

The Regional
Transportation Plan:
Update 2011



Hello, I'm _____.

I represent _____ on the TMACOG
Transportation Planning Committee.

I'm going to walk you through the proposed Plan update. Feel
free to ask questions as we go along.

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments



- Designated transportation planning agency
- Plan **WITH** the community
- Broad-based Plan task force

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First, a bit of background about TMA COG.

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments is responsible for coordinated transportation planning in our region.

TMA COG brings together governments, businesses, and citizens to plan for our transportation future.

This process is critical, because transportation is one of those issues that is regional in nature. A good transportation system benefits all of us in northwest Ohio and southeastern Michigan.

The leadership team for our Transportation Plan is the Transportation Planning Committee. Our 30 members represent many community interests.

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- Lucas, Wood, & southern Monroe counties
- 4-year update
- 20-year Plan required to receive Federal funds
- Building on our strengths



Our Plan covers Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio , and three southernmost townships in Monroe County , Michigan.

Right now, we are doing a four-year update to the 2035 Plan.

Why do we do a long-range transportation plan?

First, it's a federal requirement.

- Our metropolitan region is required to have a Plan that looks out **at least 20 years**.

- This plan allows us to receive federal gas tax dollars for improving roads, bridges, public transit and bikeways.

Secondly, this plan sets our region's future transportation direction. When we agree on what's important, we can work together to make it happen.

A great example is the Veterans' Glass City Skyway. The idea for this big bridge was born in a previous TMA COG plan.

Great things happen when we work together!

Plan budget = fiscal constraint:

\$7.2 billion – all sources

80%

- **\$3.04 billion – Operations & maintenance**
- **\$2.69 billion – Reconstruction**

20%

- **\$486 million – Committed projects**
- **\$983 million - new “Priority” projects**




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The Regional Transportation Plan is NOT a capital improvement program that provides funding for projects.

However, federal law states it must be fiscally constrained. That means it MUST be realistic –based on our best estimate of transportation funds from all sources.

During the remaining 24 years of the Plan, we expect about \$7.2 billion to be available – from federal, state and local sources.

We estimate that most of that – nearly 80 percent -- will go into maintaining and reconstructing our roads, bridges and bikeways.

That leaves about 20 percent for projects that upgrade our transportation system.

Some of these projects are already underway. We’ve identified a list of 19 **Committed** projects totaling \$486 million. You have a handout with this list of Committed projects. Please note they are NOT listed in priority order – the numbers are just identifiers. These projects are either **funded**, or there is **partial funding plus a serious commitment to move them forward**.

That leaves about \$980 million for new **“Priority”** projects. Our committee has mostly focused on updating that list of proposed Priority projects. You also have a list of the Priority projects, included in the draft Plan survey.



The On the Move Plan is based on a regional vision for our future.

Transportation stakeholders agree that we will be a vibrant region where transportation is a core strength.

To implement this vision, the Task Force developed the 2035 Plan around 7 major goals. The plan includes :

- PROJECTS – things we want to build

- INITIATIVES -- regional actions that will require money and other resources.

and .

- POLICIES that guide future action.

Today, we'll be discussing the PROJECTS. Watch our website for more information about the Initiatives and Policies.

The 2035 Plan:

- Builds freight transportation capacity
- Fixes poor infrastructure
- Reduces congestion and crashes
- Improves personal mobility and quality of life
- Protects air quality
- Supports innovation
- Sets strategies for more funding

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This slide reflects the seven Plan goals. When this Plan was first developed – and during this Update – we looked for projects that would help us meet these goals.

What projects are proposed for Update 2011 ?

