

# THE SAINT CLOUD REGIONAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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Presented by the Saint Cloud Area Planning  
Organization

# What is the APO?

- The Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization (APO) is:
  - A Federally mandated transportation planning and programming agency
  - Composed of representatives of all Cities and Counties in the metro region
    - Saint Cloud, Saint Augusta, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Saint Joseph, Benton County, Sherburne County, Starns County, and LeSauk Township
  - 80% Federally funded, with 20% local match
  - An agency that helps coordinate between the local governments, MnDOT, and Federal transportation agencies

# What is the LRTP?

- The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is:
  - A Federally required planning document
  - A plan that covers a 20 year planning timeframe
  - Updated every 5 years
  - A plan that establishes the regional consensus on transportation needs, challenges, and vision
  - A fiscally constrained plan; not simply a wish list
  - A document that makes transportation projects eligible for Federal funding if the projects are included in the plan

# L RTP Development Process

(Public Input Throughout Process)

- Identify existing conditions, network performance, and any issues
- Develop goals, objectives, and vision for future
- Develop projections of future population and employment
  - Use the traffic model to forecast future conditions if no improvements were made to the network
- Identify all current and probable future issues and develop projects or strategies to address them

# L RTP Development Process (cont.)

(Public Input Throughout Process)

- Develop projections of probable future revenue available to address transportation issues
- Select a fiscally-constrained set of projects and strategies to address current and existing issues
- Evaluate potential environmental impact of projects and discuss potential mitigation efforts
- Get approval for the document

# Where Are We Now?

- March – April 2017
  - Identify existing conditions, network performance, and any issues
    - We need the public's input to help us understand how things are operating everywhere in the region and what issues need attention.