



Public Policy Platform Surface Transportation

Policy 1. The Michigan Association of Planning supports the vision of a well-integrated multimodal transportation system that serves individual, local, regional, state, national, and global needs and achieves goals of choice, mobility, access, sustainable development, and efficiency. Cooperative and comprehensive planning processes must be the basis for public and private investment decisions.

Policy 2. The Michigan Association of Planning recommends that transportation plans and projects must reflect the diversity of concerns and needs in a community, the region, and the State, and that this is best accomplished through adoption of policies mandating active implementation of broadly inclusive and on-going public involvement programs.

Policy 3. The Michigan Association of Planning urges that transportation plans and programs should be developed and implemented by means of processes in which the responsibility and authority for planning and decision-making are shared among local, regional, state, tribal and interstate units of government in manner that reflects an equitable balance of their specific as well as related interests.

Policy 4. The Michigan Association of Planning supports public policies and actions that ensure that transportation system development creates public benefits for environmental quality, growth management, land use, housing affordability, social equity, historic preservation, urban design, and economic development.

Policy 5. The Michigan Association of Planning supports evaluating and constraining transportation plans and programs with realistic assessments of fiscal resources that are or will be available for project design, construction, operation, and maintenance strengthens good planning.

Policy 6. The Michigan Association of Planning believes no single funding mechanism is likely to serve all transportation interests well. Hence MSP supports flexible funding programs that balance categorical with formula grants, offer broad latitude for local preferences regarding the allocation of resources across modes, and provide means to cooperatively address legitimate but sometimes conflicting regional, state, tribal, and national transportation concerns.

Policy 7. The Michigan Association of Planning believes that adequate is the best way to ensure cross agency and multimodal cooperation in planning and delivering an effective, balanced transportation system that serves diverse needs.

Policy 8. The Michigan Association of Planning supports federal funding to support research, technology development, data collection, training, technology transfer, and the integration of research results into the planning process at regional and local levels.

Policy 9. The Michigan Association of Planning supports federal and state transportation legislation that is consistent with the above policy guidelines.

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