MTP At-A-Glance

◆ Sets policy for State Transportation Services and Infrastructure

◆ 20 year plan must be updated every 3 years

◆ Provides direction for various Modal Administrations and Transportation Authority strategic plans

◆ Included in the State Report on Transportation along with the Consolidated Transportation Program (6-year capital program) and the Annual Attainment Report of Performance Indicators

For additional information about the MTP or to review the draft plan:

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Maryland Department of Transportation

Maryland Transportation Plan

A Blueprint for Maryland's Transportation ◇ Future

What Is The Maryland Transportation Plan?

The Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) is the Department of Transportation's long-range policy blueprint for providing state transportation services and infrastructure over the next 20 years. As such, it reflects the new direction of MDOT under the Ehrlich Administration, focusing on efficient operations, adding needed transportation facilities, emphasizing safety in construction and operation, and improving the Department's responsiveness to its customers. While these sound like basic, common sense principles, over the years MDOT's mission has drifted away from these central ideas. It is time for MDOT to refocus attention on these critical goals.

By law, the MTP must be updated at least every three years to reflect changes in state transportation policy and priorities. The MTP goals and objectives play two major roles:

1. **They are the starting point for the development of strategic plans for each of MDOT's Modal Administrations. As such, they guide MDOT's future project and funding decisions.**

2. **They directly affect the performance measures used by MDOT**

to assess how effectively the Department is performing its mission.

The policy direction provided by the MTP is executed through a series of specific strategic plans, programs, policies and projects developed by the Modal Administrations and Transportation Authority. These are then funded for implementation through the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and Operating Budget.

Because of its key role in guiding MDOT's plans, programs, policies, and projects, the MTP is included in the State Report on Transportation (SRT) that is prepared annually and distributed to the General Assembly, local elected officials, and interested citizens. The SRT consists of the MTP, the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), and Annual Attainment Report of Performance Indicators. The CTP lists and describes the projects that are proposed for construction, or for development and evaluation, during the next six-year period. The Annual Attainment Report contains performance indicators that measure how the MTP and CTP are achieving the policy goals and objectives.

The MTP Update Process

The Maryland Department of Transportation is currently updating the MTP for January 2004. This update will revise the goals and objectives to focus on the core mission and priorities of the Department and state transportation system. The goals and objectives are reflections of the priorities established by the Governor and Secretary of Transportation as well as concerns of Maryland residents, business, government, and community leaders.

The MTP update will involve inclusive public participation including telephone surveys, regional workshops, a MTP web page, CTP tour meetings with local governments and other public comment and outreach efforts. A draft plan will be available for review and comment beginning in mid October.

Draft 2004 Maryland Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives

1. **EFFICIENCY -- MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING SYSTEMS**
   - Maximize the operational performance and capacity of the existing systems
   - Extend the useful life of existing facilities and equipment
   - Incorporate environmental stewardship as part of all projects and activities

2. **MOBILITY -- PROVIDE CRITICAL NEW SYSTEMS ADDITIONS**
   - Relieve congestion by adding key system links
   - Support varied modal needs with cost-effective options

3. **SAFETY -- INCREASE SYSTEMS SAFETY AND SECURITY**
   - Reduce injuries, fatalities and risks
   - Improve security of travel

4. **PRODUCTIVITY -- IMPROVE PROGRAM AND PROJECT DELIVERY**
   - Reduce project implementation time through process improvements
   - Contain costs with business-like organization and innovative approaches to finance and service delivery