

AMATS Regional Transportation Goals and Objectives

In order to develop a transportation system, which will serve the existing and future needs in the Akron Metropolitan area, AMATS has established the following goals and objectives:

GOAL 1

THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS SHALL CONSIDER THE PLANNING OBJECTIVES OF AREA COMMUNITIES

- Consider local plans in the development of the regional transportation plan
- Minimize the adverse effects of transportation facilities on land use, in order to protect and preserve neighborhoods and communities
- Minimize the adverse effects of proposed land use changes on the transportation system

GOAL 2

THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE SAFE AND SECURE

- Minimize highway crashes and provide safe travel routes
- Minimize pedestrian, bicycle, train and vehicle conflicts
- Provide a secure transportation system

GOAL 3

THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD MINIMIZE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- Minimize adverse air, energy, noise and wetland impacts related to transportation facilities
- Minimize the adverse impacts of transportation facilities on historic, archaeological, and other environmentally sensitive areas
- Minimize the adverse impacts of transportation facilities on low income and minority populations

GOAL 4
THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD PROVIDE
MOBILITY FOR ALL PERSONS

- Encourage a coordinated public transit system that provides basic mobility for transit dependent persons and provides an alternative to automobile usage
- Encourage the development of a regional network of bicycle routes
- Encourage the placement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities where they are appropriate to the regional network

GOAL 5
THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE
ECONOMICALLY SOUND

- Develop regional transportation plans and programs that are financially constrained
- Evaluate the cost effectiveness of transportation facilities and services
- Consider improvements to existing transportation facilities before planning for new facilities
- Consider management and operations strategies before expanding the existing system

GOAL 6
THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD PROVIDE
FOR EFFICIENT TRAVEL

- Minimize congestion and delay on the transportation system
- Encourage the development of an integrated transportation system that includes highway, transit, bikeway, pedestrian, rail, and air facilities

GOAL 7
THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD
BE PRESERVED AND MAINTAINED

- Ensure that the existing transportation system is adequately maintained

GOAL 8
THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHOULD SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC
VITALITY OF THE AREA

- Develop a transportation system that will provide efficient mobility for the movement of goods and freight
- Encourage the implementation of transportation improvements that will promote sound economic growth