

# 2050 VISION



**“In general, we’ve heard people want more reliable, safe, and comfortable choices for getting around.”**

*Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## MTP 2050 is Our Plan for the Future

The MTP is required by federal law. It must include all projects that will use federal highway or public transportation dollars. It must also include all other “regionally significant” transportation projects. [IIJA](#) legislation determines



the amount of federal funding available for transportation. It establishes priorities for using that funding. It also creates grant programs for distributing funds. The IIJA is a major investment in infrastructure funding: It totals to \$550 billion for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. Only those projects that can be realistically funded during the 25-year planning period may be included in the MTP.

Once the MTP has been adopted by the TPC, projects can then move to implementation. This is based on two things: 1) what phase of

**“ Continue to utilize and develop better, more efficient ways into downtown Lexington and out.**

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implementation the project is in and, 2) a formal commitment of funding for that particular phase of work. This will look different depending on the project and its context. Once these two things have been met, the project gets included in the shorter-term document: the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP covers four fiscal years. Any project phase that uses federal funds or has a federal interest must be included in the TIP before work can proceed.

## What Guides Us

This MTP has a foundational purpose: to invest in a more sustainable transportation system that provides safe travel choices to everyone in our area. Using this foundation, the MTP 2050 is built on a set of goals that will shape our work over the next 25 years. Each of the six goals includes a series of objectives. These objectives provide meaning and articulate a broad task to accomplish. Within each objective are different strategies. These are more specific and can be acted upon over time. By organizing the MTP 2050 around these goals, objectives, and strategies, we can better achieve our foundational purpose.

How did we come up with these goals? By engaging with you! Our transportation system is one of our largest public resources. This means we need to make sure it is being planned, designed, built, and maintained to meet the vision and needs of the community. MPO staff used several different ways to inform and involve the public so that we could create a long-range plan that speaks to what the public wants.

We built the MTP 2050 Goals and Objectives on the conversations, input, and



information gathered for other recent plans. Like [On the Table](#) and Imagine Lexington 2050, [Imagine Nicholasville Road](#), and [Imagine New Circle Road](#).

In addition to what we learn from you, there are a few different initiatives that have helped us prioritize future improvements. The MPO adopted a Complete Streets policy in early 2023. This signals a shift in how we plan, design, build, and maintain our transportation system. Complete Streets is our commitment to making sure everyone has safe, accessible transportation options no matter how they choose to get around. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has also adopted a Complete Streets policy and as of 2024 is in the process of implementing a [Complete Streets Action Plan](#). Additionally, the MPO adopted a Vision Zero policy in April 2022. [Vision Zero](#) acknowledges that even one death on our roadways is unacceptable and that road design should encourage safe speeds and reduce the severity of intersection crashes. The policy is our commitment to this approach to safety. In addition to these policies, the [Lexington Safety Action Plan](#) came out in 2023 and is part of this Vision Zero initiative.

