

*Transportation is part of our experience every day, connecting us to jobs, our families, entertainment, the things we buy and other basic needs. It enables us to have a high quality of life.*

*The transportation system is made up of many pieces that work together to move people and goods around and through the metro area – including people, vehicles, roadways, bridges, sidewalks, rivers, railways and traffic signals.*

## What is a Metropolitan Transportation Plan or MTP?

A Metropolitan Transportation Plan serves as a blueprint for managing the region's transportation system. Required by the federal government, this plan identifies transportation improvements for the next 20 to 30 years.

### We'll want to consider:

- Economic vitality of the metropolitan area.
- Safety and security of the transportation system for all users.
- Accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
- Protecting and enhancing the environment and regional quality of life.
- Planned growth and development patterns.
- Integration and connectivity of the transportation system.
- Efficient management and operation of the transportation system.
- Maintaining and preserving the existing transportation system.

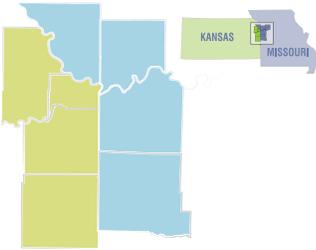
By establishing transportation goals for the region, we lay a foundation for the kinds of plans and projects that will provide the best transportation solutions.

## About Kansas City's MTP

MARC is updating our MTP for the Kansas City region, *Transportation Outlook 2040*. The plan will identify needs and budget federal transportation funds that the metro area expects to receive over the next three decades. It will contain:

- **Vision:** a long-term vision for the region's transportation system.
- **Goals and strategies:** what we want to achieve by the year 2040 and how we plan to do it.
- **Transportation projects:** major regional transportation investments that help accomplish goals.

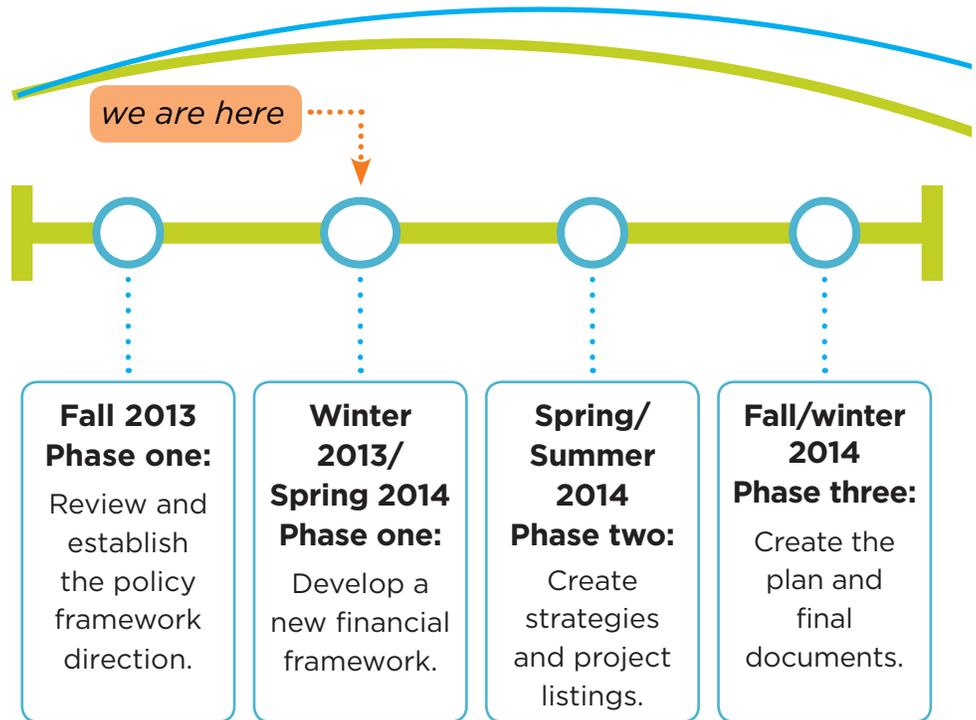
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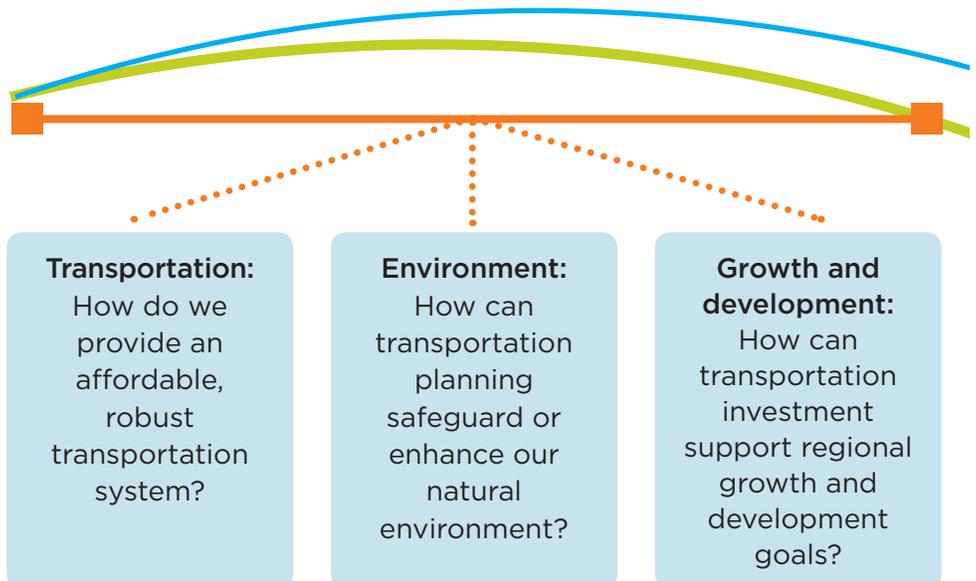
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) serves as the association of city and county governments and the metropolitan planning organization for the bistate Kansas City area.