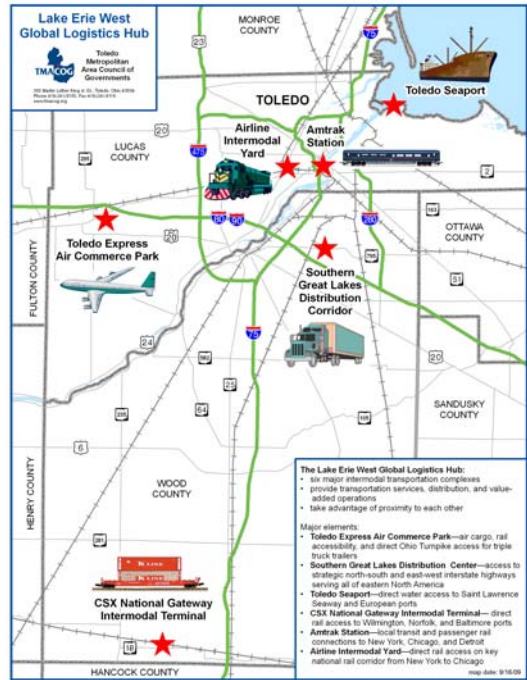


So, what projects are proposed for the regional plan update?
I'll go through them as they relate to some of the main Plan
goals.

Again, please ask questions as we go along, or jot them down
for later.

Building freight transportation capacity

Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub



One of our region's strengths is freight transportation. The goal is to grow our region into a world-class freight hub.

When people around the world think of moving goods to and from North America, they will think of the Toledo region or Lake Erie West.

The concept is a logistics hub with five interconnected world-class freight facilities. These are centered around

-the Toledo Express Airport,

-the Port of Toledo, and

-the State Route 795 / I-75 area which we call the Southern Great Lakes Distribution Corridor.

In addition there are two major intermodal rail hubs,

-the newly expanded Norfolk Southern Airline Yard facility in central Toledo, and

-the brand new CSX National Gateway Intermodal Terminal in southern Wood County

Build freight transportation capacity

7 I-75 DiSalle bridge ramps

13 Access to North Toledo industrial area

14 Access from CSX intermodal hub to I-75

24 Tracy Rd improvements - access to industry



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The draft plan calls for these projects that improve freight transportation:

Project 7, which would improve on-ramps to the I-75 Disalle Bridge. This would make it safer for trucks to merge into traffic.

Project 13 would solve the problem of rail lines blocking good access to underdeveloped land near the Jeep Plant in Toledo – possibly with a rail overpass.

Project 14 is under study by ODOT – looking for the best way to move trucks to and from the new CSX facility

And Project 24 would also look at road improvements and a possible rail overpass for industries in northern Wood County.

Build freight transportation capacity

- 28** Insure Maumee River dredging
- 9** Braided IC, US 20A to Salisbury / I-475
- 33** Improve US 20A to Toledo Express Airport



Schenker / BAX Customs
Facilities



The Port Authority is pursuing Project 28 to insure the river shipping channel stays open, since we are a major water port.

Projects 9 and 33 would improve truck access to the BAX air cargo facility at Toledo Express Airport.

Reduce congestion & crashes

Committed

C-1, C-3 *Wales & McCord rail bridges*

C-2 *ITS on freeways – FY 2011*

C-15 *Convert US 24 in Waterville*



Priority

5 *Dorr Street safety & ped improvements*

20 *US 20 – add turn lanes*

21 *Advance warnings – three rail crossings*



One of our core goals is to **improve safety and reduce delays**.

Committed projects include railroad grade separations – an overpass project in Northwood and an underpass near Springfield High School, where a student tragically lost his life.

Coming soon to our metro area is project C-2, an Intelligent Transportation System to monitor freeway traffic and provide real-time information to drivers and emergency responders alike.

Project **C-15** will turn the old US 24 into a local street

Proposed new projects include Project **5**, fixing a dangerous and congested section of Dorr Street near the University of Toledo.

Project **20** would use a “super-2” type treatment adding turn lanes on the heavily travelled stretch from Perrysburg to US 420.

Project **21** would alert travelers of a train blocking the crossing at specific locations, allowing vehicles to divert to another nearby street with an overpass.

