## **COMMUNITY MOBILITY PLAN**

### WHAT IS A COMMUNITY MOBILITY PLAN?

A Community Mobility Plan (CMP) is a multi-modal plan that identifies the existing and future transportation system, including roadways, public transportation, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities needed to serve the current and anticipated travel demand in a specified area.

The CMP process strengthens the connections between an area's transportation plan, local land use plans, and community vision.



#### WHY DO A COMMUNITY MOBILITY PLAN

The CMP will provide the community with information to better prepare for and respond to future development. It will summarize existing and future transportation issues and needs. This can include analysis on the following:

- Roadway design deficiencies
- Roadway capacity issues (level of service)
- Safety issues
- Adjustments to the functional classification system
- Intermodal issues (bike; pedestrian; freight; public transportation)







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#### **HOW TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY MOBILITY PLAN**

#### **STEP 1:** PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

**Leadership Commitment** Community leaders must demonstrate a clear commitment to support the project.

**Visioning and Consensus** Establishing a shared vision and consensus allows the community to set project goals and objectives. Understanding needs and developing support from the community is vital to start the planning, design, and implementation processes.

**Planning and Design** Communities should leverage local resources and knowledge to assist in guiding project activities to best meet the needs of their community. Tailoring best practices to meet local conditions and desires will assist in developing an implementable, successful planning study.

#### **STEP 2: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

**Funding for Implementation** Communities should seek diverse funding sources to implement their community mobility plans, partnering with private industry as well as seeking funding from other state and federal sources.

TDOT offers the following competitive programs to assist with implementation:

#### Federal-Aid

- Safe Routes to Schools: The Safe Routes to School Program has two main goals: make it safer for kids to walk and ride their bikes to school and encourage more kids to walk and ride their bikes to school.
- **Recreational Trails Program:** The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funding for recreational trails in both urban and rural areas throughout the state.
- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality:** The Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) targets specific areas for special funding that aim to lesson congestion and air pollution.
- **Transportation Alternatives:** The Transportation Alternatives Program, functions as the main funding source for general pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure projects.

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