

Biannual Newsletter



December 2025

MPO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Two major planning efforts underway and funded by the Lincoln MPO will continue during 2026. They are being conducted on a similar schedule and will inform one another.

2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update:

- Federally required, 25 year blueprint for transportation (Lancaster County + all Cities)
- Covers all modes: driving, transit, biking, walking, freight
- Focused on performance-based outcomes
- Adoption by Dec. 2026

Lincoln Mobility Plan:

- Expands on previous bike/ped plans to include transit, micromobility, and first/last mile connections (Lincoln only)
- Identify a connected network of facilities, policies, and programs
- Draft plan by May 2026

The first phase of engagement included pop-up events, in-person and virtual open houses, and focus groups.

Stay informed by visiting the [project website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPO Officials Committee:

January 9, 2026 at 2:00 pm
in the City Council Chambers

MPO Technical Committee:

January 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm
in Room 113 of the City-County Building

MPO Officials Committee:

February 10, 2026 at 12:30 pm
in the City Council Chambers

IN THE NEWS

Lincoln Police Investigate Fatal Crash | S. 84th St & Cherrywood

Lincoln Police Investigate Fatal Pedestrian Crash | 48th & St. Paul

LPD Winter Traffic Safety Project Begins December 4

LTU Receives APWA Award for 17th Street Project



Oct. 23 Open House at Culler Middle School.



Multimodal Transportation Center

The new Multimodal Transportation Center (MMTC) project continues to move forward.

The preferred site is located between 9th and 10th streets and between “H” and “G” streets. The project is funded with a federal RAISE grant and other sources. It will include a bus bay area, covered walkways, bike share station, improved pedestrian access, and a two-level building with waiting area restrooms, security, and ticket sales.

StarTran Route 55 (the Downtown Trolley) will be rerouted to better serve the future MMTC, additional StarTran riders, visitors, and City and County employees. An open house was held on December 2 where the public reviewed and provided feedback on route options.

Work on the associated expansion of the parking lot north of the City/County building is anticipated to begin in January.

Pre-award authority for the project has been granted by the Federal Transit Administration, allowing the City to move forward with land purchase. Construction bids are anticipated to go out in the Spring. Construction will occur during 2026 and 2027.



View of the MMTC at the preferred location.

Safe Streets Lincoln – Vision Zero Action Plan

Safe Streets Lincoln is a local initiative that aims to eliminate all traffic fatalities and reduce serious injury crashes in Lincoln by 60% by 2045. The City of Lincoln received a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, with an additional \$100,000 local match.

The local effort led by Lincoln Transportation and Utilities kicked off in 2024 and will result in a Vision Zero Action Plan, a comprehensive, action-oriented plan that identifies safety priorities, outlines solutions, and sets the course toward zero traffic fatalities and reduced serious injury crashes.

Seven focus areas have been identified through the Safe Streets Lincoln effort, arising from both crash data analysis and conversations with task forces and community members. Each focus area is grouped under one of these themes:

System Users – people on the move:

- Vulnerable Road Users and Young & Male Drivers

User Behavior – safe decisions and accountability:

- Impairment & Inattention and Occupant Protection

Transportation System – street design and policy:

- Arterial Roadways, Signalized Intersections, and School Zones

The anticipated completion date for the Action Plan is Spring 2026 and will include a list of proposed safety projects in addition to a comprehensive list of action items and strategies the City can take to achieve zero fatalities and reduced serious injury crashes by 60% by 2045. For more information, visit the [Safe Streets Lincoln website](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/safe-streets).



MODELING THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM + PROJECT FEATURE

Lincoln Travel Demand Model Update

The Lincoln MPO maintains a Travel Demand Model (TDM) as a tool to forecast traffic and travel in Lancaster County and the Lincoln area. The model is being updated in conjunction with the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

The traditional use of a TDM is to evaluate roadway congestion and provide a tool for considering and evaluating the impact of potential improvements. Existing, interim, and future horizon year conditions are modeled along with project scenarios.

Check out the results of the previous Travel Demand Model from 2019 [here](#).

N. 14th Street, Salt Creek to Adams Street

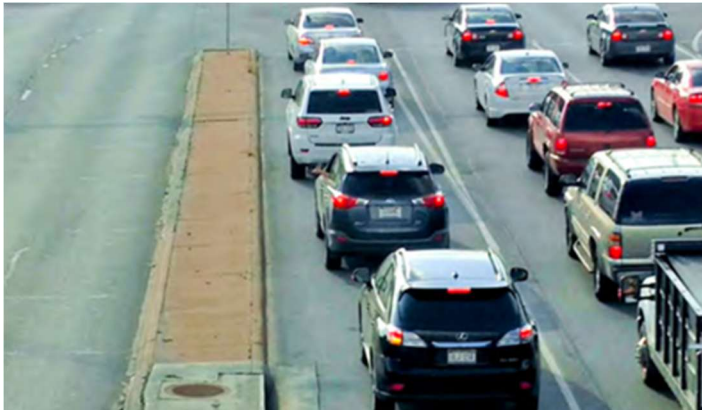
Lincoln Transportation & Utilities is planning for [improvements to N. 14th Street](#) with anticipated help from Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The project was noted as highly desired by residents in the Belmont Subarea Plan.

The project will involve rehabilitation of bridges, traffic signals, vehicle detection, and pedestrian facilities. The sidewalk on the bridge over Cornhusker Highway will be updated to offer a wider, safer walkway that will increase safety for pedestrians.

Project design is slated to begin next year.



Pedestrian view from 14th Street & Cornhusker Highway bridge.



DID YOU KNOW? The [Congestion Management Process](#) identifies strategies to address congestion such as reducing vehicle trips, promoting walking, biking, and transit, and making travel more efficient.

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