

Transportation

Encourage reliable funding for a safe and efficient regional transportation system that includes public transit bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports.

A key component of this goal is the desire to attract a second airline to Valdosta Airport.

Transportation infrastructure serves as a critical component of economic development, quality of life, and regional connectivity. Residents, businesses, and visitors rely upon a transportation network that safely and efficiently accommodates multiple modes of travel, including automobiles, public transit, bicycles, pedestrians, rail, and aviation. As Lowndes County continues to grow, maintaining and expanding transportation options will remain important to supporting mobility, economic competitiveness, and access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services.

The Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization's (VLMPO) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan provides a long-range framework for transportation investments throughout the region which emphasizes the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure, improving safety, expanding multimodal transportation options, supporting freight movement, and enhancing connectivity between communities and activity centers.



In addition to roadway and multimodal investments, aviation continues to serve an important role in the regional transportation system. Valdosta Regional Airport provides commercial air service and supports economic development, tourism, and business activity throughout South Georgia. Community stakeholders have identified the recruitment of a second commercial airline as an important opportunity to increase passenger choice, improve connectivity, and strengthen the airport's role as a regional asset.

The policies contained herein reflect recommendations from the VLMPO 2050 Plan and transportation planning best practices.