

### 2050 ARIZONA LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**DRAFT FINAL REPORT** 



## **Director's Letter**

This page was intentionally left blank.



## Arizona State Transportation Board Letter

This page was intentionally left blank.



## Introduction to the Plan

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a policy document that must be updated every five years to provide a current "roadmap" for the state transportation system over the next 25 years (2026-2050). The development of the LRTP included an extensive engagement program across a wide range of stakeholders, including Arizona residents and regional and local transportation leaders across the state. Feedback from the engagement process supported the creation of the vision, goals, objectives, and implementation strategies to support Arizona's future transportation system. As part of the planning effort, an analysis was done to identify the gap between the projected transportation need and the projected transportation revenue. The transportation gap emphasizes the importance of strategically allocating ADOT's limited resources as defined by the Recommended Investment Choice (RIC).

### Purpose of the Plan

The Purpose of the ADOT 2050 LRTP is to provide information regarding the existing and future condition of the state transportation system, and provide direction to the state, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and councils of government (COGS), and Arizona residents about transportation needs, available revenues, and system performance over a 25-year period. The plan serves as a policybased plan rather than a project-based plan, meaning that it establishes policy recommendations but does not recommend specific projects. The 2050 LRTP has two major policy outcomes. The first is a list of strategies, which provide recommendations for how future decisions and processes should align with the State's Vision, Goals, and Objectives. The second is the RIC, which serves as a guide for how available funding should be allocated across the Preservation. Modernization, and Expansion categories.

### **Plan Themes**

- Revise the prior LRTP to reflect updated information on existing trends and stakeholder priorities.
- Engage with MPOs, COGs, Tribes, and other transportation stakeholders to define a vision for the future transportation system.
- Involve the public in the LRTP development process and incorporate public input into the plan.
- Focus on improvements and strategies that incorporate resiliency into the LRTP.
- Use updated and specific information to help the public and transportation decision-makers understand the implications of policies.
- Develop policies that are data-driven, performance-based, and consistent with ADOT responsibilities.

### **Plan Contents**

Director's Letter
Arizona State Transportation Board Letter 3
Introduction to the Plan4
Plan Development 5
Engagement Process 6
Vision and Goals7
Transportation Today: Statewide8
Transportation Today: MAG/PAG 10
Multimodal Needs 12
Revenue Projections 14
Transportation Gap15
Future Scenarios15
Recommended Investment Choice 17
Strategies
Resilience Improvement Plan24
Plan Implementation24

### Supporting Documents (links below)

MAG and PAG Current Conditions Report IIJA/BIL Analysis Vision Report Multimodal Needs Analysis Baseline and Projected Revenue Gap Analysis Public Involvement Summary Report







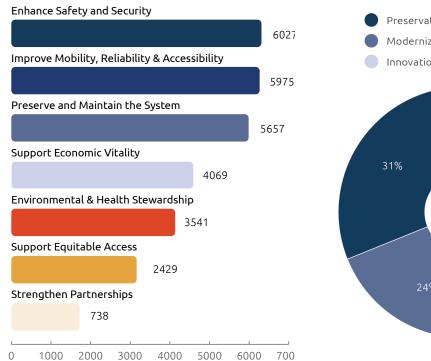
## **Engagement Process**

Throughout the development of the LRTP, ADOT met with, informed, and sought input from various stakeholders. These included COGs and MPOs, Arizona Tribes, and Arizona residents. Input from these stakeholders helped guide and shape the LRTP and was a significant consideration when formulating the RIC. At various points in the process, members of the public and stakeholders were able to provide their perspectives through surveys, public meetings, consultation sessions, and online comments.

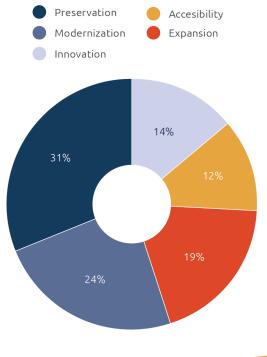
### **Public Survey**

From October 24th, 2022, to January 4th, 2023, a survey was available through the LRTP website using the MetroQuest platform. The purpose of this survey was to obtain the investment priorities and transportation goals of Arizona residents. A total of 7,862 people responded to the survey. Themes from the survey include:

#### Public Ranking of Arizona Transportation Goals



#### **Public Investment Priorities**



### Tribal Outreach

During the LRTP engagement process, ADOT reached out to all 22 tribes in the State of Arizona, with 10 of the 22 tribes requesting and receiving consultation sessions going over the ADOT "Planning to Programming" process, an overview of the LRTP development process, and Tribal transportation priorities. Key tribal priorities identified from these meetings include:

- ADOT district communication on projects
- Roadway lighting
- Pedestrian safety
- Widened shoulders
- Data sharing

### Statewide Public Meetings

During March 2023, ADOT held a series of three in-person public meetings, a telephone townhall, and a virtual meeting at which the purpose of the LRTP, vision, goals, projected needs and revenue were presented to the public. The public was able to comment during these events either through verbal comments, comment cards, or through the LRTP website/email. Overall, 593 people attended the public meetings. A majority participated virtually. A total of 391 comments were received by ADOT. Common themes of the comments included:

- Promoting bicycle infrastructure
- Expanding public transit
- Increasing safety
- Fixing roads in poor condition
- Prioritizing and expediting existing transportation projects.



