

Draft Goals and Objectives (March 2014)

Goal Areas	Goal Statement	Goal Objectives
Safety	Develop and maintain a transportation system that promotes the safety of all users.	Continue to implement safety improvements on existing and new County Roads to minimize serious injuries and fatalities.
		Continue the policy of requiring warrants for installation of signals on County Roads.
		Emphasize transportation improvements that address safety and operation needs for all types of users, while meeting engineering design standards.
Access and Mobility	Develop a transportation system that increases the accessibility and mobility options of all users.	Continue an active access management program by implementing various strategies (e.g., spacing guidelines, land use policies, and design standards).
		Provide a roadway system that accommodates access and mobility needs for all modes (e.g., transit, freight and non-motorized users) and is balanced with the functional classification hierarchy.
		Continue to expand the regional trail system, with a particular focus on trail linkages between the Metro Area and regional trails.
		Improve efficiency and minimize indirection by addressing system gaps for County Roads and County trails.
		Enhance the movement of people and of goods and services within the County by providing good connections to the state's regional and federal transportation system.
Preservation & Maintenance	Develop a transportation system that is sustainable (e.g., cost-feasible), maintains a state of good repair and explores low-cost/high-benefit solutions to satisfy public transportation priorities.	Maximize the useful life of existing county infrastructure (e.g., roads, bridges and culverts) through a sound preservation investment program.
		Provide efficient system operations and management techniques and methods.
		Identify sufficient funding sources (e.g., local, state, and federal) to meet existing and future preservation and maintenance needs.
Coordination & Collaboration	Maximize intergovernmental cooperation and coordination.	Collaborate with MnDOT, the APO, and local governments to achieve harmony among the County Transportation Plan and other approved transportation plans or policies.
		Strive to coordinate the County Transportation Plan with plans of adjacent counties.
		Coordinate county roadway projects in advance with local agencies and public/private utilities to ensure construction is coordinated efficiently and seamlessly throughout the County.
		Establish with local jurisdictions a cooperative review process to ensure that the County is given early notifications of development proposals involving Stearns County highways.
Fiscally Responsible	Effectively and efficiently use available transportation funding.	Establish a rational, performance based, transparent project prioritization system that can withstand public scrutiny.
		Invest in preservation and safety improvements on the County highway system as a first priority.
		Invest in capacity improvements on the County highway system as financial resources allow.
		Coordinate with the St. Cloud APO, State legislators, and Congressional representatives to secure additional transportation funding.