

## Vision for Transportation *(from 2010 LRTP)*

The Vision for Transportation in Lincoln and Lancaster County is a safe, efficient and sustainable transportation system that enhances the quality of life, livability, and economic vitality of the community. The following four principles guide the plan toward that goal:

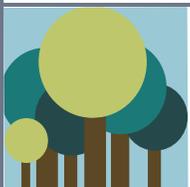
**A Connected City:** In Lincoln and Lancaster County, the unifying qualities of transportation will be emphasized. Neighborhoods, activity and employment centers, rural communities, and open lands should be connected by a continuous network of public ways. The transportation network needs to sustain the One Community concept by linking neighborhoods and rural communities together.

**A Balanced Transportation System:** Transportation planning in Lincoln will be guided by the principle of balancing needs and expectations. It will recognize that transportation is a means to the goal of a unified, livable, and economically strong community. The system needs to effectively move people and goods around the community, while minimizing impacts on established neighborhoods and investments. The concept of balance also applies to modes of transportation. While the system must function well for motor vehicles, it should also promote public transportation, bicycling, and walking as viable alternatives now and into the future.

**Transportation as a Formative System:** Transportation and land use are linked systems that are subject to change by growth and development. The land use plan, which includes projections of future development, determines the character of the transportation plan. On the other hand, transportation has a major impact on the form of developing areas. Lincoln and Lancaster County will use transportation improvements to reinforce desirable land use development patterns.

**Planning as a Process:** Transportation planning is a dynamic process, responding to such factors as community growth, development directions, and social and lifestyle changes. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan and LRTP employ an ongoing process that responds to these changes.

# Transportation Goals

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|    | <p><b>Maintenance Goal:</b><br/>A well-maintained transportation system.</p>  | <p><b>Maintenance Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain streets, sidewalks, trails, transit fleet and amenities to a state of good repair to maximize the value of Lincoln’s transportation assets</li> </ul>   |
|    | <p><b>Mobility and System Reliability Goal:</b><br/>An efficient, reliable, and well-connected transportation system for moving people and freight.</p>     | <p><b>Mobility and System Reliability Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimize the efficiency of the transportation network</li> <li>• Improve the performance and reliability of the transportation system</li> </ul>   |
|    | <p><b>Livability and Travel Choice Goal:</b><br/>A multimodal system that provides travel options to support a more compact, livable urban environment.</p> | <p><b>Livability and Travel Choice Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the quality of alternative transportation options (transit, biking, walking)</li> <li>• Accommodate all modes of travel on Lincoln’s street system</li> </ul>   |
|   | <p><b>Safety and Security Goal:</b><br/>A safe and secure transportation system.</p>  | <p><b>Safety and Security Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce fatal, injury, and total crash rates for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians</li> <li>• Improve personal security for use</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Economic Vitality Goal:</b><br/>A transportation system that supports economic vitality for residents and businesses.</p>                             | <p><b>Economic Vitality Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the cost of transportation for system users</li> <li>• Improve the economic competitiveness of the region by enhancing the transportation system</li> <li>• Improve the operations of the existing freight transportation system</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>Environmental Sustainability Goal:</b><br/>A transportation system that enhances the natural, cultural, and built environment.</p>                    | <p><b>Environmental Sustainability Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain compliance with Air Quality Standards</li> <li>• Reduce fossil fuel consumption by providing access to alternative modes and fuels</li> <li>• Avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts of transportation projects to the extent reasonably practical</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Funding and Cost Effectiveness Goal:</b><br/>Collaboration in funding transportation projects that maximize user benefits.</p>                        | <p><b>Funding and Cost Effectiveness Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the best use of public financial resources</li> <li>• Decrease the gap between funding needed to achieve LRTP goals and currently available funding</li> </ul>   |