## Vision and Goals

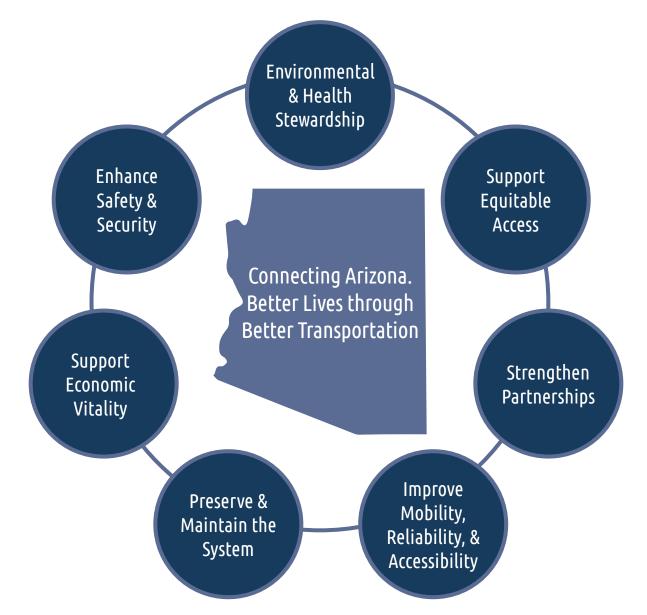
### Vision

The LRTP defines the Vision of the State as;

### Connecting Arizona. Better Lives Through Better Transportation.

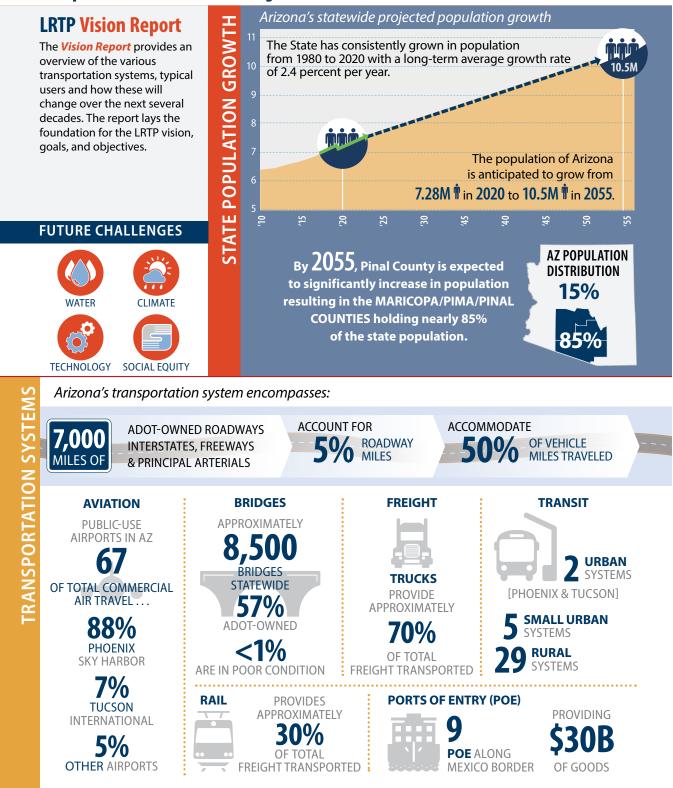
### Goals

The LRTP defined seven goals to support the vision and provide strategic priorities on how to implement the LRTP. The goals establish the path to achieve the vision and were formulated in consideration of department, stakeholder, and public priorities. Four of the goals address the State transportation system, while three of the goals address processes. All goals provide a guide for implementing existing and future decision-making and policies to ensure they align with the vision.

