

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The efforts and direction of LCATS are focused on maintaining and improving the transportation system in Licking County. In order to achieve this mission, LCATS has developed Goals and Objectives to assure our mission is met. LCATS has always had Goals and Objectives, and during the fall of 2007 the previous goals were revisited with the intent of refining them to be more specific and targeted to the planning factors required by SAFETEA-LU.

SAFETEA-LU PLANNING FACTORS

The Goals and Objectives of LCATS were developed based on guidance from the Federal Highway Administration and ODOT on required elements and conformance with SAFETEA-LU, and also on input received from Transportation Visioning sessions held in July of 2006 and 2007. LCATS wanted to address the eight planning factors of transportation planning, as well as reflect the unique characteristics of our region and people. The eight planning factors identified in SAFETEA-LU are summarized below:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life, and promote consistency between

transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

In addition to the SAFETEA-LU Planning Provisions, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) also requires that MPO's incorporate transit planning in their plans.

- Incorporating safety and security in transportation transit planning.
- Participation of transit operators in metropolitan and statewide planning.
- Coordination of non-emergency human service transportation.
- Planning for transit systems management/operations to increase ridership.

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Taking into account input from the Transportation Visioning sessions, the Policy Committee adopted the following Goals and Objectives in November 2007:

GOAL: Provide a transportation system that is safe, secure and efficient.

Objective: Increase the safety of the transportation system through engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency management.

Objective: Participate in a cooperative effort to provide a secure and responsive transportation system to combat manmade and natural disasters.

Objective: Maintain and preserve the existing transportation infrastructure.

GOAL: Provide a transportation system that allows for movement of people and goods across the region and the country.

Objective: Provide transit services that meet the diverse needs of the population.

Objective: Provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities as part of the transportation network.

Objective: Plan for freight movement of goods to destinations across the country.

Objective: Support operation and management strategies that improve the movement of people and goods.

GOAL: Provide a transportation system that allows for the physical, emotional, and financial well being of the LCATS service area.

Objective: Emphasize a transportation system that supports the economic vitality of the metropolitan area.

Objective: Coordinate with environmental partners to minimize impacts to sensitive environmental resources from transportation facilities.

Objective: Design a transportation network to meet the changing and future needs of the community.

Objective: Encourage transportation infrastructure and development to be built concurrently.

