Mission

The mission of the Multimodal Planning Branch (MPB) is to provide leadership of the transportation planning process, develop and implement plans, programs, and resources to support and deliver an integrated multi-modal transportation system, and provide strategic planning, research, and analysis to support effective and informed decision-making by senior leaders and the Transportation Commission.

Program Areas

- Statewide Planning
- Regional Planning
- Freight Planning
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
- Planning and Policy Research and Analysis
- Transportation Program Development
- Program Administration
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Scenic Byways
  - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
  - Consolidated Planning Grants (CPG)
  - Rural Planning Work Program

FY 16 Key Priorities and Initiatives

- **Plan Implementation**- Begin implementation of Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP), Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs), and modal and functional plans by prioritizing action items, initiating related projects and activities, and progress and performance reporting.
  - Implementation of SWP Strategic Actions
  - SWP Performance Reporting
  - Multimodal Freight Plan / State Rail Plan
  - RUC Pilot Study
- **Transportation Planning and Analysis**- Develop transportation planning tools, analysis, and processes to improve needs identification, project prioritization, performance evaluation, and support transportation program development.
  - Transportation Planning Analysis and Project Selection Framework
  - C-Plan Web-Based GIS Tool
  - Transportation Development Program
  - Transportation and Economy Study
- **Planning Integration**- Strengthen transportation planning process by better integrating planning for operations, safety, transit, bike/ped, and freight; transportation performance data; and travel modeling.
  - Transportation Planning Coordinating Team
  - Safety in the Planning Process Study
- **Bike/Ped Performance and Needs Analysis**- Improve bike/ped infrastructure and use data to establish baseline system performance and identify and prioritize needs.
  - Facilities Inventory Pilot
  - Non-Motorized Monitoring Program and Plan
  - Tracking of Bike/Ped project expenditures
- **Stakeholder Coordination and Communication**- Develop resources for improved internal and external stakeholder communication/coordination.
- **Reconstituted Freight Advisory Council (FAC)**
  - Transportation Planning Manual
  - Data Repository
  - New Planning website
- **Branch Development**- Improve internal processes, management tools, fill vacancies, and develop staff.
  - Professional development
  - Branch Dashboard

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