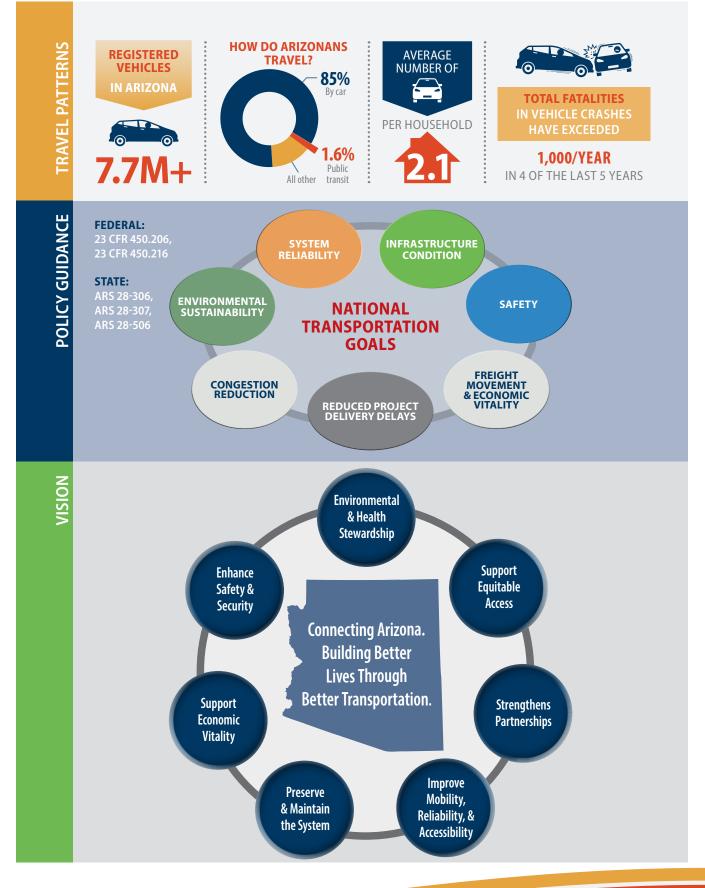




## Transportation Today



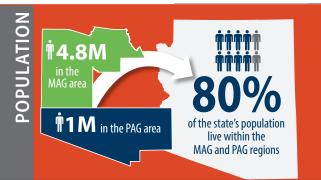
## Transportation Today (cont.)



## Transportation Today: MAG/PAG

### **MAG/PAG Current Conditions**

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Pima Association of Governments (PAG) are the two most populous areas of the state of Arizona and the two federally designated transportation management areas (TMA). *The Current Conditions Report of the MAG and PAG Regions (Report)* provides an overview of these important regions and highlights portions of their federally required long-range transportation plans which include portions of the state highway system (SHS).







## Transportation Today: MAG/PAG (cont.)



#### THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MOMENTUM PLAN – MOMENTUM 2050 is the

current long-range transportation plan for the MAG region that was adopted by it's Regional Council on December 1, 2021.

**VISION:** Establish a sustainable, resilient, multi-modal transportation investment program that connects people with the opportunities to prosper and thrive.



THE 2045 REGIONAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY PLAN (RMAP) is the

current long-range transportation plan that guides the PAG region that was recently updated on September 24, 2020.

**VISION:** A state-of-the-art, reliable, multimodal, and environmentally responsible regional transportation system that is continuously maintained, interconnected, and integrated with sustainable land use patterns to support a high quality of life and healthy, safe and economically vibrant region.

FUNDING



THE MAG MOMENTUM 2050 PLAN includes \$16 billion for 88 specific projects that support the expansion (59%) and modernization (32%) of the SHS system. While the plan specifies that maintenance of the freeway/highway system is the responsibility of ADOT, there is \$1.4 billion allocated for preservation, which includes the reconstruction of the I-10 Hance Park Tunnel. THE PAG 2045 RMAP includes \$2.2 billion for 28 highway projects that support the expansion (72%) and modernization (28%) of the SHS system.

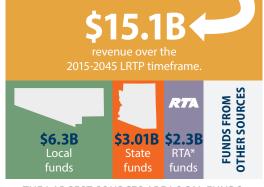
## MOMENTUM 2050 ANTICIPATES



THE LARGEST SOURCES WILL BE FEDERAL FUNDS AND AN EXTENSION OF PROPOSITION 400, A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION EXCISE (SALES) TAX.

\* Assuming extension of current half-cent sales tax.

### 2045 RMAP ANTICIPATES



THE LARGEST SOURCES ARE LOCAL FUNDS, STATE FUNDS, AND A LOCAL VOTER-APPROVED TRANSPORTATION EXCISE (SALES) TAX. \* Regional Transportation Authority local half-cent sales tax

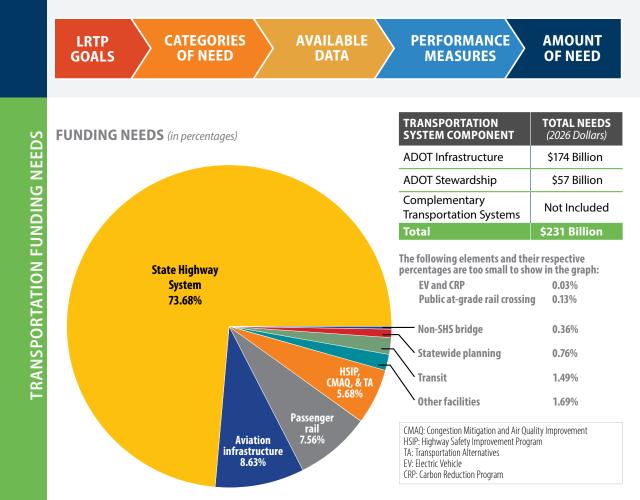


## **Multimodal Needs**

### **MULTIMODAL NEEDS Analysis**

The **MULTIMODAL NEEDS ANALYSIS** provides an overview of the future needs within each transportation system to provide the desired level of performance.

