

Policies:	Strategies:	Implementation:
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION:</b></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><b>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.</b></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>2.4: Work closely with the MDOT to set appropriate speed limits on state and local roads.</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 data-bbox="581 310 1073 489">2.5: Ensure that road maintenance and improvement operations minimize erosion, phosphorus runoff, protect groundwater and maintain safety.</p> <p data-bbox="581 527 1078 772">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 data-bbox="581 810 1097 915">2.7: Update relevant ordinances to include the newly created position of Town Planner where necessary.</p> <p data-bbox="581 989 1089 1125">2.8: Continue discussions regarding the installation of Electronic Vehicle charging stations in appropriate locations.</p>	<p data-bbox="1128 239 1474 310">Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 384 1474 489">Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 594 1442 772">Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board, Public Works Department, Town Council. Short term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 877 1442 1024">Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board, Town Council. Short term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1056 1463 1199">Town Manager, Town Council, Town Planner, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p>
<p data-bbox="138 1205 553 1520">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 data-bbox="581 1205 1073 1451">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 data-bbox="581 1556 1081 1734">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 data-bbox="581 1797 1052 1873">3.3: Where possible, give preference to road improvements</p>	<p data-bbox="1128 1205 1463 1383">Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Short term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1556 1463 1734">Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1797 1463 1873">Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council,</p>

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	<p>within growth areas in the road improvements plan.</p>	<p>Public Works Department, Planning Board. Short term.</p>
<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"> <li>○ Policy objectives of the Sensible Transportation Policy Act (23 M.R.S.A. §73);</li> <li>○ State access management regulations pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §704; and</li> <li>○ State traffic permitting regulations for large developments pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. §704-A.</li> </ul> <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 towards the re-installation of a Greyhound bus</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>stop 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.</p>	<p>Board, Town Planner, CEO. Mid-term.</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Planning Board, Town Planner, CEO. Long term.</p>
<p>5. To promote fiscal prudence by maximizing the efficiency of the state or state-aid highway network.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p>
<p>6. Continue to address traffic speed and pedestrian safety on Main Street, especially in the downtown area.</p>	<p>6.1: Consider conducting a traffic study with the aim of improving the walkability and safety along Main Street.</p> <p>6.2: Evaluate the need for installing traffic calming measures, either temporary or permanent.</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 data-bbox="581 354 1013 541">6.5: Investigate feasibility and effectiveness of traffic calming measures for the Highland Avenue and Main Street intersection.</p> <p data-bbox="581 604 1101 779">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 data-bbox="1128 348 1479 453">Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 598 1455 703">Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p>
<p data-bbox="138 785 521 890">7. Work toward making the downtown area more pedestrian-friendly.</p>	<p data-bbox="581 785 1078 890">7.1: Evaluate the sidewalks for connectivity and work toward fixing problem areas.</p> <p data-bbox="581 995 1094 1068">7.2: Evaluate the sidewalks for ADA compliance.</p> <p data-bbox="581 1173 1078 1247">7.3: Improve the physical condition of the sidewalks where necessary.</p> <p data-bbox="581 1310 1094 1497">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 data-bbox="581 1528 1078 1707">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 data-bbox="581 1738 1062 1854">7.6: Ensure crosswalks are highly visible, either with fresh paint or other measures.</p>	<p data-bbox="1128 785 1455 890">Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 995 1455 1100">Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1173 1479 1278">Town Manager, Public Works Department. Mid-term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1310 1463 1497">Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Mid-term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1528 1463 1707">Town Manager, Town Planner, Town Council, Public Works Department, Planning Board. Long term.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 1738 1479 1854">Town Manager, Town Council, Public Works Department. Short term.</p>

**Black= State required**

**Green= new addition**

**Red= from 2010 CP**

**Purple= new suggestions from Town Council or public**