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## Goals and Policies



### OVERVIEW

Transportation goals and policies form the basis for how the local transportation system will be developed and maintained over the next 22 years. The City's transportation goals support a multimodal approach to transportation planning and reflect how citizens think about and experience Milwaukie's transportation system.

The policy framework of this plan is organized as follows:

- **Goal Statement:** A statement that describes an ideal condition that the City desires to attain over time for various aspects of the transportation system. For example: Provide access to safe, affordable, and reliable transportation choices for all Milwaukie residents and businesses.
- **Policy Statements:** Statements that are intended to outline specific measures that will be taken to achieve a goal.

The following section lists the goals and policies for the Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (TSP). They are not listed in order of importance or priority, but rather are all aspects that need to be considered when developing, funding, and managing the transportation system.

### GOAL 1 LIVABILITY

Design and construct transportation facilities in a manner that enhances the livability of Milwaukie's community.

#### Policies

- a. Provide convenient walking and bicycling facilities to promote the health and physical well being of Milwaukie citizens.
- b. Protect residential neighborhoods from excessive through traffic and travel speeds while providing reasonable access to and from residential areas.
- c. Protect residential neighborhoods from excessive noise and pollutants associated with higher functional class streets, industrial uses, and rail activities.

- d. Minimize the "barrier" effect of large transportation facilities on nonmotorized modes of travel.
- e. Construct a transportation system that is accessible to all members of the community.
- f. Provide a seamless and coordinated transportation system that is barrier-free, provides affordable and equitable access to travel choices, and serves the needs of all people and businesses, including citizens of low income, people with disabilities, children, and seniors.

## **GOAL 2 SAFETY**

Develop and maintain a safe and secure transportation system.

### **Policies**

- a. Design and maintain safe and secure walkways and bikeways between parks, schools, and other activity centers in Milwaukie.
- b. Design and construct transportation-related improvements to meet City standards as outlined in the City's Transportation Design Manual and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- c. Adopt and implement access control and spacing standards for all streets under the City's jurisdiction to improve safety and promote efficient through-street movement. Access control measures should be generally consistent with Clackamas County access guidelines to ensure consistency on City and County roads.
- d. Improve riders' sense of safety at transit stops through lighting, design, and enforcement.

## **GOAL 3 TRAVEL CHOICES**

Plan, develop, and maintain a transportation system that provides travel choices and allows people to reduce the number of trips made by single-occupant vehicles.

### **Policies**

- a. Provide a citywide network of convenient walkways and bikeways that are integrated with other transportation modes and regional destinations.
- b. Collaborate with TriMet and other transit providers to provide convenient and accessible public transit service to all Milwaukie neighborhoods.
- c. Support travel options that allow individuals to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips.
- d. Establish local non-single-occupancy-vehicle (non-SOV) modal targets, subject to new data and methodology made available to local governments, for all relevant design types identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. Targets must meet or exceed the regional modal targets for 2040 Growth Concept land use design types as illustrated in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1 2040 Regional Metro Targets for Non-Single-Occupant Vehicles (non-SOVs)**

2040 Design Type	Modal Target
Regional centers, town centers, main streets, station communities, corridors, passenger intermodal facilities	45% to 55%
Industrial areas, freight intermodal facilities, employment areas, inner neighborhoods, outer neighborhoods	40% to 45 %

- e. Encourage local employment and commercial job creation in order to reduce the number of locally generated regional work and shopping trips.
- f. Ensure bike and bus routes are well separated, marked, mapped, and marketed.
- g. Ensure that savings derived from adding capacity (LRT or other) is reinvested in local service enhancements for Milwaukie.

**GOAL 4 QUALITY DESIGN**

Establish and maintain a set of transportation design and development regulations that are sensitive to local conditions.

**Policies**

- a. Design streets to support their intended users.
- b. Integrate bicycle and pedestrian facilities into street planning, design, construction, and maintenance activities.
- c. Require developers to include pedestrian-, bicycle-, and transit-supportive improvements within proposed developments and adjacent rights-of-way in accordance with adopted policies and standards.
- d. Promote context-sensitive transportation facility design, which fits the physical context, responds to environmental resources, and maintains safety and mobility.
- e. Consider maintenance costs and issues when developing and implementing design standards.
- f. Promote landscaping and pervious surfaces wherever practical and feasible.

**GOAL 5 RELIABILITY AND MOBILITY**

Develop and maintain a well-connected transportation system that reduces travel distance, improves reliability, and manages congestion.

**Policies**

- a. Enhance street system connectivity wherever practical and feasible. In particular, improve east-west connectivity across the community, especially to connect the eastern neighborhoods across Hwy 224 to downtown.

- b. Maintain traffic flow and mobility on arterial and collector roadways.

## **GOAL 6 SUSTAINABILITY**

Provide a sustainable transportation system that meets the needs of present and future generations.

### **Policies**

- a. Encourage an energy efficient transportation system.
- b. Increase the use of walking and bicycling for all travel purposes.
- c. Improve and enhance the livability of Milwaukie by decreasing reliance on automobile transportation and increasing the use of other modes to minimize transportation system impacts on the environment.
- d. Practice stewardship of air, water, land, wildlife, and botanical resources. Take into account the natural environments in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the transportation system.

## **GOAL 7 EFFICIENT AND INNOVATIVE FUNDING**

Efficiently allocate available funding for recommended transportation improvements, and pursue additional transportation funding that includes innovative funding methods and sources.

### **Policies**

- a. Plan for an economically viable and cost-effective transportation system.
- b. Identify and develop diverse and stable funding sources to implement recommended projects in a timely fashion.
- c. Prioritize maintenance of the transportation system.
- d. Identify local street improvement projects that can be funded by the State of Oregon to improve the performance of the State highway system.
- e. Provide funding for local match share of jointly funded capital projects with other public partners.
- f. Prioritize funding of projects that are most effective at meeting the goals and policies of the TSP.

## **GOAL 8 COMPATIBILITY**

Develop a transportation system that is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and coordinates with County, State, and regional plans.

### **Policies**

- a. Coordinate and cooperate with adjacent jurisdictions and other transportation agencies to develop transportation projects that benefit the city of Milwaukie and the region as a whole.
- b. Work collaboratively with other jurisdictions and agencies so the transportation system can function as one.
- c. Coordinate with other jurisdictions and community organizations to develop and distribute transportation-related information.
- d. Review City transportation standards periodically to ensure consistency with regional, State, and federal standards.
- e. Coordinate with TriMet, the Milwaukie Center, and adjacent jurisdictions to identify existing and future transit-related needs, including placement of park-and-ride facilities.
- f. With ODOT's assistance, coordinate with railroad companies to provide a viable commercial railroad system in and through Milwaukie.
- g. Coordinate with ODOT to address improvements to State highways within Milwaukie to benefit all modes of transportation.

## **GOAL 9 ECONOMIC VITALITY**

Promote the development of Milwaukie's, the region's, and the state's economies through the efficient movement of people, goods, and services, and the distribution of information.

### **Policies**

- a. Ensure a safe and efficient freight system that facilitates the movement of goods to, from, and through Milwaukie, the region, and the state while minimizing conflicts with other travel modes.
- b. Consider constructing grade separation or gate control for all railroad crossings.
- c. Provide transportation facilities that support land uses that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- d. Evaluate land development projects to determine possible adverse traffic impacts.
- e. Ensure that all new development contributes a fair share toward on-site and off-site transportation system improvements.
- f. Manage parking in downtown to support revitalization, according to the vision in the *Milwaukie Downtown and Riverfront Plan*. The purpose of, and priority for, on-street parking in downtown is to support the vitality of the retail core.