

2050 MTP – Goals & Engagement Plan

Compilation of Public Comments (August 5, 2020)

Introduction

The DCHC MPO and CAMPO released the proposed 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives, Public Engagement Plan and schedule for public comment in June 2020. The public comment period ends officially for DCHC MPO and CAMPO on August 5 and August 13, respectively.

Comments

The entries below are the full text of written comments that the MPOs received through email and Twitter. The comments are in the order of receipt, from first to last, and are separated by a dashed line.

Hi, DCHC solicited comments on NextDoor for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation plan, so here are my thoughts.

I lived in Houston for 50 years and our roadbuilding was very aggressive. We have three ring roads, the farthest out is 30 miles from downtown Houston. We made Interstate-10 twenty-two lanes!

It was never enough ... and way too much. Our flooding problems are directly tied for lack of absorptive capacity. One thing I've noticed is that the freeways are SO massive, they affect weather patterns. The rising heat from them can either cause or block thunderstorms.

However you plan to move people, consider the unintended consequences. Even if you have some sort of net zero plan, it will have unintended consequences. It is the unintended consequences that will trip you up.

On a lighter note, your Reduced Conflict Intersections appear to make NO sense. I've seen a couple that because of grade, vegetation, and curving roads, the U-turning cars are blind to the traffic into which they have to merge ... from zero to 60 immediately. RCI's are not a national trend for a reason. I think they defy good design.

That's my two cents worth.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on the 2050 Transportation Plan. I must admit that I am confused about what the goals actually are, since I have received two emails, each with a slightly different list of goals. With that in mind, I would offer the following:

In the section on Environmental Impacts add:

Preserve and promote wildlife habitat connectivity as provided for in the new Eno/New Hope habitat corridor study and the NC Natural Heritage program

in section on Congestion and System Reliability, add:

Make provision for exclusive lanes for transit and high occupancy vehicles

In section on Infrastructure:

Give more prominence to and infrastructure flexibility for autonomous vehicles.

Autonomous vehicles are clearly a revolutionary technology that will almost certainly be available before 2050. They deserve special mention, rather than lumping them together (as in the goal statement below) with connected and electric vehicles, which are mere tweaks to existing vehicles and do not involve major impacts on infrastructure or highway design.

E. Support autonomous, connected, and electric vehicles.

Public Engagement Plan

The public engagement plan appears to include a menu of options for engagement but no actual plan. It includes some options that seem like good ways to ensure equitable communication and opportunity for participation, but I can't tell if those methods will be prioritized. This is a really important piece to be clarified I think. I wanted to highlight this because the TC meeting agenda states that no comments have been received on the engagement plan.

Goals

I'm concerned that goals to Improve Infrastructure Condition & Resilience and Manage Congestion & System Reliability will be prioritized over the remaining goals around protecting environment, connecting people and places, equity, multi model and affordable options, safety and health.

A few thoughts for specific revisions:

- The goal Stimulate Economic Vitality needs to include an equity statement.
- The goal Ensure Equity & Participation needs to talk about specific communities that have not participated in the past (including the need to remove barriers to participation) and this goal should also include a statement around trying to correct unjust transportation decisions in the past that have negatively impacted communities of color.

How about come clean about our money well over 168m. I don't trust go triangle to be good Stewart's of our tax dollars. Therefore how do we trust county commissioners

