



VISIONS AND POLICIES

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) developed a set of topics and visions for the future of the regional transportation network. Public outreach was conducted throughout the region to obtain input into this process.

The topics and visions expand upon the MPO topics and policies adopted by the MPO in January 2006 to guide the development of JOURNEY TO 2030 and to steer decision-making for transportation in the region. *Topics, policies, and visions* are defined as follows:

- Topics – main areas of focus
- Policies – specific statements to be used in guiding decision-making
- Visions – descriptions of the “end state” that exists after policies have been achieved

Public input received during outreach for JOURNEY TO 2030 and views expressed during the MAPC MetroFuture Plan process of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) shaped the topics and policies and subsequently the visions. The topics, policies, and visions are also consistent with the guiding principles of the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Long-Range Transportation Plan*. They are also based on or related to the eight planning factors in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which is the federal surface transportation legislation.

While the topics, policies, and visions focus primarily on the transportation network, transportation’s strong interrelationship with land use requires references to sustainable growth and development, environmental and cultural resource protection, and the creation of environments that promote healthy lifestyles. The MPO will actively promote these values, as well as the policies and visions in its planning and decision-making, in

order to bring transportation in the region closer to the visions presented below.

TOPIC: SYSTEM PRESERVATION, MODERNIZATION, AND EFFICIENCY

Vision: Preserving the existing transportation network and replacing systems once their life span is realized are tasks critical to the promotion and effective management of regional mobility. The vision of the Boston Region MPO is to maintain and manage existing transportation facilities so that they function at their highest possible level of safety and efficiency. In this manner, people using elements of the system will experience the highest possible service level. Application of transportation systems management and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies will be the main tool used to provide information, reduce congestion, and expedite transit service, thereby providing for system reliability, safety, and efficiency. Upgrading to keep in step with evolving standards will help meet the region's changing needs.

Policy: To emphasize the preservation, modernization, and efficiency of the existing transportation system, the MPO will:

- Put priority on projects that maintain, repair, and modernize existing infrastructure.
- Set funding goals for maintaining the system.
- Make investments that maximize the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and flexibility of the existing transportation system
- Encourage and support, through planning and programming, projects and programs that improve the operation of the existing transportation system through the use of ITS, new technologies, and transportation systems management.

TOPIC: MOBILITY

Vision: A coordinated mix of transportation modes and services will give users of the region's transportation system increased opportunities for convenient, reliable, speedy, affordable, and ac-

cessible travel. Existing roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight links will be maintained and their serviceability improved. New routes, lines, and connections will serve additional needs. The spectrum of options will serve travelers from different areas of the region with varying needs.



Policy: To improve mobility for people and freight, the MPO will:

- Put a priority on projects and programs that increase the availability of transportation options for people and freight by improving connections, access to and within the system, services, and infrastructure to meet needs.
- Support projects and programs that improve public transportation service by making it faster, more reliable, and more affordable.
- Consider how an improvement to a single mode can make the entire system work better.
- Fund projects that expand the existing transportation system's ability to move people and goods in areas identified in the Boston Region Mobility Management System, the MBTA Program for Mass Transportation, the MPO's Regional Equity Program, and MPO

and EOT freight studies, and through public comment. This includes encouraging options that manage demand. Adding highway capacity by building general-purpose lanes should be considered only when no better solution can be found and should be accompanied by proponent commitments, developed in the environmental review process, to implement transportation demand management (TDM) measures.

- Maximize the implementation of multi-modal transportation approaches in both urban and suburban settings, including roadway, transit, bicycling, and pedestrian.
- Assist agencies and communities in planning and implementing projects that provide bicycle and pedestrian routes, networks, and facilities.
- Support programs that meet public transportation needs in suburban communities, including improving access to existing public transportation and partnering with others to initiate new intrasuburban services linking important destinations.
- Provide better access for all to transportation throughout the region, including for our youth, elderly and disabled users, and members of zero-vehicle households. This includes identifying and addressing structural and operational barriers to mobility.
- Develop a multimodal and comprehensive plan for freight movement that includes an evaluation of freight infrastructure needs and access to intermodal facilities (air, road, rail, and water).

TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT

Vision: Transportation planning activities and projects will strive to reduce air quality degradation and other environmental degradations caused by transportation. Vehicle emissions (carbon monoxide [CO], nitrogen oxides [NOx], volatile organic compounds [VOCs], particulates, and carbon dioxide [CO₂]) will be reduced by modernizing

transit, truck, and automobile fleets, and through increasing transit mode share.

In the process of considering transportation projects, the MPO will take into account the management and minimization of soil and water contamination, such as highway and rail right-of-way runoff, and wetland impacts. Construction of transportation facilities will be planned and carried out in a manner that avoids or minimizes negative impacts to natural resources. Transportation planning will also promote project design that preserves cultural resources such as community character and cohesiveness, quality of life, and historic and scenic resources; protects greenfields, open space, wildlife, and ecosystems; and advances sustainability and health-promoting transportation options. Transportation agencies will work with environmental and cultural resource agencies to achieve these ends.

Policy: To minimize transportation-related pollution and degradation of the environment; promote energy conservation; support the preservation of natural resources and community character; and advance sustainability, regional



environmental benefits, and health-promoting transportation options, the MPO will:

- Give priority to projects that maintain and improve public transportation facilities and services so as to increase public transportation mode share and reduce reliance on automobiles.
- Give priority to projects that reduce congestion or manage transportation demand to improve air quality.
- Support, through planning and programming, projects that make transportation in the region more sustainable.
- Promote the use of low-polluting or alternative fuels, efficient engine technology, and other new, viable technologies that protect resources.
- Consider environmental issues during project selection; in particular, air quality and the reduction of pollutants (CO, NO_x, VOCs, particulates, and CO₂), the protection of water resources (soil and water contamination, stormwater management, and wetlands impacts), greenfields and open space, and wildlife and ecosystem preservation; and value those projects that reduce negative impacts.



- Recognize value in transportation projects that preserve natural and cultural resources, including visual, auditory, historic, aesthetic, community, and local quality-of-life values.
- Recognize, in evaluations, projects that respect community character in their purpose and design.
- Consult with environmental and cultural resource agencies and entities on environmental effects, particularly through the existing National Environmental Policy Act/Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/MEPA) processes.
- Encourage, through planning and programming, transportation choices that promote a healthy lifestyle such as walking and bicycling.

TOPIC: SAFETY AND SECURITY

Vision: Safety and security initiatives will be implemented to protect the region from natural and human threats. Transportation infrastructure and its operation will be upgraded on an ongoing basis for the safety and security of all users. Technologies will be employed to manage incidents, conduct emergency response, and support safe evacuations using various transportation modes. Highway and transit infrastructure will be kept in a state of good repair. There will be fewer crashes, due to improved intersection designs and upgrades.

Policy: To improve safety and security for all transportation system users and prepare the transportation system for its role in emergency-response preparedness, the MPO will:

- Support designs and fund projects and programs that address safety problems and enhance safe travel for all system users. This includes designs and projects that encourage motorists, public transportation riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians to share the transportation network safely.
- Support, through planning and programming, the installation, operation, upgrading, and timely maintenance of system infrastructure, including ITS, to provide for safety and security.

- Participate in regional planning for safety and security initiatives, such as evacuation and contingency measures, and homeland security.

TOPIC: REGIONAL EQUITY

Vision: Regional equity and the needs of low-income and minority residents will be assessed through regular activities and technical analyses. Low-income and minority residents will share equally with others in access to the transportation network and its mobility benefits. Environmental burdens from transportation facilities and services will be identified and minimized for all populations.

Policy: To promote the equitable sharing of the transportation system's benefits and burdens, and to incorporate environmental justice principles into transportation planning and programming activities, the MPO will:

- Continue the outreach to communities with a high proportion of low-income and minority residents to identify transportation needs.
- Assess regional equity by analyzing mobility, accessibility, and congestion for communities with a high proportion of low-income and minority residents.
- Fund projects that address identified regional equity issues and needs.

