Goal 1: System Preservation and Safety
Transportation infrastructure that is properly maintained and safe, preserving past investments for the future.

Objectives:
- Provide for the continuing preservation and maintenance needs of transportation facilities and services in the region
- Promote and encourage transportation resiliency to prepare the region for the future and reduce the impact of natural or manmade emergencies and disasters.
- Provide a safe and secure environment for the traveling public, addressing roadway hazards as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Create an inventory of critical infrastructure
- Integrate resiliency into planning and project development
- Encourage development of a transportation system, which can safely and efficiently accommodate unusual and unpredictable conditions.
- Promote transportation improvements, facility design and construction standards that withstand extreme demands and unexpected conditions.

Goal 2: Access and Mobility
Transportation systems and services that provide accessibility, mobility and modal choices for residents, businesses and the economic development of the region.

Objectives:
- Maintain an acceptable and reliable level of service on transportation and mobility systems serving the region, taking into account performance by mode and facility type
- Provide residents of the region with access to jobs, shopping, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities and provide employers with reasonable access to the workforce in the region
- Maintain a reasonable and reliable travel time for moving freight into, through and within the region, as well as provide high-quality access between intercity freight transportation corridors and freight terminal locations, including intermodal facilities for air, rail and truck cargo
- Provide the people of the region with transportation modal options necessary to carry out their essential daily activities and support equitable access to the region’s opportunities
- Address the needs of the elderly and other population groups that may have special transportation needs, such as non-drivers or those with disabilities
- Plan and develop temporary and accessible pedestrian facilities to improve connectivity in the event of an emergency situation.
Goal 3: Sustaining the Environment
Transportation improvements that help sustain our environment and quality of life.

Objectives:
- Identify and encourage implementation of mitigation measures that will reduce noise, visual and traffic impacts of transportation projects on existing neighborhoods
- Encourage programs and land use planning that advance efficient tripmaking patterns in the region
- Make transportation decisions that are compatible with air quality conformity and water quality standards, the sustainable preservation of key regional ecosystems and desired lifestyles

Goal 4: Partnerships
Coordinate the regional transportation planning effort in partnership with MoDOT and represent the region in the development of state wide planning and prioritization processes.

Objectives:
- Encourage development of statewide corridors serving the region.
- Bring together elected officials and staff from cities and counties to foster regional cooperation in transportation planning

Goal 5: Local Outreach
Promote and encourage public involvement in local, regional and statewide transportation planning.

Objectives:
- Monitor legislative and regulatory issues that impact transportation.
- Educate the citizens of the region on transportation issues and encourage their input.
- Improve the ability to communicate with transportation users.
- Encourage regional coordination as part of long range transportation planning to include interdependent sectors and stakeholders.