

# Horizon 2045 GUIDING PRINCIPLES



## FOCUS AREAS

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| Financial             | Regional Coordination                  |
| Public Transportation | Operations, Maintenance & Preservation |
| Safety                | Quality of Life                        |
| Air Operations        | Freight                                |
| Condition of Assets   | Active Transportation                  |

### 1) ECONOMIC VITALITY

### 2) COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP

### 3) STEWARDSHIP



Investments and improvements in the regional transportation system will promote economic vitality by moving people, freight and goods to enhance the global competitiveness of the regional economy. Major transportation facilities, and the mobility they provide to, between and within economic activity centers, will stimulate commerce. Horizon 2045 should prioritize and coordinate regional transportation investments aimed at the development of a multimodal system that provides transportation opportunities that enhance accessibility and connections among city centers, regional service centers and attractions, towns, and regional employment areas.

Horizon 2045 will provide the forum to develop regional transportation priorities, to identify transportation funding needs and to develop strategies to acquire funding in accordance with federal and state planning requirements. Horizon 2045 will help coordinate efforts to communicate with business and community groups and give the public sufficient time to review and comment at key milestones in the transportation planning process. These efforts will bring together all community stakeholders and transportation planning partners in order to present a unified voice in support of the region's transportation needs




Transportation decisions should maximize a positive impact on the human environment while minimizing negative impacts to the natural environment. Investments will follow federal, state and local transportation, environmental and land use plans and policies. This is in addition to following federal and state and local goals as adopted by statute, ordinance, resolution or executive order. Horizon 2045 will use performance measures to ensure coordinated regional policies make progress towards established objectives. SRTC and project proponents should demonstrate that projected revenues will sustain current facilities and services, and ensure sufficient population demand is anticipated such that new facilities are a prudent application of fiscal resources.

**POLICIES:** To promote economic vitality and prioritize transportation investments, Horizon 2045 will:

**POLICIES:** To provide a regional forum for transportation planning and funding, Horizon 2045 will:

**POLICIES:** To protect the environment and minimize impacts from transportation, Horizon 2045 will:

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| 1A | Prioritize transportation investments by mode that enhance accessibility and connections between city centers, regional centers, attractions, towns, and areas of regional employment. | 2A | Provide leadership by facilitating coordinated, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning.  | 3A | Ensure transportation decisions minimize impacts to natural resources and conserve non-renewable resources.                               |
| 1B | Support areas of potential economic development.   | 2B | Incorporate public processes in significant planning efforts.   | 3B | Make investments that maximize transportation benefits and support federal, state and local goals and maintain a federally compliant TIP. |
| 1C | Support the efficiency of freight movement.  | 2C | Promote regional transportation interests, plans and projects to federal, state and local public and private entities.  | 3C | Ensure plans provide for the responsible use of public and private funds while demonstrating financial constraint.                        |
|    |  | 2D | Coordinate transportation relevant data for shared use among regional stakeholders  | 3D | Encourage evaluating shared-use of infrastructure for stakeholders and all transportation users.  |
|    |  | 2E | Strengthen avenues of involvement for all people including those considered underserved regardless of race, national origin or income in the decision-making process. | 3E | Use performance measures to evaluate how policies and investments support key transportation objectives.                                  |

| 4) SYSTEM OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND PRESERVATION   |  | 5) SAFETY AND SECURITY  |  | 6) QUALITY OF LIFE  |  |
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| Horizon 2045 will strive to provide adequate funding for projects that address documented transportation needs, reduce lifecycle operation and maintenance costs, conserve energy, and preserve and prolong the existing infrastructure. SRTC and project proponents will use performance-based plans that provide efficient system management. |  | The regional transportation system will be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to enable healthy, safe, and secure movement of people and goods. The system will enhance safe and secure choices, access and usage of all transportation modes through best-practice design, operational improvements, education and outreach, and technological strategies. Emphasis should be placed on maintenance activities and education to make the system safer. |  | Quality of life issues will be considered in transportation decision-making. The community will strive to have urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods offer safe and convenient forms of healthy, active transportation options for people of all abilities. Decision-making will work toward creating transportation choices through increased availability and improved service. Strengthening existing connections and creating new connections will improve mobility for all users. This includes connections within street networks, to port, rail and airport facilities; and within transit, pedestrian, and bicycle modes. Shared-use infrastructure will increase transportation choices and maximize returns for investments by increasing multi-modal connectivity. Through context sensitive design, the community will strive to support social, cultural and commercial activity and protect unique or indigenous cultural and landscape features. |  |
| <b>POLICIES: Maximizing the operations and physical condition of the transportation network will require strategic investments. To accomplish this Horizon 2045 will put a priority on programs and projects that:</b>  |  | <b>POLICIES: Maximizing the operations and physical condition of the transportation network will require strategic investments. To accomplish this Horizon 2045 will put a priority on programs and projects that:</b>  |  | <b>POLICIES: To improve choice and mobility, Horizon 2045 will put a priority on programs, services and projects that:</b>  |  |
| 4A  | Develop cost-effective strategies; pursue alternative funding sources and mechanisms.  | 5A  | Support improvements to roadway safety deficiencies in order to reduce crashes within all modes of transportation.                         | 6A  | Incorporate complete streets policies into transportation planning that enhance and expand bike, walk and transit networks and their connectivity.   |
| 4B  | During winter weather conditions, ensure snow and ice removal and snow storage is regularly maintained and designed for roadways and sidewalks to improve user safety and mobility and to keep the transportation system operational.. | 5B  | Protect critical infrastructure from natural and human threats.  | 6B  | Improve access and the quality of access to transit for all people including those considered underserved, regardless of race, age, national origin, income or ability.  |
|   |  | 5C  | Promote safety through supporting education, outreach and enforcement of rules of the road for all modes that use the roadways.            | 6C  | Implement transit that improves frequency, span and reliability of transit services with a variety of service levels and transit modalities within the region.   |
|   |  |   |  | 6D  | Support health-promoting transportation options for users of all abilities to increase opportunities for physical activity while improving demand-management strategies to reduce Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) trips. |
| 5D  | Support transportation infrastructure and operational strategies for emergency response.   | 6E  | Support transportation projects that protect culture, value and unique characteristics of communities and contributes to a sense of place. |   |  |