LAKE COUNTY
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Non-Motorized Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Project Overview & Timeline
- Envision 2050
- Phase 1 Goals
- Transportation Priorities and Needs | *Live Polling*
- Next Steps

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Envision 2050

ICEBREAKER

In 10 words or less, explain to the group what you do without using any of the words in your title.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHAT IS A LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a strategic framework that guides a community's transportation investments and policies over a 20- to 30-year horizon.

The Lake County LRTP will help identify how the county prioritizes and invests in roads, sidewalks, bike paths, transit options, and the broader transportation network

PROJECT TIMELINE

PHASE 1 - DISCOVER

April – October
2025

PHASE 2 - DEVELOP

November – March
2025-26

PHASE 3 - DECIDE

April – August
2026

PHASE 4 - DELIVER

August – October
2026

We are here.

ENVISION 2050

WHAT IS ENVISION 2050?

Envision 2050 is the name for Lake County's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), a guided framework for shaping the future of transportation in Lake County over the next two decades and beyond. The plan identifies transportation priorities, a project list, and implementation strategies, enabling decision-makers to understand and plan for regional social, economic, and environmental impacts.

Built on data, collaboration, and feedback, Envision 2050 will serve as the county's transportation blueprint for the future.

ROLE OF THE NON-MOTORIZED TASK FORCE

The Non-Motorized Task Force serves as a guiding group for Envision 2050, particularly focused on multimodal facilities, investment and policies, providing feedback and local insights, throughout the planning process. Members represent a cross-section of agencies, municipalities and community interests across Lake County. In Phase 1, the Task Force's role is to help shape the vision, identify early priorities, and ensure the plan reflects the diverse needs of the people specifically related to multimodal transportation.

ENVISION 2050: PHASE 1

Discover

PHASE 1 GOALS

Envision 2050 exists in four phases, each designed to support public and stakeholder engagement to inform the final long range transportation plan.

- Increase Public Awareness of the LRTP
- Build Stakeholder Relationships and Trust
- Understanding Current Transportation Conditions
- Gather Foundational Community Input
- Educate the Public on the Planning Process
- Lay the Groundwork for Future Phases

PROJECT PHASES 2-4

- **PHASE 2 | DEVELOP**: In Phase 2, the project team will define the vision, goals and objectives for Envision 2050 and begin building the foundation for the plan. This includes a travel demand model to forecast future transportation needs and creating draft alternatives and strategies.

- **PHASE 3 | DECIDE**: Phase 3 is about refining the list of alternative projects and strategies drafted in Phase 2 and prioritizing them based on need and impact, while also developing a financial plan to match available funding with future goals.

- **PHASE 4 | DELIVER** : In the final phase, the full planning process is documented and the Long Range Transportation Plan is compiled into a final report for implementation.

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

Live Polling

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What are the biggest multimodal transportation challenges in Lake County today?

Transit

Poor ped and bike infrastructure

Safe connections between communities and access to reliable transit

Safety of other road users, sidewalk and trail gaps

Connectivity

Dangerous and fast moving auto traffic

networks

Going north and south along the western half of the county

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What are the biggest multimodal transportation challenges in Lake County today?

Too many jurisdictions.

Ped and Bike - not continuous

last mile problem

Lack of sidewalk, bike path access in more remote parts of the county.

Dangerous and distracted driving

There are a significant nunber of roadway, highway, and street grid connectivity barriers for bike/ped and transit users

Lack of local investment in pedestrian infrastructure

highway focused

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What are the biggest multimodal transportation challenges in Lake County today?

Pedestrian path crossing safety at collector/arterials

Poor land uses increasing trip times

High speed limits

Competing funding needs.

Education to the public

Bike/ped infrastructure around Hawthorn mall corridor

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Are there specific locations in Lake County where you have experienced multimodal transportation challenges?

O Plaine road - very tight shoulder but it's a huge bike route for north south connections

Lack of bike/ped on Roads around CLC

East/West connectivity for useable, safe, and separated bike trails

Pedestrian Crossing and right turning vehicles

West side of Libertyville for North/south connection. Butterfield Road and the ComEd ROW

Creating county wide bike network

Target Pedestrian infrastructure investments, closing gaps in connections.

