

PLANNING PRINCIPLES FOR A/GFTC

As the document which will guide all MPO activities for the next twenty years, *2045 Ahead* seeks to synthesize the priorities of residents, workers, and visitors in the A/GFTC area with national, statewide, and regional priorities for transportation. As part of previous long-range planning efforts, A/GFTC established principles to guide the planning and programming activities in the MPO. These have been updated for the *2045 Ahead* plan. The principles are:

Strengthen and support regional character and economic vitality

- Maintain or improve the features that make the area an attractive place to live, work, and visit
- Coordinate land use planning, economic development, and transportation planning
- Build and strengthen opportunities for collaboration at the local, regional, and statewide level
- Support a diverse freight network including rail and water-borne modes
- Continually improve public participation and integrate equity into the planning process

Integrate all transportation modes

- Support and promote multimodal access for users of all ages and abilities through Complete Streets principles
- Prioritize capital projects that include meaningful accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Improve the span, scope, and coordination of public transportation services

Balance system maintenance and expansion

- Maintain and maximize the utility of the existing transportation system through improvements that address pavement condition, safety, intersection operation, access, and multimodal accommodations
- Address recurring vehicle congestion while incorporating meaningful demand management measures

Protect the environment

- Integrate measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by improving congestion and reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips
- Support the expanded feasibility of alternative fuel vehicles
- Encourage infill development and redevelopment through the prioritization of system investments

Adapt to innovation

- Improve and expand technological and analytical capabilities
- Monitor new programs and funding streams as needed
- Identify opportunities for innovative transportation planning