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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
3–6 p.m. CT Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025

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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
4–7 p.m. MT Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025

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.

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.

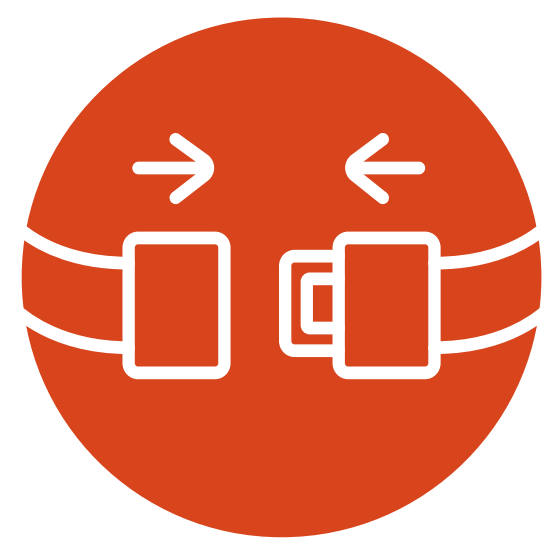


2050 AND BEYOND

WHAT'S INSIDE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION?



Transportation Connection is North Dakota's current long-range transportation plan, revised every five years. Building on resident and stakeholder feedback gathered in 2020, we're updating the vision to guide the next 25 years and adapt to change, embrace innovation, and ensure the system continues to serve everyone who depends on it every day.



KEEPING YOU SAFE

***Safety is reflected in
everything we do.***

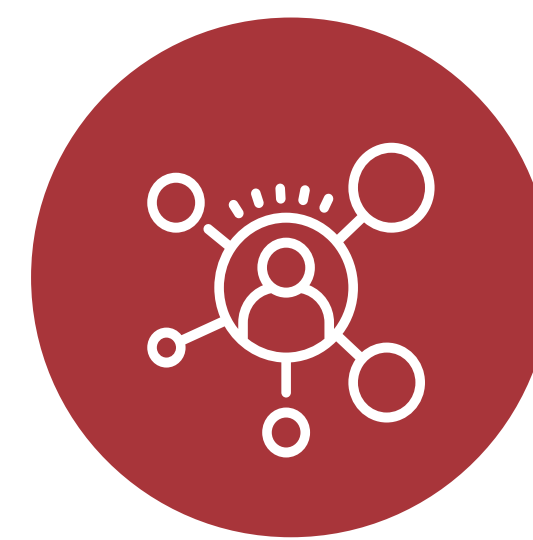
We are continually innovating and improving what we do to make sure you are safe and secure whether driving, biking, or walking.



CARING FOR WHAT WE HAVE

***Fixing what we have
is our priority.***

We are maintaining our existing infrastructure in good condition to save money down the road and we're addressing risks to keep that system working for you.



CONNECTING NORTH DAKOTA

Transportation matters.

We are leveraging transportation investments to enhance economic competitiveness and improve the quality of life in communities across the state.



HELPING YOU GET THERE

***Transportation
should be easy.***

We are helping make it more convenient for you to get where you want to go by improving data and information, travel choices and options, and operations and maintenance.



INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

We work for you.

We are making smart investments in how we deliver services and are looking for responsible ways to fund our transportation system well into the future.

Mission of NDDOT

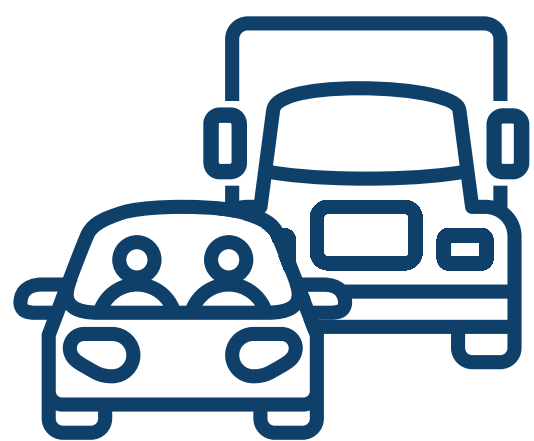
Safely move people and goods

Vision of NDDOT

To be North Dakota's transportation leader promoting safe ways, superior service and economic growth

We all rely on a transportation system of multiple, interconnected modes no matter where we're going or how we're getting there. North Dakota's transportation system works together to get you where you want to go.

