



Regional Transportation Plan

North Country Council

2023 Update



- Provide an overview of the updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Describe and provide detail on the sections of the RTP
- Note significant changes over the previous draft RTP from 2021 and the official 2015 RTP.



General Information

Started development in 2019

Went through multiple design changes and versions

Designed around being a resource for community residents, local officials and staff, and other stakeholders

North Country Council staff plan to regularly update the RTP to ensure the information is accurate and relevant



Introduction and Purpose

The Plan is organized around “Corridors”

- “Regionally significant routes defined by one or more mode of transportation connecting communities, counties, and regions.”
- 14 identified corridors throughout the North Country
- Almost every single community is along a corridor



Introduction and Purpose



Public Engagement Process

Survey
Community meetings
Online map



How to use the Plan

Board/Committee Members
Local Officials
General public



Vision for the Transportation Network

Vision Statements

- The North Country will be a destination for current residents, visitors, and those seeking new opportunities.
- Our communities will have thriving town centers and downtowns.
- Residents and visitors will have access to a variety of transportation and transit options to get around the region.
- The transportation network will be well-maintained and efficiently moves people and goods.



Goals & Objectives

- Meant to work to achieve the regional vision in the opening segments
- Goals are organized under 5 focus areas:
 - Safety
 - Accessibility
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Collaboration



Safety

- Improve the Mobility, Safety, and Accessibility for all users and modes of travel.
- Preserve, Maintain, and Improve the Existing Transportation System.

Accessibility

- Create a transportation system that provides residents and visitors of all ages and abilities access to regional housing, employment, recreation, amenities, and services.
- Incorporate Accessibility requirements and considerations into regional projects and developments

Environment

- Conserve open space and traditional land uses.
- Connect Transportation Decisions with Land-Use Decisions.
- Protect the natural resources and the rural and wild natural environment of the region.





Economy

- Develop our town and village centers as destinations to live, work, and play.
- Create and Maintain a resilient regional economy.
- Encourage a mixture of housing types to meet the demand of all market sectors.

Collaboration

- Increase collaboration with partners and stakeholders at the local, regional, state, and federal levels to enhance transportation project planning and implementation outcomes.
- Includes holding regular meetings of boards and commissions, develop working relationships with a variety of groups, and conducting outreach to new groups.



Regional Challenges and Opportunities

The Challenges facing the Region's transportation network:

- Costs of infrastructure
- Condition of infrastructure
- Climate change
- Workforce
- Rural Character

Opportunities for improving the region's transportation network:

- Recreation Economy
- Historic town centers
- New data collection and tech. tools
- Funding
- Rural Character





Corridor Datasheets

The Corridor Datasheets contain helpful information such as:

- Census Information
- Assets (attractions, historic areas, infrastructure, etc.)
- Major connections with other routes and regions
- Traffic volumes at important junctions
- Maps
- Important Current and Identified Projects



Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

- The RTIP is updated every two years, and coincides with the State Ten-Year Plan process
- The RTIP for State Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-2034 consists of regionally significant programmed and proposed transportation projects for the North Country Council planning region.
- Projects on the RTIP have been programmed through the Ten-Year Plan and other state and federal funding sources



Appendices – Additional Information

Federal Transportation Laws

Survey Response Summary

Acronyms

Supporting Documents & Plans

Data and Mapping Resources



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Next Steps

- Upcoming Commission Meeting
 - Adopt the RTP
- In the Upcoming Fiscal Year:
 - Updated Corridor Datasheets
 - Updated Maps





Thank You!

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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