

Charlier Associates, Inc.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

FLAGSTAFF MPO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Flagstaff, AZ (completed)

Charlier Associates led a multidisciplinary team to complete a major update of the Flagstaff MPO's Regional Transportation Plan. The RTP is attracting national attention for its innovative tools and best practice approaches to link multimodal transportation, smart growth, and transportation investment priorities. The RTP used an activity center and community character approach to identify and set expectations for transportation project and service investments over time, with functional detail for each major travel mode to guide facility and service design. The following community-based policy framework guided the technical innovation:

- Maximize personal mobility by providing balanced travel choices that also maximize safety and security.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and optimize existing infrastructure before adding more.
- Fund transportation project and facilities that support and enhance neighborhood and community character, environmental sustainability, safety, and region's economy.
- Serve all three elements of mobility: access, circulation, and regional travel.
- Integrate transportation decision-making with long-range local and regional land use planning.

Following the RTP's adoption, CAI prepared the FMPO's first-ever transportation performance measures report and framework to assist with the RTP's ongoing implementation. The report provides visual and technical analysis and trends reporting for 18 carefully-chosen performance measures addressing personal travel choices, congestion/performance, transportation and land use, and community satisfaction. The FMPO intends to update the report annually as a means to measure the region's progress towards achieving the RTP's policy objectives and project recommendations, as well as how the RTP itself is being implemented and influencing travel trends over time.

CLIENT: Flagstaff MPO

CONTACT: David Wessel, FMPO Manager - (928) 226-4841; dwessel@flagstaffaz.gov