#### **NEEDS DETERMINATION**



#### THE ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

ADOT has varying levels of ownership and oversight of the following three major components of Arizona's transportation system:







COMPLEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (not Included)



# Multimodal Needs (cont.)

### THE ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

			National Highway		Stat	e Ports of Entry
		State Highway System (SHS)	te Highway System (NHS) Ó			st Areas/Truck king along SHS
ADOT INFRA	STRUCTURE				G	rand Canyon Airport
NEED TYPE		D	ESCRIPTION OF NEED			2026–2050 NEED
PAVEMENT	ADOT owns and maintains approximately 7,000 centerline miles of roadway. Acceptable long-term pavement conditions assumes an 11% annual increase in spending.					\$63.3 B
BRIDGE			imately <mark>4,800 bridges</mark> o li <mark>re an 11% annual incr</mark> e		e	\$8.8 B
MOBILITY		Current <b>mobility conditions</b> within the SHS meet performance measures but <b>future investments will likely be needed</b> to accommodate population growth.				
SAFETY	While ADOT provides oversight on statewide safety, <b>ADOT only has ownership</b> and control to make safety improvements on the SHS.					\$5.9 B
FREIGHT	Current freight conditions meet all the Federal performance measures targets, but future investments will likely be needed to maintain this level of performance.				\$4.4 B	

		Public transit funding funding		Passenger rail funding	Non-NHS bridge inspections and funding	
ADO STEWAR	-	Statewide planning funding	HSIP, CMAQ, and TA funding	EV charging and CRP funding	Public at-grade highway–rail crossings safety funding	
NEED TYPE		DES	CRIPTION OF NEED		2026–2050 NEED	
HSIP, CMAQ, AND TA	and Non-SHS	ADOT administers several federally funded programs available to both SHS facilities and Non-SHS facilities. These programs include the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), CMAQ and Transportation Alternatives (TA) programs.				
PUBLIC TRANSIT		ADOT administers FTA programs used to fund "dial-a-ride" (5310) and fixed bus oute programs (5311) in rural areas.				
AVIATION FRASTRUCTURE	hangar const	DOT distributes funds for airfield maintenance and pavement management, angar construction, operation of state-owned aircraft and airports and grant- natching for 11 public airports and smaller general aviation airports.				
PASSENGER RAIL	in the Phoeni	responsible for the safety oversight for regional passenger rail services hoenix and Tucson areas (light rail and streetcar) and the planning for future structure, including a potential passenger rail alternative between Tucson				

## **Revenue Projections**

### **Baseline and Projected REVENUES**

The *Baseline and Projected Revenues* provides an overview of transportation funding in Arizona. It analyzes future scenarios that may impact funding and highlights the projected future transportation funding available to ADOT over a 25-year period. This includes state and federal funding like the INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA), currently referred to as the BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL), which establishes a number of programs for funding infrastructure.



THE HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUND (HURF), a fund that includes fees and charges relating to the registration and operation of motor vehicles and a motor fuel tax, is the largest of the three transportation funding sources for ADOT. In FY2022, the HURF generated \$1.73 billion which is a 68% increase from FY2012 (\$1.03 billion), largely through strong economic growth in the state. While HURF revenues fluctuate from year to year, the distributions of HURF funds are based on a set distribution formula. ADOT dicretionary funding equals approximately 43% of the total HURF.



Voters in Maricopa County passed a half-cent sales tax through Proposition 400 to fund transportation improvements within the county. Funds from this tax are deposited into a Regional Area Road Fund (RARF).

The transportation tax expires in December 2025 and requires voter approval of a new funding measure to continue.

