

## Draft Values Statements

The following outlines draft values and value statements for Ann Arbor's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. These have been drafted and refined through input from the Technical and Community Advisory Committees and city staff.

Also accompanying each value is an overview of the types of goals and strategies that address the value.

### Value 1: Safety

Ann Arbor is a safe city where everyone participates in creating an environment in which people feel confident and comfortable traveling.

#### Draft Goals and Strategies Overview:

G1. Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries caused by traffic crashes by 2025

*Strategies will include projects that focus on key corridors and intersections*

G2. Prioritize investments strategically according to safety criteria

*Strategies will include recommendations for project selection, prioritization, and scoping*

G3. Educate residents and visitors about safe behaviors

*Strategies will include recommendations to expand existing campaigns, establish or leverage partnerships, and target specific behaviors*

G4. Reduce vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled

*Strategies will include programs and policies to encourage non-automobile modes of travel and shared mobility*

## Value 2: Mobility

Ann Arbor prioritizes moving people and goods efficiently; making it easier for people to choose sustainable modes of transportation.

Draft Goals and Strategies Overview:

G1. Establish and maintain safe, connected networks for all modes

*Strategies will include low-stress bikeway network recommendations, filling sidewalk gaps, and crosswalk siting and design guidance*

G2. Evaluate roadway and development projects with regard for all modes of travel

*Strategies will include exploring metrics beyond vehicular level of service*

G3. Maintain access for all modes through construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities

*Strategies will include recommendations for maintaining pavement condition, pedestrian and bicycle access during construction*

G4. Prioritize transit service and facilities in key locations

*Strategies will include recommendations for enhancements at transit stops, signals, or bus lanes*

## Value 3: Accessibility for All

In Ann Arbor, people of all abilities, stages of life, income, races, and ethnicities have equitable access to the places where they live, work, and play.

Draft Goals and Strategies Overview:

G1. Bring all transportation infrastructure into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

*Strategies will include recommendations for prioritizing and programming infrastructure upgrades*

**G2. Reduce vehicle trips to schools**

*Strategies will include recommendations to focus pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements near schools and programs to encourage walking and bicycling to school*

**G3. Prioritize routine transportation infrastructure improvements in lower income Ann Arbor neighborhoods**

*Strategies will include recommendations for equitable project selection*

**G4. Continue to expand transit service to provide more frequent and consistent service**

*Strategies will include opportunities for expanded service*

**G5. Reduce the burden of transportation on low-income individuals and families**

*Strategies will include programs to reduce the cost of transit, reduce the time burden of travel, and expand payment method options*

**G6. Achieve access to everyday needs for all people, without need for a personal vehicle**

*Strategies will include recommendations on land use policies that impact travel distance and provisions for multi-modal access*

## **Value 4: Healthy People/Sustainable Places**

**Ann Arbor's transportation system supports a healthy population, sustainable environment, and robust economy, while celebrating and enhancing a unique quality of place.**

### **Draft Goals and Strategies Overview:**

**G1. Design streets and public spaces to enhance the aesthetics of the built environment and celebrate the unique character of distinct neighborhoods throughout the city**

**G2. Create more public spaces to promote healthy lifestyles and social interactions**

*Strategies will include opportunities to repurpose space within the public right-of-way*

**G3. Optimize public and private space currently dedicated to parking**

*Strategies will include recommended changes to the zoning code and curb management policies*

**G4. Reduce/eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from transportation**

*Strategies will include recommendations to reduce vehicle trips, reduce trip distances, encourage transit-oriented development, and encourage electric vehicles; these strategies will reference and/or incorporate strategies from the Climate Action Plan*

**G5. Secure goods access to and within business districts, while minimizing the impacts of freight and trucks on the health and safety of the community**

*Strategies will include programs to encourage use of smaller delivery vehicles and incentivize deliveries during off peak times*

**G6. Prioritize access by all modes to city's economic engines and anchor institutions**

**G7. Ensure fiscal viability of transportation projects through construction, operation, and maintenance phases**

**G8. Improve water quality**

*Strategies will include recommendations to incorporate low-impact design strategies into transportation projects*

## **Value 5: Regional Connectivity**

**In the Ann Arbor region, people have the ability to travel by a variety of modes without being impeded by city or county boundaries.**

**Draft Goals and Strategies Overview:**

**G1. Integrate high-capacity transit along key commuter corridors**

*Strategies will include opportunities to enhance transit along key corridors through amenities, signal timing, or other infrastructure*

**G2. Foster better connections to the Southeast Michigan region**

*Strategies will include partnering to advocate for commuter and regional rail service*

**G3. Enhance regional mobility for people walking and bicycling connectivity to the regional off-street trail network**

*Strategies will include improving connections to and connectivity along the off-street trail network*

**G4. Reduce the burden on the transportation system in peak periods**

*Strategies will include transportation demand management programs or initiatives and incentives to reduce peak-period trips*

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