

# Regional Transportation Priorities Plan

For the National Capital Region



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## Purpose

The Regional Transportation Priorities Plan aims to identify strategies with the greatest potential to respond to our most significant transportation challenges.

## **Key Principles**

### The Priorities are intended to :

- Be within reach, both financially and politically
- Achieve greater efficiency by making better use of our existing infrastructure, and packaging complementary strategies
- Encourage area leaders to consider regional needs when developing projects

## **Planning Process**

### **REGIONAL GOALS**

Based on the TPB Vision



### CHALLENGES

Standing in the way of achieving our goals

## STRATEGIES

With the Greatest Potential to respond to challenges

- Near Term Strategies
- On-Going Strategies
- Long Term Strategies

A mix of technical work, public outreach, and stakeholder feedback provided input into the development of the Plan

The three priorities in this plan are like building blocks, all essential in achieving our shared goals

### PRIORITY 1 STRATEGIES

- Maintenance of the Transit System
- Maintenance of Roads and Bridges

#### Move More People and Goods More Efficiently

Alleviate Congestion and Crowding, and Accommodate Future Growth

#### Strengthen Public Confidence and Ensure Fairness

Pursue Greater Accountability, Efficiency, and Accessibility

#### Meet Our Existing Obligations

### PRIORITY 2 STRATEGIES

- Ensure Accessibility for All Residents
- Engage and Communicate with the Public
- Promote System Efficiency Through Management and Operations, and the Appropriate Use of Technology

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### PRIORITY 3

Near-Term and Ongoing STRATEGIES

- Alleviating Roadway Bottlenecks
- Increasing Roadway Efficiency
- Access to Transit Stops and Stations
- Support for Electric Vehicles
- Promotion of Commute Alternatives
- Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Bus Priority Treatments
- Traffic Laws: Update & Enforce

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### PRIORITY 3 Long-Term STRATEGIES

- Express Toll Lanes
- Additional Capacity on the Existing Transit System
- Concentrated Growth in Activity Centers
- Enhanced Circulation within Activity Centers
- Bus Rapid Transit & Other Cost-Effective Transit Alternatives

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## Addressing Freight Concerns



### Alleviate Roadway Bottlenecks

(Near-Term Strategy 2)

Make targeted roadway improvements that provide congestion relief for drivers in key locations throughout the region.

### Ensure Maintenance of Roadways and Bridges (On-going Strategy 2)

Ensure that roadways and bridges provide safe, reliable, and comfortable travel fro people and goods.

## Increase Roadway Efficiency

(On-going Strategy 4) Smooth traffic flow and minimize delays on the existing road network

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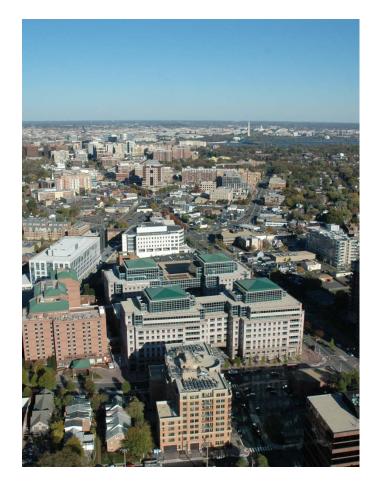
## Express Toll Lanes (Long Term Strategy 5)

Use Tolling and Pricing to Manage Congestion and Raise Revenue

- Particularly for new capacity and on existing capacity when feasible
- Promote seamless tolled systems
- Would create congestion free options for two-axle vehicles passing though through the region, which could reduce delay for trucks in the general purpose lanes



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## More Capacity on the Existing Transit

System (Long-Term Strategy I) Fund basic capital improvements in the metro system, commuter rail, and other transit systems, as well as capacity enhancements in key locations, especially the regional core.

### Concentrate Growth in Activity

#### Centers (Long-Term Strategy I)

Concentrate more development in the region's activity centers to achieve greater land-use and transportation efficiencies

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