2005–2025 DISTRIBUTION OF C	OUNTY EXCISE TA	Х
56%	33%	11%
State Highway System Freeways and Routes	Public Transportation Fund	Arterial Street and Intersection Improvements

In 2022, Proposition 400 GENERATED \$664 M

a **105%** INCREASE from 2012 (\$324 M)

#### **REVENUES**

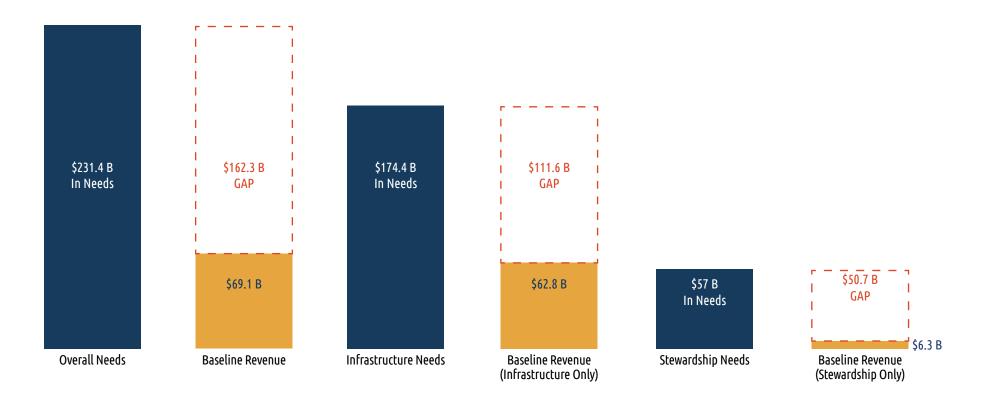
Federal formula funding is determined based on allocations to the State of Arizona through the current IIJA/BIL 2022–2026. Under **IIJA/BIL, federal funding to Arizona increases** an anticipated average of **\$1 billion per year**. A large portion of the funds go to ADOT while a portion of funds is distributed to other agencies.

	NATIONAL HIGHWAY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM	SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK PROGRAM			OTHER
e	50%	25%	6% •	5% •	14%
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY FR CARBON REDUC PROTECT FOR	DVEMENT PROGRAM SINGS PROGRAM 0% LITAN PLANNING 1%			

## Transportation Gap

The 2050 LRTP projected three revenue forecasts: a low forecast, a baseline forecast, and a high forecast. ADOT decided the baseline forecast would be the basis for the LRTP gap analysis. The anticipated revenue available over the 25-year period is \$69.1 billion, which includes ADOT's portion of the HURF, the freeways and highways portion of the MAG RARF funding, freeways and highways from PAG RTA funding, and ADOT funding from Federal Aid. It also includes ADOT stewardship programs such as federal transit funding, as well as federal and state aviation funding.

The funding gap represents the difference between the projected needs and ADOT's projected revenues. The 2050 LRTP reflects a transportation gap of \$162 billion. The gap is more than double the forecast revenue and emphasizes the need to prioritize strategic investments.





## **Future Scenarios**

During internal agency scenario planning workshops, four major investment scenarios based on different investment levels and investment choices were discussed. The preferred scenario was Preserve and Upgrade, which commits a higher level of funding and investment priority to Preservation. This scenario results in overall pavement, bridge, and safety performance improving across the state, with mobility and freight performance remaining essentially the same.



### Increased Level of Funding

Decreased Level of Funding



## **Recommended Investment Choice**

The final RIC represents the overall investment choice for ADOT infrastructure across the state. The RIC is defined by three investment categories.

- *Preservation* Activities that improve or sustain the condition of road pavement and bridge facilities to a state of good repair.
- *Modernization* Improvements to the existing system that upgrade efficiency, functionality, and safety without adding capacity.
- *Expansion* Improvements that add capacity through new roads, adding lanes to existing highways, new rail, and constructing new grade-separated overpasses/underpasses.

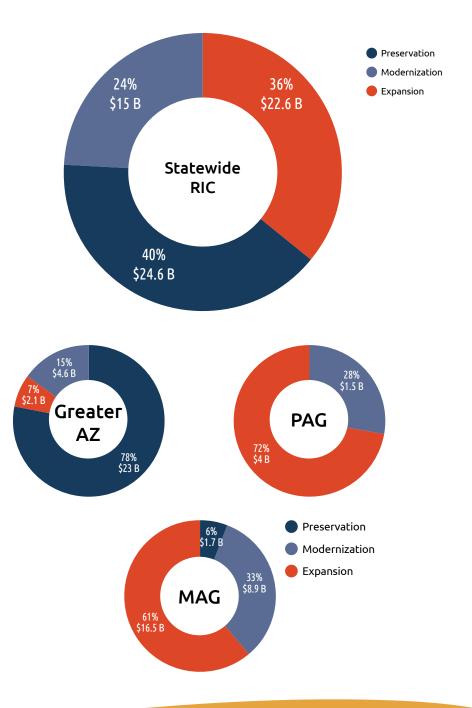
The RIC is not meant to be rigid but serves as a guideline for how future investment decisions should be made in each of the investment categories.

The RIC reflects difficult decisions among the three investment categories as a result of the large transportation gap. Different investment choices were analyzed for their performance impacts to pavement, bridge, safety, mobility, and freight with each investment choice reflecting tradeoffs. Ultimately, the 2050 RIC was developed from analyzing performance impacts in consideration of the priorities of the public, stakeholders, and ADOT.

