



Transportation Choices 2030

FACT SHEET

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NEW JERSEY LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



INTRODUCTION

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and NJ TRANSIT are preparing the latest update to the New Jersey Long-Range Transportation Plan, known as **Transportation Choices 2030**.

The Long-Range Plan is crucial in identifying the needs of New Jersey's transportation system, establishing a vision and policy structure, developing strategies, and identifying the financial resources needed to sustain the plan's vision.

States are required by the federal government to prepare long-range transportation plans and update them every five years.

A number of challenges face New Jersey's complex transportation system in the next 25 years. NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT are making sure that these challenges will be met for the benefit of everyone who lives, works and visits here.

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These are just some of the critical issues facing the state's transportation network:

Safety

Safety is always a top priority. We must continue our efforts to improve safety and reduce fatalities, injuries and property damage on our highways and public transportation system.



Congestion

The state's roads are among the most heavily traveled in the nation. Congestion is making travel more difficult and increasing the amount of time we have to spend simply running errands and getting to and from work. But we can't build enough highways to relieve congestion, even if the money were available. New Jersey needs to look for new ways to manage congestion by applying new technologies and coordinating planning for transportation and land use.



Aging Infrastructure

New Jersey has made an enormous investment in its highways, bridges, public transportation, ports and airports. As these facilities age, maintaining them takes an even larger portion of the money dedicated to transportation. How do we repair and maintain the infrastructure we have and invest in new facilities where they are needed?

Transit Capacity and Expansion

NJ TRANSIT operates the nation's largest statewide public transportation system, providing bus, rail and light rail services. Even so, more and more people want to be able to use this system to go where they want to go when they want to go there.



Mobility for an Aging Population

As the Baby Boomers age, their transportation needs are changing. We need to better accommodate older drivers and transit users, and provide transportation for people who can't or don't want to drive, who can't use public transportation or don't have access to it.

Security

Securing New Jersey's portals, ports, transportation hubs and airports is a critical and costly priority since September 11, 2001. We must explore ways to protect the domestic security of the state and develop comprehensive emergency responses.

Innovative Financing

Federal, state and local transportation funds are not sufficient to meet the state's long-term needs. We need to find new ways to pay for the transportation facilities and services necessary to address our most critical issues.

Access to Jobs

Everyone must be able to get to his or her workplace. In particular, we must ensure that urban residents can get to jobs that are now often located in the suburbs.

Freight Movement

The amount of freight moving into, within, and through New Jersey is expected to grow by about 65 percent. We need to determine how we will handle more trucks on our highways and an even greater demand for rail freight lines.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel

How can we make biking and walking more practical and attractive to New Jersey residents?



WHAT ARE THE DRAFT GOALS OF NEW JERSEY'S LONG-RANGE PLAN, TRANSPORTATION CHOICES 2030?

- Increase safety and security
- Maintain the transportation infrastructure
- Integrate transportation and land use planning
- Increase mobility, accessibility and the reliability of travel
- Enhance the environment
- Optimize freight movement
- Continually improve the process of providing transportation facilities and services



YOUR INPUT COUNTS!

Transportation Choices 2030 will reflect the suggestions and concerns of our citizens through a variety of sources, including:

- A Study Advisory Committee consisting of federal, state and local transportation agencies that represent your interests.
- Focus Groups that capture a broad range of perspectives from urban, rural, disabled and low-income and minority users of the transportation system.
- Issue Groups held with public- and private-sector representatives to discuss critical issues.
- Outreach Meetings to present the plan to organizations, agencies, and civic associations.
- A Statewide Public Opinion Survey to ensure that widespread citizen feedback is captured and included.

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