WELCOME!

Open House
October 29th 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Mankato Room: Intergovernmental Center
The Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) has begun the process of updating their Long Range Transportation Plan (first completed in 2015). The Long Range Transportation Plan serves as a blueprint for making transportation decisions and offers guidance and direction for elected leaders, citizens, economic interests, and stakeholders to achieve a shared vision for system preservation and mobility.
What is a Long Range Transportation Plan?

A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):

- Shapes transportation investments that align with the regional vision for the next 20 or more years
- Provides the community, local stakeholders, and government officials an opportunity to come together and provide goals and input for the area's transportation vision
- Represents values and priorities for the transportation network
- Identifies recommended projects (i.e. roadway, sidewalk/trail, transit, or freight) that strategically and cost effectively produce improvements across the region

Why does MAPO create a Long Range Transportation Plan?

- The US Department of Transportation (DOT) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (i.e. the MAPO) to develop an LRTP that identifies a list of transportation projects that are community-supported and data-driven
- The US DOT's FAST Act requires that the LRTP be updated every five years
- An updated LRTP ensures that the MAPO remains eligible to access federal transportation grants for locally identified projects in the LRTP

What is the FAST Act?

- A federal transportation bill that was signed into law December 4, 2015
- It provides $305 billion in transportation funding for projects through 2020
- It outlines required guidelines for LRTPs to address safety, maintenance, freight movement, sustainability, and accessibility and mobility for all motorized and nonmotorized users
- By complying with the FAST Act, the MAPO is eligible for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding that is a federal grant source specifically earmarked for Metropolitan Planning Organizations across the nation. TIP funding provides a significant revenue source for transportation projects for the MAPO
What’s been done the last 5 years?

Projects completed
Based upon recommendations from the 2015 LRTP there have been a variety of improvements to the MAPO area transportation network.

67 total projects completed

- **3 Safety projects**
- **2 Freight projects**
- **26 Rehabilitation and Reconstruction projects**
- **10 Aviation projects**
- **4 Corridor Capacity Expansion projects**
- **16 Bicycle and Pedestrian projects**

- **9.1 miles of new on-street bicycle infrastructure**
- **3.4 miles of additional trail**
- **20 intersection or corridor improvement plans completed or in-progress**

Completed Projects
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Improvement
- Freight
- Intersection Capacity Expansion
- Bridge/Culvert Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
- Safety Project
- On-street Bicycle Infrastructure or Trails
- Corridor Capacity Expansion
- Roadway Operations/Maintenance
- Roadway Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
- MAPO Planning Area

Sources: MnDOT, MnDNR, Esri

www.mapolrtpupdate.com/
What is your vision for the future (goals/objectives)?

Let us know your preference for LRTP goals as part of this update. Place up to three dots beside the goal statement(s) you most agree should be carried forward.

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<th>2015 LRTP Goal</th>
<th>Goal Statement</th>
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<td>Access and Reliability</td>
<td>Develop a transportation system that increases access and reliability options for all users.</td>
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<td>Economic Vitality</td>
<td>Maintain a transportation system that promotes economic growth throughout the planning area.</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
<td>Develop and maintain a transportation system that promotes the safety of all users.</td>
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<td>Preservation</td>
<td>Develop a regional system that promotes the preservation of the existing and future transportation system.</td>
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<td>Multi-Modal Transportation</td>
<td>Develop and maintain a transportation system that integrates multi-modal options for all users, while taking into account active living and public health initiatives.</td>
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<td>Coordination and Collaboration</td>
<td>Maintain intergovernmental cooperation and coordination, along with community participation and input in all stages of the transportation planning process.</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Establish the building blocks of a new MPO.</td>
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<td>Environmental Conservation and Sustainability</td>
<td>Support transportation improvements that promote energy conservation to improve the community quality of life, health, and character.</td>
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<td>Funding and Implementation</td>
<td>Develop a balanced transportation system that effectively and efficiently uses available transportation funds.</td>
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<td>Land Use</td>
<td>Establish a strong connection between transportation modes and the land uses that they serve.</td>
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<td>System Management</td>
<td>Promote efficient system management and operations while increasing collaboration among businesses, community and industry groups, and federal, state, and local governments to better target investments and improve accountability.</td>
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Share your thoughts - Issues & Opportunities

Briefly describe (1-3 word statements) opportunities to improve transportation related to the following areas:

- Walking/Biking
- Transit
- Freight
- Roadway (i.e. pavement, intersections, congestion, etc.)
Bicyclists and Pedestrians: We want to hear from you!

Where do you travel as a bicyclist and pedestrian?

What are areas of concern? Why?

General Feedback
What’s next?

Project Timeline

Summer 2019
- Plan Kickoff
- Existing Conditions

Summer/Fall 2019
- Identify Issues
- and Opportunities

Winter 2019-2020
- Evaluate
- Alternatives

Spring/Summer 2020
- Develop Recommendations
- Draft Implementation Plan

Summer/Fall 2020
- Develop/Approve
- LRTP Update

We are here, and want to hear from you!

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HOW TO STAY INVOLVED:

- Complete comment form provided at event and submit to staff.
- Visit the project website at https://www.mapolrtpupdate.com/ and take the survey or submit a comment online.
- Contact staff at candrosky@mankatomn.gov or 507-387-8389.
- Send a letter to Charles Androsky, transportation planner:
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