

Taking Action to Improve Lake County's Transportation System

Core Values:

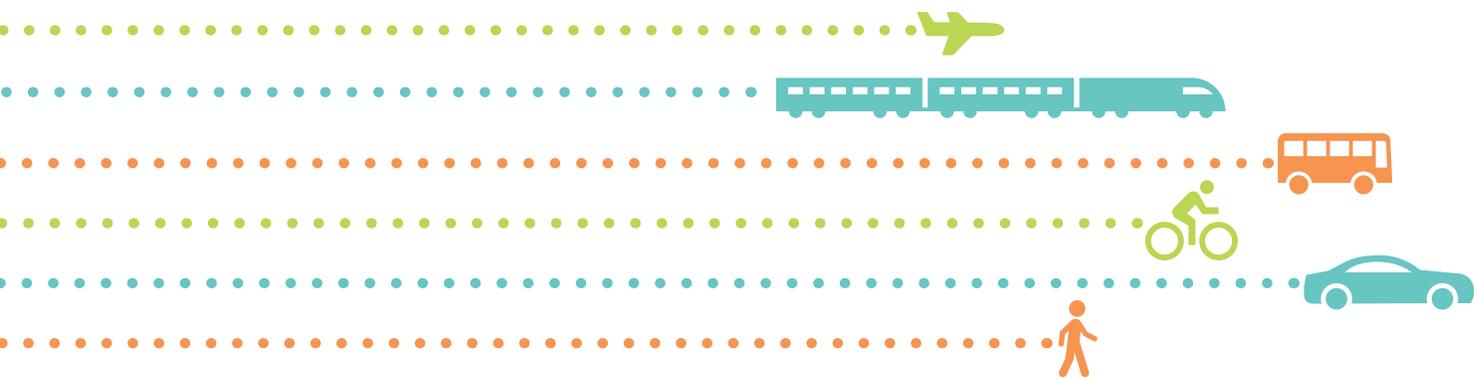
- 1** Livability
- 2** Connectivity/
Mobility
- 3** Economic
Opportunity
- 4** Better
Solutions
- 5** One Voice for
Lake County

Core Purpose

Improving the quality of life in Lake County through a multi-modal transportation network that provides mobility and economic opportunity for all.

Vision

Lake County is nationally recognized as a model for building consensus around and continuously improving its seamlessly connected, multi-modal transportation network, which allows people and goods to efficiently get everywhere they need to go.



WHERE WE'VE BEEN & WHERE WE'RE GOING

LCTA works to sustain and enhance Lake County's high quality of life. Our advocacy role is possible due to the support of your membership, and we wanted to provide you with an update on the significant work that has been advanced in 2017.

ROADWAYS

Overall, the Lake County Department of Transportation will be investing nearly \$600 million in transportation improvements in the next five years. **The anticipated 2018 construction program currently funds \$120 million worth of expansion, modernization and preservation projects to improve safety, efficiency and access throughout Lake County.** In particular, the recent completion of the Washington Street Thoroughfare Project in Central Lake County increases capacity of this critical roadway, and provides a grade separation for the CN/Metra railroad tracks, which frees Washington Street from more than 60 trains per day that would otherwise block the intersection for motorists and emergency vehicles. LCDOT remains committed to working with municipalities and other partners to include bike and pedestrian pathways and bike-friendly shoulders whenever possible to ensure that our road corridors accommodate all users.

AIR

Waukegan National Airport provides a critical link to global markets for several of our major employers in the region, and as the needs of the aviation industry evolve to accommodate both safety and modernization requirements, the Airport must also evolve. The proposed expanded runway meets these demands, and is being planned in concert with Illinois Department of Transportation's project to improve Green Bay Road. **By aligning these plans, the completion of the projects would meet the needs of both roadway and air travelers, while also adding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and drainage improvements.**



PACE

Pace's successful Bus On Shoulder Program will expand on the Edens Expressway (I-94) from Foster Avenue in Chicago to Lake Cook Road in Deerfield in 2018—providing speedier and more reliable ride times to bus commuters in Lake County. Pace also plans to install electronic bus tracker signage showing real-time arrival information in the coming year.

LAST MILE CONNECTIONS

LCTA is working with the Transportation Management Agency of Lake Cook to explore opportunities to **expand on the existing Shuttle Bug network—which connects commuters at three Metra stations to employers in Lake County—and utilize technology and emerging alternatives to provide additional "last mile" solutions.**

METRA

Exploring the increased potential of **Metra's North Central line, which connects Lake County to O'Hare International Airport, will be made possible in 2018 through a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority's Community Planning Program.** The study will build on recent Metra research, encourage municipal collaboration, and help to understand the development, ridership and service opportunities along this critical route.

PARATRANSIT

A Paratransit Market Study is underway in Lake County to evaluate shared and flexible on-demand transportation options for seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public. **The study, which will include opportunities for public comment in early 2018 will evaluate the current service, compare how that service meets demand, and recommend improvements.**

BIKES

Non-motorized modes of travel—bicycling and walking—are important parts of Lake County's transportation mix. **Lake County municipalities have the opportunity to provide non-motorized modes of travel as part of state highway and Lake County roadway projects at a small cost.** The complete streets policies that are driving these investments are now a regular part of the study phase process for planning roadways, and LCTA advocates for non-motorized connections whenever possible.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

At the LCTA Annual Meeting in October 2017, a panel of experts shared information on emerging transportation trends and how we can prepare. A number of strategies were discussed including: 1) Supporting transportation innovation through targeted public investments in emerging technology; 2) Continued investments in fast, reliable, and modern public transit; 3) Supporting walkable, mixed use communities; 4) Implementing policies that encourage trip sharing and discourage single-occupancy vehicle travel; 5) Emphasizing data collection and sharing; and 6) Ensuring emerging technologies support inclusive economic growth.



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LAKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**