

Policies:	Strategies:	Implementation:
<p>TRANSPORTATION:</p> <p>Transportation is an essential element to the local economy and community. At its simplest, it provides access to jobs, services, and supplies. Without transportation and road access, a community could not exist.</p> <p>Winthrop's transportation system provides access both within the town and to larger market areas. The road network serves primarily motor vehicles and is generally in good condition.</p> <p>There are other forms of transportation, besides motor vehicles, that must be considered when planning for the future. For example, pedestrian networks, bicycle access, ride-sharing programs and public transportation.</p> <p>State Goal: To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public highway and road facilities as well as town services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.</p>		
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<p>1. To prioritize community and regional needs associated with safe, efficient, and optimal use of transportation systems.</p>	<p>1.1: Develop or continue to update a prioritized improvement, maintenance, and repair plan for the community's transportation network.</p> <p>1.2: Explore the feasibility of creating a Roads Committee to assist with planning and prioritizing road construction and maintenance.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Ongoing.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p>
<p>2. To safely and efficiently preserve or improve the transportation system.</p>	<p>2.1: Initiate or actively participate in regional and state transportation efforts.</p> <p>2.2: Work with MDOT to improve the existing transportation system.</p> <p>2.3: Take into consideration scenic road corridors when planning, designing, and executing roadway improvements.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Ongoing.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Ongoing.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town</p>

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	<p>2.4: Work closely with the MDOT to set appropriate speed limits on state and local roads.</p> <p>2.5: Ensure that road maintenance and improvement operations minimize erosion, phosphorus runoff, protect groundwater and maintain safety.</p> <p>2.6: Evaluate and update current ordinances, such as the Road and Street Construction Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance to unify all references and cross check that they are made to existing ordinances.</p> <p>2.7: Update relevant ordinances to include the newly created position of Town Planner where necessary.</p> <p>2.8: Continue discussions regarding the installation of Electronic Vehicle charging stations in appropriate locations.</p>	<p>Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board, Public Works Department, Town Council. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board, Town Council. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Town Planner, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p>
<p>3. To promote public health, protect natural and cultural resources, and enhance livability by managing land use in ways that maximize the efficiency of the transportation system and minimize increases in vehicle miles traveled.</p>	<p>3.1: Update the Road and Street Construction Standards Ordinance to include requirements for protecting natural resources, while ensuring future roads are constructed to meet safety standards.</p> <p>3.2: Explore options for connecting points of interest, such as schools and other public areas, to make them more accessible and safer for walking and bicycling.</p> <p>3.3: Where possible, give</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town</p>

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	preference to road improvements within growth areas in the road improvements plan.	Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Short term.
<p>4. To meet the diverse transportation needs of residents (including children, the elderly and disabled) and through travelers by providing a safe, efficient, and adequate transportation network for all types of users (motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists).</p>	<p>4.1: Maintain, enact or amend local ordinances as appropriate to address or avoid conflicts with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy objectives of the Sensible Transportation Policy Act (23 M.R.S.A. §73); ○ State access management regulations pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §704; and ○ State traffic permitting regulations for large developments pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §704-A. <p>4.2: Consider updating the Winthrop Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan periodically to keep it viable and relevant.</p> <p>4.3: Investigate and continue to support programs that provide transportation for elderly, disabled, and low-income community members, such as Central Maine Taxi, Neighbors Driving Neighbors, and Kennebec Valley Community Action Program.</p> <p>4.4: Explore the possibility of designating a pickup/drop off area for individuals who work in either Lewiston or Augusta to promote public transportation for carpooling or vanpooling.</p> <p>4.5: Continue to work toward the re-installation of a Greyhound bus stop</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Long term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Planning</p>

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	<p>in the downtown area by exploring potential roadblocks.</p> <p>4.6: Explore the possibility of adding a train stop in Winthrop by contacting the railways and discussing their requirements and investigate collaborating with neighboring communities to expand the railway's plans to implement passenger service north of Portland.</p>	<p>Board, Town Planner, CEO. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Planning Board, Town Planner, CEO. Long term.</p>
5. To promote fiscal prudence by maximizing the efficiency of the state or state-aid highway network.	5.1 Maintain, enact or amend ordinance standards for subdivisions and for public and private roads as appropriate to foster transportation-efficient growth patterns and provide for future street and transit connections.	Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.
6. Continue to address traffic speed and pedestrian safety on Main Street, especially in the downtown area.	<p>6.1: Consider conducting a traffic study with the aim of improving the walkability and safety along Main Street.</p> <p>6.2: Work with Maine DOT in exploring the need for traffic calming measures, up to and including traffic lights, in certain known problem areas within town.</p> <p>6.3: Update the 2000 Downtown Revitalization Plan to keep it up-to-date and viable.</p> <p>6.4: Work with Maine DOT to implement pedestrian safety improvements at the Main Street and Highland Avenue intersection, particularly during school hours.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board, Police Chief. Long term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department, Police Chief. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department, Police Chief. Short term.</p>

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	<p>6.5: Investigate feasibility and effectiveness of traffic calming measures for the Highland Avenue and Main Street intersection.</p> <p>6.6: Establish community gateways and landscaping at both ends of Main Street to better define the village area and make visitors aware they're entering the town's village.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p>
<p>7. Work toward making the downtown area more pedestrian-friendly.</p>	<p>7.1: Evaluate the sidewalks for connectivity and work toward fixing problem areas.</p> <p>7.2: Evaluate the sidewalks for ADA compliance.</p> <p>7.3: Improve the physical condition of the sidewalks where necessary.</p> <p>7.4: Consider revising the Zoning Ordinance to include provisions with requirements and standards for the creation of pedestrian and/or bike paths in new developments.</p> <p>7.5: Explore the need and options for a common, public parking area near downtown to alleviate parking issues and encourage people to walk the downtown area.</p> <p>7.6: Ensure crosswalks are highly visible, either with fresh paint or other measures.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Long term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p>