### Recommended Investment Choice by Region

The graphics to the right provide a breakdown of the investment choice by region, including the MAG region, the PAG region, and the Greater Arizona region. The Greater Arizona region includes everything that is outside of MAG and PAG\*. The reason for this segregation is that MAG and PAG have dedicated transportation funding sources that they are responsible for programming within their respective regions. MAG and PAG investment choices primarily focus on Expansion and Modernization, while the Greater Arizona investment choice has a primary focus on Preservation. In the last LRTP there was no investment choice allocated to Expansion for Greater Arizona, however this plan recommends 7% in Expansion for Greater Arizona.

\*Subject to need and funding availability, ADOT Preservation funding in Greater Arizona may be programmed in the MAG and PAG regions, with the understanding that Greater Arizona will be reimbursed at a later date.







## **Strategies**

As part of the 2050 LRTP, ADOT also developed a list of strategies corresponding to the goals and objectives laid out in the Vision Report. These strategies, like the RIC, are not rigid but a guide for future decisions. ADOT has over 25 existing plans developed from programs, research, and guidebooks that include a variety of policies and strategies. These existing plans have been incorporated in the LRTP strategies by inclusion or by building on the recommendations made in the plans. Whether a strategy directly or indirectly supports the various State Highway categories of needs is also noted.

#### **D** - Directly supports

I - Indirectly Supports

Goal 1: Preserve and Maintain the System									
		Applicability State Highway Needs							
Objectives	Strategies		Bridge	Mobility	Safety	Freight			
Achieve and maintain a state of good repair of transportation assets within available resources	Maintain a state of good repair of transportation infrastructure assets, following the investment strategies in the Transportation Asset Management Plan.		D	I	I	I			
Cost-effectively maintain, operate, and upgrade assets to maximize useful life			D	I	I	I			
Incorporate resiliency, adaptability, and redundancy in the transportation network, systems management, and operation	Incorporate the strategies, policies, and procedures outlined and recommended in the ADOT Resiliency Plan	I	I	I	I	I			

Goal 2: Enhance Safety and Security							
		Applicability					
Objectives		Sta	te Hi	ghwa	y Ne	eds	
	Strategies	Pavement	Bridge	Mobility	Safety	Freight	
Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Arizona's transportation network, striving for zero	Continue implementation, connect, and monitor strategies identified in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Bicyclist Safety Action Plan, Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, State Highway - Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan, Statewide Rest Area Study, Truck Parking Study, Climbing and Passing Lane Prioritization Study, and Arizona Statewide Wildlife-Vehicle Conflict Study, to reduce the number of lives lost and injuries, striving for zero.	I	I	I	I	I	
	Identify and prioritize intersections and segments of state and local roadways (including tribal) with the highest number of pedestrian crashes that can be addressed through infrastructure improvements. Conduct RSAs at the locations to identify appropriate countermeasures. Develop and implement projects at the locations.			I	D		
	Support distracted driving education and awareness efforts, particularly of A.R.S. 28-914, with strong multiple-channel messaging and outreach to discourage distracted driving; may include an education video about A.R.S. 28-914. Consider collaborating with media Editorial Boards to provide information about the dangers of distracted driving, and the new distracted driving statute.			I	D		
	Rural Areas: Conduct diagnostic evaluations at high-risk railroad crossings, identify locations for unconventional highway-rail crossing countermeasures, and address rural railroad crossing needs	I	I	I	D	I	
Foster a community and workplace culture of safety first	Incorporate regularly scheduled safety training with current employees, emphasize safety in new hire / orientation materials, and consider establishing safety messaging and moments in internal ADOT communication materials and meeting agendas.				D		
Prepare for and implement efficient coordinated response and recovery to emergency and disaster events	Continue and expand traffic incident management (TIM) training for all agencies— transportation			I	D	I	

### Goal 3: Improve Mobily, Reliability, and Accessibility

		Applicability State Highway Needs						
Objectives	Strategies		Bridge	Mobility a	Safety A	Freight		
Advance access and connectivity between modes	Using the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Master Plan and Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) program, incorporate adaptability, and redundancy in the transportation network, systems management, and operations.			D	I	I		
Support accessible and equitable modal options for the movement of people	Re-evaluate, update the ADOT Complete Transportation Guidebook and Americans with Disabilities Act: FINAL Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way to align with current Federal requirements, and integrate and implement into ADOT project development process. Complete and implement the Arizona Active			D	I			
	Transportation Plan and consider creating a state transit plan to support non-highway system needs throughout Arizona.							
Mitigate travel delays and alleviate congestion to provide predictable, reliable travel times	Update the Travel Demand Management - A Toolbox of Strategies to Reduce Single- Occupancy Vehicle Trips and Increase Alternate Mode Usage in Arizona (2012) and implement suggestions therein at the state level.	I	I	D	I	I		
Leverage technology, communications, and management strategies to maximize safety and operational efficiency of existing systems and keep up with of major travel trends	Continue to implement the strategies and recommendations outlined in the State highway Safety Plan including the collection of data on pedestrian volumes to help assess safety risk, and the creation of a statewide pedestrian data repository/online database. This may include before/ after pedestrian data at project improvement locations.			D	I	I		
Identify and close redundancy gaps in the network to support continued mobility in the event of disasters or other disruptions	Incorporate the strategies, policies, and procedures outlined and recommended in the upcoming ADOT Resiliency Plan			D	I			

