

2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Comment Form

Public input is an important part of the RTP planning process. Please take a few minutes to complete this comment form.

Section 1. Draft 2040 RTP Vision Statement - The 2040 RTP envisions a premier, energy-efficient and environmentally responsible regional transportation system that is interconnected, multi-modal, technologically advanced and integrated with sustainable land use patterns.

What do you think of this vision statement?

Section 2. Draft 2040 Goals - Please rate the importance of the draft 2040 goals on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means not at all important and 5 means very important to you.

Goals (not listed in any particular order)	Less important/More important (Please circle your choice)				
Expand Multi-Modal Choices: Develop a balance of rail, highway, mass transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian mobility that creates a mix of travel choices and encourages alternatives to driving alone.	1	2	3	4	5
Integrate Transportation Choices: Optimize the mobility of people and goods by creating a user-friendly transportation network that links modes with the region and connects to facilities outside the region.	1	2	3	4	5
Promote Sustainable Land Use: Fully link land use, and transportation planning and transportation funding planning to create vibrant, sustainable communities.	1	2	3	4	5
Foster a Vibrant Economy: Ensure the transportation network promotes a healthy growing economy.	1	2	3	4	5
Enhance Safety: Maximize safety and security for all transportation users across the region.	1	2	3	4	5
Foster Environmental Stewardship: Advance environmental stewardship, natural resource protection, and energy efficiency throughout the planning, design, construction and management of transportation infrastructure and services.	1	2	3	4	5
Increase Accessibility: Expand transportation options and access for all users including youth, elderly, low-income, and individuals with disabilities.	1	2	3	4	5
Optimize Transportation System Performance: Manage the transportation system to reduce traveler delay, ease congestion and improve mobility.	1	2	3	4	5
Engage the Public: Provide early and ongoing opportunities for meaningful public participation for all users.	1	2	3	4	5
Employ Advanced Technologies: Use new and upgraded technologies to deliver services, preserve and improve facilities, increase reliability, and reduce capital costs.	1	2	3	4	5
Ensure Funding and Timely Project Delivery: Maintain existing and pursue new revenue sources and strategies to ensure ample transportation funding and timely project development.	1	2	3	4	5
Deliver Accountability: Improve transparency, responsiveness, and coordination in developing and implementing the regional transportation system.	1	2	3	4	5

Section 3. Do you have any comments regarding the 2040 Draft Goals?

Section 4. What transportation projects and programs should the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan include? Please be as specific as possible and remember that this is a multi-modal plan.

Section 5. Transportation improvements require funding and the traditional source we have relied upon (the gas tax) is not providing the needed revenue anymore. We need to consider new funding mechanisms to finance transportation. Please list the top three funding strategies that you think are most important for this region to consider from the list below and explain why these are the three most important.

- 1. Increase Impact Fees** (Impact fees are a one-time contribution on new residential and commercial development.)
- 2. Increase Property Tax** (Link a transportation fee to the property tax in the region.)
- 3. Raise the Gas Tax** (Support an increase in the state gas tax.)
- 4. Index the Gas Tax** (Support the gas tax rising with inflation – not an immediate increase but instead an increase over time to maintain buying power.)
- 5. Increase State Sales Tax** (Support an increase in the state sales tax.)
- 6. Extend the Regional Sales Tax** (Extend the existing regional sales tax beyond 2026, to allow for more RTA projects.)
- 7. Increase Regional Sales Tax** (Increase the existing sales tax rate as occurred with the RTA to allow more projects and expand alternative mode choices in the region.)
- 8. Charge for Miles Traveled** (Consider a system that partially bases transportation fees (insurance rates, new mileage fees) on vehicle miles traveled – the more miles, the higher the rate.)
- 9. Public-Private Partnerships** (A private company purchases or builds a highway or bridge and recovers costs through a toll.)
- 10. Congestion Pricing** (Tax vehicles that drive during peak times and/or through congested areas)
- 11. Make Do** (Regardless of the needs, government should make the most of the existing resources and not seek additional funds for transportation)

Choice 1. ____ Why? _____

Choice 2. ____ Why? _____

Choice 3. ____ Why? _____

ZIP code: _____ Name (optional): _____

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