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HEPMPO - *Direction 2055*

Public Engagement / Outreach Survey

April 2026



Public Meeting



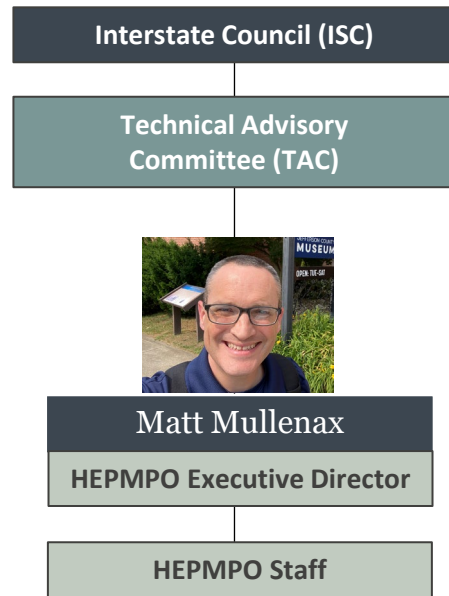
Meeting Agenda



- 1 HEPMPO Introduction
- 2 LRTP Overview and Schedule
- 3 Public Engagement Opportunities
- 4 Public Engagement Survey
- 5 Next Steps and Project Contact



What HEPMPO Does



- The **federally authorized MPO** for the Hagerstown–Eastern Panhandle region (>50k population)
- Plans for the **region’s long-term (20+ Year) transportation plan (LRTP)**
- Provides **cooperative forum for regional collaboration** among local governments, state agencies, and transportation partners
- **Programs transportation projects** eligible for federal funding to support mobility needs
- **Engages the public** to help shape safe, reliable, and accessible transportation choices

Consultant Team:



