

# Municipality of Anchorage Long-Range Transportation Strategy Document

Guidance for transportation investments within the MOA

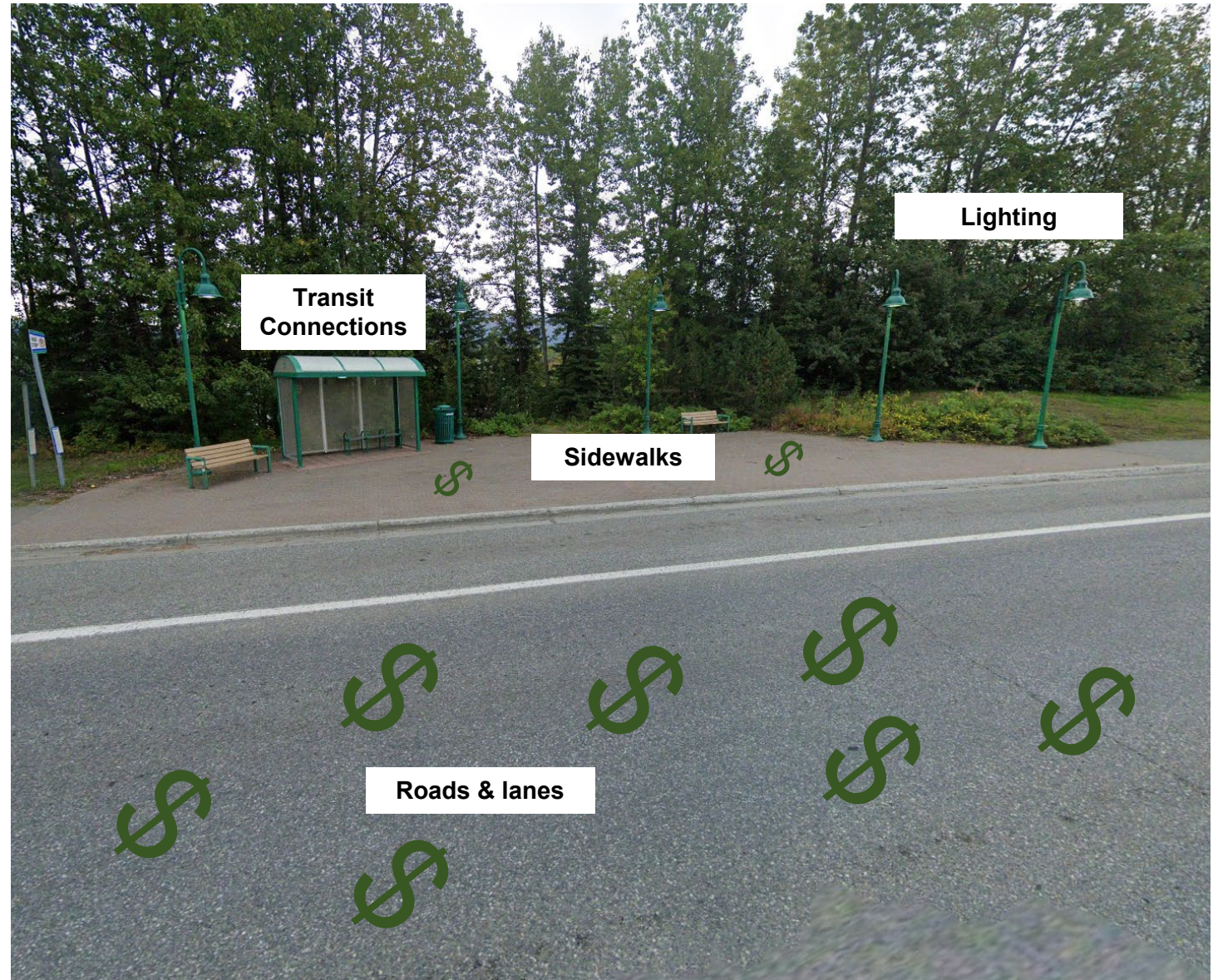


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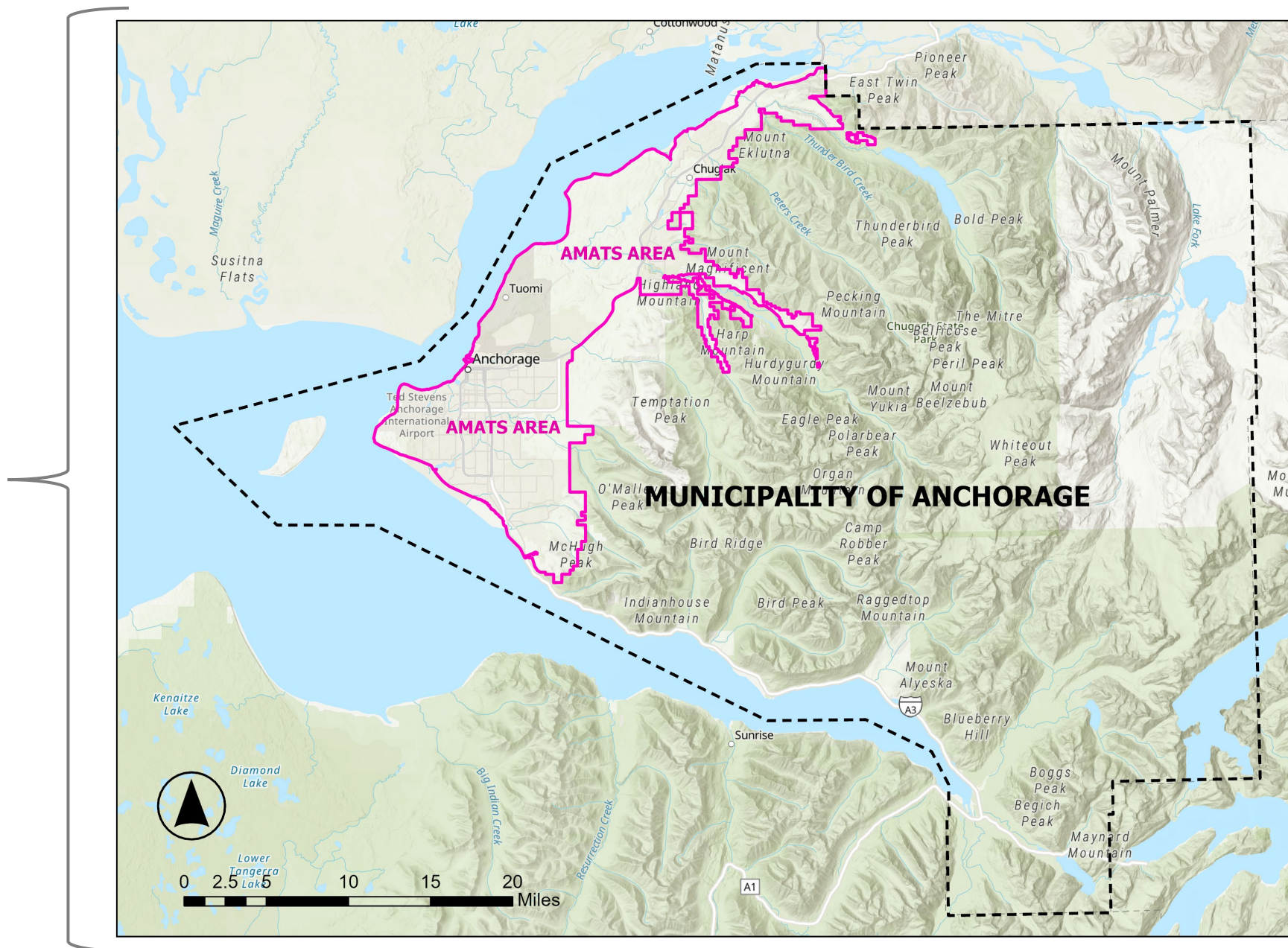


Long-Range Transportation Plans guide short and long-range investments in transportation infrastructure. The MOA historically used AMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as its Long-Range Transportation Plan.

- The MTP does not address all communities within the MOA's boundary
- The MTP focuses on state and federally funded projects.
- The LRTS provides guidance for spending local dollars based on local priorities, and can help inform the MTP
- The LRTS guides investments for all modes in all communities.