MARC works with federal and local governments, state departments of transportation, transit providers, area stakeholders and the public to develop a metropolitan transportation plan that will help move the region toward the goal of achieving a rising quality of life for everyone.

**Timeline for Transportation Outlook 2040 update process:**



**Our Approach to developing the plan:**



The Policy Framework Update was adopted by the MARC Board of Directors on Jan. 28, 2014

**The plan's regional vision:**  
Greater Kansas City is a sustainable region that increases the vitality of our society, economy and environment for current residents and future generations.

**Transportation system vision:**  
A safe, balanced, regional multimodal transportation system that is coordinated with land-use planning, supports equitable access to opportunities, and protects the environment.

MARC has created a set of policy goals for *Transportation Outlook 2040*, major things we want to achieve with our transportation system.

- They are consistent with the needs local cities and counties are already planning for, and with common themes expressed by citizens about the Kansas City region's transportation needs.
- The goals will serve as the foundation for the plan's vision and direct actions and strategies that help us meet them. We also measure our progress towards these goals over time.
- MARC will use the policy goals to help select which transportation projects should be funded in the future. It's important to make sure billions of dollars are spent based on a cohesive vision over the next 30 years.
- This list of goals has been adopted by the Total Transportation Policy Committee, MARC's main transportation committee, made up of local elected officials from the region.

## Vibrant

### Economic Vitality

Support an innovative, competitive 21st-century economy.

### Place Making

Coordinate transportation and land-use investment along the region's corridors and centers as a means to create vibrant places and strengthen the quality of the region.

### Equity

Ensure all people have the opportunity to thrive.

## Connected

### Transportation Choices

Expand affordable, accessible, multimodal transportation options in order to better connect residents and visitors to jobs and services.

### Safety and Security

Improve safety and security for all transportation users.

### System Condition

Ensure transportation systems are maintained in good condition.

### System Performance

Manage existing systems to achieve reliable and efficient performance and maximize the value of existing investments.

## Green

### Public Health

Facilitate healthy, active living.

### Environment

Protect and restore our region's natural resources (land, water and air) through proactive environmental stewardship.

### Climate Change and Energy Use

Decrease the use of fossil fuels through reduced travel demand, technology advancements and a transition to renewable energy sources.

# Reviewing the Performance Measures



How are we doing as a region towards achieving our goals?

Accessibility		Environment		Safety and security	
• Transit service — service hours and boardings	↑	• MetroGreen network — completed MetroGreen network	↑	• Crash fatalities — annual crash fatalities / per VMT	↓
• Bicycle-pedestrian accessibility — number of TIP projects	↑	• Carbon dioxide — system-wide and per-commuter emissions during congestions	▬	• Disabling injuries — number of disabling crash injuries / per VMT	↓
• Environmental Justice — percent of federal funds in EJ tracts	↑	<b>Place making</b>		<b>System condition</b>	
<b>Climate change / energy use</b>		• Multimodal options — alternative transportation work trips vs. driving alone	↑	• Bridge conditions — percent of deficient and functionally obsolete bridges	↓
• Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) — VMT per capita	↓	<b>Public health</b>		• Pavement conditions — roads “poor” in Kan., or “not good” in Mo.	↑ Kan. ↓ Mo.
• Vehicle occupancy — avg. number of vehicle occupants	▬	• Ozone pollution — ground-level ozone and annual ozone pollution violations	↑	<b>System performance</b>	
<b>Economic vitality</b>		• Physical health — percent of obesity and physical inactivity in the region	↑	• Travel speeds — avg. MPH on highways	↓
• Freight movement — tons of goods moved	↓			• Congestion — percent of urban roadway congestion	▬
• Activity centers — number of annual TIP projects in activity centers	↑			• Travel time — annual hours of delay per commuter	▬
• Transportation costs — annual cost of congestion per commuter	↑				

# What's next...



## Our next workshop:

**When:**  
Thursday, May 22, 2014

**Where:**  
Sylvester Powell  
Community Center in  
Mission, Kan.

**More details available  
soon on [TO2040.org](http://TO2040.org).**

## Next steps:

- Create the necessary strategies and project development to implement policies.
- Develop the final plan and review documents.

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