

On the Move: 2007-2035 Transportation Plan
Draft Initiatives approved by Task Force for public review, January 31, 2007

Initiatives are defined as regional actions requiring investment of funds and other resources. The draft plan reserves \$4.5 million (an estimated \$161,000 per year) for completing initiatives. The proposed initiatives are listed by regional goal.

#	ID #	Initiative
<i>Environment—Protect and sustain community and natural environments</i>		
1	E-I-3	Bike Path Connectivity Study —Study key destination connections (schools, developments, parks, points of interest) with bike/ped trails and paths.
<i>Freight—Be a world class intermodal freight hub</i>		
2	F-I- 3	Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub —Support development and implementation of a business plan for the “Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub,” including private/public investment in infrastructure for selected sites and connectivity between sites.
<i>Funding—Be successful in obtaining adequate funding for transportation facilities</i>		
3	Fd-I-1	Education campaign on Funding Needs, Part 1 —Local transportation stakeholders must educate policy makers and local tax payers on the lack of adequate resources for maintenance and improvement of the current system (all modes - highway, transit, seaway, rail, air, pedestrian/bikeway) and the disproportionate inflation in material and other costs for maintenance, construction, and operation of the system that has eroded the buying power of current funding. This requires a consistent and factual message.
4	Fd-I-2	Education campaign on Funding Needs, Part 2 — Local transportation stakeholders must educate policy makers and the public on the inadequacy of the current fuel tax mechanism as a means to support highway and transit investments in the future and the relationship between reduced fuel use (a positive trend) and reduced funding for transportation (a negative trend).
5	Fd-I-A3	Steady State-related Research & Actions —Research efficient standards for system preservation goals, estimate required resources to maintain existing systems, and ensure that project selection criteria place priority on maintaining the system effectively while still leaving some resources for needed capacity expansion.
6	Fd-I-D1	Research on increasing tax revenue —Research existing dedicated transportation tax mechanisms for the potential to provide additional funding for transportation needs including such things as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sales tax on bigger, heavier, and/or more expensive personal vehicles ▪ Use taxes (e.g. licenses or vehicle registrations) ▪ Fuel taxes "
<i>Passenger—Be a top quality multi-modal passenger transportation hub</i>		
7	P-I-1	Regional transit funding —Different / regional transit funding mechanism - geographically fair - to allow service throughout region as needed
8	P-I 7	Multiple-hub transit system —As a first step, investigate feasibility (routing, performance and costs) of multiple hubs for the TARTA bus route system

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9	P-I-12	Regional transit —Increase TARTA routes and other public transit in order to increase the geographic area served (county wide or region wide).
10	P-I-31	Develop a regional safe routes to school program addressing ped/bike routes, funding, infrastructure, etc. [addresses concerns of TMACOG Ped School Survey]
11	P-I-42	Sidewalk Policy Committee —Establish a regional committee to examine current sidewalk policies and regulations concerning installation, maintenance and enforcement and to develop a regional policy.
System Preservation — <i>Maintain and preserve the existing system</i>		
12	SP-I-1	Establish a System Preservation Process —establish a System Preservation task force or coalition to: Step 1: Establish System Preservation Process basics (determine conditions, set goals, determine costs/steady state budgets) Step 2: Develop management tools (Pavement Management System, etc.) Step 3: Buy-in: Develop support for Preservation Process and improved repair techniques and materials Buy-in: Develop support for Preservation Process and improved repair techniques and materials Step 4: Address lack of funds to implement Process and appropriate fixes
Research — <i>Be a center of transportation research and innovation</i>		
13	R-I-1	Freight Database —Develop comprehensive goods movement "knowledge database" (how much freight is moving from/to and through our region and by which modes).
14	R-I-2	Fuels Research —Comprehensive research on production and use of ethanol/bio-fuels.
15	R-I-3	Transit Research —Research role of transit in establishing identity for corridor (studies of other successful corridors, e.g. Silicone Valley, research triangle, etc.).
Safety & Efficiency — <i>Be designed and operated to promote safe and efficient travel across all modes</i>		
16	SE-I-20	Work Zone Safety —Driver education on work zones.
17	SE-I-25	Rail Crossing Safety —Study locations for warning lights and gates at railroad crossings.
18	SE-I-27	Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) —Identify diversion routes to coordinate between arterials and freeways.