This system carries a lot of people and goods every day of every year, including:



894,654 registered
cars, trucks and
motorcycles



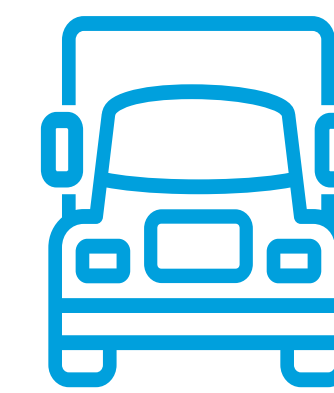
10.3 billion
miles driven by
vehicles



2.1 million
transit trips



1.2 million
commercial
airline passengers



502.8 million
tons of freight

NDDOT's 1,005 employees work every day to preserve the state's roads and bridges to keep our roadways clear of ice and snow and to get you the real-time travel information and drivers services you depend on.

NDDOT also provides support to airports, transit providers, and railroads as well as biking, walking, and safe routes to school infrastructure.

Core Service Areas

- Driver services (DMV)
- Road condition
- Bridge condition
- Maintenance response to weather/Emergency services
- System safety
- Road and bridge maintenance
- Transit and active transportation
- Functional capacity



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON WHAT YOU VALUE IN THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



What are the top three areas that you would like to see NDDOT invest in?

Place a sticker next to your top three investment areas. For “Other,” please write your own topic(s) on a sticky note.

Driver Services Wait Time at the DMV	
Road and Bridge Conditions Quality of Road and Bridge Surfaces	
Maintenance Response to Weather/ Emergency Services How Quickly Roads are Cleared	
System Safety How safe do you feel on and next to the roadway?	
Road and Bridge Maintenance Quality of Road and Bridge Maintenance	
Transit and Active Transportation How Easy it is to Travel Without a Car	
Functional Capacity How Easy it is to Move Freight	
Other	



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SUMMER AND FALL 2025 ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

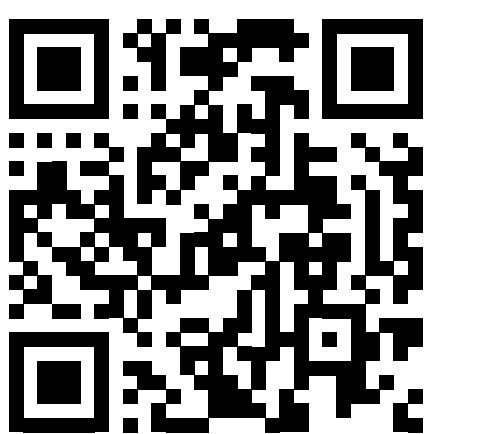


Join us at an upcoming pop-up event near you! We'll be stopping at places across the state to hear your thoughts on the future of transportation. Stay tuned to the project website to learn about upcoming in-person events and virtual meeting opportunities to share your feedback.

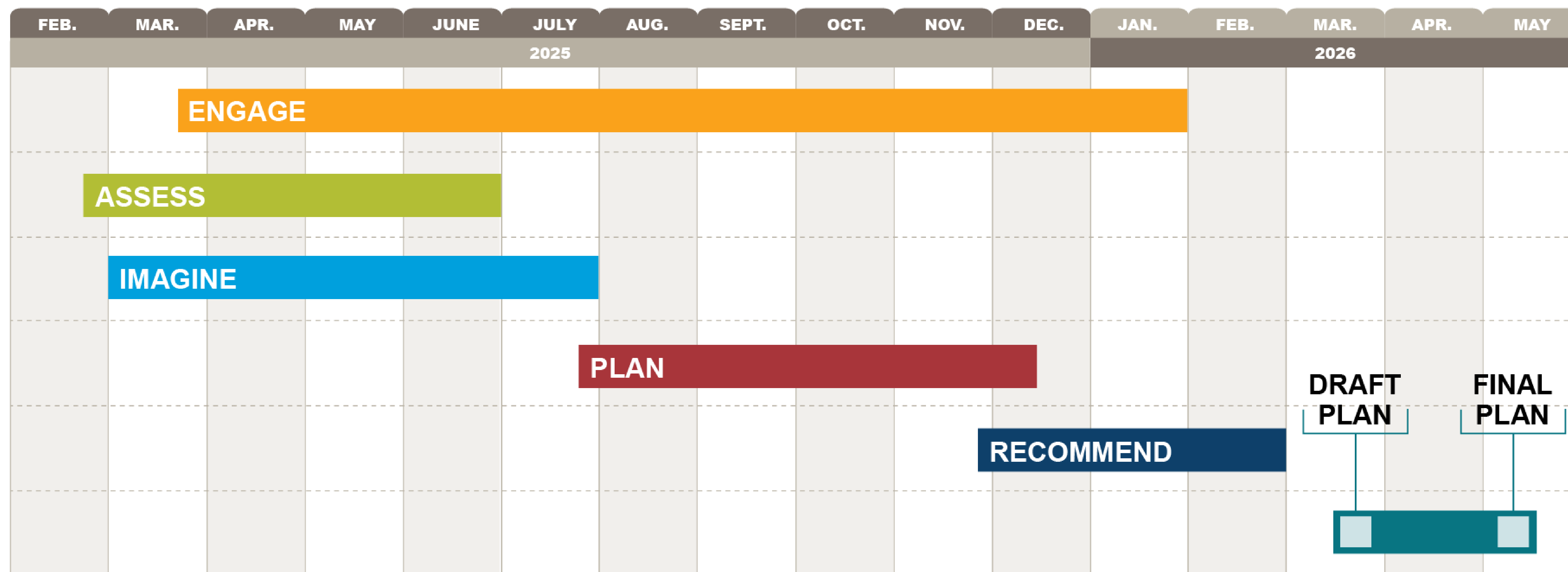
Bismarck Street Fair
Friday, Sept. 12, 2025
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bismarck, ND

