

# Lincoln Transportation Strategy

The City of Lincoln is seeking ideas and consensus on how to address current and future infrastructure needs. When making decisions that have a huge impact on the future of the City, the Mayor believes residents should be at the heart of the discussion.

Lincoln is a growing and thriving city. Many issues facing our transportation infrastructure were identified as part of the city's Long-Range Transportation Plan. The same growth that boosts our local economy and provides opportunity for our residents also puts a strain on its existing infrastructure.

Some essential questions needing answers are:

- What are Lincoln's current system preservation, system optimization, and expansion needs?
- What level of transportation infrastructure maintenance do citizens expect?
- What transportation investments are needed to continue to improve quality of life in Lincoln?
- What will those desired investments cost?
- What are the best mechanisms for the City to fund its current and expanding infrastructure needs?

To help answer these essential questions, the Mayor has appointed a Citizens' Transportation Coalition. The members of the Coalition include a broad cross-section of Lincoln residents, business owners, advocates, and policy makers. The Coalition will develop recommendations outlining the infrastructure priorities for residents of Lincoln and the revenue tools the City could use to pay for them. The Coalition will explore new ideas and innovation in this endeavor and will act as an independent deliberative body.

The Coalition will be meeting over a five-month period; taking public comment and hearing from technical experts; and reviewing documents, system analysis, and budget needs as well as revenue generating mechanisms. Supported by City staff, the Coalition is diving deeply into the transportation infrastructure issues facing the City, and have been charged by the Mayor to report their findings and recommendations in January 2018.

Lincoln faces exciting and challenging opportunities as it examines its transportation future. The Transportation Coalition is undertaking a thorough, dispassionate, and informed review of the issues and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. The Coalition's support team is working to provide information that panel members need, making sure the public is involved and kept updated in a transparent way, and that policy makers can have confidence in the resulting recommendations.