



Columbus' Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan Summary

The City of Columbus is currently developing a true Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan, now branded as Connect Columbus, to improve safety, reduce congestion, assist children and the elderly, and promote economic development, fitness and environmental responsibility. The Plan will define the future of transportation in Columbus by providing the rules for alternative means of travel and will be developed with the latest best practices in the following areas:

1. Community Transportation Vision, Goals, and Objectives: Gauge the priorities and preferences of Columbus residents for the transportation system, including outreach all across the city. Utilize previous community transportation visions from area plans as foundational material to establish the new vision.
2. Transportation Needs Assessment: Develop summary of best practices for a Complete Streets Guidelines document and analyze major motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian generators and attractors in the region. In addition, assess high crash/risk areas, the context/character of roadways, areas for economic improvement and future transit system needs. These will be compiled into a Fact Book to be used as a basis for the specific needs that must be addressed by the Multimodal Transportation System Plan.
3. Complete Streets Design Guidelines: A document that includes development of a standard design feature selection process to select typical cross-sections and design components of roadway corridors for future transportation studies and design projects. This will also include a Complete Streets Policy document that defines how the city will incorporate the transportation needs of all users and all abilities into the planning, design, construction and operation of the city's transportation system.
4. Street Typologies and Classifications: Establish multimodal level of service goals, which include motor vehicle, bike, pedestrian, and transit systems, for each street typology. Determine the preferred method for evaluating multimodal levels of service to define transportation system performance. Establish typical street typologies and classifications that vary based on the modal priorities of a street. Create a table that identifies right-of-way preservation widths for each street typology.
5. Multimodal Transportation System Plan: A plan to be used in conjunction with the Complete Street Design Guidelines to streamline city decision making related to transportation improvements on specific corridors.

This plan includes the following:

- Development of City-wide bicycling, pedestrian, motor vehicle and transit preferred networks in order to achieve the objectives for each method of transportation and determine the combination of the modal preferred networks that best meets the community transportation vision
 - Identification and compilation of a priority list of the 50 highest priority improvement corridors in the city
 - Development of access management guidelines to improve access and safety along key corridors and support economic prosperity
 - Updating the Traffic Standards Code and User's Guide for Traffic Impact Studies to be consistent with the current state of practice and policy recommendations of the new Columbus Multimodal Transportation Plan
6. Public Involvement and Education: Develop a detailed, inclusive public involvement plan outlining measurable objectives, audiences, tactics, and schedules. Develop a project brand that will convey, in a visual and compelling way, that this is a Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan.