

### APPENDIX 3: The Seven Federal Planning Factors in the LCVL RTP

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), enacted in 1998, is an evolution from the transportation policies begun under ISTEA (the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991) that went from just building new and wider roads to now looking at ideas to improving the efficiency of the existing roadway system and encouraging alternative travel modes, such as public transportation, walking, and bicycling. One of the major LRTP-related requirements of TEA-21 is that the MPO's transportation planning process address seven broad planning factors specified within TEA-21.

Section 1203(f) (Metropolitan Planning) of TEA-21 identifies the seven planning factors that must be considered as part of the LRTP and general planning process for all metropolitan areas. Following adoption of SAFETEA-LU the factors were increased to eight. These factors are shown in bold, with italicized text detailing how the LRTP meets or exceeds the factors and lists the prescribed goals and objectives that support the planning factor.

**Planning Factor #1: Support the economic vitality of the United States, the States and metropolitan areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;**

**Planning Factor #2<sup>1</sup>: Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motoring and non-motoring users;**

**Planning Factor #3: Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and freight;**

**Planning Factor #4: Promote and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation and improve the quality of life;**

**Planning Factor #5: Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;**

**Planning Factor #6: Promote efficient system management and operation;**

**Planning Factor #7: Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.**

In summary, this 2030 LRTP represents a comprehensive plan that fully addresses all applicable federal and state transportation planning requirements. This 2025 LRTP incorporates goals, objectives, and policies that promote a comprehensive, coordinated, and continuing transportation planning process complying fully with TEA-21 while also meeting many of the new requirements of SAFETEA-LU.

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<sup>1</sup> There are now eight planning factors as Planning Factor #2 has been split into two separate factors: safety and security.