

Goals and Objectives

The MPO's Goals and Objectives are based on the eight (8) planning factors in the federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The goals and objectives provide focus and direction for the MPO's decision-making process. The goals and objectives have served as a guide throughout the process of updating the MTP. They were most importantly utilized to evaluate and rank projects to determine the projects to be included in the 2040 MTP. The listing of goals and objectives follows below.

Radcliff/Elizabethtown Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives

Vision

The vision of the Radcliff/Elizabethtown Metropolitan Planning Organization is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system that is inclusive of all modes of transportation and enhances the quality of life of the citizens of this region.

Transportation Study Goals & Objectives

1. Promote Transportation Safety

- Reduce the number and severity of traffic accidents by improving existing and potential high crash locations
- Improve substandard roadway geometrics where necessary
- Support and/or undertake public education programs to emphasize safety and promote safe driving practices
- Provide improved conditions to enhance emergency services

2. Preserve Existing Transportation Facilities & Systems

- Consider costs and benefits of improvements in the MPO planning process
- Emphasize reconstruction and upgrades to existing highway systems
- Apply access management principles to aid in preserving the existing highway network
- Identify and implement minor construction and traffic operational improvements to improve traffic flow and safety

3. Provide an Efficient Transportation System

- Reduce traffic congestion and improve travel times in the region
- Plan for both existing and future travel demand
- Promote cost efficiency in the implementation and/or operation of transportation facilities and/or improvements

- Encourage the implementation of access management policies to improve the overall efficiency of the transportation system
- Improve the overall capacity of the highway network

4. Enhance Connections Between Transportation Systems

- Provide for frequent and convenient transfer between all modes of transportation
- Where justified, provide new highway connections to provide improved access and mobility for the overall transportation system in the area
- Promote improved access to intermodal transportation facilities

5. Support Community Development & Economic Growth

- Provide transportation service for areas of new growth and potential development
- Provide transportation service to aid in preserving existing communities and developments
- Where possible, provide transportation improvements to areas experiencing economic decline

6. Increase access and mobility for the movement of freight

- Provide new or improved transportation options and/or connections for economic centers that depend on freight

7. Provide a Balance Between Development and Quality of Life

- Recognize the need for transportation improvements, but be sensitive to environmental, social, and cultural resources in doing so

8. Enhance alternatives to traditional automobile/highway travel, such as transit, bicycle, and/or pedestrian travel

- Where possible and warranted, encourage the incorporation of bicycle/pedestrian facilities into major improvement projects
- Continue to pursue the need and possible implementation of a public transportation system in the Elizabethtown/Fort Knox/Radcliff/ Vine Grove area
- Coordinate MPO planning efforts with the expansion efforts of the local airport board

9. Promote the security of the transportation system

- Where and when possible, utilize Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to enhance the security, safety, and efficiency of the transportation network
- Support and encourage the utilization of TRIMARC's Notify Every Truck program along the Interstate 65 corridor
- Coordinate MPO planning efforts with the District 4 Incident Management Team