Active Transportation & Safety



Public Involvement & Website



Transit

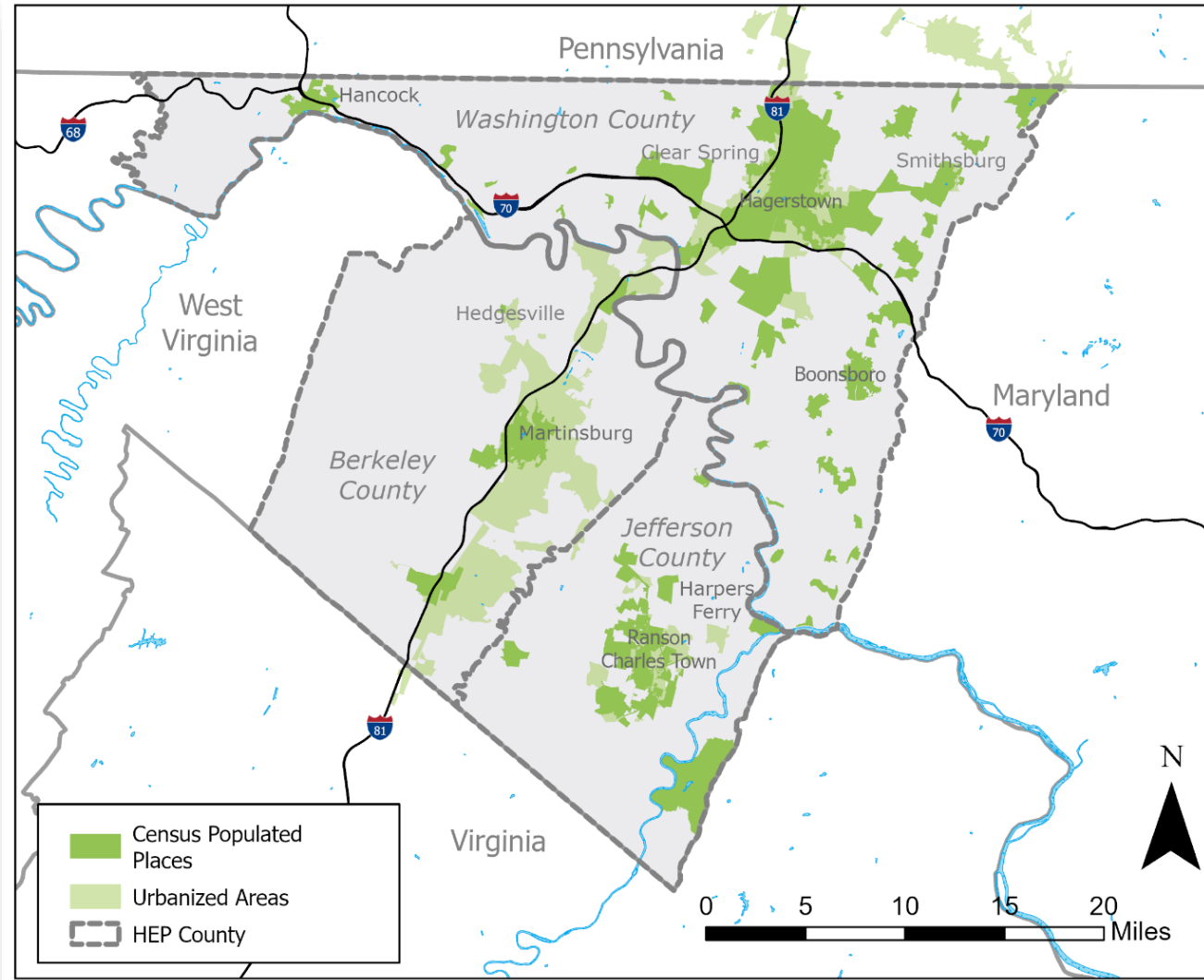


HEPMPO Planning Area

2020 Census – Urbanized Areas

- Washington County (MD)
- Jefferson County (WV)
- Berkeley County (WV)

- Planning MOUs
 - *Franklin County (PA)*
 - *Frederick County (VA)*



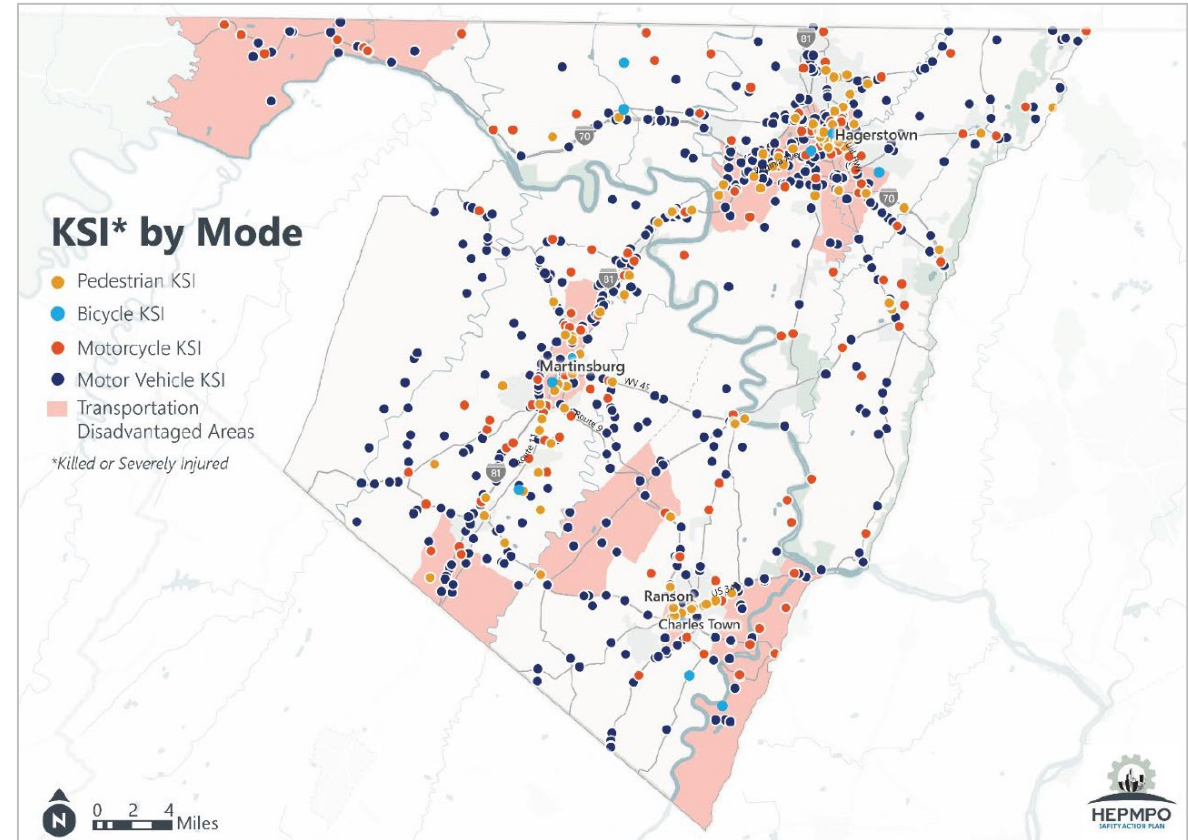
Projects Programmed Since 2022 LRTP

| County | Project Name | Recommendation | Project List |
|------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Berkeley | Meadow Lane Traffic Signal | Install traffic signal and construct right turn lane | Fiscal Constraint (part of #B102.1) |
| Berkeley | US 11@ Hatchery Rd Improvements | Turn Lane, Bridge Replacement, Signal | Fiscal Constraint (part of #B103.1) |
| Berkeley | Specks Run Rd Traffic Signal | Install traffic signal | Fiscal Constraint (part of #B103.1) |
| Berkeley | Route 11 Turning Improvements | Construct Turning Lanes | Fiscal Constraint (part of #B103.1) |
| Berkeley | Queen St @ Moler Ave Signal Renovation and Ped Upgrade | Traffic Signal Renovation | Fiscal Constraint (part of #B120.0) |
| Berkeley | Race & Raleigh Intersection Improvement | Intersection Improvement | Fiscal Constraint |
| Jefferson | Flowing Springs/WV9 Connector Traffic Signal | Widen Turn Lanes, add signal | Fiscal Constraint |
| Jefferson | Flowing Springs Exit Improvements | Improve Exit | Fiscal Constraint |
| Washington | Eastern Boulevard Widening Phase II | Widen existing road to 4 lanes | Fiscal Constraint |
| Washington | I-81 Phase 2A & 2B Highway Reconstruction | Widening to six lanes and reconstructing 6.0 miles of I-81 from North of MD63/MD68 (Lappans Road) to CSX Bridges. | Fiscal Constraint |
| Washington | I-81 Phase 4A - Maugans Avenue | Construction of I-81 interchange improvements at Maugans Avenue | Fiscal Constraint |
| Washington | Maryland Veterans Memorial Highway - Construct Ramp at Showalter Road | Improve Exit | Fiscal Constraint |
| Washington | Leitersburg Pike / Leiters Mill | Intersection improvements | Fiscal Constraint |



2022 LRTP Recommended Studies Completed

- Regional Freight Plan
- Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
- Congestion Management Process
- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Corridor Studies
 - US11-Virginia Avenue (*Washington County*)
 - WV9-Edwin Miller Boulevard (*Berkeley County*)
 - WV51-Washington Street (*Jefferson County*)



Discretionary Grants Awarded Since 2022 LRTP

- Eastern Panhandle Transit Center (RAISE)
- Washington County Transit Center Expansion (BUILD)
- WV45 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant (RCE)
- City of Hagerstown Safety Action Plan (SS4A)
- Martinsburg Greenway Trail (BUILD)
- City of Martinsburg Safety Action Plan (SS4A)
- WV Route 9 REC Path (*BUILD – pending*)
- Harold Drive Extension (*BUILD – pending*)
- US 522 Bridge (*BIP – pending*)



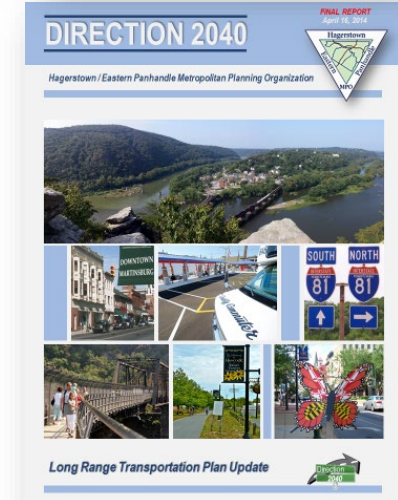
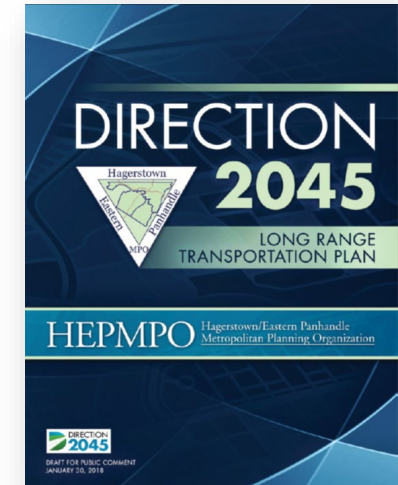
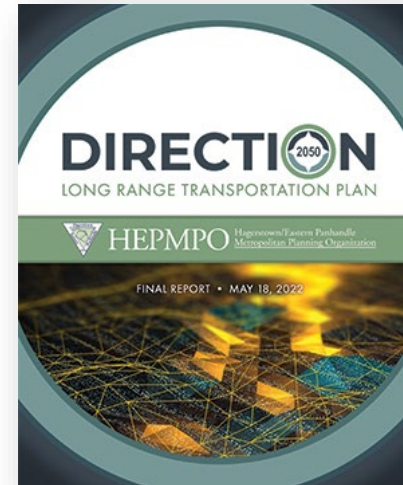
Eastern Panhandle Transit Center in Martinsburg, WV

