

An active transportation plan for the region

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Communities across the country are recognizing that active transportation creates vibrant communities, contributes to economic prosperity, provides low-cost transportation options, keeps the air and water clean, and is fun and healthy!

Metro has started working with partners on the region's first Active Transportation Plan to identify strategies for completing a regional active transportation network. The project will be completed by June, 2013.

The workplan for the project has been finalized and a Stakeholder Advisory Committee has been formed. The Executive Council for Active Transportation will serve as a policy advisory committee.

What will the plan do?

Identify the strategies, priorities and projects to complete a regional seamless, green network of on and off-street pathways connecting the region and integrating walking, biking and public transit.

Develop the guiding principles and criteria including equity, health, safety, economic development and access, to guide priorities and investments.

Update and refine active transportation policies in the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Functional Plan.

Prioritize projects and develop a phased implementation plan and funding strategy to complete the network.



What is active transportation?

Active transportation is travel powered by human energy, such as walking and riding a bike. Using public transportation is active travel because most trips involve walking or riding a bike.

Why is this important?

Active transportation supports economic development, reduces household costs and is part of safe and healthy communities, by making it easier to walk, ride a bike and take public transportation for daily trips. Active transportation:

- Promotes vibrant business districts
- Reduces transportation costs
- Supports tourism
- Attracts skilled workers
- Reduces healthcare costs and obesity
- Reduces green house gas emissions
- Reduces crashes
- Increases neighborhood safety
- Supports local businesses
- Provides connections to nature

How can I get involved?

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