Community, engagement and education.

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Are there specific locations in Lake County where you have experienced multimodal transportation challenges?

Safer intersections for bike/ped and transit users.

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What should be the most important priorities or focus areas for multimodal transportation in Lake County's Long Range Transportation Plan?

connecting jobs to housing

Transit frequency and more connectivity

Safely integrating new modes, such as e-bikes and micromobility

Bridging sidewalk gaps

Traffic calming

Safe and separated ped and bike lanes

Promote future growth in the county including homes and businesses.

bike ped access in downtowns

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What should be the most important priorities or focus areas for multimodal transportation in Lake County's Long Range Transportation Plan?

Safer crosswalks at intersections

Reducing trips by single occupancy vehicle

Providing better bus stop infrastructure

Integrate land use with multimodal transportation planning.

Connectivity to transit. Specific attention to areas with TODs.

Connection and crossing safety for ped/bike networks

mode shift

Creating TOD opportunities

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What should be the most important priorities or focus areas for multimodal transportation in Lake County's Long Range Transportation Plan?

Coordination between LCFP and LC Transportation in establishing "project priorities "

Thinking beyond automobiles

Bike/ped/transit friendly zoning reforms

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What multimodal transportation improvements or strategies should be top priorities?

Bike/ped/transit friendly zoning reforms

safe bike routes to places people actually want to go

Connection gaps

Sustainable funding for transit

build housing near transit

Learn from communities that have successfully accomplished modeshift

Expansions of roadways should be carefully thought out- with the potential harms to transit and bike/ped considered

Safety approach to roadway designs

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What multimodal transportation improvements or strategies should be top priorities?

Recognizing the INCREASE in. Bike traffic and the need to INCORPORATE wider lanes.

Identify gaps in transportation access for seniors, low-income residents, and people with disabilities.

Non-motorized Connections to destinations outside county

LOS shouldn't be only decision factor in road design

Outreach and education on biking rules in intersecting locations

Advocate for improved first-mile/last-mile connectivity and affordable transit fare programs.

Prioritize mobility for disabled communities

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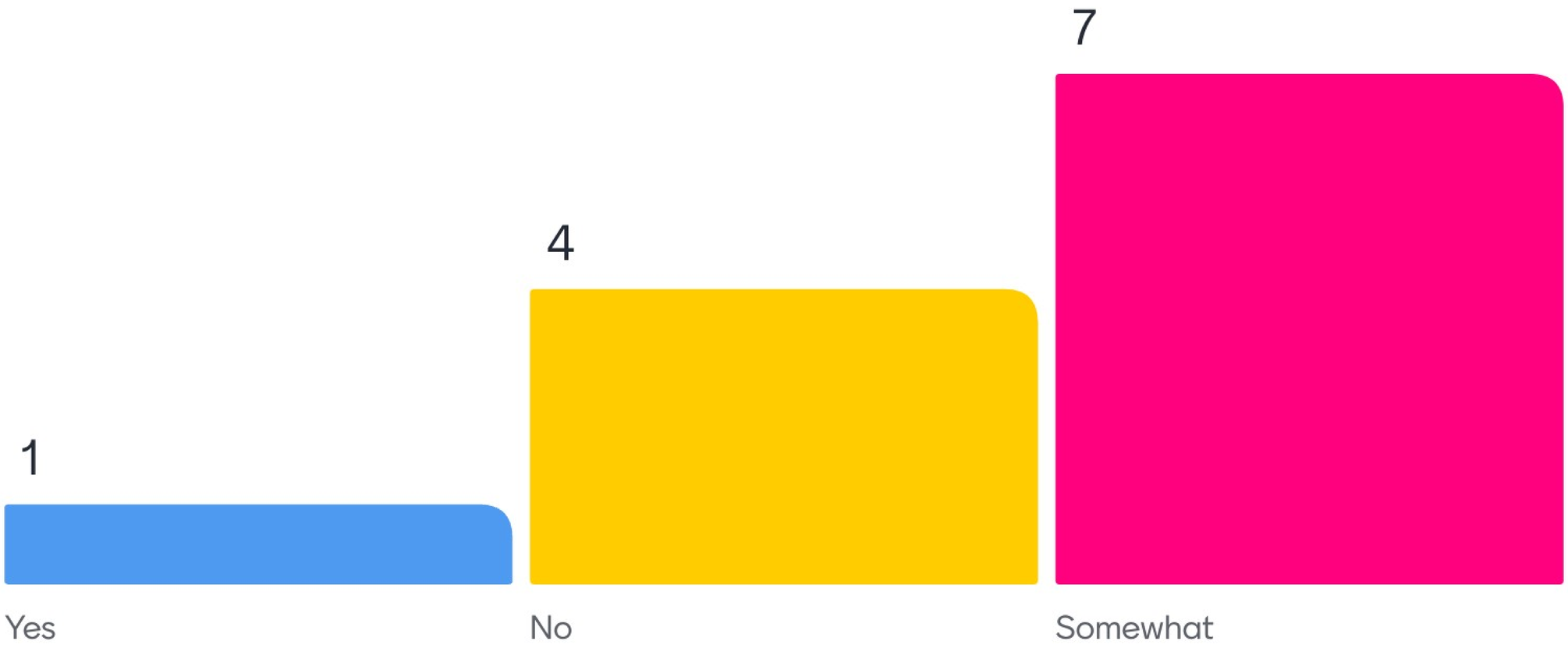
Are you aware of the County's Policy on Infrastructure Guidelines for Non-Motorized Travel Investments?