Goal 4: Enviro	nmental Health and Stewardship					
			Арр	licab	ility	
		Sta	te Hi	ghwa	y Nee	eds
Objectives	Strategies	Pavement	Bridge	Mobility	Safety	Freight
Create opportunities for safe physical activity, equitable transportation choice, and community engagement	Continue to implement and adopt the strategies and initiatives focused on pedestrian safety identified in the AZ Strategic Highway Safety Plan, ADOT Complete Transportation Guidebook, and the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.			D	D	
Support flexible and adaptable measures to the transportation system to accommodate anticipated climatic changes and potentially severe climatic events over time	Incorporate the strategies, policies, and procedures outlined and recommended in the upcoming ADOT Resiliency Plan			D	D	
Plan, develop, and maintain transportation facilities in a manner that protects the natural, historic, and cultural environment and avoids or minimizes adverse impacts	Provide sufficient resources for ADOT's Environmental Planning Division to comprehensively assess and mitigate environmental impacts on all future ADOT Projects	I	I	I	I	I
Pursue community-supportive transportation outcomes	Continue to update and implement policies and procedures from the Arizona Public Involvement Plan to accurately and thoroughly understand the needs of each community a given project will impact.	I	I	I	I	I
Strive for cleaner, more efficient, and sustainable energy sources for transportation operations and facilities	Implement the recommendations from the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan	I	I	I	I	I



Goal 5: Support Equitable Access to the State Highway System							
			Арр	licab	ility		
		Sta	te Hi	ghwa	y Nee	eds	
Objectives	Strategies		Bridge	Mobility	Safety	Freight	
Improve access and choices for all Arizona residents by supporting transportation system access to job opportunity and training, health care, food availability, and recreation	Update and implement the Complete Transportation Guidebook into project development to identify transportation choices that provide mobility to connect communities and economic opportunity to maximize a limited set of resources, time, and money.			D	I		
Support transportation system accessibility to underprivileged populations without damaging community culture or neighborhood integrity	Through project development, ensure that the NEPA process is followed.			I			
Identify & mitigate transportation burdens for low-income communities, communities of color, people with disabilities, and other disadvantaged groups	Adopt the methodology from the Arizona Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan, to identify & mitigate transportation burdens of disadvantaged communities (DACs) associated for equitable implementation of the LRTP by assessing impacts aligned with the USDOT categories and the interim Justice40 guidance.			I			

Goal 5: Support Equitable Access to the State Highway System	n
--	---

Goal 6: Strengthen Partnerships											
					Applicability State Highway Needs						
Objectives	Strategies		Bridge	ghwa Mobility	Safety A	Freight spa					
Look for opportunities to partner with the private sector to stretch public funds through public-private partnerships or coordinated program development	Evaluate, modify, and continue ADOT's partnership efforts that include: P3 Initiatives.	I	I	I	I	I					
Work with appropriate specialists/ experts during project development, design, and construction to optimize safety, community health, and climate responsiveness	Incorporate the recommendations and policies presented in the various tribal long range transportation plans to strengthen the ties between these nations/tribes and ADOT, and to optimize the delivery of future projects on tribal lands	I	I	I	I	I					
Strengthen partnerships throughout the State to encourage and support existing and new opportunities as the demographic base expands	Establish reoccurring meetings with COGs, MPOs, cities/towns to ensure coordination on major community, population, and residential & commercial land use changes as they relate to the State transportation system.	I	I	I	I	I					

Goal 7 Support Economic Vitality						
Objectives	Strategies	Applicability State Highway Needs				
		Pavement	Bridge	Mobility	Safety A	Freight
Pursue transportation asset and operational improvements that will expand access to economic opportunities, jobs, and core services	Implement and update the infrastructure improvements identified in the AZ Key Commerce Corridor Report	I	D			D
Improve transportation connectivity to established and emerging activity centers and tourist destinations	Collaborate with AZ Office of Tourism to identify and promote travel, maintenance priorities, and overall connectivity to established and emerging activity centers and tourist destinations	I	I	I		
Create and enlarge competitive advantage for Arizona supply chains through higher productivity and reliability in the state freight system, supporting economic growth, and strengthening economic resilience	Continue to implement and enhance the strategies and improvements identified in the AZ State Freight Plan and continue coordination with the Arizona Commerce Authority	I	I			D
Coordinate transportation systems with land use for efficient and sustainable use of resources	Update and implement the Complete Transportation Guidebook into project development to identify transportation choices that provide mobility to connect communities and economic opportunity to maximize a limited set of resources, time, and money.			I		



