

Figure 6: Approved Connected 2050 Guiding Principle Definitions

Our Communities and System	
Economic Vitality	Maximize the region's economic competitiveness in key industries including freight and support growth in quality jobs.
Thriving Neighborhoods and Communities	Foster safe, healthy, and attractive places where people love to live, work, and play.
A Vibrant Downtown and Central Core	Enhance the attractiveness of downtown St. Louis and the central core to strengthen the region.
A Healthy and Sustainable Environment	Ensure clean air and waterways and reduce emissions contributing to climate change to support the health and well-being of our communities.
Our Transportation System	
Safe and Secure	Provide safe and secure travel for all people, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists.
Choices and Access for All	Improve public transportation, bicycling and walking, and other alternatives to driving to help people of all ages, abilities, and population groups access opportunities.
Seamless, Efficient, and Reliable	Enhance connectivity, manage congestion, and improve travel time reliability to support efficient personal travel and freight movement.
Well-Maintained and Resilient	Ensure that the transportation system is clean, maintained in a state of good repair, and resilient to extreme weather and other disruptions.
Our Process	
Collaborative	Work together across jurisdictions and communities to support the region's overall economy, environment, and quality of life.
Equitable	Ensure the transportation system is working for everyone in the region, and all voices are heard, including populations that are traditionally underserved.
Innovative	Bring leading-edge ideas, technologies, and approaches to address transportation challenges and position the region for growth.
Performance-Based	Use data-driven approaches to support wise investment decisions that maximize stewardship of limited financial resources.