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What updates should be made to the County's Policy on Infrastructure Guidelines for Non-Motorized Travel Investments?

Initiation of Stand alone bike and ped projects

Funds can be used but a cap

Include content and recommendations related to new mobility modes

Continued support for pedestrian amenities and connections to public transit

Update guidelines to emphasize continuity: prioritize projects that connect existing bike/ped facilities rather than creating isolated segments.

Shift away from VMT and LOS

Equity metrics for investments

Coordinate more systematically with municipal jurisdictions, transit agencies (e.g. Pace, Metra), forest preserves, and IDOT when planning shared-use paths.

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What updates should be made to the County's Policy on Infrastructure Guidelines for Non-Motorized Travel Investments?

Include standardized details/recommendations for enhancing safety at path crossings or intersection. For example: when are RRFBs appropriate? What pavement markings should be used at a path crossing?

Funding share update/reduction to help balance the ability of smaller and low income communities

Invest in creating a network-priority projects should link safe sections together

Priorities identified ,...Safety. Schools ridership , pedestrian walkability connectivity to Parks and Forest Preserves.

An understanding that bikes and non-motorized modes are frequently used for everyday trips, not just recreation

Align to IDOT policies at minimum

When a road is resurfaced, incorporate adding a non-motorized route

Bike/e-bike parking requirements

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What updates should be made to the County's Policy on Infrastructure Guidelines for Non-Motorized Travel Investments?

Safety metrics and goals

IDOT

Underserved communities in the county. Communities most likely to not own a vehicle, travel long distances by transit, etc.

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What voices or communities need to be included in this planning process?

youth

seniors

Schools

All age groups

Low-income residents

BIPOC communities, communities with physical and mental impairments, individuals with low tech proficiency

schools

Community groups that support non-English speakers

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What voices or communities need to be included in this planning process?

Lake County Forest Preserve, Cook County DOT (for connectivity)

Adolescents

disability advocates

Families

Youth-focused organizations

Parents

Individuals new to Lake County

major employers

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What voices or communities need to be included in this planning process?

Advocacy groups, transit agencies, schools, community groups/centers, large employers

People who visit or commute into lake county

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Q&A

Open Discussion

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NON-MOTORIZED TASK FORCE MEETING #2

Late Summer 2025

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THANK YOU!

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