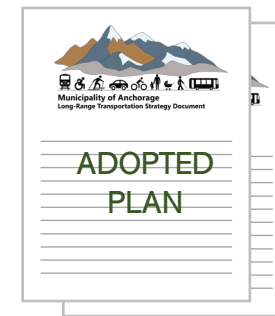
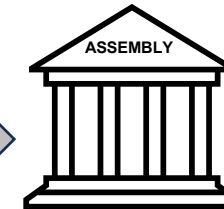
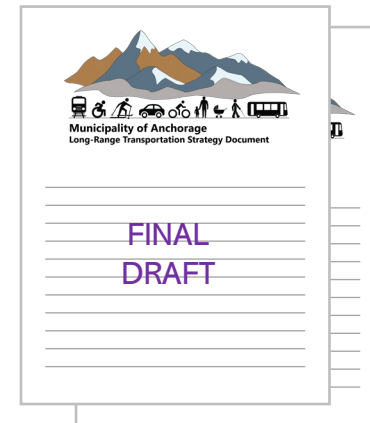
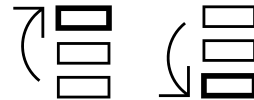
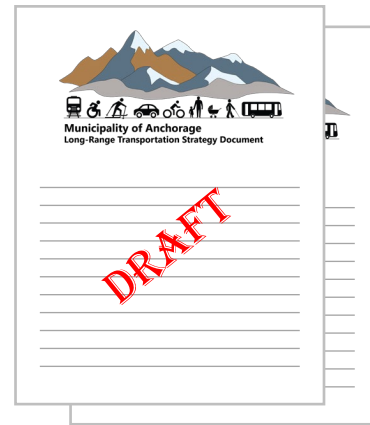
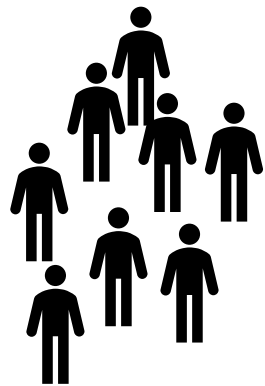
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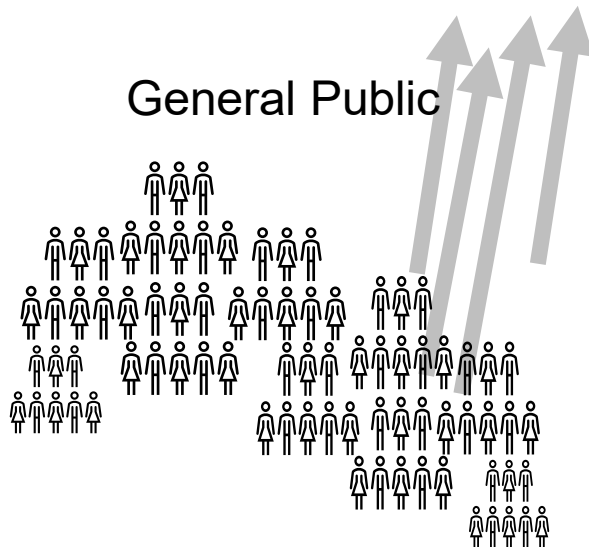
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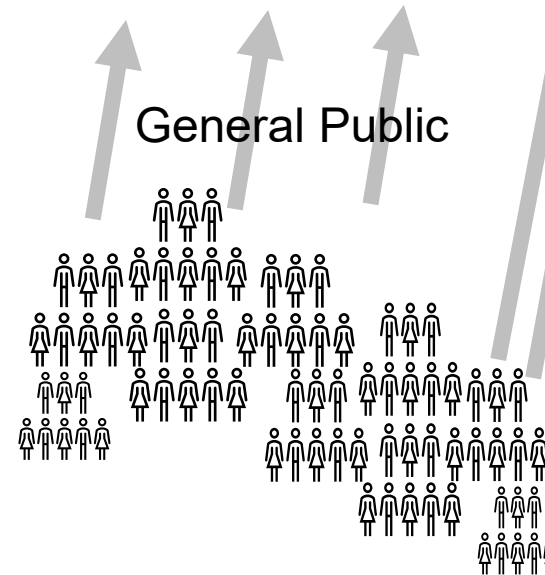
Working Group



General Public



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# Why Do We Need a Long Range Transportation Strategy?



