



3.41 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Draft MTP 2055 Scope Outline

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Objective

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a core MPO product that is required to be updated on a 5- and 10-year basis in accordance with 49 USC 5303(i). This plan must identify how the metropolitan area will manage and operate a multi-modal transportation system (including transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and accessible transportation) to meet the region's economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals – among others – for a 20+-year planning horizon, while remaining fiscally constrained. The MTP influences prioritization of the investments of federal funds in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Some of the core questions the MTP will address are:

- How will the region adapt to changing demographics and economic trends?
- How does the region address and manage congestion?
- How will the region respond to emerging issues such as resilient and sustainable infrastructure, equity, access to affordable housing and jobs, technology, etc.?
- Based on trends and goals, what are the potential growth scenarios for the region? Which scenario is preferred?
- How does the region plan for and invest in infrastructure in order to achieve the preferred scenario?
- How do we conduct meaningful public engagement in all phases of the update?

MTP Update Process

Phase I: Identifying Existing & Future Needs - Identify trends and transportation needs and opportunities for improving transportation in the region. Determine context for which developing growth scenarios, visioning, and goal setting can be done.

1. Regional Trends Report
2. MTP Public Participation Plan
3. Congestion Management Process
4. Coordinated Plan update
5. Financial Assessment
6. System Performance Report
7. Existing Conditions & Deficiencies Review
8. Develop growth & development scenarios

Phase II: Initiate MTP Development Process - Develop a comprehensive transportation vision and a common set of goals for the CDTC planning area in the context of regional trends, existing plans, congestion management, and current and future needs that is consistent with CDTC values.

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1. Branding / Visioning
2. Market Regional Trends Report
3. Enhanced public participation & outreach

Phase III: Final MTP Development - Develop and evaluate groups of strategies to address needs and deficiencies. Evaluate and compare previous and planned infrastructure and system investments across the region, forecast regional funding needs compared to expected funding availability through 2055. Meet federal requirements.

1. Identify preferred scenario
2. Implementation plan: identify strategies, policy, & “big idea” recommendations
3. Fiscally constrained financial plan
4. Air Quality Conformity Analysis
5. Enhanced public review
6. Adopt Plan

Timeline

January 2023:	Initiate Phase I
September 2023:	Initiate Phase II
January 2024:	Initiate Phase III
March 2025:	Release Draft MTP for public review
September 2025:	Adopt Final MTP

Policy / Regulatory Context

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- CLCPA – NY Climate Action Plan
- Justice40 Initiative

Roles & Responsibilities

Partner	Role / Responsibility
CDTC staff	Information & technical support
NYSDOT	Advisor & information support
CDRPC	Advisor & information support
CDTA	Advisor & information support
MPO (members)	Advisor & Decision maker
FHWA	Advisor
Universities	Advisor
Economic Development / Chambers of Commerce, Community development agencies, & NGOs	Advisor
CDTC Advisory Committees	Advisor
Consultant	TBD