

## Vision

Provide a safe, efficient, and sustainable multi-modal transportation system that fosters economic and community development and meets the needs of the region through innovation.

**Goal 1: Develop a reliable and resilient transportation network, which links the region with the nation's markets and provides regional access for industrial, commercial, educational, and recreational growth areas to support tourism and the economic vitality of the region.**

### Objectives:

- Identify regional growth and investment areas.
- Continue the decision-making process to include considerations for industrial, commercial, education, and recreational benefits and impacts.
- Continue to support operations and planned expansion improvements at the local multimodal transportation facilities in the region.
- Encourage partnerships between planning and tourism focused organizations.
- Promote preservation of cultural resources and ensure a sense of place for residents and those visiting the region.

**Goal 2: Increase the safety of the transportation system for all modes and all users to exceed approved safety performance targets.**

### Objectives:

- Identify high crash locations and implement improvements to help reduce serious injury crashes and fatalities.
- Include safety goals and criteria in the region's performance measures and decision-making process.
- Encourage the incorporation of sidewalks, bike lanes, and wider shoulders where appropriate into planned transportation improvements.
- Provide training and assistance to local governments regarding potential access management techniques.
- Implement the recommended Action Plan from the Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- Implement recommendations from the Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan.
- Coordinate with the Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Community and Economic Development, and Department of Transportation on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the region.
- Encourage communities to apply for Transportation Alternatives Set-Asides, Community Development Block Grants, Act 13 Funds, Multimodal Transportation Funds and Mini-Grants for streetscape improvements in community centers.

**Goal 3: Improve quality of life through enhanced and equitable community access to public transportation, including passenger rail, regional transit, and medical assistance transportation.**

Objectives:

- Implement Coordinated Transit-Human Service Plan and bolster regional connectivity.
- Encourage the coordination of local transit or human services efforts to streamline the process of requesting transportation assistance.
- Work with transit and human services providers to identify areas with high or increasing concentrations of low income, elderly, or disabled populations that are underserved by public transportation.
- Support expanded passenger rail service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg by promoting additional Amtrak train routes.

**Goal 4: Maximize the benefits of transportation investments in the region with a focus on federal, state, and local collaboration as well as sound highway and bridge asset management practices designed to exceed identified performance measures.**

Objectives:

- Identify a Regional Core Transportation Network to more strategically direct transportation investments in the interest of the overall system.
- Develop regional asset management goals and performance measures.
- Develop project prioritization criteria that helps to ensure that transportation funds are being invested wisely.
- Identify innovative funding sources and opportunities to leverage transportation investments.
- Improve the project delivery process to help expedite project development and reduce costs by working with the Department of Transportation.
- Provide training and technical assistance to local municipalities through the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) to help ensure that liquid fuels funds are being used efficiently.
- Support statewide initiatives related to transportation funding and modernization strategies, including recommendations identified in the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission's Report.
- Assist municipalities with the incorporation of access management techniques by adoption of stand-alone ordinances or revisions to sub-division and land development ordinance (SALDO.)
- Promote benefits of municipal maintenance agreements to ensure the maximum investment in local projects.

**Goal 5: Inform and educate the public, stakeholders, and elected officials on key regional transportation initiatives.**

Objectives:

- Review and update the Southern Alleghenies RPO Public Participation Plan and Environmental Justice procedures on a regular basis to ensure that the public has the opportunity to serve an active role in the transportation planning process.
- Promote social media and electronic communication regarding transportation news and initiatives that are pertinent to the Southern Alleghenies Region.
- Attend local municipal elected official's conventions and PennDOT's annual meetings, including PennDOT Connects meetings, to discuss the transportation planning and project solicitation process.