

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan 2017 Update

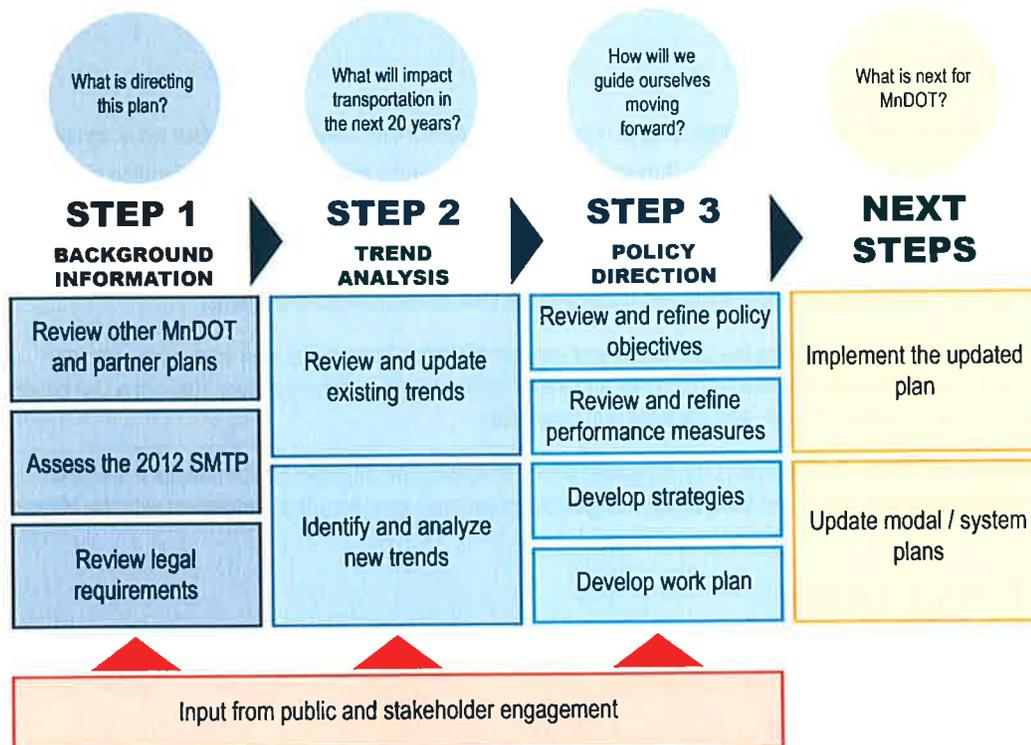
WHAT IS THE SMTP?

The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan is Minnesota's highest level policy plan for transportation. It is a 20-year plan based on the Minnesota GO Vision for a transportation system that maximizes the health of people, the environment and the economy. The plan is for all types of transportation and all transportation partners. It's about more than just roadways and more than just the Minnesota Department of Transportation. It evaluates the status of the entire transportation system, takes into account what's changing and provides direction for moving forward over the next 20 years.

MnDOT is required by state and federal law to plan for 20 years into the future but also to update the plan every four years. This SMTP update is due on January 15, 2017.

HOW WAS THE PLAN UPDATED?

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP) Update Process
2015 - 2017



WHAT ARE THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN?

The plan focuses on five objectives:

- **Open-Decision Making:** Make transportation system decisions through processes that are inclusive, engaging and supported by data and analysis. Provide for and support coordination, collaboration and innovation. Ensure efficient and effective use of resources.
- **Transportation Safety:** Safeguard transportation users as well as the communities the system travel through. Apply proven strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries for all modes. Foster a culture of transportation safety in Minnesota.
- **Critical Connections:** Maintain and improve multimodal transportation connections essential for Minnesotans' prosperity and quality of life. Strategically consider new connections that help meet performance targets and maximize social, economic and environmental benefits.
- **System Stewardship:** Strategically build, manage, maintain and operate all transportation assets. Rely on system data and analysis, performance measures and targets, agency and partners' needs and public expectations to inform decisions. Use technology and innovation to get the most out of investments and maintain system performance. Increase the resiliency of the transportation system and adapt to changing needs.
- **Healthy Communities:** Make fiscally responsible transportation system decisions that respect and complement the natural, cultural, social and economic context. Integrate land use and transportation to leverage public and private investments.

Each objective includes related strategies for MnDOT and transportation partners, and related performance measures to track progress toward meeting the objectives. Taken together, the objectives, more than 40 supporting strategies and more than 30 performance measures support the Minnesota GO Vision and help address the trends affecting Minnesota related to population, economy, environment, transportation behavior and technology.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The updated SMTP maintains the previous version's commitment to identifying priority networks, preserving the existing system while considering strategic improvements with a high return on investment, advancing safety through the toward zero deaths initiative, and consideration for social, environmental and economic impacts. New emphasis areas in the updated SMTP include:

- Strengthening the relationship between transportation planning and land use decisions. The plan emphasizes the importance of considering the full context for transportation decisions, including the impacts to the built and natural environments.
- Advancing equity. The plan emphasizes the need to increase the diversity of the transportation industry as well as a more open and inclusive decision-making process. It also stresses the need to consider and better understand how transportation decisions can advance equity for low-income communities, communities of color, and persons with disabilities.
- A clearer commitment to environmental issues. The plan calls for increased efforts to reduce the negative environmental impacts of transportation. It also is the first transportation plan in the state to set a target for greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Minnesota Next Generation Energy Act.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

MnDOT is accepting written comments through October 14, 2016. To view and comment on the full plan, visit www.MinnesotaGO.org.