Reduces congestion & crashes

Committed Roundabouts

C-4 Buck / Lime City Rd

C-16, -17, -18, -19 Lucas Co



New Intersection Projects (possibly Roundabouts)

15 Douglas/Laskey/Tremainsville

17 Detroit/Telegraph/Laskey

31 I-475 / Corey Rd exit ramp

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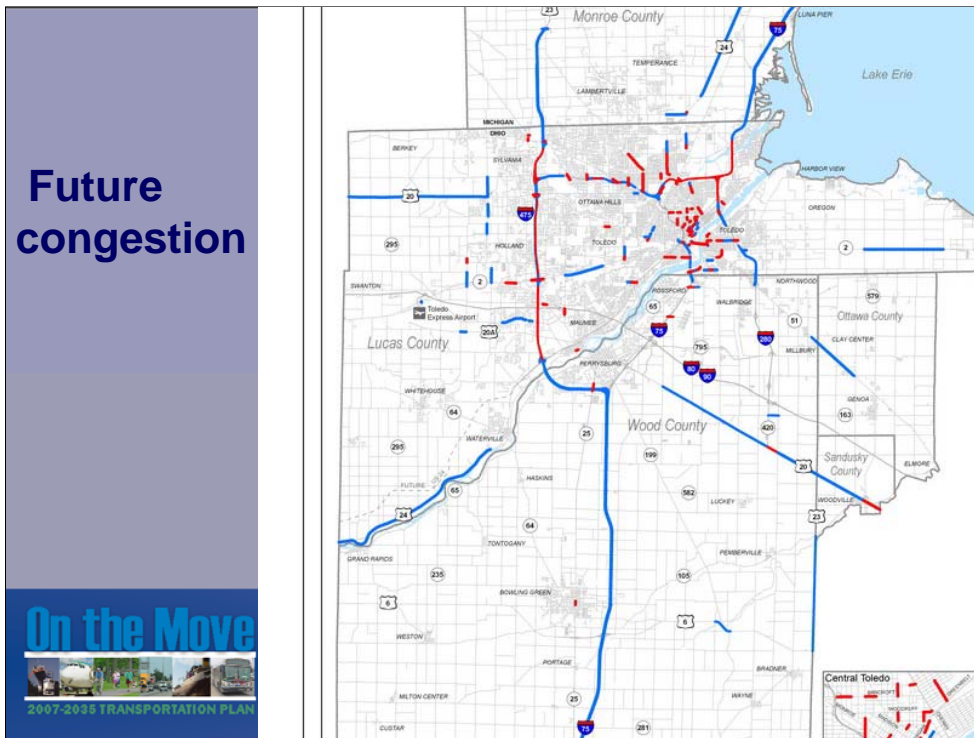
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The draft Plan includes several Roundabout improvements. These have been shown to reduce deaths and severe crashes because drivers have to slow down to merge into the circle.

They also increase the capacity to handle traffic.

Project 31 would add roundabouts on Corey Road to move cars off the I-475 faster, so traffic doesn't back up onto the freeway.



Our expressway system needs to be modernized to deal with increasing traffic and safety concerns. This map shows predicted future congestion areas on interstates and other major roads.


Reduces congestion & crashes

Update expressways	\$ Million
C-6 I-75/475 Interchange Phase 2	\$188.7
C-7 I-75, widen Phillips to I-280	\$ 44.6
C-8 I-75, widen downtown Toledo	<u>\$ 90.2</u>
Total “committed”	\$323.5



Three expressway projects, totally \$323 million, are considered committed.

Update expressways		\$ Million
1	Widen I-75, Wood County	\$104
2	Upgrade I-475 / US 23 interchange	\$182
3	Widen I-475 & improve interchanges, Secor to Douglas	\$ 87
4	Widen I-475, SR2 to Central; improve Central IC; add Springfield IC	\$105
6	Widen I-475, Salisbury to SR 2; improve SR 2 interchange	\$ 44
10	I-475 / SR 25 area upgrades	\$104
11	Upgrade I-75/Miami IC, fix curve	\$100

Seven more big-ticket expressway projects are proposed as top priorities in the draft Plan.

They include several sections of I-475 and I-75.

The widening of I-75 in Wood County would be considered part of the multi-state I-73 / 74 / 75 project. The southern states have been working on this project. It would eventually connect from the coast of South Carolina through to northern Michigan.

Improve personal mobility: **Bike Paths**

C-12 *Riverside Trail-Phase 2*

C-13 *Sylvania-Metamora & Kilburn Rd bikeways*

16 Westside Trail

23 Sylvania River Trail

26 Oregon bike network

27 Riverside Trail-Phase 1

30 Eastside Maumee River trail



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Under this Plan, we will continue to build the bicycle transportation network. We'll add several new multipurpose bike paths.

