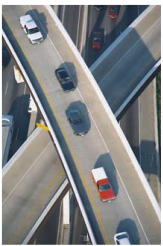
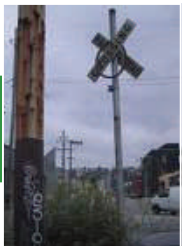


What are the benefits of using the CTP process?

The CTP has many benefits:

- It supports community adopted vision and goals by integrating land use and transportation.
- It allows communities to consider all modes, not just road improvements, for the future transportation system.
- It is more environmentally sound through an early and explicit consideration of sensitive environmental resources.
- It is more efficient for MPOs because it ties together the CTP and federal LRTP processes.
- It is more accountable to the public through the formal stakeholder involvement process.

Finally, the CTP process provides a direct link to project development. Once a project is funded, it must go through an extensive project development process, including an environmental review. Relevant transportation, environmental, and stakeholder information collected and analyzed during the CTP process can supplement or replace information needed during project development. This can save time and money in getting projects planned, designed, and built.



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What is a CTP?

CTP stands for Comprehensive Transportation Plan, North Carolina's new multi-modal transportation plan format and process. The CTP includes community consensus on future transportation needs required to support anticipated growth and development.

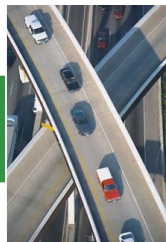
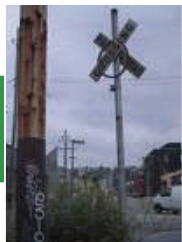
A CTP is mutually-adopted legal document between the state and the local area partner.

When a CTP is adopted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation it represents the state's concurrence with the locally identified transportation needs. A CTP replaces thoroughfare plans that have been in place since the 1950's. Both the process and the product of a CTP are different than the thoroughfare plan.

How is a CTP different from a thoroughfare plan?

Previously, thoroughfare plans identified the existing and proposed highway network needed to handle existing and future traffic. The CTP is a multi-modal plan that identifies the entire existing and future transportation system, including highways, public transportation, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities needed to serve the anticipated travel demand. The CTP is more environmentally and community friendly.

It strengthens the connections between an area's transportation plan, adopted local land development plan, and community vision.



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Why are we changing?

North Carolina is a growing and dynamic state. While roads will always be an important part of our transportation system, communities across North Carolina are considering how other transportation modes can support their economic and quality of life goals. To reflect their desire to expand transportation planning options, the North Carolina General Assembly amended the state transportation planning law in 2001. This amendment replaced the highway planning requirement with a multi-modal Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

The CTP provides a technically sound, collaborative planning process for looking at the full range of options to meet future transportation needs.

How is the process for developing a CTP different from traditional transportation planning in North Carolina?

The CTP process is more structured, but it allows for flexibility to customize the process in order to meet an area's needs. While a locally-endorsed land development plan is required, the CTP process allows local areas to test how different land use patterns may affect future transportation improvements. New tools and planning processes are used to identify and avoid environmentally sensitive areas. Roles have been defined for new partners, including local land use agencies, state and federal environmental resource agencies.



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A project management plan that defines local and NCDOT responsibilities for developing the CTP is agreed on in the initial steps of the process. The CTP also includes a formal stakeholder involvement process that identifies specific points where:

- Information is provided to and requested from the public.
- Local policy leaders consider this input during their decision-making.
- The results of the decision-making process are reported back to the public.

How is a CTP different than a federally required long range plan?

Under federal law, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are required to prepare a long-range transportation plan (LRTP). In the past, the federal long-range plan and state thoroughfare plans were developed using separate processes. This required duplication of effort from MPOs in North Carolina. The CTP process is designed to complement the federal long-range plan requirements; thus, eliminating this duplication.

Do local areas have to use the CTP process?

There is no legal requirement for any local area to use the CTP process. It is entirely voluntary. The CTP process will be used by NCDOT in all areas where NCDOT provides technical assistance in developing a transportation plan.

