

Section 9 – Conclusion and Amendment Process

2009-2035 Ashland Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Ashland Area 2009-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan provides a basis upon which to implement transportation improvements (highway, transit, and other modes) in a rational and orderly fashion. By knowing the location and the nature of transportation system deficiencies before they occur, governmental agencies will be able to allocate limited funds available for improvements. The Plan also permits a rational order to further conduct corridor, site, and design studies.

It is understood that this Ashland Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is not the final work for transportation improvements and that the proposals of the MTP may need amending as conditions change and resource availability fluctuates. At a minimum, the MTP must be updated every three years. However, to ensure proper planning, MTP amendments must be kept to a minimum. Due to the time required for technical analysis, public involvement, and air quality conformity consultation, projects that may affect the air quality may be amended to the Plan only on a semi-annual basis. Other projects, which do not affect the air quality, may be amended as needed. It is preferred that amendments to the MTP will occur on the schedule that the Transportation Improvement Program is updated, usually, in the spring of each year. The Policy Committee, at their discretion, may change the schedule but must afford the proper timeline for review, analysis and public comment.

Through constant review and coordination, the transportation planning process will function as a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing process that meet the needs of the citizens of the Ashland Area.