

Transportation Connection: 2025-2050 Update

**Public Input Meeting, Bismarck Art & Galleries Association, Bismarck ND
Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**Public Input Meeting, West River Community Center, Dickinson, ND
Thursday, September 11, 2025**



NDDOT MISSION

- **Mission:** Safely move people and goods.
- **Vision:** To be North Dakota's transportation leader promoting safe ways, superior service and economic growth.
- **Learn more:**
www.dot.nd.gov/about-nddot



MEETING PURPOSE

1. **Introduce** Transportation Connection Update and **explain** how it will guide the NDDOT's future goals and priorities
2. **Collect** public and stakeholder **feedback** that will help **inform** the state's shared vision, values, and strategies for the statewide transportation system



STUDY WEBSITE

- All materials from tonight's public meeting are available on the study website
- Review them anytime and share your thoughts online

The Future 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: 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 include:

- A **data-driven analysis of current conditions** to analyze North Dakota's transportation needs
- A **future-focused** scenario planning process
- **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.

The LRTP update is the foundational cornerstone of [NDDOT's Family of Plans](#).

THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is updating the state's long-range transportation plan to guide investments and improvements over the next 25 years.

This federally required plan:

- Uses a data-driven analysis of current needs across all modes — highways, rail, air, biking, and walking.
- Follows a future-focused scenario planning process to anticipate change.
- Engages the public and stakeholders to align with NDDOT's mission and goals.
- Outlines an Implementation Plan to guide actions and priorities for the state



PLAN UPDATE SCHEDULE





 PUBLIC & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

 CONDITIONS & NEEDS

 TRENDS & SCENARIOS

 VISION, GOALS & PERFORMANCE

 IMPLEMENTATION, POLICY, PERFORMANCE & FUNDING

 PLAN DOCUMENTATION, REVIEW & PRODUCTION



WHAT YOU'LL SEE TONIGHT:

- Study background information and schedule
- Interactive activity
 - What three things should NDDOT highlight on its online dashboards?
- Scenario planning information and activities



LONG-RANGE PRIORITIES



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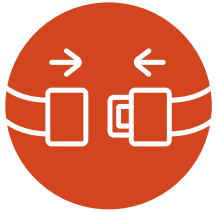
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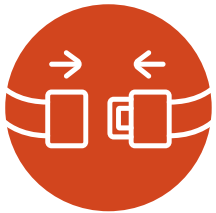


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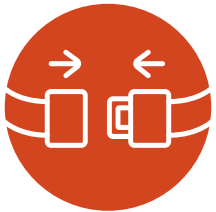


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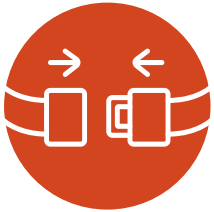


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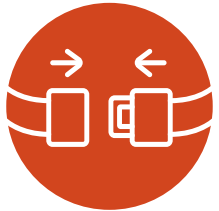


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WHAT WILL 2050 LOOK LIKE?