A big one is **project 16**. TMA COG and partners are close to purchasing the Westside rail corridor that goes through central Toledo and crosses into Wood County north of Perrysburg. The Plan calls for funding to develop this into a pathway.

Personal mobility:

Improve roads for bike & pedestrian use

- 18 Airport Hwy over I-475
- 19 Fix constricted areas
- 22 Woodville Rd constricted area
- 25 Wooster St over I-75
- 32 SR 65 River Rd bike lanes



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Also, the plan calls for fixing several streets where it is difficult to walk or bicycle.

Projects **18 and 25** would update bridges over interstates to allow people to safely walk or bicycle across them.

If you look at your lists and maps, you'll see Projects **19 and 22** would address several constricted areas. These are places where at present cars, bikes and pedestrians cannot share the road safely.

Project **32** would upgrade a popular cycling route along River Road to add bike lanes.

Improves personal mobility

Public Transit

C-9 *Replace TARTA bus fleets*

C-10 *Real-time bus arrival info*

8 *Downtown transit hub*

12 *Ohio Hub high-speed rail*

29 *Signal priority for buses & emergency vehicles*



This plan supports economic vitality by increasing transportation options for residents, employees, and visitors.

We aim to be a region where EVERYONE can get around quickly and easily with an interconnected system of streets, bikeways, rail and transit.

The plan calls for several public transit improvements, like Project 8, a new downtown Toledo transit station, and C-10 providing real-time bus arrival information.

The Plan supports building the Ohio Hub, a fast, modern passenger rail system.

Ohio Hub rail system



The Ohio Hub will link Ohio cities to the Detroit airport and adjoining states. This system could bring 30 or more trains a day to our stations, spurring new economic growth and jobs!

Fix poor infrastructure

- 150 deficient bridges & 88 pavement projects - \$900 m
- Anthony Wayne Bridge - \$52 million



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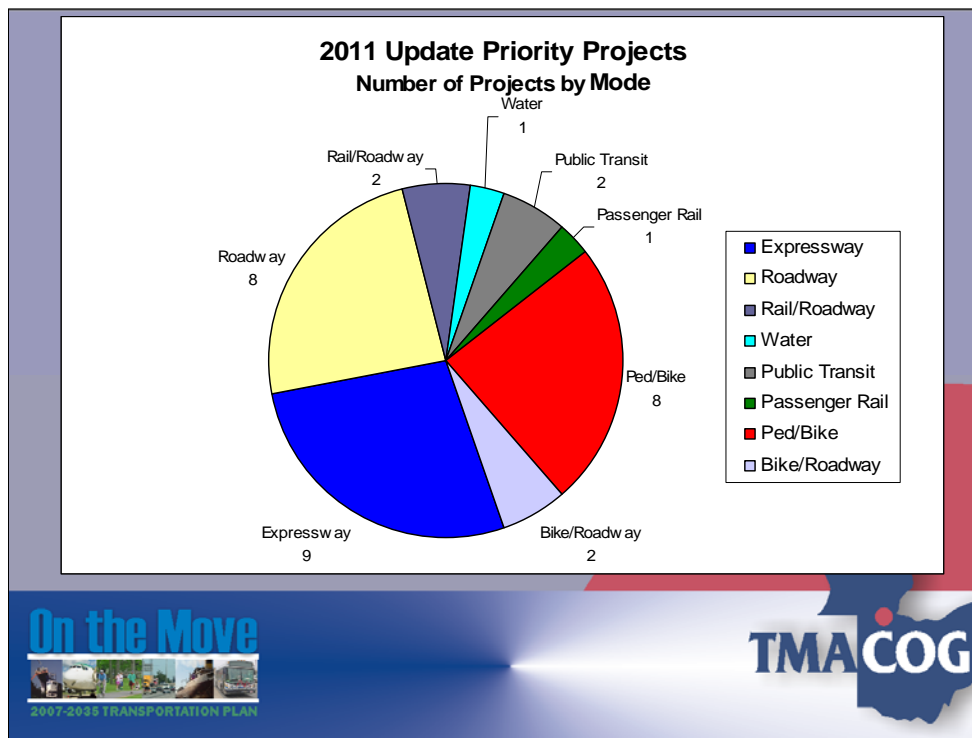


A major problem in our region is deteriorating road pavement and bridges. .

