



2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The following pages contain questions concerning transportation planning concerns that the community may have concerns. This is a long-range planning process so think outside the box. No issue is trivial if it affects the mobility of the citizens in your community.

Transportation includes not only roads and bridges but also include:

Bike & Trails, Pedestrian (sidewalks), Transit, Freight, Railroad, Water traffic, Airport

If interested or if you have concerns, please print out the forms, complete the questions you feel are important and mail to: SEARPC

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If you prefer to talk with someone, please call 870-534-4247 and request to speak with Larry Reynolds.

Thank you for your time and input.

Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

Purpose of Stakeholder Consultation Process

The goal of the outreach effort is to gather input from a sample of stakeholders on the current and future needs of the **regional multi-modal transportation system**. In addition, the process identifies areas of potential coordination to meet future transportation needs. The questions below are intended to guide discussions about long-range transportation priorities and needs.

General Questions

These questions are for all stakeholders. The MTP looks at the entire **multi-modal** transportation system in the region, including bicycle, pedestrian, air, water, rail, etc., and both passenger and freight movements

- Do you have any particular transportation problems/challenges with which either you or your constituency are currently dealing? Expect to deal with in the future?

- Do you have any safety concerns relative to the transportation system?

- Are there any changes relative to your agency's/organization's plans for the future that will impact the transportation system?

- How do you see the future growth in the region impacting your agency/organization?

- How do you normally communicate your needs relative to changes in the transportation system? Do you work with the MPO?

- What changes in the transportation system are needed in order to address future needs?

Bicycle or Pedestrian Advocacy Groups

- Are you aware of any issues related to bicycle and pedestrian travel in the region?

- Are there any issues relative to bicyclists and pedestrian access to universities, schools, hospitals, shopping areas, downtown areas, historic or cultural areas, parks and recreational areas?

- Are you aware of any efforts to address these issues?

- Where are the major connectivity issues for bicyclists and pedestrians (e.g. sidewalks not connecting to bus stops, bicycle lanes that stop abruptly, etc.)?

- What are the major safety issues in the region related to bicycle and pedestrian travel? Are there specific locations that are safety issues?

Community Organizations

- Does the transportation system currently meet the needs of your community? If not, what are your concerns? *[Emphasize roads, transit, bike and pedestrian modes]*

- Based on the future changes in your community and the surrounding area, do you think that the transportation system will meet the needs of your community over the next 25 years?

- Can the people in your community use public transit to get to work shopping destinations, or other essential destinations?

- Are the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians being met in your community?

- Are there any specific safety issues relative to the transportation system in your community?

- Do you have any other issues related to the transportation system (e.g. connectivity, specific areas of congestion, emergency response, etc.)?

- Are there any issues relative to travel to schools in your area? Can students safely walk to elementary and middle schools? Do school buses have problems in your community? Do the schools in your area have traffic problems?

Historic/Cultural Preservation Organizations

- How does the transportation system impact access to historic/cultural preservation areas? For tourists? School children? Low socio-economic communities?

- Does the transportation system have any negative impacts on historic/cultural preservation areas, e.g. air/water pollution, ground vibrations, etc.?

Business Owners

- Do you have any ridesharing programs in place? Is there any other kind of program designed to reduce cars on the roadways at peak hours (e.g. flex hours, telecommuting, transit passes, bike facilities, etc.)?

- What energy conservation measures are you using relative to your transportation fleet (e.g. more fuel efficient or alternative fuel vehicles, changes in shipping patterns, etc.)?

- Do you have any incident management plans for hazardous materials? Homeland Security Incidents? Other evacuation plans? What agencies do you coordinate with regarding these plans?

- Are you aware of any future plans of the business community that will have an impact on the transportation system?

- Is there anything that needs to be addressed to improve the way the transportation system works for your business?

City/County Staff

- Are there any safety issues relative to the transportation system? What safety statistics are available?

Lack of bike paths and pedestrian sidewalks

- Are there any security issues relative to the transportation system in your area?

NA

- Are there any special needs relative to: tourists – recreation – special events?

Bike paths/routes. Pedestrian areas need sidewalks

- Are there any needs relative to local economic plans? Downtown area? Other areas?

NA

- Are there any issues relative to special needs populations – elderly, handicapped, children, low-income, non-drivers, etc.? What solutions are being employed?

Yes handicapped lack wide enough sidewalks and lack connectivity

Same for seniors

- What environmental justice issues are you aware of relative to the transportation system?

NA

- What environmental issues are you aware of that might impact changes in the transportation system?

Street flooding in certain areas

- What resilience topics are currently being considered or discussed?

Need a better maintenance plan instead of constant patching.

Need an updated system to document infrastructure inventory

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