

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

The VLMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, adopted in September 2025, serves as the federally required long-range transportation plan for the Valdosta Urbanized Area. It is incorporated by reference into this Comprehensive Plan as the official Transportation Element for Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta.

The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan presents the region's long-term vision for a safe, efficient, and well-connected transportation system through 2050. It identifies both existing and future transportation needs, sets priorities across all travel modes, and outlines the funding structure necessary to implement planned improvements. The plan brings together investment strategies for highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, freight and intermodal connections, and aviation, supported by federal, state, local, and private-sector resources.

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, the VLMPO develops the 2050 Plan through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process in partnership with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission. This process ensures that transportation decisions are data-driven, performance-based, and aligned with national planning goals and federal performance management requirements.

To show how the goals of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan align with national transportation goals and federal planning factors, the plan includes an updated framework that clearly connects regional priorities with federal performance-based planning expectations. This framework illustrates how locally developed transportation objectives support national emphasis areas such as safety, system preservation, mobility and connectivity, environmental sustainability, and freight movement.