TOPIC: LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Vision: Multimodal transportation will serve business, residential, and mixed-use centers. Transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities will be linked in a network to a growing inventory of denser residential development, employment and commercial centers, and major destinations. Transportation investments will focus on centers of economic activity and areas with adequate water, sewer, and other public infrastructure. Transportation rights-of-way will be used to maximize public benefits.

Transportation planning will be integrated with land-use and economic-development planning to the greatest extent possible in order to achieve



more mobility, foster sustainable communities and transportation, and expand economic opportunities and prosperity. Transportation improvements will be made to facilitate the movement of freight throughout the region.

Policy: To promote the integration of land-use, economic-development, and transportation planning to achieve efficiencies; benefits for mobility and the environment, including sustainable communities and transportation; and stronger economic opportunities, the MPO will:

- Link transportation planning with land-use and economic-development plans, particularly in areas identified for economic development by state, regional, and local planning.
- Make transportation investments where existing or planned development will encourage public transportation use, walking, and bicycling.
- Give priority to projects in areas identified in local and regional plans as being suitable for concentrated development and/or redevelopment, including brownfield redevelopment; support initiatives that increase sustainability.
- Consider both existing development and densities in transportation decision-making and give priority to projects that support them.

- Consider the appropriate use and maintenance of transportation rights-of-way to maximize public benefits.
- Put priority on transportation investments related to existing centers of economic activity; or to areas with adequate water and sewer infrastructure; or to municipal centers or areas targeted for economic development.
- Support, through planning and programming, transportation improvements that provide transportation links for economic activities such as freight movement.

TOPIC: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vision: Members of the public will have the opportunity to be informed about and involved in MPO planning and decision-making regarding transportation projects, programs, and spending for the region. Information will be presented in clear and concise formats, including visualizations, accessible formats, and other media. The MPO will strongly encourage low-income and minority residents and those with limited English proficiency to participate. The Regional Transportation Advisory Council will continue to contribute to the development of all MPO documents.

The MPO will work with project proponents and members of the public to help them understand the MPO project evaluation and selection processes. To facilitate this understanding, the MPO will, in conducting those processes, consistently follow its published project-selection criteria.

The MPO will consult with environmental, cultural resource, community, business, economic development, and other agencies throughout the region and state to promote the integration of their interests with transportation planning and programming.

Policy: To promote public involvement in all phases of transportation planning and design, the MPO will:

- Implement the MPO public participation plan in a way that provides all residents and busi-

nesses the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process.

- Communicate effectively with project proponents and members of the public to ensure their understanding of the MPO project evaluation and selection processes and facilitate their participation.
- Use the MPO's criteria, based on MPO policies, in decision-making and project selection.
- Continue to work with the Regional Transportation Advisory Council in the development of all MPO documents, and support the Advisory Council's work of bringing the public's views to MPO decision-making.
- Reach out to under-represented persons and groups, including low-income and minority residents and those with limited English proficiency, to ensure that decisions are made in an open and participatory process.
- Solicit the input of environmental, cultural resource, community, business, economic development, and other appropriate agencies on MPO activities, to promote the integration of these interests with transportation planning and programming.
- Work to improve coordination among the local, regional, and state jurisdictions that own and operate the region's transportation system.
- Expand methods of communication and explore new technologies to improve outreach. Use varied media and visualization techniques.

TOPIC: FINANCE

Vision: Projects programmed by the MPO will effectively and efficiently use the region's limited financial resources to maintain, operate, and improve the transportation system. In addition, the MPO will pursue opportunities for innovative funding and public-private partnerships. The MPO will encourage implementing agencies to provide transparent and accurate information to better estimate and contain project costs.

