

Cumberland Valley Area Development District Regional Transportation Program



FY12 Regional Goals & Objectives

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The Cumberland Valley Area Development District (CVADD) Regional Transportation Committee is comprised of local elected officials, community leaders, and private citizens selected from within the communities of the CVADD. Each individual brings to the transportation planning effort a unique background and area of expertise that will enable the Regional Transportation Committee to be an effective participant in the statewide transportation planning process.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The CVADD Regional Transportation Committee has adopted as its mission the responsibility to promote and provide for the development of safe and efficient modes of transportation throughout the CVADD by working within the transportation planning process as defined by SAFETEA-LU, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The following goals and objectives have been developed by the CVADD Regional Transportation Committee as a means to direct the Committee toward reaching and maintaining its above stated mission.

Goal: **Support projects that address local and regional needs, with particular emphasis on projects that encompass a significant regional benefit.**

- Objectives:**
1. Promote and emphasize significance of assessing regional UPL projects a higher ranking during the prioritization process for consideration of inclusion in the Six-Year Plan.
 2. Continue support for the development, improvement, and/or expansion of significant regional corridors that may include, but are not limited to, Interstate 75, US 119, US 150, US 25, US 25E, US 25W, US 421, Hal Rogers Parkway, KY 80 and KY 30.
 3. Develop and maintain existing primary systems that provide connections between cities and counties in the CVADD, and focus on building and improving the arterial and collector roads that support them.
 4. Encourage local elected officials, community leaders, and the general public to promote the development and implementation of regional projects.
 5. Inform state and federal legislators of the regional need and benefit of each project and solicit support.

Goal: Promote and develop projects that will improve economic and tourism development in the CVADD.

- Objectives:**
1. Support assessing higher rankings for economic and tourism related projects when prioritizing for the Six-Year Plan.
 2. Ensure that the regional transportation system connects all major population centers and significant economic and tourism centers with a system of quality arterial highways.
 3. Develop and/or improve direct primary access routes to industrial parks, economic centers, tourist attractions, and other sites of interest in the region.
 4. Maintain communication with economic and tourism development organizations such as chambers of commerce, industrial authorities, tourism commissions, and other supportive entities to evaluate local and regional needs.

Goal: Promote highway safety on existing and planned corridors to reduce fatalities, injuries, and economic loss in the region.

- Objectives:**
1. Encourage a higher prioritization for highway needs that seek to reduce crashes, fatalities, and injuries.
 2. Improve highway safety at locations and/or corridors where traffic crash data and analysis has yielded an identified solution for improving safety along a particular route.
 3. Support and assist emphasis area task teams to analyze specific safety issues, recommend solutions for improving identified concerns, and identifying projects for inclusion on the UPL.
 4. Continue implementation of the CVADD Highway Safety Program to conduct programs related to seat belt usage, child restraint systems, and driver education programs.
 5. Collaborate with local, state, and federal officials in the pursuit of funding and innovative solutions to address highway safety issues throughout the region.

Goal Support a transportation system that facilitates access to local and regional points of interest, while also reducing congestion.

- Objectives:**
1. Enhance traffic movement in urban areas through the development of bypasses and connector routes to reduce traffic congestion.

2. Expand and improve, when feasible, urban roadways with congestion issues.
3. Encourage the coordination of land use and transportation planning to ensure that existing and future industrial, commercial and service centers, and housing concentrations are adequately connected to the transportation system.
4. Promote lane and intersection expansions to improve traffic flow in congested urban and rural areas.
5. Use existing planning/scooping studies, small urban area studies, and additional transportation reports in the identification and prioritization of transportation needs.

Goal: **Encourage the development of and improve the support for other modes of transportation such as air and rail, public transportation, pedestrians, bicycles, and the facilities that support them.**

- Objectives:**
1. Develop and implement a multimodal transportation infrastructure to accommodate connectivity between air, rail, and highway facilities to move goods safely and efficiently throughout the region.
 2. Support infrastructure development and/or improvement for existing and planned rail and air facilities.
 3. Continue to support sufficient funding for public transportation through federal Section 5310 funding for transportation of the elderly and handicapped for the CVADD senior centers, transit providers, and additional public agencies.
 4. Pursue the incorporation of providing greenways, bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-purpose trails into project planning.
 5. Encourage participation from individuals representing these modes of transportation on the CVADD's Regional Transportation Committee.

Goal: **Promote transportation planning practices that emphasize environmental stewardship and minimize impacts to the natural, social, and cultural environment.**

- Objectives:**
1. Identify natural, cultural, hazardous/toxic, and human resource areas in the CVADD to be considered during transportation planning.
 2. Provide early and continual environmental evaluation and analysis to avoid or minimize potential impacts of transportation projects.

3. Uphold Environmental Justice standards and avoid adverse impacts to minority and low-income communities.

Goal: **Encourage active participation by local elected officials, community leaders, and the general public in the statewide transportation planning process.**

- Objectives:**
1. By using public forums, such as fiscal court meetings, city council meetings, community meetings, media announcements, etc., inform elected officials, community leaders, and the general public about the transportation planning process and its importance to their local community and surrounding region.
 2. Provide up to date information to elected officials, community leaders, and the general public for transportation-related developments in their community and the region.
 3. Solicit active public involvement in the transportation planning process as early and often as possible.
 4. Provide input to the CVADD Board of Directors regarding the transportation needs in the region.
 5. Maintain a working relationship with elected officials, community leaders, and the general public in each community to identify, evaluate, and pursue transportation needs.

Goal: **Provide and maintain a link of communication between the constituency the Committee represents and local, state, and federal transportation officials.**

- Objectives:**
1. Continue to support the transportation planning process whereby local elected officials, community leaders, and the general public are given an opportunity to participate in developing their communities.
 2. Provide information to the CVADD's local, state, and federal officials concerning the region's transportation needs.
 3. Continue to collaborate with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, surrounding Area Development Districts, Highway District Offices, and local communities to develop a transportation system aimed at accommodating future growth and development.