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Watertown Jefferson County Area

# LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Like other MPOs in New York and across the U.S., the Watertown/ Jefferson County area is required to have a long-range transportation plan that addresses the region's needs over the next 25 years.

The Plan will address roadway and bridge needs as well as users of public transportation, pedestrians and bicyclists. It also must be financially constrained, meaning that the Plan cannot include more transportation projects and services than what can be funded with the amount of revenue forecasted to be available during the next 25 years.

The draft Plan is being developed through an analysis of existing and future transportation needs, trends, and input from a broad range of stakeholders and the general public.



# WHAT IS THE WJCTC?

The Watertown/Jefferson County Transportation Council (WJCTC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor of the State of New York for the City of Watertown and surrounding area in Jefferson County. New York has a total of 14 MPOs that serve the state's most populous areas. Each MPO is responsible for coordinating planning and project selection for the area's federal aid eligible highway and public transit facilities. Decisions are made by the WJCTC Policy Committee, which consists of local elected officials from the City of Watertown and Jefferson County as well as representatives from the NYSDOT.



# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Recommended projects and programs will be carried out in stages over the next 25 years. Near-term investments are included in a 4-year budget called the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- NYSDOT is responsible for most of the region's most heavily traveled roads. They must confirm funding is available before proposed projects can be officially budgeted in the TIP, so coordination between the state and the other voting members of the Policy Committee.
- Public transit services within the City of Watertown are provided by Citibus. Local matching funds must be provided for the federal dollars that the region receives to fund transit.
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects that are selected to receive federal funds may be carried out by NYSDOT, local government, or perhaps another public agency, depending on the project.

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