Vision & Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

Complete Streets
External Advisory Group Meeting
September 28, 2011
What is a Vision?

• A description of a desired future

• Answers the question “what are we trying to achieve?”

• Does NOT answer the question “how will we do it?”
Minnesota GO

- Better align the transportation system with what Minnesotans expect for their quality of life, economy and natural environment.

- Develop a vision for all forms of transportation.

- Ownership of the vision is a shared responsibility.
Challenges & Opportunities

- Aging Population
- Urbanization
- Energy Shifts
- Automation
- Persistent Budget Challenges
- Health Care Costs
- Increased Global Competition
- Changing Work Environments, Telecommunications & Access to Services
- Floods / Water Quality
A Transportation Vision for Generations

Minnesota’s multimodal transportation system maximizes the health of people, the environment and our economy.
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The system:
Connects Minnesota’s primary assets - the people, natural resources, and businesses within the state - to each other and to markets and resources outside the state and country
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The system:

Provides safe, convenient, and effective movement of goods and people
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The system:

Is flexible and nimble enough to adapt to changes in society, technology, the environment, and the economy.
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**The system: Quality of Life**

- Recognizes and respects the importance and significance of place – not just as destinations, but also where people live, work, learn, play, and access services
- Is accessible regardless of socio-economic status or physical ability
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*The system: Environmental Health*

- Is designed in such a way that it enhances the community around it and minimizes the impact to the environment
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The system: Economic Competitiveness

• Enhances and supports Minnesota’s role in a globally competitive economy and the international significance and connections of Minnesota’s trade centers

• Attracts human and financial capital to the state
Guiding Principles

• Leverage public investments to achieve multiple purposes
• Ensure accessibility
• Build to a maintainable scale
• Ensure regional connections
• Integrate safety
• Emphasize reliable and predictable options
• Strategically fix the system
• Use partnerships
What this Means

• Waterways, rail, transitways, roads, airports and pipelines strategically located to enable critical connections for Minnesota’s businesses and communities.

• An integrated network of streets, roads and highways collectively support freight, mass transit, personal vehicles and non-motorized transportation.

• Reliable and affordable transit options for people who cannot or choose not to operate a personal vehicle.

• Connected options to walk and bike for everyone choosing active forms of transportation.
What this Means

• Zero deaths or serious injuries occur in any form of transportation.

• An environment that allows safe travel for both an 8 year old and an 80 year old in every neighborhood and community.

• Technology and innovation improve the safety and productivity of each mode of transportation and may be implemented as an alternative to expanding the physical layout of the system.

• The existing system will change over time to meet future needs and some parts of the current system may no longer be needed in the future.
Vision Comment Period

• Comments accepted until Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m.

• Public Hearing Scheduled for Oct. 4, 4-5:30 p.m.

• Details on the hearing and commenting are available at: www.minnesotago.org
The Vision Will Lead Directly Into the next 20-year Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan
Moving from the Vision to Statewide Multimodal Plan

- Existing Policy Review (July-Oct 2011)
- Identify Gaps & Develop Policy (Oct-Dec 2011)
- Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (Jan-March 2012)
Statewide Multimodal Plan
Public Involvement Opportunities

50+ Stakeholder Meetings (2 rounds) – Sept/Oct & Feb/March

Online Engagement & Social Media (Web site, Twitter and Facebook)

Stakeholder forums (2 forums) – Dec 1, 2011 & Feb 2, 2012

9 Public open houses – Jan 2012

30-Day Public comment period – Feb/March 2012

Public Hearing – Middle of comment period
We Want to Hear From You

• Does this Vision and principles talk about the things you care about?

• If this is the Vision, what is needed in the Statewide Multimodal Plan to get there? And how do we get there?
Vision Questions?

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