

Fairfax County Project Selection Process

Comprehensive Plan:

- Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan is used as a guide to decision-making about the natural and built environment. One of the principal goals is that land-use must be balanced with the supporting transportation infrastructure, including the regional network. It's within this context that Fairfax County acts locally while simultaneously considering regional priorities.
- A keystone policy achievement includes developing a multimodal transportation system to reduce excessive reliance on the automobile. It specifies that regional and local efforts will focus on planning and developing a variety of transportation options. The transportation component of the Comprehensive Plan consists of the Policy Plan, four geographic Area Plans, and three maps: a Transportation Plan map, a Trails map, and a Bicycle Master Plan.

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- One of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's primary objectives is to reduce reliance on automobile travel by coordinating land use decisions and transportation planning within Fairfax County and the region as a whole; this is achieved by:
 - Developing a multimodal transportation system that provides for both through and local movement of people and goods.
 - Increasing the use of public transportation and non-motorized transportation.
 - Promoting Transportation Demand Management
 - Ensuring that improvements are cost-effective.
 - Ensuring safety for all users.
 - Ensuring that land-use and transportation policies are complementary.
 - Providing a comprehensive network of sidewalks, trails, and on-road bicycle routes
- One Fairfax
 - One Fairfax Policy is a **social and racial equity policy** that provides a framework based on equity for all decision-making in the County, including transportation and land use decisions.
- The goals and objectives in the Comprehensive Plan, combined with the One Fairfax Policy, help guide the project selection process.

Funding:

As part of the transportation planning process, the County develops and implements a responsible financial plan that considers both public and private sources of financial support for the County's transportation system. Priority is given to the programming of transportation improvements that assist in accomplishing the County's goals and objectives.