## **Resilience Improvement Plan**

Resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, or adapt to conditions or withstand, respond to, or recover rapidly from disruptions, including the ability to:

- Resist or withstand impacts from weather events and natural hazards.
- Reduce the magnitude or duration of impacts of a disruptive weather event or natural hazards.
- Have absorptive capacity, adaptive capacity, and recoverability to decrease project vulnerability to weather events or other natural hazards.<sup>1</sup>

By taking resilience into account during transportation planning, engineering, and design, ADOT can better anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and disruptions in response to extreme weather events and natural hazards. To understand resilience needs across Arizona's state transportation system, ADOT is developing a Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP).

The RIP includes a risk-based assessment of vulnerabilities of transportation assets and systems to current and future weather events and natural hazards to identify system locations of concern. The RIP looks at combinations of natural hazards and assets (as identified in the adjacent figures) to assess how each asset might be impacted by these hazards. The preliminary lists of assets and natural hazards are shown in the adjacent figure.

The RIP will summarize ADOT's work to assess these hazards and asset combinations and provide additional insights into how phenomena, such as climate change, may exacerbate these events and subsequent impacts. The RIP will also describe ADOT's extensive resilience program development, including resilience-based investment decision-making, project review and development, and resilience data management.

The goal of the RIP is to provide a roadmap of where and how resilience is or will be integrated into the agency's decision-making process. A key outcome of the RIP will be the identification of specific initiatives, investments, and projects ADOT has and will continue to integrate resilience considerations into capital projects. The RIP is currently under development and is expected to be complete by Fall 2023.

Assets

Roads & highways

Pavement

Roadside vegetation & stabilization

Bridges

Culverts

Electric loads

Facility buildings

Stormwater infrastructure

### Natural Hazards

Flooding (fluvial) Flood-induced erosion (fluvial) Temperature and precipitation Landslides, flows and rockfall Wildfire

Dust

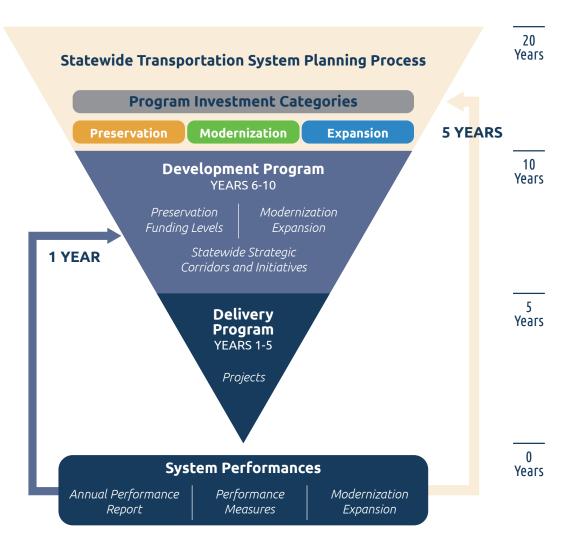
24

https://highways.dot.gov/research/infrastructure/resilient-pavements/definitions

## **Plan Implementation**

The LRTP is a policy-based plan that does not identify specific projects but provides recommendations for policy and investment choices. Projects are programmed through ADOT's five-year construction program. ADOT has an internal process referred to as "Planning to Programming (P2P)" to link the LRTP to the Five-Year Construction Program. The P2P effort utilizes the RIC from the LRTP to prioritize investments within the three categories of Preservation, Modernization, and Expansion. The annual effort surrounding the P2P process is documented in the Linking the Long-Range Plan and Construction Program, P2P Link Methodologies and Implementation Plan (June 2014, ADOT). P2P is a "performance-based approach to planning, programming, and financial decision-making that ensures available funds are used in the most productive way to meet overall transportation system performance objectives." Furthermore, the objective of P2P is to provide "a transparent, logical, defensible, understandable, and reproducible methodology to efficiently preserve and improve the Arizona transportation system."

Currently, P2P has developed a structured evaluation process to prioritize project nominations by scoring technical, safety, policy, and district criteria. While the process starts with an open "call-for-projects", the evaluation process categorizes projects into the LRTP investment categories prior to evaluation. Any changes to the LRTP must consider potential impacts to the P2P process, particularly with the categorization of projects. Any new categories or significant changes to existing categories will require changes to the P2P scoring and evaluation framework and potentially new data or new weighting factors.





Connecting Arizona. Better Lives Through Better Transportation.

