

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

MISSION & GOALS

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INCORPORATING ENVISION LITTLETON

The Envision Littleton shared values and guiding principles form the basis for the mission of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Those are shown below and incorporated into the draft vision statements directly or indirectly. The TMP goals add definition and specificity to the vision and adhere to the guiding principles from a transportation-specific perspective.

ENVISION LITTLETON SHARED VALUES:

VALUES

In listening to stories and memories about Littleton, along with residents' desires and concerns for its future, the following values came through consistently. The bulleted items under each are examples of how those expressing such values related them to their own experience of or pride in Littleton. Many communities share common values, issues, and priorities (e.g., to be a safe place). Littleton's core values include a passion for and/or commitment to:

LOCAL HISTORY

- Preserve and celebrate it
- Highlight and tie it to our identity and events
- Origin as own town, rural and later suburban heritage
- Build on accomplishments of past eras and leaders

THE OUTDOORS

- Health and fitness focus
- Front Range proximity
- Stewardship of river and open space assets



BEING INCLUSIVE

- Age, race, income, and faith diversity
- Housing options
- Neighbors knowing neighbors
- Caring for those in need
- Welcoming to families, newcomers, and visitors

BEING A MODEL COMMUNITY

- Leader among metro and Colorado cities
- High in livability, family-friendly, and other rankings
- Partnerships with other public agencies

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Being informed citizens
- Having a voice in city government
- Volunteer service

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INTEGRITY

- Of community and neighborhood character
- Of natural resources and open space endowment
- Of architectural heritage and landmarks
- Of governance and open, inclusive processes

QUALITY

- Schools
- Built environment
- Air and water
- Open space
- Public services

SAFETY

- Pedestrian/cyclist/driver safety
- Security from crime
- Child protection

ENVISION LITTLETON GUIDING PRINCIPLES:



Even in the face of potentially significant demographic change ahead, Littleton will remain **ANCHORED** by a firm belief among its residents and leaders of what makes this a truly special place. These features include Littleton's traditional downtown, established neighborhoods, and the literal "river that runs through it" in the South Platte. Littleton also has a longstanding reputation as a community of choice for quality schools and is home to the Arapahoe Community College main campus. Serving as the Arapahoe County seat, a destination for health care, and a hub for cultural and lifestyle amenities also keeps a consistent conception of Littleton in the minds of residents and visitors. Although stable in these various ways today, Littleton will approach its future with a sense of dynamism, looking to draw upon a culture of innovation and boldness inherited from earlier generations.



Littleton will continue to be AUTHENTIC and comfortable for both residents and guests. The often-cited "small town feel" and sense of community dates to our origin as a "Little Town" separate and apart from Denver. Littleton will continue to stand out in the region for its distinctive identity. Its genuine sense of place will always be contrasted with the look and feel of cities that came along much later or were master planned from scratch. The essential threads that will continue to sustain this community fabric include Littleton's historic character and architectural heritage, its varied neighborhoods and residential options, a robust and service-oriented faith community, and an inviting and safe atmosphere.



Littleton will be an increasingly CONNECTED and accessible place. From a physical and mobility standpoint, it will continue to have regional ties via highways and arterials, transit services, long-distance trails, and the Mary Carter Greenway. Evolving technology and network speeds will link it even more to the nation and world. It will be an inclusive and neighborly community that provides opportunities for youth, seniors, and residents in need to thrive, including through more mobility options. Littleton will also remain a fun and eventful locale throughout the year, bringing residents together for leisure and volunteer activities, and drawing visitors from near and far.



Littleton will always be a community of ACTIVE people who make the most of their city's cultural and natural resource abundance. It will support its residents' efforts to be fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle. It will embrace their desire to gather for live performances and other local happenings. And it will appreciate and build on the value of a lively downtown. Littleton will always seek to elevate its position as a dream community for outdoor recreation and nature enthusiasts – and a destination for visitors wishing to share in these local amenities.



Littleton will remain ENGAGED and civic-minded in all matters affecting the direction and priorities of city government and the community. Stakeholders will participate in transparent processes and take responsibility for maintaining a respectful and productive dialogue. Meaningful interactions must involve committed elected officials, informed residents, and other partner organizations and agencies interested in Littleton as it is today and will be tomorrow.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN MISSION

VISION

The TMP does not include a TMP-specific vision. Instead, the TMP will incorporate as its vision that established as part of the Envision Littleton process. The transportation master plan will help achieve the future vision for Littleton.

MISSION STATEMENT

Littleton will create a transportation system that supports its vision of the future through regional leadership and responsible stewardship of its transportation systems, policies, programs and services.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN GOALS

CONNECTED: connect people conveniently to the community, resources, and opportunities.

Major topics to address with objectives & strategies:

- o Delay / traffic congestion
- o Reliability
- o Remove barriers
- o User cost
- o Completeness of networks across modes
- o First and last mile
- o Regional and local connectivity
- Trail & sidewalk connectivity
- o Freight
- o Data/information
- Comfort of facilities
- Focus on moving people
- Access to active transportation facilities
- o Access to convenient transportation choices

HEALTHY: promote safety and support efforts to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

Major topics to address with objectives & strategies:

- Injuries/Fatalities (safety)
- o Emissions/Air Quality
- o Sidewalks
- o Bike facilities and routes
- o Noise
- o User satisfaction and happiness
- o Trail connections locally and regionally
- o Quality of physical environment / placemaking
- o Driver behavior
- Distracted driving
- o Hot spots
- o Personal Safety
- Data Security
- Water quality
- Access to nature/outdoors
- Design standards/"green" infrastructure

INCLUSIVE: allocate services and facilities so all people have transportation options best suited for their needs and lifestyle.

Major topics to address with objectives & strategies:

- o Remove barriers
- o Information sharing and communication
- o Completeness (remove gaps, focus on all modes)
- Quality of facilities and services
- o User Cost
- o User satisfaction and happiness
- o Access to all modes for all users
- o Balanced options

PROSPEROUS: contribute to our economic prosperity while maintaining and enhancing our community's character.

Major topics to address with objectives & strategies:

- o Businesses thrive
- Attractiveness to businesses
- Accessibility for employees
- o Impacts from transportation
- Building community trust
- o Parking
- o Small town feel
- o Downtown
- o Suburban neighborhoods
- Pressures from regional growth
- o Connect land use and transportation planning

SUSTAINABLE: build and operate a financially and environmentally sustainable transportation system.

Major topics to address with objectives & strategies:

- o Regional leadership
- Consistent funding sources
- o Identify funding sources/partners
- Budgeting priorities
- o Clear roadmap for the future
- o Best practices
- o Making a clear case to the community
- Emissions/Air Quality
- o Water quality
- o Updating/enforcing standards
- o Internal process improvement
- o Prepare for range of new technologies
- Flexibility and resiliency