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

To stay up to date on the latest news and information about Transportation Connection, visit our website and sign up for our project email list.



The 2025–2050 LRTP project kicked off in February 2025 and is anticipated to be completed in May 2026. Opportunities for public participation will happen at various times between July 2025 and early 2026. Visit the project website at www.dot.nd.gov/transportation-connection for more information about upcoming events.



■ PUBLIC & PARTNER
ENGAGEMENT

■ CONDITIONS
& NEEDS

■ TRENDS &
SCENARIOS

■ VISION, GOALS
& PERFORMANCE

■ IMPLEMENTATION,
POLICY, PERFORMANCE
& FUNDING

■ PLAN DOCUMENTATION,
REVIEW & PRODUCTION

WHAT WILL 2050 LOOK LIKE?

Technology and innovations in transportation are changing rapidly.

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.

Some things were predicted 50 years ago and are just now becoming reality, like self-driving cars and technologies that link our vehicles to infrastructure. Industries like agriculture are already developing and testing fully automated equipment which could become the norm of 2050.



NOW



TOMORROW

Scenario planning is an exercise that helps us think about the future in different ways.

Imagine what life would be like, how you would travel, work, shop and communicate. What has changed and what has remained the same?

NDDOT is not suggesting that any of these futures will occur or that there is a preferred scenario, but we are thinking about big-picture possibilities and asking “what if” so we can plan flexibly.

PLAUSIBLE FUTURE SCENARIOS

Exploratory scenario planning identifies a range of plausible alternative futures and links those futures with potential transportation implications, impacts, and future strategies.

RURAL RENAISSANCE



CITIES AND CENTERS



SMART AND CONNECTED



GHOST TOWNS



WHAT COULD THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE? SCENARIO PLANNING

POINT FORECAST

Planning for a single point in time or preferred alternative based on current trends

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**URBAN
GROWTH**



**RAPID
INNOVATION**



**RURAL
RENAISSANCE**



**ECONOMIC
CHALLENGES**



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WHAT COULD NORTH DAKOTA LOOK LIKE IN 2050?

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It's 2050. Imagine you just moved into your new smart house with open space and fields all around. You check your greenhouse before getting on a call with customers on the other side of the globe, while your spouse is 3-D printing drone components for a manufacturing company in Minot.





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CITIES AND CENTERS

It's 2050. Imagine you and your family are living in a new high-rise with your job just a few blocks away. You moved into the city recently because this is where you can find opportunities. No one travels very far anymore as your shopping and schools and workplaces and even entertainment are all streamed or delivered right to you.



WHAT COULD NORTH DAKOTA LOOK LIKE IN 2050?

SMART AND CONNECTED

It's 2050. Imagine yourself with instant connectivity where everything around you has sensors and data streams and is connected to everything else. Your work is mostly online, and you can live anywhere and visit everywhere. It's easy to hail an autonomous drone and zip across town or even the state in a matter of minutes.



WHAT COULD NORTH DAKOTA LOOK LIKE IN 2050?



GHOST TOWNS

It's 2050. Imagine yourself looking for a job half a world away. There isn't much left to do anymore after the energy industry collapsed and frequent storms made agriculture unprofitable. Your friends and family have already moved away after repeated floods, market uncertainties, and few jobs still available in the state.





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WHAT COULD NORTH DAKOTA LOOK LIKE IN 2050?



What might these futures mean for transportation in our state?

Share your thoughts below on this scenario.

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



We want to hear your thoughts on how these possible futures might affect transportation in North Dakota. While it's unlikely that any one scenario will come true exactly as imagined, elements from several may shape the years ahead.



**Scan the QR code with
your device to take the
Scenario Planning survey.**

