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Goals and Objectives - Workshop 3 Handout

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Workshop No. 3

This workshop will be our third for the JOURNEY 2040 long-range transportation plan. During the meeting, you will be provided with a presentation on the feedback gathered to date and its impact on the goals, objectives, performance measures, and improvement scenarios developed thus far. An overview of each improvement scenario will also be provided. Then you'll be asked to prioritize goals and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the potential improvement scenarios.

What's Next?

A preferred transportation improvement scenario will be developed. It will include a range of projects and reflect the goals, objectives, performance measures, and "themed" improvement scenarios discussed via previous workshops. The preferred scenario and projects will be shared during the winter of 2016, so community feedback on priorities can be gathered.



What We've Heard

Stakeholder Workshop No. 2 was held on August 10, 2015 to discuss how the Grand Island area's network of roads, trails, and rail should perform for motorists, cyclists, walkers, and others over the coming 25 years in relation to potential goals and objectives for the **JOURNEY 2040** plan. Workshop participants discussed the importance of developing possible goals and performance measures by mode of transportation, local initiatives for creating healthy communities, and the impact funding may have on the area's transportation aspirations.



Stakeholder Workshop on August 10th

Revised Goals and Their Purposes

With community feedback, analysis of existing conditions, and review of adopted plans and policies in mind, GIAMPO and the consultant team have developed the following revised goals for the **JOURNEY 2040** plan:

Increase safety and efficiency of the transportation system

• The purpose of this goal is to promote efficient management and operation, and the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation system.

Improve vehicle mobility and connectivity

• The purpose of this goal is to support the economic vitality of Grand Island by improving the freight network, addressing modal conflicts and improving corridor connections within the metropolitan area.

Provide accessibility to destinations for all population groups

• The purpose of this goal is to increase the accessibility and mobility of people.

Environmental protection and the preservation of important natural assets

 The purpose of this goal is to protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

Further the health and well-being of all residents in the region

 The purpose of this goal is to make transportation investments that are consistent with supporting a healthy lifestyle and support quality of life.

Potential Improvement Scenarios

The study team has also developed the following "themed" improvement scenarios for **JOURNEY 2040**. What is your opinion of them? What are the strongest and weakest aspects of each? What impacts do you foresee?

Scenario 1: Safety and Efficiency

Projects related to improving traffic flow and safety will be presented. These will include:

- Improving signal timing along US-281, Webb Boulevard and other corridors
- Intersection improvements for turning lanes
- Examining traffic safety improvements at intersections
- Upgrading rural roads to accommodate new growth
- Developing truck routes to move trucks away from downtown
- Widening roads in spots to improve traffic flow

Scenario 2: Mobility and Connectivity

Projects related to improving vehicle movement and connectivity will be presented. These will include:

- The need of and potential locations for new railroad bridges or underpasses
- Building new road segments to enable more direct north-south travel through the southern, central and northern parts of the Grand Island area
- Developing new corridors on the east side and the west side of the Grand Island area
- Improvements for east-west travel along other sections of Capital Avenue, Stolley Park or Husker Highway

Scenario 3: Accessibility

Projects related to improving accessibility by means other than the automobile will be presented. These will include:

- Improving intersection crossings for pedestrians
- · Completing gaps in sidewalks or trails
- Adding trail connectivity for bicycles
- Examining opportunities for additional bike routes/lanes
- Completing trail connections
- Identifying transit needs (complete separate transit study for the area)

Questions?

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