

REGIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

(from the APO's Blueprint 2040 Plan)

APO Goals and Objectives (bicycle-pedestrian related language is highlighted.)

Safety

Goal Statement:

Develop and maintain a transportation system that promotes the safety of all users.

Objectives:

- Reduce the number of fatalities consistent with the "Toward Zero Deaths" initiative and the severity of crashes throughout the APO area.
- Emphasize low-cost/high-benefit treatments that address safety and operation needs.
- Implement intersection safety improvements from the Transportation System Management (TSM) Report.

Accessibility & Mobility

Goal Statement:

Increase the accessibility and mobility options for people and freight while exploring congestion mitigation measures.

Objectives:

- Provide sufficient capacity in the transportation system to accommodate existing and future travel demand.
- Provide a transportation system that accommodates access and mobility needs appropriately.
- Reduce excessive travel delays through the reduction of vehicle-hours traveled (VHT) and vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and improve roadway Levels of Service to D or above.

System Connectivity

Goal Statement:

Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between all modes, including, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit and freight.

Objectives:

- Maintain the APO area's functional classification hierarchy to reflect Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines for mileage by classification.

- Advance investment strategies of the Minnesota freight and passenger rail plans.

System Management

Goal Statement:

Promote efficient system management and operations while increasing collaboration among businesses, community and industry groups, and federal, state, and local governments to better target investments and improve accountability.

Objectives:

- Encourage the application of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies in the APO Area by promoting the application of new ITS technologies.
- Encourage public-private partnerships and other applicable innovative financing alternatives.
- Consider all local partners in the transportation planning process to create a seamless transportation network.

System Preservation

Goal Statement:

Develop a transportation system that is **cost-feasible, maintains a state of good repair**, and explores low-cost/high-benefit solutions that satisfy public transportation priorities.

Objectives:

- Optimize investments to **maintain and preserve the existing assets**, pavements, and bridges.
- Identify sufficient funding sources (e.g., local, state, and federal) to meet existing and future preservation and maintenance needs.

Active Transportation

Goal Statement:

Develop and maintain a transportation system that **integrates multimodal options for all users** while taking into account **active living and public health initiatives**.

Objectives:

- **Integrate multimodal facilities along roadways while providing safe circulation** for both commuter travel and multimodal use.
- **Invest in transportation alternatives** that enhance transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities and services for persons who cannot, or chose not to use motor vehicles.
- Encourage the use of **context sensitive design** principles that foster positive public health outcomes.

Energy and Environment

Goal Statement:

Support transportation improvements that promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

Objectives:

- Promote alternative modes of transportation and fuel efficient vehicles that reduce transportation related CO2 emissions.
- Incorporate context sensitive design principles into project development for corridors and transportation infrastructure.
- Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse social, environmental, and economic impacts resulting from existing or new transportation facilities.

Metropolitan Vitality

Goal Statement:

Support the economic vitality of the APO area by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

Objectives:

- Promote economic competitiveness by enhancing the movement of goods and services through connections to the regional transportation system.
- Provide access to jobs and education services and enhance business access to markets via freight, air, and rail.
- Support local and regional connections that are efficient for freight movement.

Security

Goal Statement:

Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users in preparedness for emergency events and natural disasters.

Objectives:

- Identify critical street and highway system assets that are essential for emergency response routes and those that are vulnerable to natural disasters.
- Identify and incorporate state and regional emergency, evacuation, and security plans into transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) project selection.
- Improve incident management response times within the APO area.