



Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan (SMTP)

TP&D Directors Meeting



First-ever Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan in Texas

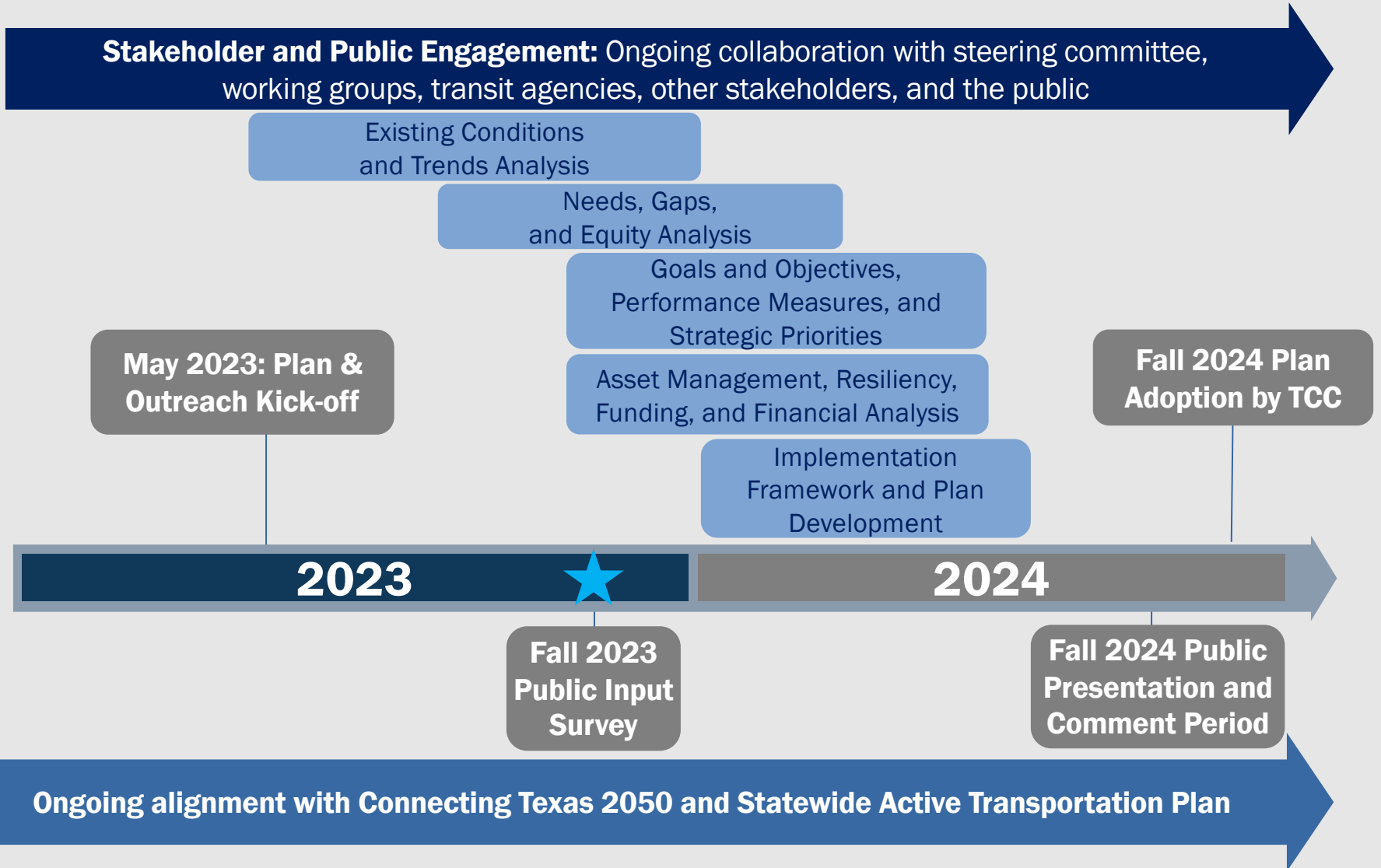
- Long-range plan for statewide transit
- Planning horizon of 2050
 - Periodically updated every 4-5 years
- Builds upon foundation laid by existing plans
- Identifies key policies and strategies to support public transit across Texas
- Provides a framework for prioritizing investments

Why and Why Now?