- Identify transportation values
- Support neighborhood planning efforts
- Better understand community transportation priorities
- Prioritize local funding decisions and tradeoffs
- Demonstrate community support to leverage state and federal funding
- Guide state and federal agency transportation decisions

# LRTS Proposed Goal Areas



**The LRTS Working Group identified six goal areas:**

- 1** Maintain Existing Transportation Infrastructure
- 2** Provide Transportation Choices
- 3** Manage Public Spaces and Right-of-Way Based on Public Priorities
- 4** Engage the Public in Transportation Project Processes
- 5** Implement Adopted Plans
- 6** Prioritize Environmental Sustainability

# LRTS Proposed Goal Areas



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## **Maintain Existing Transportation Infrastructure**

- Use maintenance projects as an opportunity to make other needed improvements.
- Prioritize maintenance first for walking, rolling, biking.
- Account for and provide for the full seasonal cycle of road or path facility needs.
- Require long-term maintenance costs be included in project planning and budgeting.

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### **Provide Transportation Choices**

- Score projects for active transportation and transit higher when evaluating investment decisions.
- Make it easier for people to link different types of transportation for the same trip.
- Evaluate proposed transit/transportation projects based on range of needs (not just commuters).
- Design existing and new rights-of-way to facilitate more choices for different ways of getting around.
- In areas of high-density housing, focus infrastructure investments on multi-occupancy vehicle travel and active transportation.
- Use technology in innovative ways to assist people moving around the MOA.
- Connect outlying communities within the MOA.





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## **Manage Public Spaces and Right-of-Way Based on Public Priorities**

- Regularly reassess the data and assumption for projects to make sure they align with community values and changes in need.
- Regularly update design standards for how roads are built in accordance with community needs.
- Prioritize metrics such as connecting people to destinations or reducing injuries over vehicle speed and volumes.
- Design and build intersections with people walking or rolling as the top priority.
- Require infrastructure projects to align with the intent of land use plans.



## 4

### **Engage the Public in Transportation Project Processes**

- Actively engage the public on how to best give meaningful comment during project outreach, focusing on underserved populations.
- Tailor outreach to accommodate diverse communities.
- Prioritize transportation funding in low-income and minority neighborhoods.
- Evaluate projects that have been on project lists for more than 10 years against current adopted policy guidance to determine if they should remain on funding plans.

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## Implement Adopted Plans

- Invest in public transportation and active transportation in infill areas where growth and new development are already happening.
- Prioritize public transportation needs within transportation planning decision making.
- Prioritize active transportation projects in long-range transportation plans or funding plans.
- Discourage road projects on land that could be used for residential or commercial development or other community needs.

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## **Prioritize Environmental Sustainability**

- Encourage transitions to more energy efficient modes of transportation
- Encourage transitions to alternative energy vehicles
- Reduce greenhouse gases from the transportation system.
- Align transportation and infrastructure improvements with the MOA Climate Action Plan.

# Public Involvement



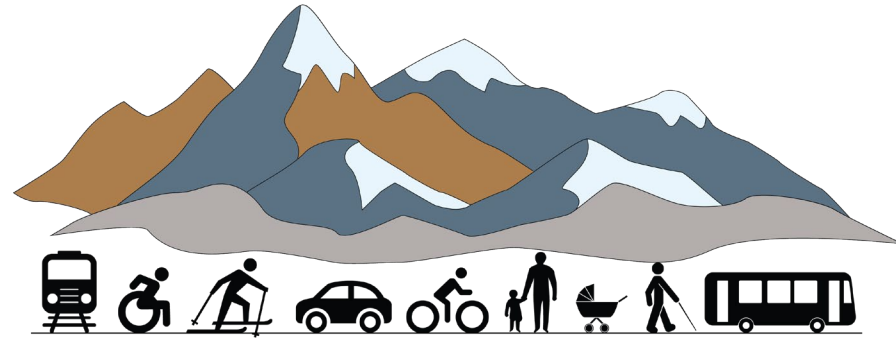
- What do you like?
  - What should we keep?
  - What's missing?
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- Join us for a public open house on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm at the Loussac Library's Beluga Room

Survey Link



Take our online preference survey to comment on these goals/priorities at:

[Municipality of Anchorage Transportation Priorities Survey  
\(\[surveymonkey.com\]\(https://www.surveymonkey.com\)\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/municipality-of-anchorage-transportation-priorities-survey)



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# Thank you!

