

2. Goals and Objectives

Several years ago, a survey of the CCMPO members was used to guide the preparation of goals, objectives, and project ranking criteria for the LRTP 2040. Subsequent plan updates have used the previous plan's goals and objectives as a starting point. For the preparation of the new LRTP 2050, the CCMPO considered the previous plan's goals and objectives, and reviewed additional factors, such as current transportation needs, preservation of the current transportation system, and reducing service deficiencies in Centre County. The review acknowledged that the new LRTP would be adopted prior to the final rulemaking for the FAST Act federal transportation authorization legislation in 2020. Nevertheless, the CCMPO believes the basic goals and objectives from previous plans still apply and should be updated in compliance with the current FAST Act.

After considering these factors, the CCMPO approved retaining the goals and objectives from the 2044 LRTP with modification.

Goal 1 – Improve Safety and Security

- a) Reduce crashes
- b) Reduce conflicts between motorized and non-motorized transportation modes
- c) Improve safety of intersections and roadway alignments

Goal 2 – Preserve the Existing Transportation System

- a) Conduct preventative maintenance that prolongs the useful life of transportation assets
- b) Rehabilitate and modernize public transportation facilities and fleets
- c) Improve transit ride quality

Goal 3 – Optimize System Management and Operation

- a) Reduce congestion, improve Levels of Service, and reduce travel times
- b) Increase public transportation service frequency and capacity
- c) Improve system functionality (e.g., signal upgrades, ITS applications, access management) through smart infrastructure and/or technology

Goal 4 – Improve Integration and Connectivity of the Transportation System

- a) Eliminate/overcome barriers (e.g., closures, detours and delays, weight restrictions) in key corridors to maintain system resiliency
- b) Establish/maintain intermodal connections
- c) Introduce new connections between existing network patterns (e.g., street connectivity, linking bicycle/pedestrian routes, connections between transit routes and providers)

Goal 5 – Improve Accessibility and Mobility Options for People and Freight

- a) Improve public transportation services (e.g., routes, ride-share opportunities, vanpools, park-and-ride lots, customer information and services)
- b) Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- c) Improve access to airports, freight distribution facilities, and major industrial districts

Goal 6 – Complement Planned Growth and Development Areas

- a) Invest in transportation that is consistent with county, regional, and municipal Comprehensive Plan documents
- b) Serve existing and planned future growth areas

Goal 7 – Maintain the Environment and Air Quality Conformity

- a) Maintain or improve air quality
- b) Promote energy conservation and system resiliency through decreased exclusive reliance on gasoline
- c) Avoid negative impacts to endangered or threatened species, key natural habitats, agricultural lands, and historic and cultural resources

Goal 8 – Enhance Economic Vitality

- a) Improve access and/or enhance freight movement to regional and national economic centers
- b) Encourage tourism
- c) Encourage infill development, the redevelopment of brownfield sites within reach of existing infrastructure, and the overall revitalization of core communities