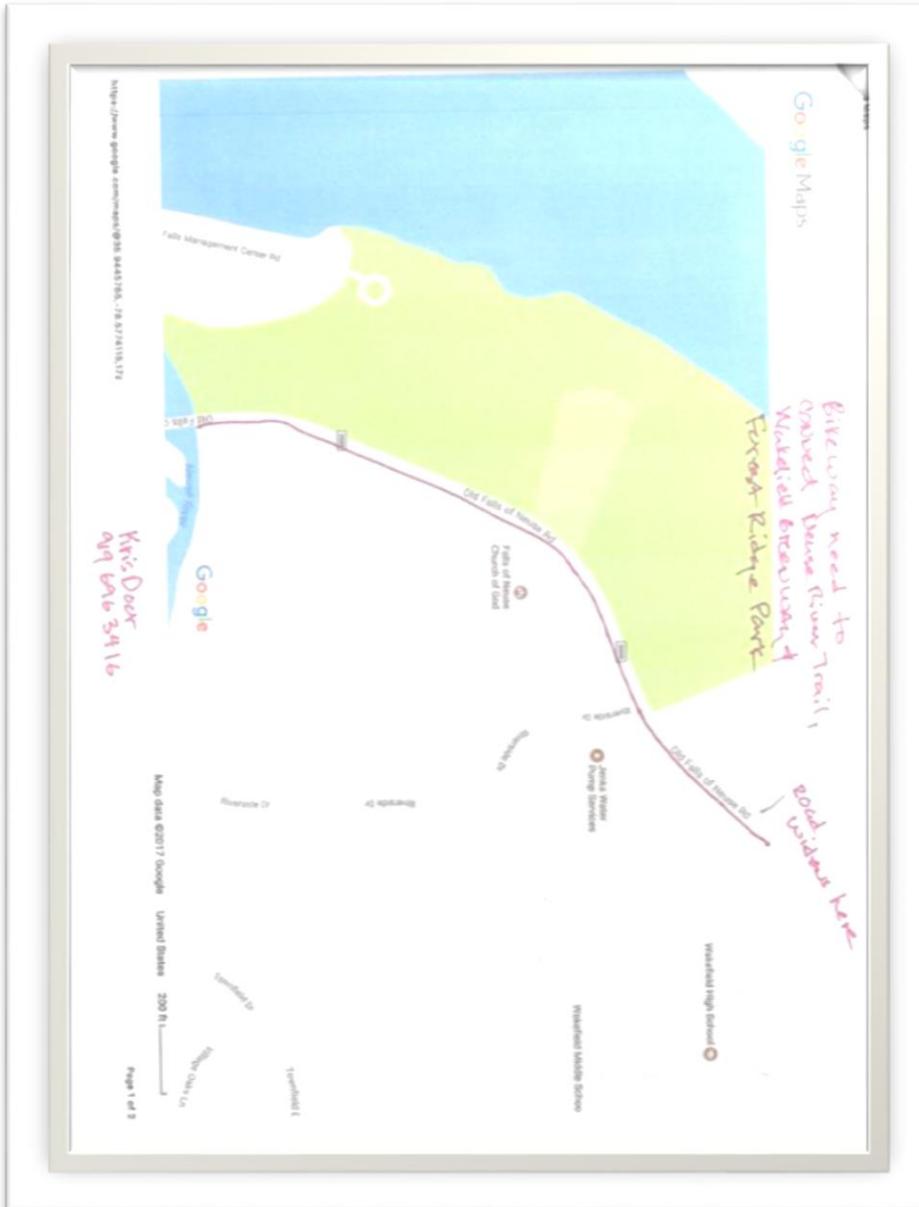
Respondent sent an edited page from the Goals and Objectives

