



## Connecting Cook County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan DRAFT Vision Statement

Our vision is to support the development of a safe, sustainable, and efficient world class transportation system that spurs economic growth and enhances quality of life. Cook County will achieve this vision by *connecting*:

- **Commerce** – the plan will prioritize transportation investments that improve the efficient movement of goods to strengthen commercial activity and generate new employment. Opportunities to better link residents to jobs at regional employment centers, and strategically invest in transportation infrastructure that stimulates job and business growth, and spurs redevelopment and commercial revitalization will be emphasized, particularly in sectors such as Manufacturing, Transportation and Logistics that are strengths for our economy.
- **Communities** – the plan will support the continued growth of vibrant, healthy, and diverse communities throughout Cook County by prioritizing projects that expand mobility choices—including public transportation, biking, and walking—and promote greater transportation linkages. Projects and policies that improve livability and better connect transportation, land use, housing, and jobs will be pursued in order to create denser, mixed-use, more sustainable communities.
- **Counties through Collaboration** – the plan will promote coordination across jurisdictions and between neighboring counties to ensure regionally significant infrastructure improvements are advanced to meet current and future travel needs. Innovative projects that foster a robust business environment throughout Cook County and the region will be prioritized.
- **Capital** – the plan will support a fiscally responsible approach to address transportation infrastructure needs, one that leverages existing resources and maximizes investment potential. Benefitting from strong partnerships and increased cooperation between governmental agencies and the private sector, the County and its partners will identify opportunities to more efficiently use existing resources, leverage new funding sources, and align short-and long-term priorities to move people and goods through a world class transportation system.

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