Policy: To secure and efficiently and effectively apply financial resources for the maintenance, modernization, and appropriate expansion of the regional transportation system, the MPO will:

- Consider project effectiveness in meeting transportation needs during project selection.
- Work to identify and acquire new revenues for the transportation system, including those from innovative funding sources and public-private partnerships.
- Work with implementing agencies, communities, and project proponents to identify and adopt information systems to better estimate and contain project costs.
- Consider the cost of maintenance and operations when selecting projects.

EIGHT PLANNING FACTORS IN SAFETEA-LU

SAFETEA-LU authorizes the federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the five-year period 2005–2009. According to SAFETEA-LU, consideration of the planning factors listed below should be reflected, as appropriate, in all aspects of the metropolitan transportation planning process, including activities such as the formulation of goals, objectives, performance measures, and evaluation criteria for use in developing the metropolitan transportation plan; identification of prioritization criteria for projects and strategies reflected in the TIP; and development of short-range planning studies, strategic planning and/or policy studies, and transportation needs studies.

There are numerous direct and indirect relationships between the MPO's policy topics and SAFETEA-LU's eight planning factors (see Figure 4-1). The planning factors and the relationships with MPO policies are discussed in more detail below.

SAFETEA-LU has placed increased emphasis on a number of areas in transportation plan-

ning, including Environmental Mitigation, Consistency between Regional Transportation Plans and Planned Growth and Development Plans, and Visualization Techniques. These areas are addressed in the Journey to 2030 Plan in the following chapters.

- Environmental Mitigation is discussed in Chapter 10, Environment; the different environmental areas that are affected by transportation in the region are outlined. This chapter also includes maps showing how these areas are affected by the specific projects that are recommended in the Plan. A discussion of the consultation that occurred with the environmental agencies during the development of the Plan, as well as when mitigation will occur, is also included in Chapter 10. Chapter 3, Plan Development, also includes a summary of the consultation process on environmental issues.
- Consistency between Regional Transportation Plans and Planned Growth and Development Plans is discussed in Chapter 11, Land Use and Economic Development. This chapter includes a discussion of how proposed planned growth and development through 2030 have been incorporated into and used in the development of Journey to 2030. Chapter 3, Plan Development, includes a summary of the development of demographic projections and Chapter 13, The Recommended Plan, also includes a summary of the recommended land use scenario.
- Visualization Techniques have been used in the development of the Plan in a number of ways, including the development of the recommended land use scenario, in public participation events during the development of the Plan, and in presentations to the MPO during their discussions, throughout the Plan process. Chapter 3, Plan Development, includes a summary of the steps undertaken in the development of the Plan.