- Demographic trends
- Establish transit's role in the transportation network
- Identify policies and strategies to address the following:
 - Access
 - Connectivity
 - Safety
 - Congestion Relief
- To align with other long-range plans
 - Connecting Texas 2050
 - Statewide Active Transportation Plan
- Support regional and local public transportation plans and priorities
- Capitalize on historic levels of investments in public transportation

Texas SMTP Timeline





Steering Committee

Topical Working Groups



In-person outreach

- Pop-up events in regions throughout the state
- Coordination with local agencies



Online outreach

- Social media
- Video
- TxDOT newsroom
- Engagement site



Media outreach

- Press release
- Coordination with TxDOT



Direct outreach to stakeholders

- Emails
- Presentations



Community sharing kit for community businesses and organizations

- Fact sheet
- Email/social media copy for sharing with networks
- Community survey

Stakeholder Engagement - Priorities, Challenges, and 2050 Visioning



If funding were not an issue, what are your agency's top three transit service priorities over the next 30 years?

What are your agency's biggest challenges in meeting your service priorities?

What are the top three things transit must do, or have in place, by 2050 to play a larger role in solving Texas' mobility challenges?

Initial Input from Key Stakeholder Groups



JULY 13, 2023

Semi-Annual Operators Meeting

Top Priorities

- Improving frequency on current service
- New/renovated facilities
- Increasing service hours on existing service

Challenges

- Workforce
- Local match funding
- Facilities and fleet

2050 Visioning

- Establish a fixed network of intercity service connections
- Expand mobility options
- Leveraging technology

AUGUST 31, 2023

Metropolitan Transit Authorities Meeting

Top Priorities

- Improve frequency on current service
- Increase accessible hours/increase hours on existing services
- Additional service coverage

Challenges

- Workforce
- Policy/public perception
- Funding

2050 Visioning

- Expand mobility options in congested corridors
- Revise institutional and legal frameworks supporting governance, operation, and financing of public transportation in Texas
- Increase access to services and ensure safe, reliable, and efficient operation of transit vehicles
- Improve economic opportunities and quality of life

Steering Committee Input on SMTP



Remember that achieving transit goals often requires updating or re-thinking infrastructure

Make sure the plan fits the needs of Texans and is not a template

Acknowledge funding concerns and limitations

Explain how transit benefits our state's continued economic competitiveness – make a business case for transit

Define public transportation

Share that transit is the safest mode of travel

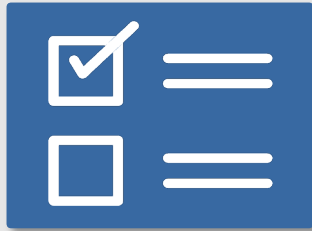
Address the impacts of climate change on transit and its users

Consider partnerships with private sector providers

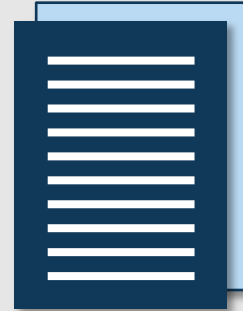
Acknowledge the different needs of rural and urban communities



**Confirm
Vision**



**Continue Public
Awareness
Campaign &
Tabulate Survey
Results**



**Complete
Existing Conditions
& Trends Tech
Memo**



**Identify Topical
Working Groups
and
Participants**



How Can You Help?

- What are we missing?
- Topical Working Groups are forthcoming – stay tuned
- Follow along by referencing our [project website](#)
- If you have suggestions, send them to us!



Thank you!

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