to area's **economic & social health** by moving people & goods, sometimes used to revitalize economic activity of a targeted area.
- 2. Addresses **conflicting** vision and goals for jurisdictions in the same region, **balancing** differing motivations and perspectives.
- 3. Used to **incrementally** develop & build transportation network needed for the future.
- 4. Urban transportation planning is a regional process that engages all levels of government, as required by **federal regulation**.
- 5. Plan development is heavily informed by both **political** & **analytical** influences.
- 6. Federal laws require regional transportation planning (long-range planning) for large medium-sized urban areas to qualify for **federal highway & transit funding**.







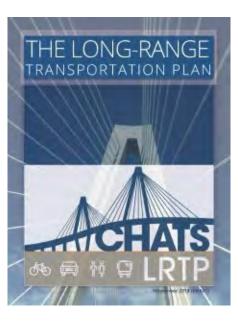
Elements of a Long Range transportation plan https://www.baltometro.org/transportation/planning-areas/regional-planning-approach/federal-requirements-for-long-range-planning

- 1. Current & projected transportation demand of persons & goods.
- 2. Existing & proposed transportation facilities that function as integrated system.
- 3. Description of performance measures and targets.
- 4. System performance report evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to performance targets.
- 5. Operational and management strategies to transportation facility performance to relieve vehicular congestion and maximize safety and mobility of people & goods.
- 6. Congestion management process (CMP) https://www.baltometro.org/transportation/planning-areas/management-operations/congestion-management-process
- 7. Assessment of capital investment and other strategies to preserve existing & projected transportation infrastructure, for multimodal capacity & adaptation for natural disasters.
- 8. Transportation and transit enhancement activities.
- 9. Design concept & scope for cost estimates of existing & proposed transportation facilities
- 10. Potential environmental mitigation activities.
- 11. Pedestrian walkway & bicycle transportation facilities.

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- 1. Board of Directors https://bcdcog.com/committees/
- 2. Membership
- 3. Policy Committee
- 4. Committees



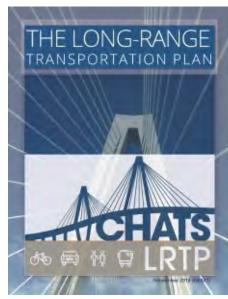




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- 1. Long Range Transportation Plan https://bcdcog.com/long-range-transportation-plan/
- 2. Executive Summary Performance Measures (linkage to PA)
- 3. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- 4. List of Federally Obligated projects







Public Participation and Influences of Advocacy

- 1. Charleston County Transportation Development https://roads.charlestoncounty.org/
- 2. SC Dept. of Transportation https://www.scdot.org/projects/public-involvement-portal.aspx
- 3. Coastal Conservation League https://www.coastalconservationleague.org/
- 4. Charleston Moves https://charlestonmoves.org/









Keys to Building Transportation Partnerships, Alliances & Coalitions

- 1. Bigger Alliances have higher change of successful outcomes
- 2. Advocacy and public awareness/education campaigns
- 3. Must include data analysis and objective methods
- 4. Focus on motivations and desirable outcomes
- 5. Structure initiative for Win-Win
- 6. Include strategic and tactical components for success
- 7. Include appeal to political leaders and build objective case for support
- 8. Identify policy changes and funding needs and build case for investment









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Thank You.

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