FIGURE 4-1

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SAFETEA-LU PLANNING FACTORS AND MPO POLICY TOPICS

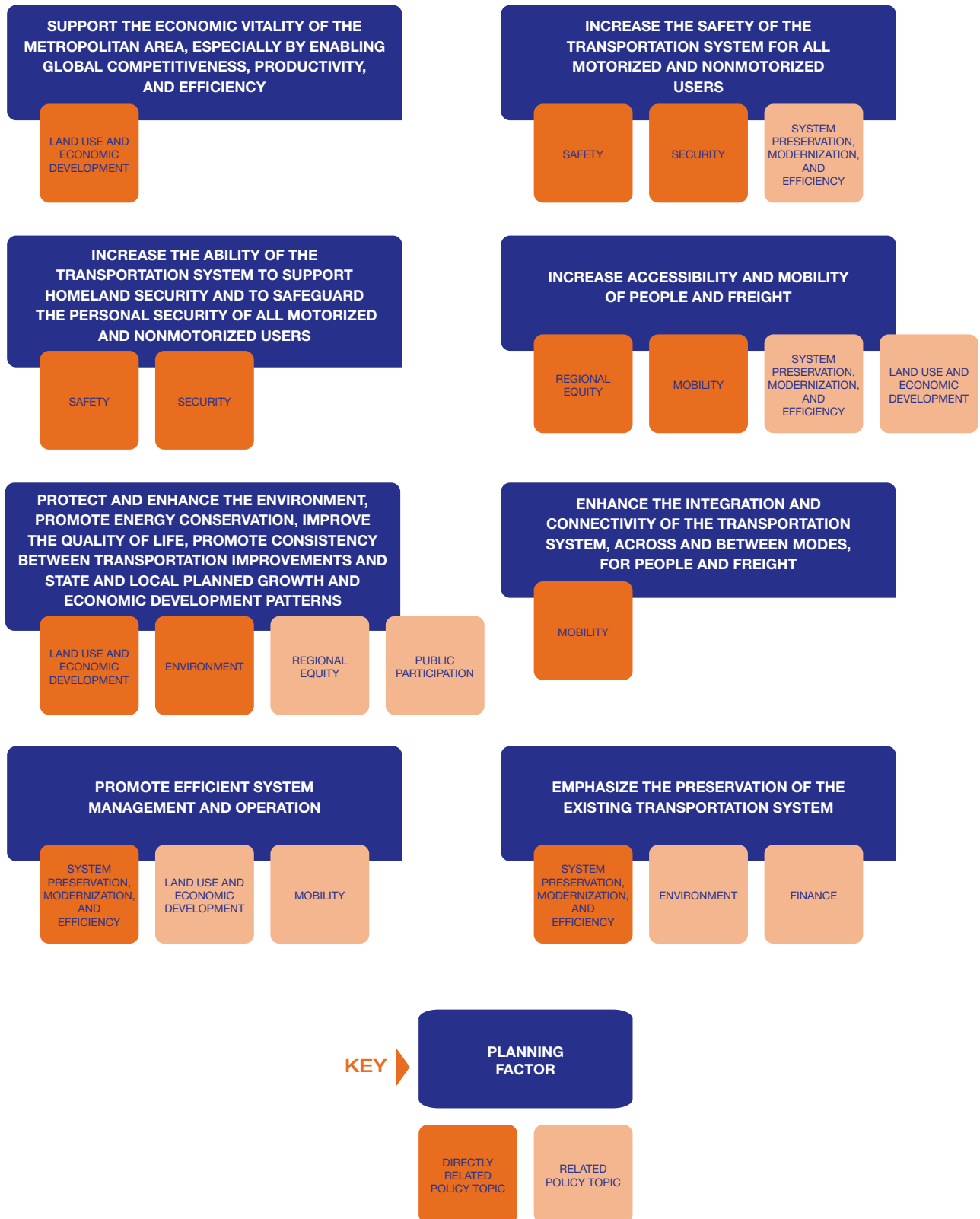


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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC VITALITY PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S LAND USE AND



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY TOPIC

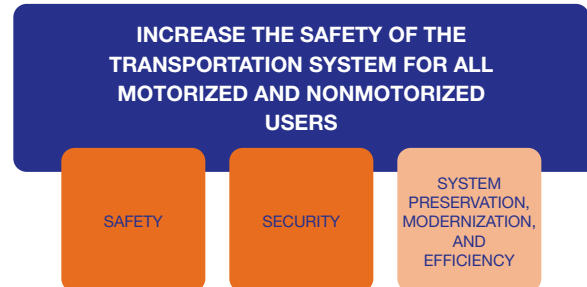
SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Link transportation planning with land-use and economic-development plans, particularly in areas identified for economic development by state, regional, and local planning (topic: land use and economic development).
- Put priority on transportation investments related to existing centers of economic activity; or to areas with adequate water and sewer infrastructure; or to municipal centers or areas targeted for economic development (topic: land use and economic development).
- Support, through planning and programming, transportation improvements that provide transportation links for economic activities such as freight movement (topic: land use and economic development).

FIGURE 4-3

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SAFETY PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S POLICY TOPICS



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Increase the safety of the transportation system for all motorized and nonmotorized users.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Support designs and fund projects and programs that address safety problems and enhance safe travel for all system users. This includes designs and projects that encourage motorists, public transportation riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians to share the transportation network safely (topic: safety and security).
- Support, through planning and programming, the installation, operation, upgrading, and timely maintenance of system infrastructure, including ITS, to provide for safety and security (topic: safety and security).
- Participate in regional planning for safety and security initiatives, such as evacuation and contingency measures, and homeland security (topic: safety and security).

