
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES – TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Goal:

Ensure that travel within and through the township can occur safely and efficiently to meet existing and future transportation needs.

Objective T1: Identify measures and time frames to address deficiencies in the transportation system in the township, with review and updates every 5 years.

Policy T1.1:

By 2012, work with the Butler County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to identify roadway improvements needed in the township based on safety, roadway capacity, and efficient traffic flow.

Policy T1.2:

By 2012, rank proposed roadway improvements according to 1) impacts on public safety; 2) impacts on system efficiency and costs; and 3) impacts on maintaining acceptable levels of service.

Policy T1.3:

By 2012, work with the Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA) to identify existing public transit use and transit demand in the township, and to recommend transit service improvements as appropriate.

Policy T1.4:

By 2012, work with the CSX and Norfolk Southern Railroads, ODOT, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) and the Butler County Engineer's Office to clarify problems with at-grade railroad crossings in the township, to identify methods to address these problems, to secure funding and to establish a timeframe for addressing them.

Policy T1.5:

By 2012, work with the County Engineer's Office to identify needs and opportunities for sidewalks and bicycle facilities in conjunction with transportation projects in the township.

Policy T1.6:

Maintain representation on the county thoroughfare planning committee for updates on a regular basis.

Objective T2: Encourage planning for transportation facilities and services consistent with the township's comprehensive plan and coordinate with the plans and programs of the County Engineer's Office, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments, and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Policy T2.1:

Encourage the inclusion of projects consistent with the township's comprehensive plan in the county thoroughfare plan, in OKI's Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, and in ODOT's Six-Year Work Plan.

Policy T2.2:

Promptly report to the County Engineer’s Office and ODOT any observed deficiencies and improvements needed in county and state roads so that they may be reflected in county and state work programs.

Policy T2.3:

Make township design standards for proposed roadways consistent with relevant criteria published at the federal, state and local levels including ODOT manuals and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Engineers “Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets.”

Policy T2.4:

Establish the following peak hour level of service standards for collector, arterial, local and limited access facilities in the township:

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| Limited Access Facilities | “C” |
| Principal Arterials | “C” |
| Minor Arterials | “D” |
| Collectors | “D” |
| Local Roads | “D” |

Objective T3: Coordinate with state, regional, and local jurisdictions and with the private sector to provide funding for transportation improvements.

Policy T3.1:

Annually identify funding available through OKI, ODOT, the County Engineer’s Office, and private sector transportation providers such as Norfolk Southern and CSX Railroads.

Policy T3.2:

Annually pursue funding for transportation improvements through federal and state grants and private sector investments.

Policy T3.3:

Annually prioritize and allocate township funding to road maintenance according to 1) impacts on public safety; 2) impacts on system efficiency and costs; and 3) impacts on maintaining acceptable levels of service.

Objective T4: Coordinate new development that is consistent with the township’s comprehensive plan with the provision of adequate transportation facilities, including connections to collector and arterial streets and commercial or mixed use areas.

Policy T4.1:

Monitor land development and traffic levels of service to identify transportation facilities and/or improvements that will be needed.

Policy T4.2:

Require that approval for developments needing new transportation facilities and/or improvements be contingent on the availability of adequate funding and appropriate timing to provide such facilities and/or improvements.

Policy T4.3:

Adopt land development regulations which meet or exceed ODOT standards to control access to arterial and collector roads by limiting new curb cuts and driveway permits.

Policy T4.4:

Adopt land development regulations which provide for safe and convenient on-site traffic flow, and for motorized and non-motorized parking.

Policy T4.5:

Adopt land development regulations that require adequate connectors and local streets to be in place or be constructed to relieve or prevent congestion on arterial roadways.

Policy T4.6:

Adopt land development regulations which provide for local street connections toward existing or planned streets and new commercial or mixed use projects within one-half mile of existing development.

Policy T4.7:

Adopt land development regulations which provide for extension of local streets to adjoining undeveloped properties and eventual connection with the existing street system.

Policy T4.8:

Adopt land development regulations which provide for street alignments that are sensitive to natural features, topography, and the layout of adjacent development.

Policy T4.9:

Adopt land development regulations which provide for public transit facilities and services, and work with county, regional and state officials to provide or improve transit services.

Policy T4.10:

Consider the feasibility of sidewalks and bicycle facilities construction during the site plan review process.

Policy T4.11:

Encourage the construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that enable connectivity with existing pedestrian and bicycling facilities and with public transit service.

Policy T4.12:

Provide transportation facilities consistent with OKI's "Complete Streets" policy, which enables safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders.

Objective T5: Protect existing and future rights-of-way from building encroachment.

Policy T5.1:

Address the need to preserve or acquire existing and future rights-of-way by establishing roadway requirements in land development regulations, such as appropriate land use setbacks and required right-of-way dedications.

Policy T5.2:

Require dedications of necessary rights-of-way as a condition of plat approval.

Policy T5.3:

Work with the County Engineer's Office to identify right-of-way needed for improvement of existing roadways and construction of new roads, and establish measures for acquisition or preservation by 2012.

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