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THE ST. LOUIS REGION'S METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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MTP Background/Federal Requirements

- Development of Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
  - Used interchangeably with Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
  - Must cover at least a 20-year planning horizon
  - Update plan at least every four years in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas
  - Include goals and strategies to effectively develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system

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MTP Background/Federal Requirements

- Development of Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
  - Fiscally constrained financial plan with transportation projects
  - Federal performance measures and targets to assess system condition and performance
  - System performance report
  - Air Quality Conformity Determination

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Connected2050 – Overall Direction

- Re-examine & Refine the Region's Guiding Principles
- Integrate Long-range & Performance-based Plans
- State of the System & System Performance Reports
- Equity Analysis of Past Transportation Infrastructure Investments
- Refined Project Evaluation Process & Selection
- List of Fiscally-constrained Projects
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement

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MTP Project Schedule

Consultant Work

- DRAFT Plan – March 2023
- FINAL Plan – June 2023

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Community Engagement

- Targeted Strategy for Engaging the Region's Citizens, Stakeholders, and Transportation Partners
- Multiple Interactions with EWG's Board of Directors
- Wide Range of Engagement and Outreach Tools
- Detailed Schedule for Community and Stakeholder Involvement Activities
- Compliance with Title VI Program and EWG's Public Involvement Plan

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Community Engagement

- Equitable, Inclusive Engagement Approach
- Innovative Ideas to Engage Hard-to-reach Populations
- Method to Analyze Success
- Flexibility to Adjust to Shifting Needs

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Integration of MTP and Performance-based plans

- Federally mandated – directly or by reference (CFR 450.306(d)(4)
  - State & Transit Asset Management Plan
  - Highway Safety Improvement Plan
  - Public Transit Agency Safety Plan
  - CMAQ Improvement Program
  - State Freight Plan
  - Congestion Management Process
  - Other State Plans

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Existing Guiding Principles

- Preserve and Maintain the Existing System
- Support Public Transportation
- Support Neighborhoods and Communities Throughout the Region
- Foster a Vibrant Downtown
- Provide More Transportation Choices
- Promote Safety and Security
- Support a Diverse Economy with a Reliable System
- Support Quality Job Development
- Strengthen Intermodal Connections
- Protect Air Quality and Environmental Assets

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Equity Investment Analysis

- Data-driven Analysis of Past Transportation Investments
- Replicable Methodology
- Collaborate with State DOTs and Transit Agencies
- Beyond EJ Threshold Analysis
- Federal Policy and Funding Opportunities
  - Justice 40 (Executive Order 14008)
  - IIJA – Emphasis on Sustainability and Equity

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Zero-Vehicle Households, 2014

St. Louis Metropolitan Area

April 2016

Job Accessibility: AM Peak Hour by Auto - 2014

St. Louis Metropolitan Area

January 2015

Minority Population

St. Clair County, Illinois

December 2020

LEP Persons, 2015-2019

Vietnamese Language Speakers

St. Louis Metropolitan Area

December 2020

Median Work Commute Distance by Traffic Analysis Zone

St. Louis Metropolitan Area

May 2020

This map depicts one-way commute distances, from home to work, for people who both live and work in the East-West Gateway region. Data is depicted by Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ), but the TAZ boundaries are not shown on this map.

Evaluation Process for MTP Projects

- Revised LRTP Evaluation/Prioritization Process:
  - Revise metrics to align with revised guiding principles
  - Determine best approach to integrate principles into the decision-making process
  - Determine best method to evaluate and prioritize projects for inclusion in LRTP

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