



2050 AND BEYOND

TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION UPDATE: 2025–2050

**This plan is
the cornerstone
of NDDOT's
Family of Plans,
charting a clear
course for smart,
strategic investment
in North Dakota's
transportation
system.**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is updating the state's long-range transportation plan (LRTP). **Transportation Connection: 2025-2050** is the State of North Dakota's long-range plan for the future of transportation within the state. The plan covers a variety of modes, such as highway, freight and passenger rail, air service, and bicyclists and pedestrians.

This federally required plan provides NDDOT the opportunity to gather public and stakeholder insights and help develop strategic direction for making decisions and improvements over the next 25 years.

Transportation Connection: 2025-2050 will –

- Use a **data-driven analysis of current conditions** to analyze North Dakota's transportation needs.
- Follow a **future-focused** scenario planning process.
- Gather **meaningful public and stakeholder engagement** to advance NDDOT's mission and goals over the next two and a half decades.
- Develop an **Implementation Plan** to guide NDDOT actions.

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LOOKING AHEAD: WHAT WILL 2050 LOOK LIKE?

Transportation is changing fast. Instead of trying to predict exactly what the next 25 years will bring, Transportation Connection explores several possible futures and the significant change they could bring to North Dakota – where we live, what we do, how we get around, and what we expect from our transportation system.

WHAT IS SCENARIO PLANNING?

Scenario planning is an exercise that helps us think about the future in different ways—not just one outcome. It encourages us to ask:

- What might life, work, and travel look like in 25 years?
- What if technology or the economy bring big changes?
- How do we plan for uncertainty today?

These scenarios are not predictions and no single future is preferred. Instead, they help NDDOT plan more flexibly, adapt to change, and make smarter transportation decisions for all North Dakotans.



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WHAT COULD NORTH DAKOTA LOOK LIKE IN 2050?

Consider contributions to/impacts from economic mix, demographic change, technological innovation, travel preferences, etc.

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting. If unable to provide feedback at the meeting, written comments must be postmarked or emailed by Aug. 22, 2025, with “Public Input Meeting – Transportation Connection PCN 24421” in the letter heading or e-mail subject line. Send all comments to dotplanning@nd.gov

RURAL RENAISSANCE

CITIES AND CENTERS

SMART AND CONNECTED

GHOST TOWNS

Have questions? Contact Stewart Milakovic, NDDOT Project Manager at dotplanning@nd.gov