A related policy is:

- Put priority on projects that maintain, repair, and modernize existing infrastructure (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).

FIGURE 4-4

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SECURITY PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY TOPIC



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Increase the ability of the transportation system to support homeland security and to safeguard the personal security of all motorized and nonmotorized users.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Support, through planning and programming, the installation, operation, upgrading, and timely maintenance of system infrastructure, including ITS, to provide for safety and security (topic: safety and security).
- Participate in regional planning for safety and security initiatives, such as evacuation and contingency measures, and homeland security (topic: safety and security).

FIGURE 4-5

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S POLICY TOPICS



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Put a priority on projects and programs that increase the availability of transportation options for people and freight by improving connections, access to and within the system, services, and infrastructure to meet needs (topic: mobility).
- Support projects and programs that improve public transportation service by making it faster, more reliable, and more affordable (topic: mobility).
- Fund projects that expand the existing transportation system's ability to move people and goods in areas identified in the Boston Region Mobility Management System, the MBTA Program for Mass Transportation, the MPO's Regional Equity Program, and MPO and EOT freight studies, and through public comment. This includes encouraging options that manage demand. Adding highway capacity by building general-purpose lanes should be considered only when no better solution can be found and should be accompanied by proponent commitments, developed in the environmental review process, to implement transportation demand management (TDM) measures (topic: mobility).
- Assist agencies and communities in planning and implementing projects that provide bicycle and pedestrian routes, networks, and facilities (topic: mobility).
- Support programs that meet public transportation needs in suburban communities, including improving access to existing public transportation and partnering with others to initiate new intra-suburban services linking important destinations (topic: mobility).
- Provide better access for all to transportation throughout the region, including for our youth, elderly and disabled users, and members of

zero-vehicle households. This includes identifying and addressing structural and operational barriers to mobility (topic: mobility).

- Assess regional equity by analyzing mobility, accessibility, and congestion for communities with a high proportion of low-income and minority residents (topic: regional equity).

Related MPO policies are:

- Make investments that maximize the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and flexibility of the existing transportation system (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).
- Make transportation investments where existing or planned development will encourage public transportation use, walking, and bicycling (topic: land use and economic development).
- Support, through planning and programming, transportation improvements that provide transportation links for economic activities such as freight movement (topic: land use and economic development).

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Give priority to projects that maintain and improve public transportation facilities and services so as to increase public transportation mode share and reduce reliance on automobiles (topic: environment).
- Give priority to projects that reduce congestion or manage transportation demand to improve air quality (topic: environment).
- Support, through planning and programming, projects that make transportation in the region more sustainable (topic: environment).
- Promote the use of low-polluting or alternative fuels, efficient engine technology, and other new, viable technologies that protect resources (topic: environment).
- Consider environmental issues during project selection; in particular, air quality and the reduction of pollutants (CO, NO_x, VOCs, particulates, and CO₂), the protection of water resources (soil and water contamination, stormwater management, and wetlands impacts), greenfields and open space, and wildlife and ecosystem preservation; and value those projects that reduce negative impacts (topic: environment).
- Recognize value in transportation projects that preserve natural and cultural resources, including visual, historic, aesthetic, noise, community cohesiveness, and local quality of life values (topic: environment).
- Recognize, in evaluations, projects that respect community character in their purpose and design (topic: environment).
- Consult with environmental and cultural resource agencies and entities on environmental effects, particularly through the existing NEPA/MEPA processes (topic: environment).
- Encourage, through planning and programming, transportation choices that promote a healthy lifestyle such as walking and bicycling (topic: environment).

