

MTP VISION: To build a safe transportation system that increases quality of place and supports the economy of the Wichita region and south-central Kansas.

MTP OUTCOMES

Safety and Health: Improvements to roadway design and the application of new technology decrease fatalities and serious injuries. Transportation systems and networks and changing land use patterns decrease the need for individual vehicle use. These changes have also resulted in improved community health as more people are walking and using other forms of transportation in lieu of fossil fuel burning vehicles.

Integrated Multimodal Transportation Network: Various transportation modes are developed to provide optimal services to meet transportation needs throughout the region at all times of day. New funding mechanisms are implemented to support transit at a regional level using new technologies and operating concepts. Changes in land use patterns and zoning ordinance amendments regarding parking requirements in residential and commercial areas are developed which encourage the use of transit and other forms of mass ridership. Mixed land uses increase active transportation options and reduce the need for individual vehicle use.

Expanding the Economy Through Mobility: Roadway projects emphasize preserving and maintaining our existing infrastructure and the region's low levels of congestion while targeted improvements address identified bottlenecks. Long-term needs are identified and regional funding sources are developed to ensure that the system is financially sustainable, including right-sizing existing infrastructure where appropriate. Planning at the regional level considers entrepreneurialism and enhanced connections throughout the multi-county, region and intra/inter states and connections throughout the world. Projects incorporate new technology to accommodate technological changes in goods movement.

Advance Equity and Acknowledge Diversity: The development of an integrated multi-modal transportation network provides all residents in region service to employment centers, medical care, and other venues where they need to be, when they need to be there regardless of age or economic status. Regional funding, planning and operations are developed to ensure seamless service across jurisdictional boundaries. Enhancements to pedestrian infrastructure provide safe door to door access for multimodal trips. Systems are planned to do the least amount of damage and harm throughout the region with particular attention given to minority and low income populated areas.

Expanding the Economy Through Quality of Place to Attract and Retain Talent: Land use policies enable and encourage the development of higher-density, mixed-use areas that increase quality of place and help attract and retain talent. Transportation infrastructure that serves these highly walkable, transit-friendly land uses increases mobility and accessibility to arts, cultural and recreational venues that reinforce community contentment and quality of place. Policies and planning ensure that transportation options are appropriate to the surrounding land use. Employment centers are refocused to concentrate on training and retraining to meet ever changing market and technological advances.

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