WHAT COULD THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

A Scenario Planning Overview



POINT FORECAST

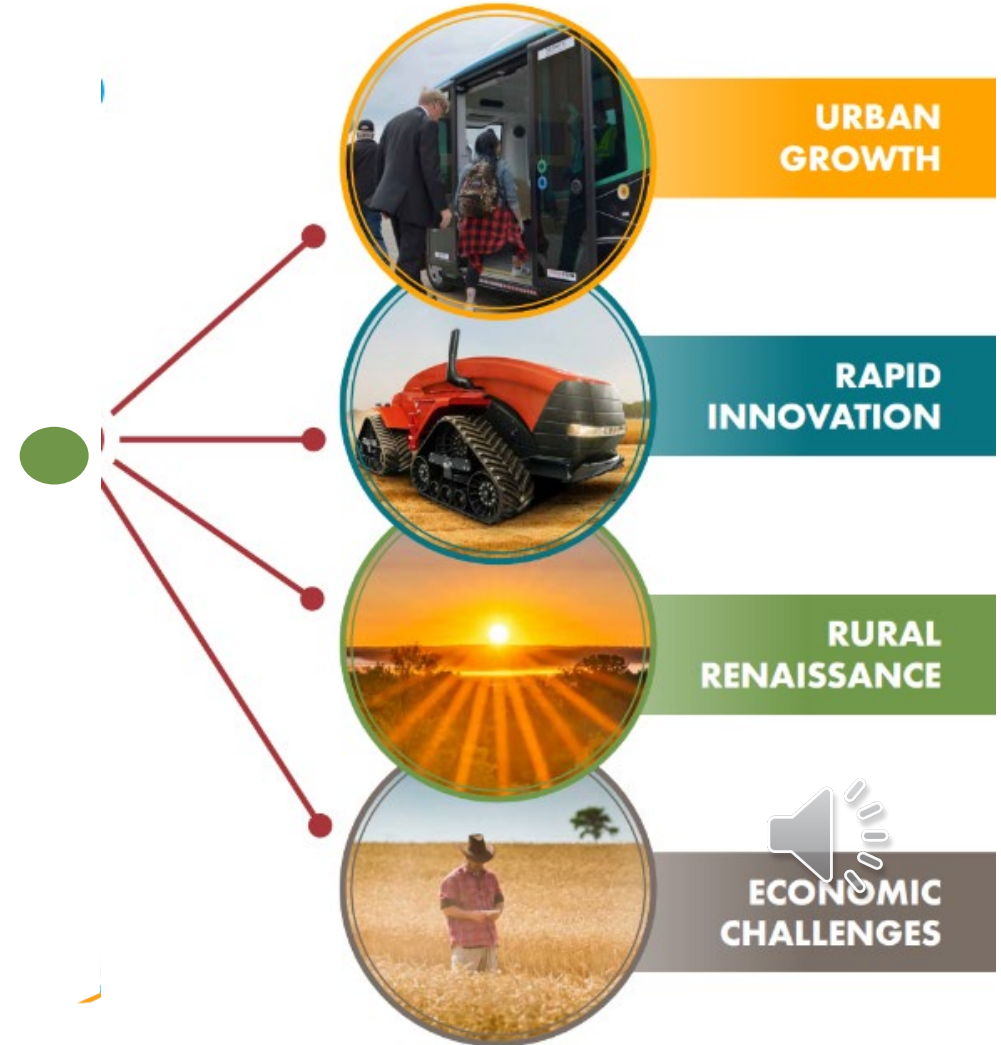
- Planning for a single point in time or the preferred future
- Based only on current trends



WHAT COULD THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

A Scenario Planning Overview

**PLAUSIBLE FUTURE
SCENARIOS**



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RURAL RENAISSANCE



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RURAL RENAISSANCE CITIES AND CENTERS



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SMART AND CONNECTED



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A photograph of a modern, multi-story building with large glass windows and greenery in the foreground, representing a rural renaissance.

RURAL RENAISSANCE

A photograph of a city street at night with illuminated buildings and streetlights, representing cities and centers.

CITIES AND CENTERS

A photograph of a city skyline at night with fireworks exploding in the sky, representing smart and connected communities.

SMART AND CONNECTED

A photograph of a residential neighborhood with many houses, representing ghost towns.

GHOST TOWNS



SCENARIO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Interactive Boards

- Share your thoughts on the future of transportation in North Dakota
- Help identify opportunities and challenges each scenario could bring
- Provide feedback on all four possible futures we're exploring



Scenario Planning Survey

Scan the QR code with your smartphone or access on the study website to explore the four different scenarios even further

What might these futures mean for transportation in our state?
Share your thoughts below on this scenario.

| RURAL RENAISSANCE | |
|-------------------|------------|
| OPPORTUNITIES | CHALLENGES |
| | |



PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

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Share Your Thoughts
Please leave comments utilizing one of the following methods:

1. Complete this comment form.
2. Email dotplanning@nd.gov and mention **Public Input Meeting** in the subject line.
3. Mail comments to:
Transportation Connection
C/O HDR
51 N Broadway, Suite 550
Fargo, ND 58102

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
COMMENT: _____

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SUBMIT A COMMENT

We want to hear from you. Submit your comments, questions, or concerns.



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

To stay up to date on the latest news and progress on the plan, sign up for our project email mailing list.



GET IN TOUCH

We're available by email! Send a note to the project team.



FALL 2025 ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Join us at an upcoming pop-up event near you!
 - **Bismarck Annual Downtowners Street Fair**
 - Friday, Sept. 12, 2025
 - **West Fargo Cruise Night**
 - Thursday, Sept 18. 2025
- Visit the project website to learn about all upcoming in-person events and virtual meeting opportunities

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.



THANK YOU

- **Submit all comments by Oct. 13, 2025**
 - Include “Public Input Meeting – Transportation Connection PCN 24421” in the letter heading or e-mail subject.
 - Send all email comments to dotplanning@nd.gov
- **Visit Transportation Connection Update webpage** at www.dot.nd.gov/transportation-connection to learn more about the plan and sign up for project email updates. Follow NDDOT on Facebook, Instagram and X for the latest news.

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