L RTP Overview & Schedule

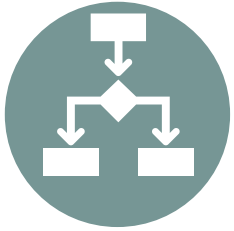


Direction 2055 – LRTP Overview & Purpose

- Updated at least every five years – Next Update Due in May 2027
- Vision for regional transportation system for the next 20+ years
- Identifies critical needs and challenges
- Framework for decision-making of future transportation investments
- Financially-constrained project list
- Incorporates a proactive public participation process
- Evaluates multimodal connectivity



L RTP Components



Planning Process &
Regional Goals



Stakeholder &
Public Involvement



Regional
Needs Assessment



Community Needs
Assessment



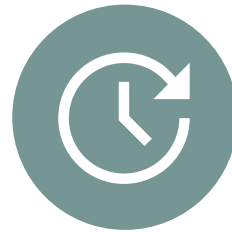
Environmental
Evaluation



Identify &
Prioritize Projects



Revenue
Forecast



Future Trends and
Technologies



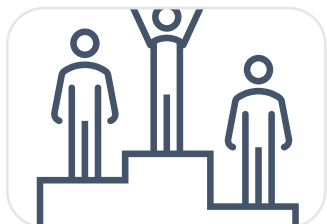
HEPMPO Studies
& Action Steps



Performance
Measures



L RTP Topic Areas



HEPMPO
Accomplishments



Supported Grant
Awards



Land Use



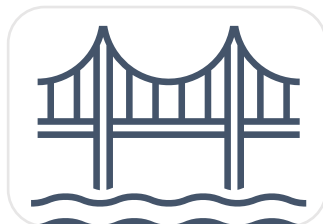
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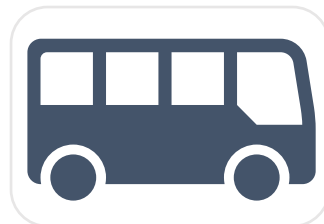
Traffic Congestion



Safety



Asset Management



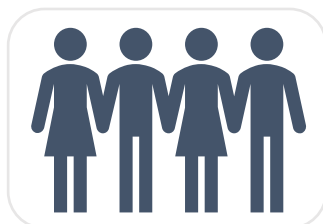
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Freight



