

**GOAL 1: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY**

Manage, maintain and enhance the existing system over time.

**OBJECTIVES by RANK:**

- 1A. Establish a financial management strategy to guide the MPO's federal funding investments.
- 1B. Encourage local governments to provide additional funding for projects.
- 1C. Support continuous transportation infrastructure preservation activities, including those that pursue permanent solutions and improve both facility and service operations.
- 1D. Improve the ability to monitor the region's roadways and public transit system for greater security.
- 1E. Pursue congesting mitigation strategies according to severity.
- 1F. Maintain and improve the existing levels of service for all modes of travel by optimizing system efficiency.
- 1G. Pursue transportation infrastructure improvements according to documented safety concerns i.e. crash history, pedestrian conflicts, lighting, signage, striping, etc.
- 1H. Develop alternative ways to access areas.
- 1I. Focus new transportation investments in identified transportation corridors and activity centers.

**GOAL 2: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND CONNECTIVITY**

Develop a regional transportation system that improves the ability to move around and provides access to services and opportunities.

**OBJECTIVES by RANK:**

- 2A1. Develop an interconnected network of roadways, sidewalks and transit services that connect with other transportation facilities, important land uses, and activity centers.
- 2A2. Improve access to intermodal freight facilities, the Birmingham airports and in-land ports.
- 2B. Build additional roadways to provide increased access and cross-regional mobility.
- 2C. Develop public transit services that serve more of the region and include different service types such as those that target suburban commuters.
- 2D. Develop public transit services that provide a variety of different service types including commuter services that target suburban commuters, services that support secondary and post-secondary students, and specialized transportation services for both the elderly and disabled.
- 2E. Support programs that encourage travelers to use alternative commuting programs and strategies such as those offered by CommuteSmart.
- 2F. Develop a network of bike paths and trails to establish a regional system.
- 2G. Eliminate and / or minimize physical barriers, such as rail crossings, for motorized and non-motorized travel.

**GOAL 3: COMMUNITY DRIVEN RTP**

Develop a regional transportation system that involves the community in the decision-making process, reflecting their vision and values.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- 3A. Give preference to transportation infrastructure projects that originate from and/or are identified in locally developed and adopted planning documents (i.e. comprehensive plans) that have demonstrated adequate public involvement and public education, to include environmental justice populations, in the plan's development of mobility concepts, projects, and decision-making.
- 3B. Improve the inclusion of low-income, minority, elderly, disable and traditionally underserved (Environmental Justice) populations in the planning and decision-making process.
- 3C. Give preference to projects that avoid and / or minimize negative environmental impacts, historical and cultural impacts, and are sensitive to the local character.
- 3D. Encourage state and local transportation agencies and local elected officials to provide written support for transportation infrastructure projects.
- 3E. Give higher consideration to transportation infrastructure projects that are identified in locally endorsed regional or agency developed plan documents.