FIGURE 4-6

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENT PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S POLICY TOPICS



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

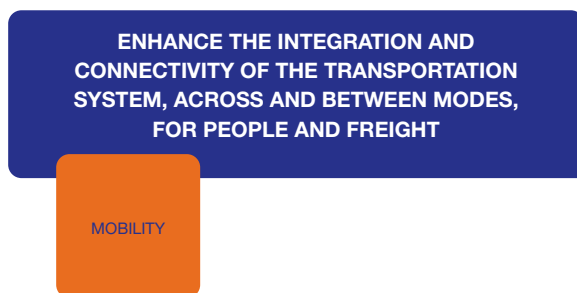
- Give priority to projects in areas identified in local and regional plans as being suitable for concentrated development and/or redevelopment, including brownfield redevelopment; support initiatives that increase sustainability (topic: land use and economic development).
- Consider both existing development and densities in transportation decision-making and give priority to projects that support them (topic: land use and economic development).
- Put priority on transportation investments related to existing centers of economic activity; or to areas with adequate water and sewer infrastructure; or to municipal centers or areas targeted for economic development (topic: land use and economic development).

Related MPO policies are:

- Make transportation investments where existing or planned development will encourage public transportation use, walking, and bicycling (topic: land use and economic development).
- Solicit the input of environmental, cultural resource, community, business, economic development, and other appropriate agencies on MPO activities, to promote the integration of these interests with transportation planning and programming (topic: public participation).
- Assess regional equity by analyzing mobility, accessibility, and congestion for communities with a high proportion of low-income and minority residents (topic: regional equity).

FIGURE 4-7

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INTEGRATION AND CONNECTIVITY PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S MOBILITY POLICY TOPIC



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Consider how an improvement to a single mode can make the entire system work better (topic: mobility).
- Develop a multi-modal and comprehensive plan for freight movement that includes an evaluation of freight infrastructure needs and access to intermodal facilities (air, road, rail, and water) (topic: mobility).

A related MPO policy is:

- Put a priority on projects and programs that increase the availability of transportation options for people and freight by improving connections, access to and within the system, services, and infrastructure to meet needs (topic: mobility).

FIGURE 4-8

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S POLICY TOPICS



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Promote efficient system management and operation.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Make investments that maximize the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and flexibility of the existing transportation system (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).

- Encourage and support, through planning and programming, projects and programs that improve the operation of the existing transportation system through the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), new technologies, and transportation systems management (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).

Related MPO policies are:

- Support projects and programs that improve public transportation service by making it faster, more reliable, and more affordable (topic: mobility).
- Consider how an improvement to a single mode can make the entire system work better (topic: mobility).

FIGURE 4-9

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESERVATION PLANNING FACTOR AND THE MPO'S POLICY TOPICS



SAFETEA-LU Planning Factor: Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

Directly-related MPO policies are:

- Put priority on projects that maintain, repair, and modernize existing infrastructure (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).
- Set funding goals for maintaining the system (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).

- Make investments that maximize the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and flexibility of the existing transportation system (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).

Related MPO policies are:

- Encourage and support, through planning and programming, projects and programs that improve the operation of the existing transportation system through the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), new technologies, and transportation system management (topic: system preservation, modernization, and efficiency).
- Support, through planning and programming, projects that make transportation in the region more sustainable (topic: environment).
- Consider the appropriate use and maintenance of transportation rights-of-way to maximize public benefits (topic: land use and economic development).
- Consider the cost of maintenance and operations when selecting projects (topic: finance).

THE USE OF POLICIES IN THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS

The MPO used the policies described at the beginning of this chapter in the project selection process of the JOURNEY TO 2030 Plan. Each project included in the Universe of Projects with a defined description was rated according to its perceived consistency with the following six of the eight policies:

- System preservation, modernization, and efficiency
- Mobility
- Environment
- Safety and security
- Regional equity
- Land use and economic development

The evaluation assigned ratings to each project for each of the six policies. An explanation of the rating system and a matrix summarizing the evaluation of projects was discussed in Chapter 3 (Plan Development), with additional information included in Appendix C.