

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Long Range Transportation Plan



What is DMATS?

- DMATS = Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
- United States Code requires urban areas with populations over 50,000 to create a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and carry out certain planning activities to access federal transportation funding.
- DMATS has been the MPO for the Dubuque urban area since 1974.
- Around 85,000 people live in the DMATS planning area.
- DMATS is governed by a board of local elected officials.

What is a Long Range Transportation Plan?

- A Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a 20+ year strategy that guides investments in all modes of transportation, ensuring a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system.
- Federal law requires MPOs to adopt a LRTP and update it every 5 years.
- Current plan was adopted in October 2021.
- The next plan is due in October 2026.

Key Plan Requirements

- Must cover at least 20 years.
- Must include all transportation modes: roads and bridges, transit, walking, biking, passenger rail, freight, aviation.
- Must include a fiscally constrained list of projects and may include illustrative projects.
- Must involve public and stakeholder participation.
- Must include environmental considerations.
- Must coordinate with other plans.

More Information

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DMATS Planning Area Map

