

## **Goals and Objectives**

Several years ago, a survey of CCMPO members was used to guide the preparation of goals, objectives and project ranking criteria for the prior Centre County LRTP 2040. For the preparation of the new LRTP 2044, the CCMPO considered the previous Plan's goals and objectives, and reviewed other factors, such as current transportation needs in Centre County. The CCMPO also acknowledged that the new Plan would be adopted before the final rulemaking was issued for the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) federal transportation authorization legislation.

After considering these factors, the CCMPO approved retaining the following goals and objectives from LRTP 2040 for the new LRTP 2044.

### **Goal - Safety and Security**

- Reduces crashes
- Reduces conflicts between motorized and non-motorized transportation modes
- Improves safety of intersections and roadway alignments

### **Goal - Preservation of the Existing Transportation System**

- Preventative maintenance that prolongs useful life of transportation asset
- Public transportation facility/fleet rehabilitation and modernization
- Improvements to ride quality

### **Goal - Efficient System Management and Operation**

- Reduces congestion, improves Levels of Service, reduces travel times
- Increases public transportation service frequency and capacity
- Improves system functionality (Ex. signal upgrades, ITS applications, access management)

### **Goal - Integration and Connectivity of the Transportation System**

- Eliminates/overcomes barriers (Ex. closures, detours & delays, weight restrictions) in key corridors
- Establishes/maintains intermodal connections
- Introduces new connections between existing network patterns (Ex. street connectivity, linking bicycle/pedestrian routes, connections between transit routes and providers)

### **Goal - Accessibility and Mobility Options for People and Freight**

- Improves public transportation services: routes, ride share opportunities, vanpools and park and ride lots
- Improves pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Improves access to airports, freight distribution facilities, or major industrial districts

## **Goal - Consistency with Planned Growth and Development Areas**

- Consistent with County, Regional and Municipal Comprehensive Plan documents
- Serves existing and planned future growth areas
- Does not contribute to inconsistent community development patterns such as sprawl

## **Goal - Environment and Air Quality Conformity**

- Does not negatively impact air quality
- Promotes energy conservation
- Avoids negative impacts to endangered or threatened species, key natural habitats, agricultural lands and historic and cultural resources

## **Goal - Economic Vitality**

- Improves access and/or enhances freight movement to regional and national economic centers
- Encourages tourism
- Encourages infill development, the redevelopment of brownfield sites within reach of existing infrastructure and the overall revitalization of core communities

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The adopted Goals and Objectives are directly linked to the five core questions developed at the conclusion of Chapter V - Key Findings:

- 1. Is the Centre County transportation system getting safer?*
- 2. Is the Centre County transportation system in a state of good repair?*
- 3. Does the Centre County transportation system have adequate capacity?*
- 4. Does the Centre County transportation system have an adequate mix of modes?*
- 5. Does Centre County's transportation system support existing and future community and economic development needs?*

Priorities for proposed projects and programs are determined by assessing the extent that the projects and programs meet the established goals and objectives, and provide answers to the five key questions.