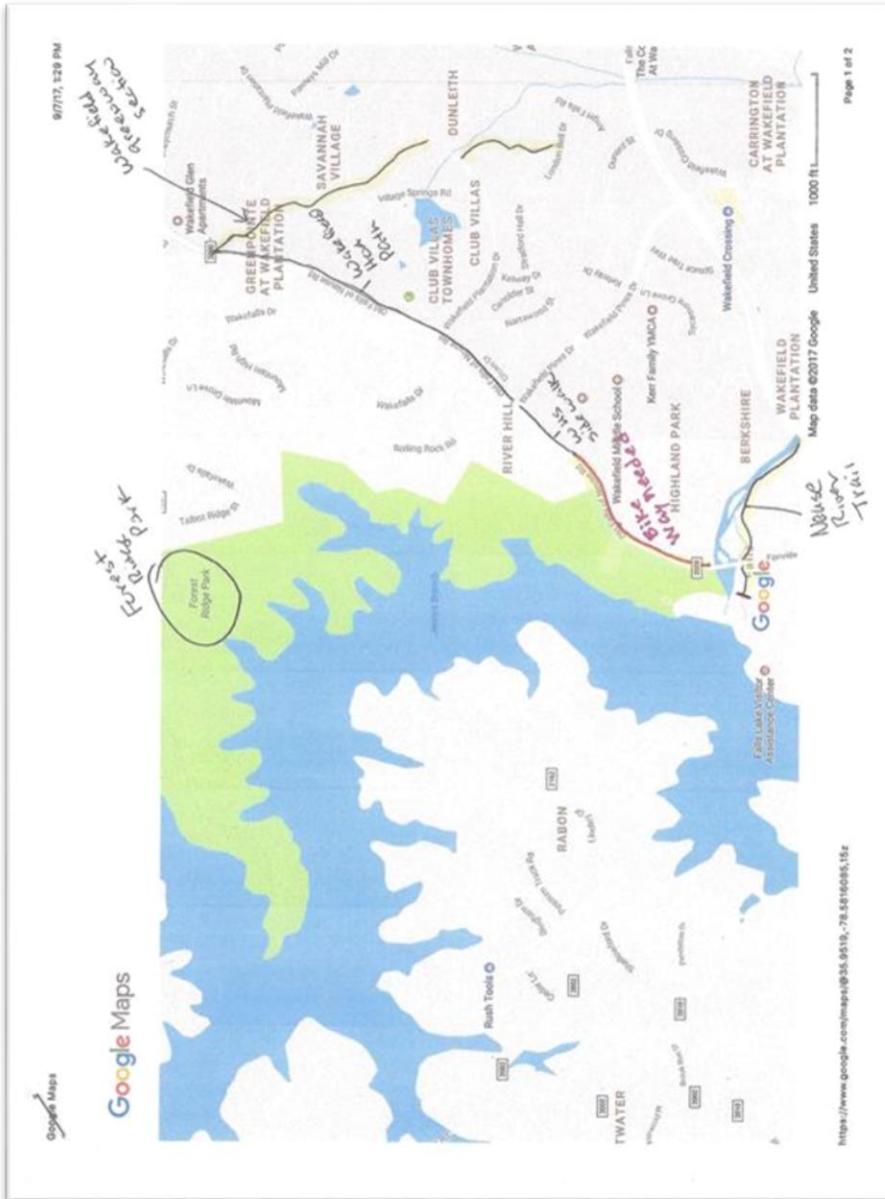
2050 MTP Goals and Objectives

(as released by DCHC MPO Board on June 10, 2020)

Goals	Objectives
Protect the Human and Natural Environment and Minimize Climate Change	A. Reduce mobile source emissions, GHG, and energy consumption
	B. Reduce negative impacts on natural and cultural environment
	C. Connect transportation and land use.
Connect People & Places	A. Connect people to jobs, education and other important destinations using all modes
	B. Ensure transportation needs are met for all populations (especially the aging and youth, economically disadvantaged, mobility impaired, and minorities)
Promote and Expand Multimodal & Affordable Choices <i>REMOVE BARRIERS AND</i>	A. Enhance transit services, amenities and facilities
	B. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities <i>INVEST IN BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN AND GREENWAY FACILITIES.</i>
	C. Increase utilization of affordable non-auto travel modes <i>AND WALKING.</i>
Manage Congestion & System Reliability	A. Allow people and goods to move with greater reliability.
	B. Promote Travel Demand Management (TDM, such as carpool, vanpool, telecommuting and park-and-ride)
	C. Enhance Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS, such as ramp metering, dynamic signal phasing and vehicle detection systems)

We need a bike lane connection between the Neuse Trail at the Dam up Old Falls to the Wakefield Trail. See maps:







Thread



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I took this survey but found it to be poorly designed. Several goals lumped together in a way that of course you should support them. 1/4



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- English survey: ...0triangletransportplan.metroquest.com
- Encuesta en español: plandetransporte2050.metroquest.com



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Example: "1) Reduce emissions, Green House Gases and energy consumption; 2) Reduce negative impacts on the natural and cultural environment". Okay, but does this include "reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled" and shouldn't that be stated? 2/4

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Ex. 2: "Objectives to reduce congestion: 1) People & goods move w/ minimal congestion, delay, greater reliability; 2) Enhance commuter programs; carpool, park&rides; 3) Enhance tech. like ramp metering, dynamic signals. "move w/ minimal congestion" screams road widening to me 3/4

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And "How many vehicles are available for drivers in your household?" An important question, but should be followed by several others, incl. whether one has access to transit, how far one's job is from home, etc. (BTW, I consider my bikes vehicles, but didn't want to skew results)