Community Needs
Assessment



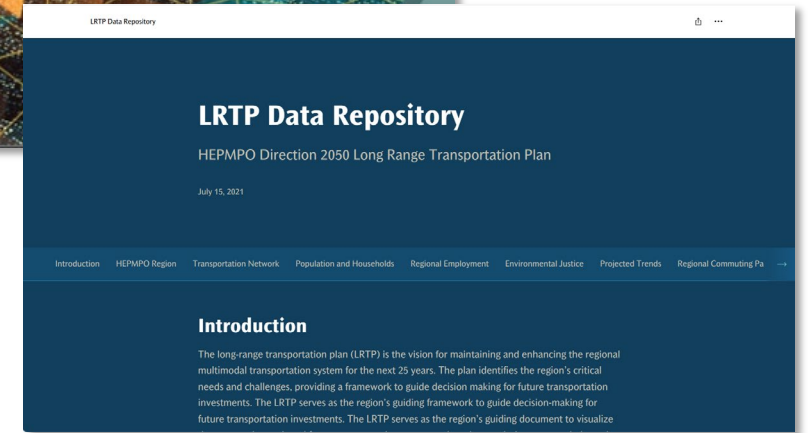
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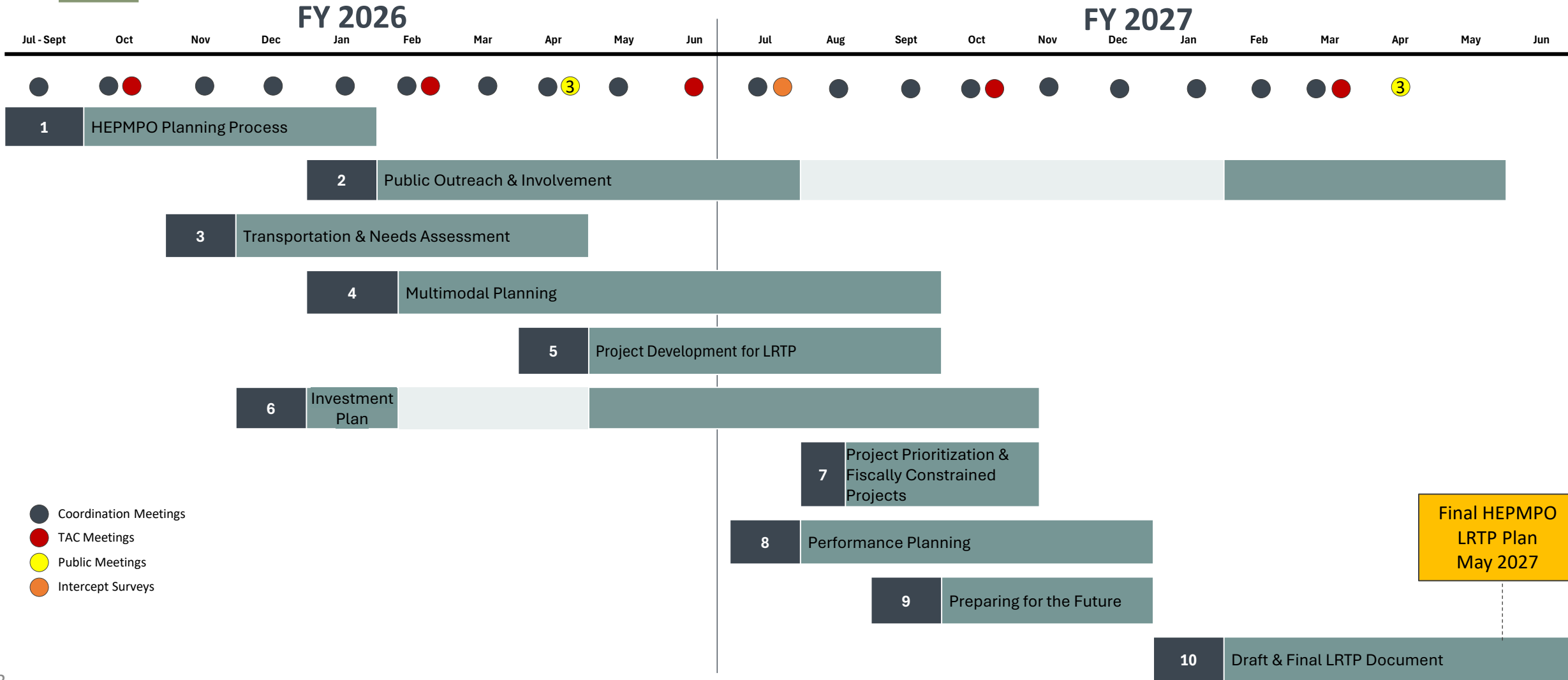
Performance
Measures

Products for LRTP

- **LRTP Report**
 - Concise and Readable
 - <100 pages
 - Graphics/Minimize Text
 - Draft and Final versions
- **Executive Summary**
 - Online Summary
 - Using ArcGIS StoryMap
- **Data Repository**
 - Tables and summary data
 - Project Mapping



