

Bluegrass Area Development District



Goals and Objectives of the Bluegrass Regional Transportation Committee

Regional Transportation Program
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GOAL: To promote the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services to benefit all of the residents of the region.

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Provide an efficient transportation system including highway, air and rail facilities, which are capable of moving people and goods safely and efficiently.
 2. Provide the best possible highway system--including routes representing various functional highway classifications--at the lowest possible cost.
 3. Ensure the highway system properly relates to residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and public uses of land.
 4. Ensure that the transportation system connects all major population centers and all significant economic and tourism centers with a system of highway quality connectors.
 5. Provide interstate reconstruction including pavement rehabilitation and preservation of the existing system.
 6. Provide an improved system of principal arterials serving interstate and intrastate needs.

GOAL: To promote highway safety to reduce fatalities, injuries, and economic loss on the region's highways.

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. To improve safety on all existing and proposed highways and streets in the district.
 2. Support and assist emphasis area task teams to analyze specific safety issues.
 3. Promote increased and continued driver education programs.
 4. Increase the usage of occupant protection.
 5. Support efforts to increase funding for implementing traffic safety initiatives.

6. Educate local decision makers on the importance of safety issues.

GOAL: To encourage efficient use of highways and streets.

OBJECTIVES: 1. Encourage access management activities

2. To increase auto occupancy

3. To reduce air, noise, water and visual pollution.

4. To shorten travel time.

5. To improve directness in the transportation system.

6. To improve the overall capacity of the system.

7. To decrease traffic congestion.

8. To effectively provide routes between neighborhood and major activity centers.

9. To improve safety on streets and highways.

GOAL: Maximize compatibility of the transportation system with environmental considerations, as well as with the historic and cultural resources of the region.

OBJECTIVES: 1. Provide early and continual environmental evaluation and analysis to avoid or minimize environmental impacts of transportation projects.

2. Develop and implement strategies to reduce transportation-related energy consumption.

3. Identify critical, natural, cultural, and human resource areas to be considered in transportation planning.

4. Provide transportation improvements that improve regional air quality, minimize noise impacts and conserve energy.

GOAL: Provide for an open public involvement process in the development and implementation of transportation improvements in the region.

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Provide for citizen involvement in the transportation planning process.
 2. Respect and ensure the area's natural and historic context and minimize adverse impacts to the environment and existing residential areas.
 3. Minimize negative transportation effects upon residential areas.
 4. Encourage transportation improvements that preserve the natural panorama of skylines and sightlines, and are compatible with historic resources.
 5. Evaluate and identify transportation system needs of area schools, and address existing and future transportation issues as appropriate.
 6. Provide for connecting streets among neighborhoods.
 7. Meet the unique transportation needs of the area's elderly, disabled and disadvantaged populations.

GOAL: Work with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, adjoining Area Development Districts, District Highway Offices, and counties to develop a transportation system to meet future growth and development needs.

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Coordinate planning with adjoining Area Development Districts, District Highway Offices and counties so that planned improvements are consistent with adjacent counties.
 2. Encourage and promote funding of improvements detailed in the Statewide Transportation Plan.

OBJECTIVE: Identify and budget for major transportation improvement programs.

OBJECTIVE: 1. Coordinate planned developments with planned transportation facilities so as to facilitate proper traffic circulation.

GOAL: To encourage and enhance public transportation development and use

OBJECTIVES: 1. To increase funding for all public transportation.

2. Provide a regional transit system that connects Lexington with the surrounding communities.

3. Incorporate rural and urban transportation needs in the development of future projects.

4. To increase bus ridership.

5. To reduce bus patron travel times.

6. To provide incentives for riding the bus.

7. To provide cost effective service to as many residents as possible including the elderly and handicapped.

GOAL: To encourage and enhance alternatives to motorized modes of transportation.

OBJECTIVES: 1. To increase the use and improve the safety of bicycling.

2. To increase and improve the safety of pedestrian movements.

3. To consider the incorporation of a bicycle component to any new highway project in the area.

GOAL: To provide a balanced and coordinated multi-modal transportation system.

OBJECTIVES: 1. To provide appropriate levels of service for each mode.

2. To provide for frequent and convenient transfer between the modes.

3. To encourage bi-modal trips where they would result in the decrease in energy consumption, travel congestion and the improvement of air quality.

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