Burlington-Graham MPO Getting There 2045

Getting There 2045 is a long-range transportation plan for the BGMPO planning area which includes Alamance County and portions of Orange and Guilford Counties. This plan will review existing and future transportation issues and deficiencies and will recommend a list of transportation improvements for a 25-year time horizon.







What is a Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

The BGMPO is responsible for maintaining a longrange Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the MPO planning area. The MTP outlines the BGMPO's transportation-related goals and objectives and addresses transportation-related issues and impacts over a minimum 20-year horizon. The MTP is developed through a cooperative process led by the BGMPO and a Steering Committee that includes representatives from the FHWA, NCDOT, and key stakeholders with input from the general public. The process, which is prescribed by federal regulations, is designed to assist the BGMPO in prioritizing short- and long-term investments in the area's transportation system over the next 25 years. The MTP must be updated every five years. The current MTP update, Getting There 2045, is expected to be finished in the spring of 2020.

Who is Burlington-Graham MPO?

The **Burlington-Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization (BGMPO)** is the federally designated agency responsible for working with residents and local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate transportation planning and project development within the Burlington urbanized area. Federal legislation requires urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000 to have an MPO to carry out the transportation planning process among the member jurisdictions within its established planning area boundary.

Vision, Goals and Objectives

Working with the study Steering Committee and subcommittees, Burlington-Graham MPO staff and VHB consultant team have developed a draft Vision, Goals and Objectives for the plan. The public is asked to provide feedback regarding which goals are particularly important.

The Goals and Objectives will be used as the study team develops scoring criteria to select projects for the fiscally-constrained MTP plan.

VISION

GOALS

OBJECTIVES



STRATEGIES PROJECTS

Getting There 2045 Vision

Getting There 2045 will support the investment in a multimodal transportation network for a vibrant and prosperous Burlington-Graham region where residents of all ages have access to opportunities and a good quality of life, businesses can grow and thrive, and the natural and cultural resources of the region are protected.

How Will Our Region Grow?

Burlington-Graham MPO planning area population is expected to grow by 37% by 2045, to around 241,000 people. Those people and the businesses that will be serving them and providing employment opportunities for the area population will place additional demand on the region's transportation infrastructure. Getting There 2045 will examine how to best address challenges associated with growth through an appropriate mix of transportation investments.

Getting There 2045 Draft Goals

Goal 1 Provide a safe, secure, comprehensive, and effective transportation system to move people and goods within and through the area

Goal 2 Provide a transportation system that enables mobility choices

Goal 3 Seek to optimize the existing transportation system

Goal 4 Promote equity and accessibility in transportation options for transportation-disadvantaged populations

Goal 5 Integrate land use and transportation planning

What Are the Next Steps

The Study team will be analyzing future conditions based on the Regional Travel Demand Model and those deficiency analysis results will be presented at the next public input meeting in November. Potential projects will be evaluated for inclusion in the draft MTP. Several investment strategies will be evaluated against the goals and objectives to see which combinations of projects would bring the region closer to the desired outcome. The draft recommendations will be presented for public feedback in February 2020, with plan adoption expected in May 2020. Getting There 2045 will be a fiscally-constrained plan; some of the evaluated projects will be recommended for inclusion in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (30-year vision plan) rather than in the 25-year MTP.



Public Engagement

Public and stakeholder engagement is a critical component of developing Getting There 2045. The following components will ensure that we hear from a variety of stakeholders and members of the public:

- A Steering Committee has been formed for the plan update, including representatives from local governments, transit agencies, railroad and aviation representatives
- Stakeholder interviews were conducted to ensure that the perspective of business groups, colleges, and community and health services groups is captured in the process
- An online public survey set up (late July-August 2019) to solicit feedback on plan vision and goals and to identify areas of concern
- » Multiple public input meetings will be held during the plan process, including the first public input meeting on July 23, 2019, the second public input meeting scheduled for November 2019 and a third public input opportunity in March 2019

Plan Timeline

Vision, Goals & Objectives	 » April-August, 2019 » Steering Committee Meetings: May 21st and June 26 » Public Input Meeting July 23 » Public Survey July-August 2019
Base Year Conditions	 » April-August, 2019 » Stakeholder Interviews May-June 2019 » Public Input Meeting July 23 » Public Survey July-August 2019
Future Year Deficiencies & Alternatives	 » August –November, 2019 » Steering Committee Meeting October 15, 2019 » Public Input Meeting November 2019
Recommendations & Funding Options	 » September 2019-January, 2020 » Steering Committee Meeting January 21, 2020 » Public Input Meeting February 2020
Draft Plan & Final Plan Adoption	 » February-May, 2020 » Steering Committee Meeting March 10, 2020 » Plan Adoption at TAC Meeting May 19, 2020



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