L RTP Development Schedule

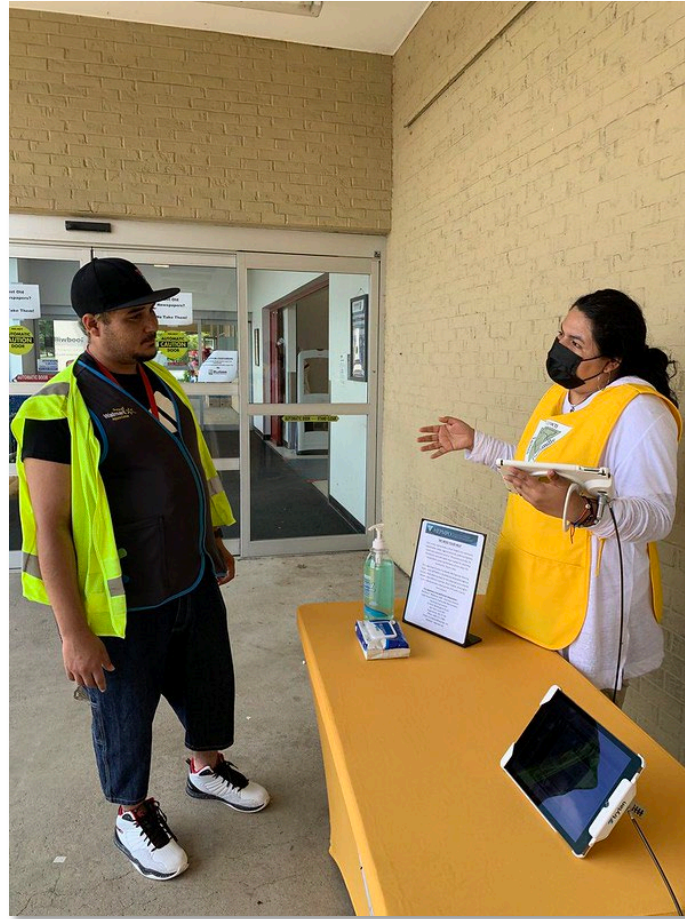


Public Engagement Opportunities



Planned Outreach and Summaries

- ISC & TAC Meetings
- 6 Public Meetings
 - Virtual or Open-House style
 - 2 in each of the counties
- Intercept Survey
 - For Title VI Outreach targeting underserved communities
- Public Input Report



Digital Engagement

- HEPMPO [LRTP Website](#)
- Direction2055 Webpage [HEPMPO Direction 2055](#)
- MetroQuest Survey

HEPMPO Direction 2055 More at <https://hepmo.com/>

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Direction 2055
HEPMPO Long-Range Transportation Plan

WELCOME

We want your input!

The Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization (HEPMPO) is updating the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to improve regional transportation systems. Please complete the survey to help prioritize goals, identify needs, and provide other ideas on regional strategies.

→ Next

YOUR TRANSPORTATION VISION

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

MAP YOUR IDEAS

STAY INVOLVED

The total employment for the HEPMPO Region's is 163,674. By 2055, the Region's employment is expected to grow by 34% to 218,944.

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Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle
Metropolitan Planning Organization

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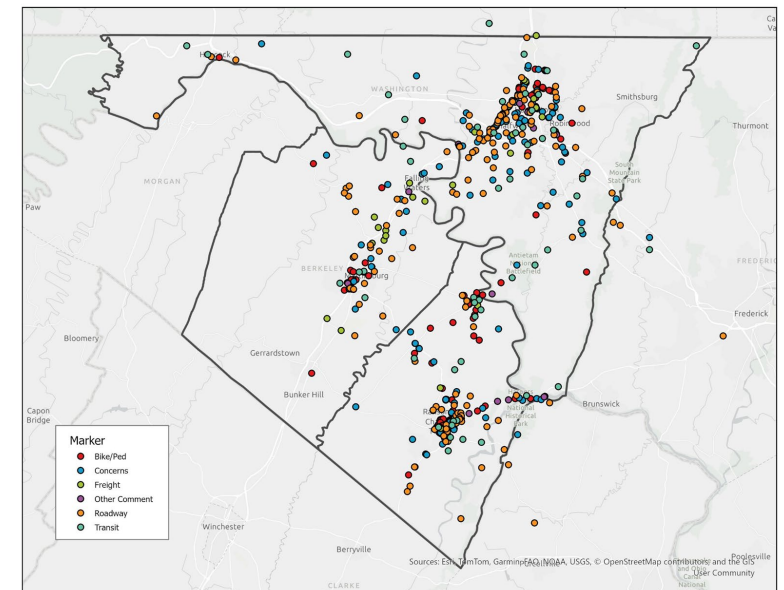
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HEPMO's 20-Year Vision for Regional Transportation

