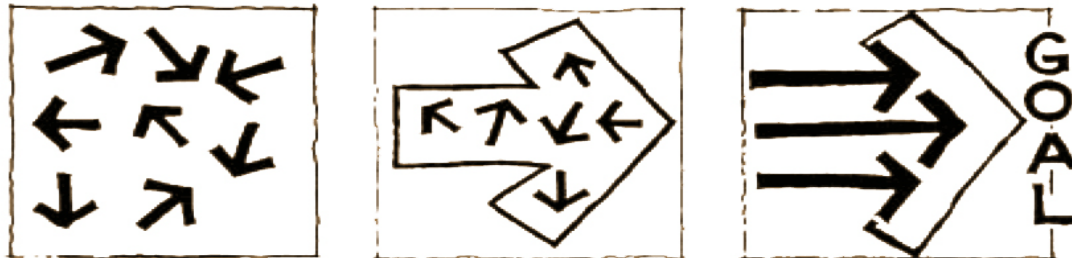




# What is a Vision?

- A description of a desired future
- Answers the question “what are we trying to achieve?”
- Does NOT answer the question “how will we do it?”



# Minnesota GO

- Better align the transportation system with what Minnesotans expect for their quality of life, economy, and natural environment.
- Develop a vision for all forms of transportation.
- Ownership of the vision is a shared responsibility.





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# Challenges & Opportunities

- Aging Population
- Urbanization
- Energy Shifts
- Automation
- Persistent Budget Challenges
- Health Care Costs
- Increased Global Competition
- Changing Work Environments, Telecommunications & Access to Services
- Floods / Water Quality



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

Minnesota's multimodal transportation system maximizes the health of people, the environment, and our economy.



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

*The system:*

Connects Minnesota's primary assets - the people, natural resources, and businesses within the state - to each other and to markets and resources outside the state and country



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

*The system:*

Provides safe, convenient, and effective movement of goods and people



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

*The system:*

Is flexible and nimble enough to adapt to changes in society, technology, the environment, and the economy



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

## *Quality of Life*

*The system:*

- Recognizes and respects the importance and significance of place – not just as destinations, but also where people live, work, learn, play, and access services
- Is accessible regardless of socio-economic status or physical ability



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

## *Environmental Health*

*The system:*

- Is designed in such a way that it enhances the community around it and minimizes the impact to the environment



# A Transportation Vision for Generations

## *Economic Competitiveness*

*The system:*

- Enhances and supports Minnesota's role in a globally competitive economy and the international significance and connections of Minnesota's trade centers
- Attracts human and financial capital to the state



# Guiding Principles

- Leverage public investments to achieve multiple purposes
- Ensure accessibility
- Build to a maintainable scale
- Ensure regional connections
- Integrate safety
- Emphasize reliable and predictable options
- Strategically fix the system
- Use partnerships



# What this Could Mean

- Waterways, rail, transitways, roads, airports, and pipelines **strategically located to enable critical connections** for Minnesota's businesses and communities.
- An **integrated network** of streets, roads, and highways collectively support freight, mass transit, personal vehicles, and non-motorized transportation.
- **Reliable and affordable transit options** for people who cannot or choose not to operate a personal vehicle.
- **Connected options to walk and bike** for everyone choosing active forms of transportation.



# What this Could Mean

- Zero deaths or serious injuries occur in any form of transportation.
- An environment that allows safe travel for both an 8 year old and an 80 year old in every neighborhood and community.
- Technology and innovation improve the safety and productivity of each mode of transportation and may be implemented as an alternative to expanding the physical layout of the system.
- The existing system will change over time to meet future needs and some parts of the current system may no longer be needed in the future.



# Vision Comment Period

- Comments accepted until **Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m.**
- Public Hearing held on Oct. 4, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Details on the hearing and commenting are available at: [www.minnesotago.org](http://www.minnesotago.org)



# The Vision Will Lead Directly Into the next 20-year Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan



# Moving from the Vision to Statewide Multimodal Plan

Existing  
Policy Review  
(July-Oct 2011)

Identify Gaps &  
Develop Policy  
(Oct-Dec 2011)

Statewide  
Multimodal  
Transportation Plan  
(Jan-March 2012)

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# Statewide Multimodal Plan Public Involvement Opportunities

**50+ Stakeholder Meetings (2 rounds)** – Sept/Oct & Feb/March

**Online Engagement & Social Media** (Web site, Twitter and Facebook)

**Stakeholder forums (2 forums)** – Dec 1, 2011 & Feb 2, 2012

**9 Public open houses** – Jan 2012

**30-Day Public comment period** – Feb/March 2012

**Public Hearing** – Middle of comment period



# We Want to Hear From You

- Does this Vision and its Guiding Principles talk about the things you care about?
- If this is the Vision, what is needed in the Statewide Multimodal Plan to get there? And how do we get there?



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