As we mentioned earlier, a large portion of the region's expected funding needs to go to maintaining our system.

This plan sets the specific goal of investing \$900 million to deal with the backlog – in order to reconstruct roads and bridges that are in bad shape.

One of the projects that is upcoming is a major rehab for the SR 51 old high level bridge.



Looking at the Draft Plan by the numbers:

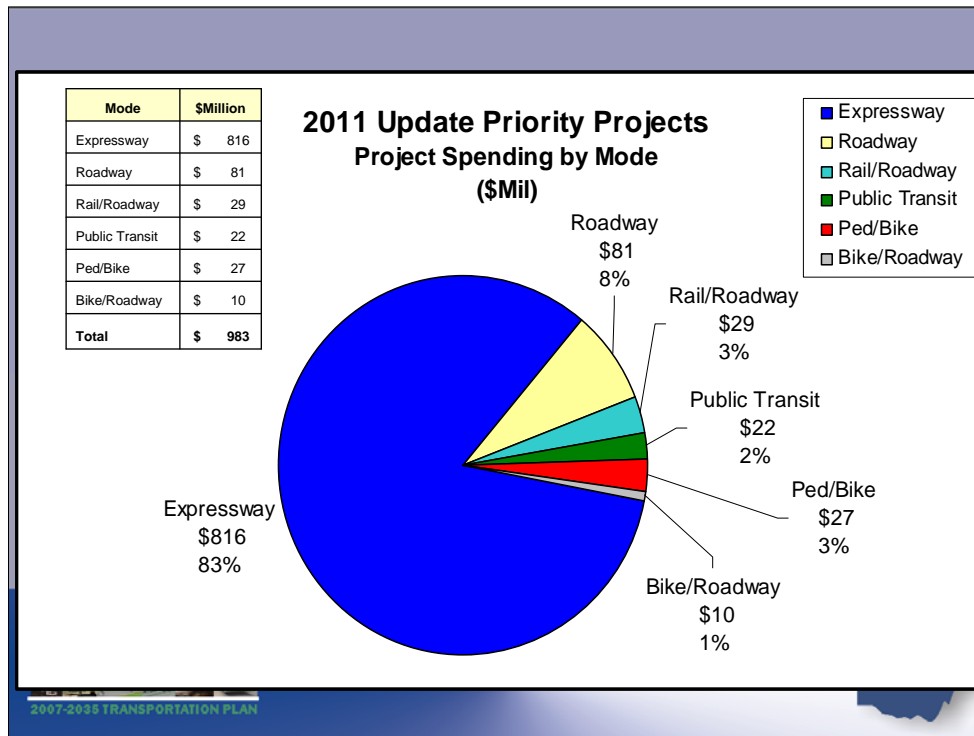
There are 33 proposed Priority Projects. These break down into the following modes of transportation:

The biggest pieces of the pie, with 8 or 9 projects each, are the --expressway projects, roadway improvements, and pedestrian and bikeway projects

In the remaining project categories, there are

- 2 Rail/roadway projects, which means railroad over or underpasses
 - 1 Water transportation project – a ferry to Detroit and the islands
 - 2 Public transit projects
 - 1 Passenger rail project
- and
- 2 Bike/roadway improvements – fixing constricted areas that are unsafe for cyclists

You can see that we are proposing a **truly multi-modal** transportation plan!



Now, let's look at how the dollars would be spent on the proposed new Priority Projects, by transportation mode:

The lion's share – 83% -- for those big, expensive Expressway upgrades

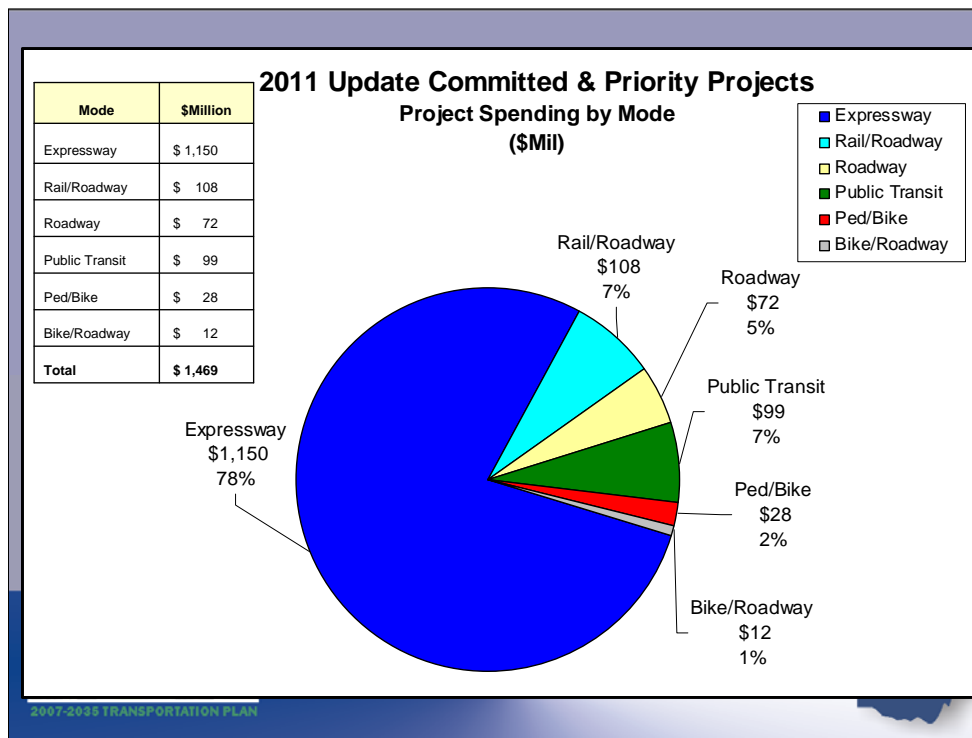
8% -- the yellow piece of the pie – for other roadways

3% for Railroad overpasses

2% for public transit, and

4% bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Note that this table does NOT include the Ohio Hub high speed rail project NOR the water ferry project, since these would come from special funding.



This last table shows how funds would be spent if you combine the list of Committed Projects – and the proposed Priority projects.


Expressways are still king, with \$1.1 billion or 78% of our expected 1.5 billion of funding.

Railroad overpasses would get \$108 million, or 7%.

Roadway projects such as roundabouts would get \$72 million or 5%.

Public transit would receive 7%, and

Ped/bike projects receive 3%.





To comment on Plan:

- Comment forms – at meetings & libraries
- Online Survey – tmacog.org/onthemove.htm

Next Public Meetings:

- Dec 1 – 6:30 pm, Wood Co Public Library, BG
- Dec 3 – Noon, Main Library, Toledo

This draft plan was created from the needs of our region. Now we are asking: did we get it right? Can our region stand behind this revised multi-year plan?

This public review period asks citizens and leaders to comment in several ways.

-The draft project list and a survey form are on the web at www.tmacog.org.

-There are displays and comment boxes in public libraries during December.

-And of course, we are holding this series of 3 public meetings. In a moment we'll ask for your questions and comments. **And don't forget to fill out and turn in your survey forms!**

-The TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee will review your comments and consider any needed changes. The final draft plan will be posted on the TMACOG website for your review.

Finally, on Wednesday, March 3, the TMACOG Transportation Council will meet to take public comment and vote on the plan update.

After that, we'll submit it to the Ohio Department of Transportation - to make sure it meets air quality and transportation law requirements.

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Did we get it right?

**Your questions and
comments, please**

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On July 1, On the Move – Update 2011 will become our region's official transportation plan.

Then, if we stand behind it, **if we speak with one voice**, we can turn this vision into reality.

This is a great region, and great things happen when we all work together !

Now, let's talk:

First, please note that you have three lists:

- The proposed list of COMMITTED projects
- the draft list of PRIORITY projects --included in your survey.
- And you have the list of RESERVE projects, ones that were considered for the Plan, but we think they are of lower priority, so they would not be included in the PRIORITY list.

So...what questions and comments do you have? Do you think we have the right projects in the right order?