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) desc system for the next 20 years. The plan:

- Identifies critical needs and challenges
- Establishes a framework for decision-making f
- Defines a prioritized project list based on antic



Public Engagement Survey



L RTP Survey

- Survey Open:
 - April 1 – April 30th
- Three Public Meetings
 - Charles Town – April 22nd
 - Martinsburg – April 23rd
 - Hagerstown – April 28th
- Understand your priorities
- Gain insight about present and future needs for the Region
- Identify specific issues, concerns and thoughts



DIRECTION 2055

Take the HEPMPO L RTP Survey!



Help shape the future of transportation in our community!

CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO BEGIN



L RTP Survey – Welcome

HEPMPO Direction 2055

More at: <https://hepmo.com/>

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WELCOME

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YOUR TRANSPORTATION VISION
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The HEPMPO region includes Washington County in Maryland and Jefferson and Berkeley Counties in West Virginia.

DIRECTION 2055



L RTP Survey – Your Transportation Vision?

HEPMPO Direction 2055

More at: <https://hepmo.com/>

2 **Your Transportation Vision**
Please tell us what you think about this topic

WELCOME
YOUR TRANSPORTATION VISION


In your own words, what should our region's long-term transportation priorities be?

Type...

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Submit [Next](#)

REGIONAL PRIORITIES
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L RTP Survey – Top 3 Priorities?

HEPMPO Direction 2055

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The screenshot shows a survey interface with a dark teal background. At the top, a navigation bar includes a back arrow, a progress indicator with steps 2 and 3, the title 'What's important to you?', and icons for help, chat, and next. Below the navigation bar, a vertical sidebar on the left contains the text 'WELCOME', 'YOUR TRANSPORTATION VISION', and 'REGIONAL PRIORITIES'. The main content area is titled 'What's important to you?' and includes the instruction 'Please rank your top 3 priorities.' Below this, a dashed line is followed by the text '↑ Order your top 3 items above this line ↑'. A list of eight priority items is shown in rounded rectangular buttons: Multimodal Transportation, Roadway Safety, Environment, Economic Prosperity, Traffic Congestion, Land Use, Other Priority, and System Preservation. To the right of the list, the text reads 'Please drag 3 items above the line in your preferred order.' A vertical sidebar on the right contains the text 'MAP YOUR IDEAS' and 'STAY INVOLVED'. At the bottom right of the main area, there is a share icon.



L RTP Survey – Improvements and Concerns?

HEPMPO Direction 2055

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Interactive Map
Zoom in. Then drag and drop at least 3 markers on the map

Map | Satellite

Legend | Zoom to...

WELCOME | YOUR TRANSPORTATION VISION | REGIONAL PRIORITIES | MAP YOUR IDEAS | STAY INVOLVED

Bike/Ped | Roadway | Transit | Freight | Concerns | Other Comment



L RTP Survey – Stay Involved!

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5 **About You**
Tell us a bit about yourself. Please click finish when you are done.

Final Questions (Optional)

- > What is your home zip code?
Type... 0/5
- > How long have you lived in the region?
Select...
- > What is your age?
Select...
- > What is your annual household income?
Select...
- > Please provide your email for updates
Type... 0/50
- > Do you have any additional comments?
Type... 0/500

Answer the questions you want to, then click Finish:
Finish




Thank You!

Thank you for your input! You feedback will help improve transportation in the region. Provide an email address to stay involved with future updates to this project. Please visit our website: <http://www.hepmo.com>

Project Partners

Project Site

Please share this with others and help us get everyone involved!



Next Steps and Project Contacts



Next Public Engagement Opportunities



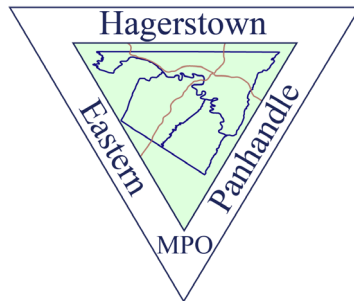
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- Submit Comments
- Sign up w/ email to Stay Involved
- Public Meetings on Draft Plan – Spring 2027



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