

ABOUT THE PLAN

An efficient and well-functioning transportation system is crucial to maintaining economic vitality and a high quality of life in the DuPage County area. The DuPage Area Transit Plan originated from the recognition that simply constructing larger roads would not meet the area's future transportation needs.

Transit Plan Objectives

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and DuPage County developed six "mobility objectives" that guided the recommendations of the Transit Plan. These were:

- Integrate transit services with all modes of the regional transportation system
- Implement transit services to reduce or contain highway traffic congestion in select corridors, subareas or employment centers
- Develop a sustainable transportation system in the DuPage County area
- Establish and ensure an appropriate level of mobility for transportation-disadvantaged residents of the DuPage County area
- Utilize public transit to link local and regional labor markets with hard-to-fill jobs in the DuPage County area
- Utilize public transit and transit-oriented development strategies to sustain the economic vitality of mature downtowns and regional retail/commercial centers

Public Involvement

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference conducted an intensive public involvement process during the development of the Transit Plan, and we remain committed to involving the public in its implementation. For information on opportunities to participate in plan activities, please visit the Transit Plan Activities page. Several projects are underway that improve transit service for DuPage communities.

Transit Plan Recommendations

The Transit Plan recommends three "layers" of transit service:

- Circulators, local bus services that provide trips within a community or transfer opportunities to other services (major bus routes or Metra trains)
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- Connectors, which run north-south or east-west on major arterial streets
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- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which provides high-speed connections between Naperville, Oak Brook, O'Hare, and Schaumburg
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Also, the Transit Plan recommends many transit-supportive features, such as bus shelters, park-and-rides, sidewalks and bicycle facilities, and Transit Oriented Development land use.

Participants

In February 2003, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and DuPage County formed a joint committee, the Transit Plan Implementation Team, to meet regularly to discuss and resolve implementation issues.

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