



## **Twelve Principles to Guide Future A/GFTC Planning and Programming Activities in Support of Adopted Goals and Objectives**

1. Transportation plans and programs will seek to maintain the established and varied settings that make the area an attractive place to live, work, and visit while bringing positive changes to the natural and built environments that outweigh associated costs.
2. Options for maintaining the existing transportation system and maximizing its operating utility through improvements that address surface conditions, safety issues, intersection operations, access, and multimodal accommodations will be given priority over costlier and more disruptive capacity improvement or new highway alignment concepts.
3. Maintaining and operating an integrated transportation system that entails minimal risk for all users and all modes is paramount.
4. Current travel and transportation habits will intrinsically create some degree of traffic congestion in some locations. Projects and plans intended to address those locations with recurring vehicle congestion should also incorporate meaningful demand management measures including transit provisions and access improvements.
5. Public transit is essential to progress the evolution of the transportation system. Improving the span, scope and coordination of existing services will enhance mobility options for those that cannot or will not rely upon automobiles and in turn help reduce the physical, environmental and capital costs associated with transportation.
6. Bicycling and walking are modes of transportation – not just means of recreation. Capital projects that are designed to include meaningful accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians will be given priority as future programs are developed.
7. Developing the potential of passenger rail and commercial shipping of water borne and rail borne freight will lessen the demand upon and improve performance of the road-based transportation system.
8. Coordination of land use planning, economic development, and transportation planning activities is essential to maximize the region's potential.
9. Regional issues will require cooperation of municipalities and organizations that transcend established jurisdictional boundaries.
10. Encouraging infill development and redevelopment through the prioritization of system investments is preferable to facilitating large-scale development outside of established residential and commercial areas.
11. A/GFTC will continue its commitment to public participation so that it may continue to plan with the people, not for the people.
12. Technology and data collection will play an important role in identifying, prioritizing, operating, and analyzing transportation system improvements. A/GFTC is committed to improving its technological and analytical capabilities.