



# *Link Spokane:*

## **Policy Advisory Group Meeting #2: Vision & Goals**

# Previously in Link Spokane

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- What is Link Spokane, and what have we done to date
- Overview of the Integrated Strategy and Transportation Chapter connection
- Overview of existing Transportation Chapter Vision and Values
- Discussed support for updated draft Transportation Vision

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## Current Vision Statement

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*“Citizens of Spokane will have a variety of transportation choices that allow easy access and mobility throughout the region and that respect property and the environment”*



# 1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT Vision Statement

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*“Citizens of Spokane will have a variety of transportation choices that allow safer access and mobility throughout the region; that promotes healthy living; that supports land use and respects the environment; encourages economic development; and that provides affordable community development by integrating transportation and city utility infrastructure planning”*





# Vision Ideas

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access affordable belonging civic community **connected** cost-  
efficient development **economic** efficient enhancing  
**health** **livable** environmental equity living mobility  
**multi-modal** opportunity outcome personal property  
**safe** protection regional safety social stewardship  
**sustainable** **variety** vitality



# Transportation Vision Statement DRAFT

*“Spokane will have a **multimodal** transportation system that provides **safe** and efficient mobility, supports **economic** and community vitality, and promotes a **healthy, livable** community.*

*The transportation element of the comprehensive plan will reflect the following values:*

- *Sustainability*
- *Stewardship of public assets*
- *Economic development*
- *Personal safety*
- *Place and belonging*
- *Social equity and health*
- *Fiscal and environmental responsibility through project integration*
- *Respect of property rights*
- *Preservation of the transportation system*



# *Discussion*





# *Link Spokane:* **Existing Goals & Policies**



# Goal Definition

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- “Goals and policies provide specificity for planning and decision-making. Overall, they indicate desired directions, accomplishments, or aims in relation to the growth and development of Spokane”

— Spokane Comprehensive Plan



# Goal/Policy Definition

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- A **goal** is a general statement of the community's desired outcome.
- **Policies** are a course of action that a community will take to meet its goals. They are focused and direct actions.

— Spokane Comprehensive Plan



# Existing Transportation Goals

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## ☐ TR 1 OVERALL TRANSPORTATION

- **Goal:** Develop and implement a transportation system and a healthy balance of transportation choices that improve the mobility and quality of life of all residents.

## ☐ TR 2 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- **Goal:** Provide a variety of transportation options, including walking, bicycling, taking the bus, car pooling, and driving private automobiles, to ensure that all citizens have viable travel options and reduce dependency on automobiles

## ☐ TR 3 TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE

- **Goal:** Recognize the key relationship between the places where people live, work, and shop and their need to have access to these places; use this relationship to promote land use patterns, transportation facilities, and other urban features that advance Spokane's quality of life.

## ☐ TR 4 EFFICIENT AND SAFE MOBILITY

- **Goal:** Design and maintain Spokane's transportation system to have efficient and safe movement of people and goods within the city and region.

## ☐ TR 5 NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION

- **Goal:** Protect neighborhoods from the impacts of the transportation system, including the impacts of increased and faster moving traffic.



# Existing Transportation Goals

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## ☐ TR 6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Goal: Minimize the impacts of the transportation system on the environment, including the region's air quality and environmental features, such as nature corridors.

## ☐ TR 7 SENSE OF PLACE

- Goal: Foster a sense of community and identity through the availability of transportation choices and transportation design features, recognizing that both profoundly affect the way people interact and experience the city.

## ☐ TR 8 REGIONAL PLANNING

- Goal: Plan for transportation on a regional basis.

## ☐ TR 9 EQUITABLE FUNDING

- Goal: Finance a balanced, multimode transportation system using resources efficiently and equitably.

## ☐ TR 10 THE FUTURE

- Goal: Prepare for the future and changing transportation needs resulting from changing populations, technology, and trends.



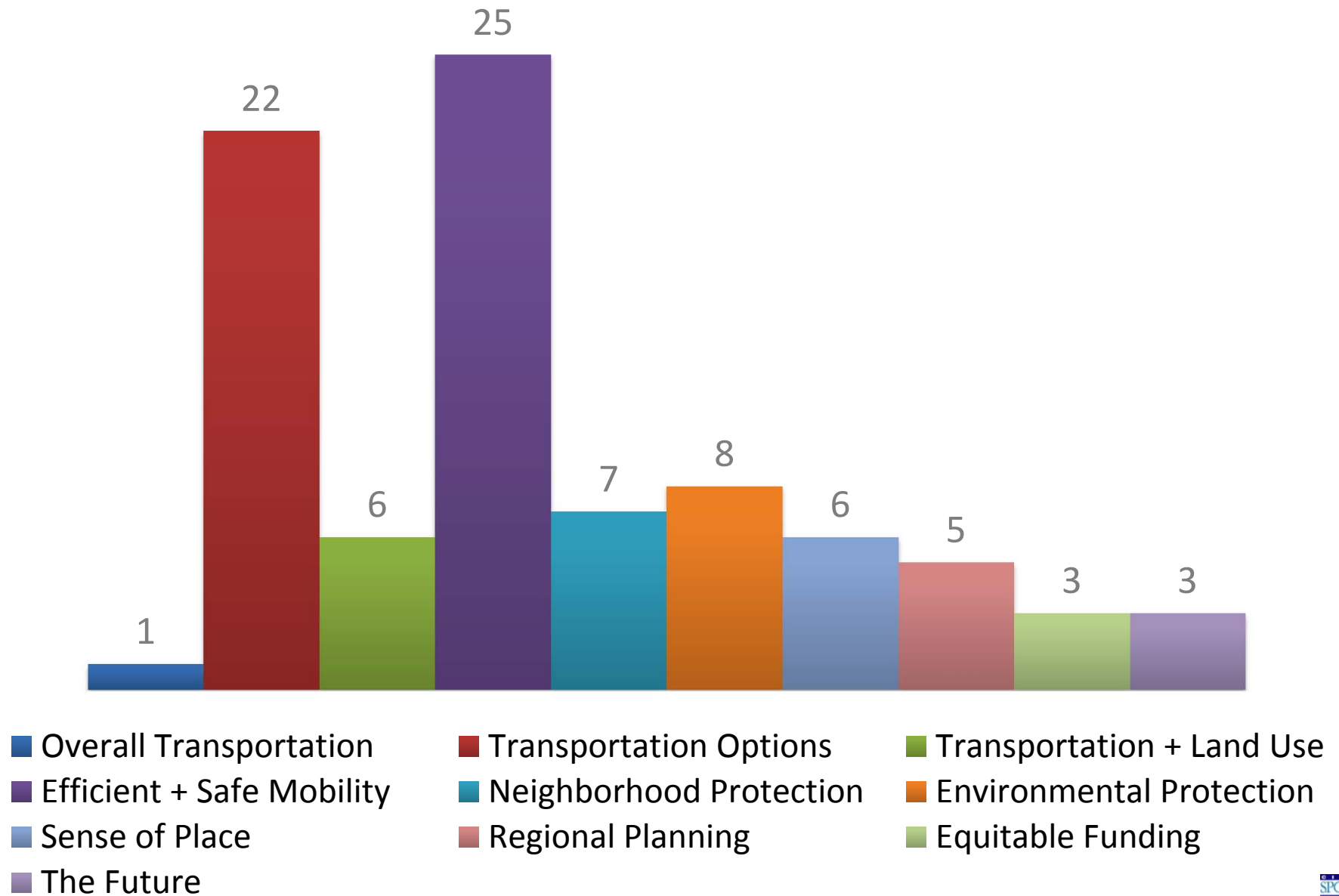
# Existing Transportation Goals

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- TR 1: Overall Transportation
- TR 2: Transportation Options
- TR 3: Transportation and Land Use
- TR 4: Efficient + Safe Mobility
- TR 5: Neighborhood Protection
- TR 6: Environmental Protection
- TR 7: Sense of Place
- TR 8: Regional Planning
- TR 9: Equitable Funding
- TR 10: The Future

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# Policies by Goals



## 2. Transportation Options

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- 2.1 Physical Features
- 2.2 TDM Strategies
- 2.3 Pedestrian / Bicycle Coordination
- 2.4 Parking Requirements
- 2.5 Parking Facility Design
- 2.6 Viable Walking Alternatives
- 2.7 Safe Sidewalks
- 2.8 Sidewalk Repair and Replacement
- 2.9 Crosswalks
- 2.10 Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages Across Barriers
- 2.11 Pedestrian and Bicycle Access on Bridges
- 2.12 Pedestrian and Bicycle Access to Schools
- 2.13 Viable Bicycling
- 2.14 Bikeways
- 2.15 Bicycles on Streets
- 2.16 Bicycle Lanes, Boulevards, and Paths
- 2.17 Facilities to Support Bicycling
- 2.18 Viable Transit
- 2.19 Service and Facility Support
- 2.20 Transit Shelters and Other Features
- 2.21 Transit Level of Service
- 2.22 High Capacity Mass Transit

# 4. Efficient + Safe Mobility

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- 4.1 Street Design and Traffic Flow
- 4.2 Self-Enforcing Street Design
- 4.3 Narrow Streets
- 4.4 Arterial Location and Design
- 4.5 External Connections
- 4.6 Internal Connections
- 4.7 Holistic Plans
- 4.8 Freight and Commercial Goods
- 4.9 Downtown Accessibility
- 4.10 Downtown Street Network
- 4.11 Consistency of Rules
- 4.12 Law Enforcement
- 4.13 Traffic Signals
- 4.14 Signs
- 4.15 Lighting
- 4.16 Safety Campaigns
- 4.17 Street Maintenance
- 4.18 Sidewalk Maintenance
- 4.19 Awareness of ROW Streetscape Elements
- 4.20 Design and Maintenance of ROW Streetscape Elements
- 4.21 Maintenance Responsibility for ROW Streetscape Elements
- 4.22 Awareness of Maintenance Responsibility for ROW Streetscape Elements
- 4.23 Transportation LOS
- 4.24 Transportation LOS Coordination and Consistency
- 4.25 Pedestrian and Bicycle Access to Parks



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# *Link Spokane:* Goal & Policy Guidance

# Federal Planning Factors

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- Support the **economic vitality** of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- Increase the **safety** of the transportation system for **motorized and non-motorized** users.
- Increase the **accessibility and mobility** of people and for freight.
- Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote energy conservation, **improve the quality of life**, and **promote consistency** between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- Enhance the **integration and connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- Promote **efficient** system management and operation.
- Emphasize the **preservation** of the existing transportation system.



# State/Regional/Local Guidance

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- WSDOT State Transportation Policy
  - Eastern Region projects/programs
- *STA Connect Spokane*
- *SRTC Horizon 2040*
  - Guiding Principles
  - Implementation Toolkit
- City of Spokane Transportation Project Evaluation Matrix

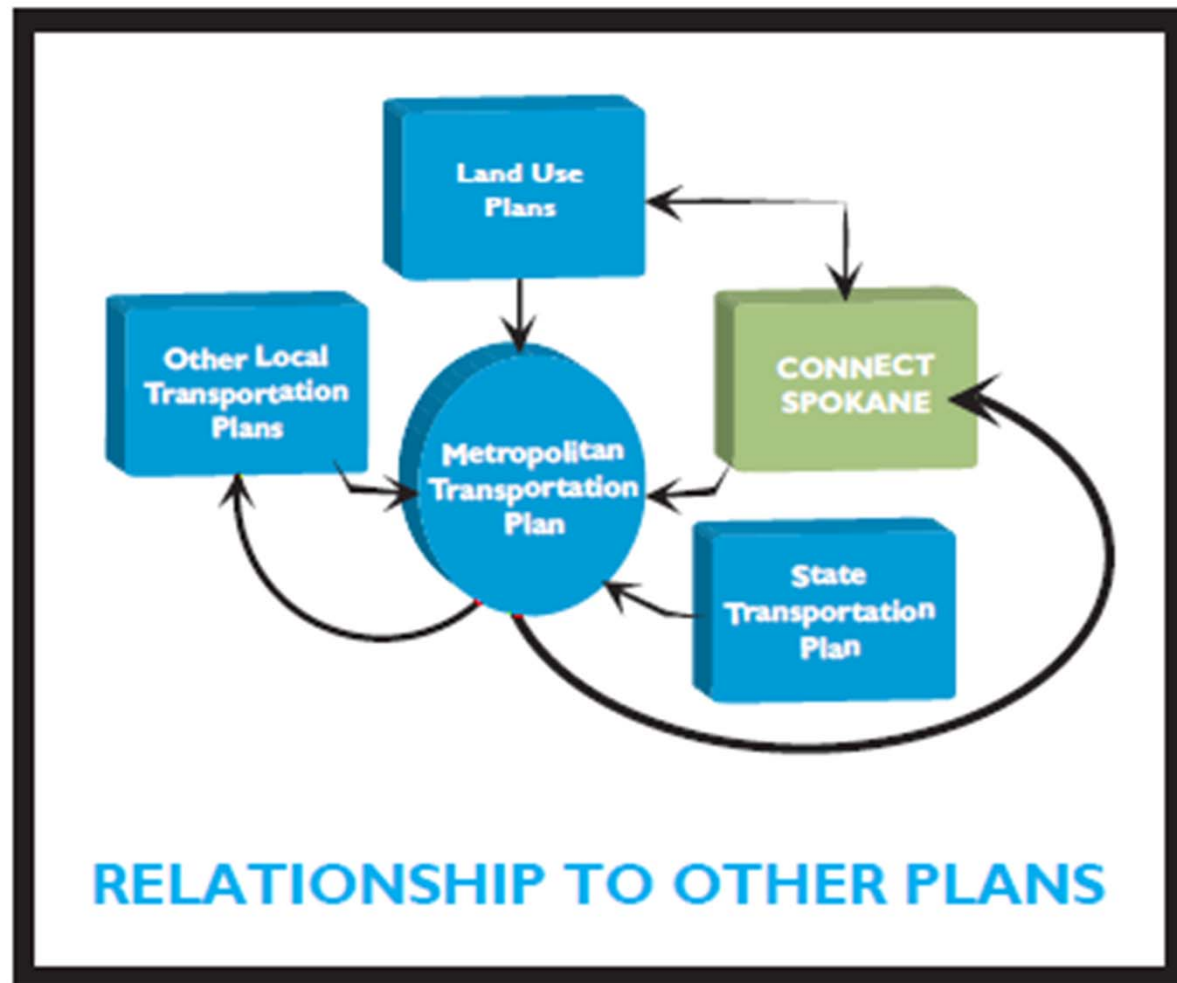


# Statewide Transportation Policy Goals

- **Preservation:** To maintain, preserve and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services.
- **Safety:** To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system.
- **Mobility** (addressing congestion): To improve the predictable movement of goods and people throughout Washington state.
- **Environment:** To enhance Washington's quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance healthy communities and protect the environment.
- **Stewardship:** To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation system.
- **Economic Vitality:** To promote and develop transportation systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and goods to ensure a prosperous economy.



# STA Connect Spokane



# SRTC Horizon 2040: Guiding Principles



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## **GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1: ECONOMIC VITALITY**

Investments and improvements in the regional transportation system will promote economic vitality by focusing on moving people, freight and goods to enhance the global competitiveness of the regional economy. Major transportation facilities, and the mobility they provide to, between and within major economic activity centers, will stimulate commerce. Horizon 2040 should prioritize and coordinate regional transportation investments aimed toward the development of a multimodal system that provides transportation opportunities that enhance accessibility and connections among city centers, regional service centers and attractions, towns, and areas of regional employment.

### **POLICIES - To promote economic vitality and prioritize transportation investments, Horizon 2040 will:**

- 1a. Prioritize transportation investments by mode that enhance accessibility and connections between city centers, regional centers, attractions, towns and areas of regional employment.
- 1b. Create an environment that supports new and expanding business opportunities.
- 1c. Make transportation investments that support both maintaining existing jobs and creating new jobs.
- 1d. Improve transportation quality and efficiency in areas of existing development.
- 1e. Support the efficiency of freight movement.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLE 2: COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP**

Horizon 2040 will provide the forum to develop regional transportation priorities, to identify transportation funding needs and to develop strategies to acquire funding in accordance with federal and state planning requirements. Horizon 2040 will help coordinate efforts to communicate with business and community groups and give the public sufficient time to review and comment at key milestones in the transportation planning process. These efforts will bring together all community stakeholders and transportation planning partners in order to present a unified voice in support of the region's transportation needs.

### **POLICIES - To provide a regional forum for transportation planning and funding, Horizon 2040 will:**

- 2a. Provide leadership by facilitating coordinated, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning.
- 2b. Incorporate public processes in significant planning efforts.
- 2c. Participate in the development and maintenance of transportation related information necessary to support the functions and responsibilities of the agency.
- 2d. Promote regional transportation interests, plans and projects to local, state and federal public, and private entities.
- 2e. Coordinate transportation relevant data for shared use among regional stakeholders.
- 2f. Identify feasible funding sources and mechanisms beyond those typically identified in state and federal requirements.
- 2g. Strengthen avenues of involvement for low-income, minority, and/or transportation disadvantaged populations in the decision-making process.



# City of Spokane Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria

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- **Provide Transportation Choices**
  - Person Capacity
  - Network Connectivity
- **Access To Daily Needs and Regional Destinations**
  - Neighborhood Accessibility
  - Regional Accessibility
  - Disadvantaged Accessibility
- **Promote Economic Opportunity**
  - Freight / Goods Movement
  - Development & Redevelopment Potential
- **Respect Natural & Neighborhood Assets**
  - Air Quality
  - Water Quality
  - Neighborhood / District Impact
- **Enhance Public Health & Safety**
  - Vehicle Safety
  - Bike Safety
  - Ped Plan Priority Area
  - Ped Safety
- **Maximize Public Benefits and Fiscal Responsibility with Integration**
  - CSO Integration
  - Water Integration
  - Maintenance & Facility Condition





## *Link Spokane:* What We Have Heard – Key Themes

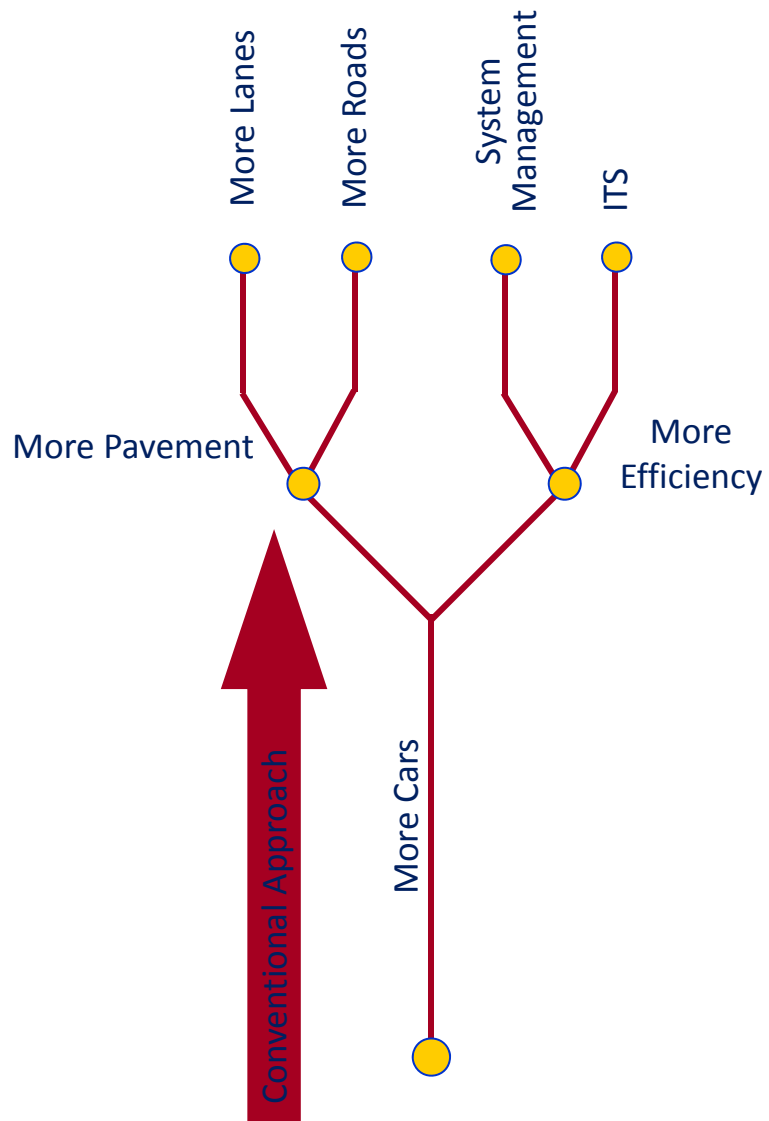


# Making Spokane a City of Transportation Choices

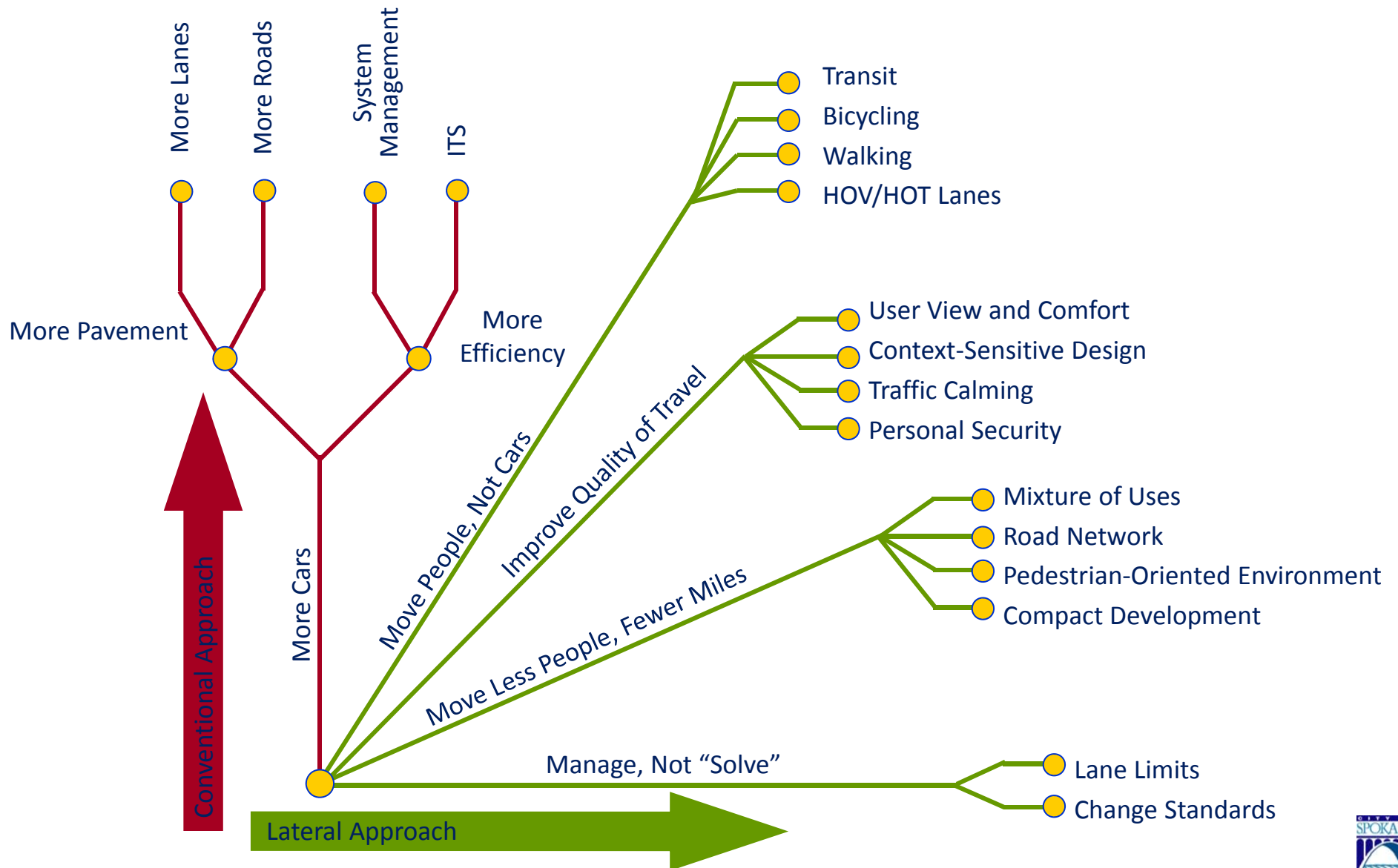
- Recognize that the car will remain the primary mode of transportation
- Provide viable transportation options
- Active Transportation (Bicycle and Pedestrian) Infrastructure



# Conventional Approach



# Balanced Approach







"Capacity" of a Street

Lockwood

Ian Lockwood, P.E.

# Integration - Maximize Public Benefits/Fiscal Responsibility

- Leverage transportation investments to meet multiple objectives (e.g. stormwater & CSO)
  - Improve the movement of goods
  - Lower maintenance costs
  - Foster vibrant business districts
  - Save households \$ (i.e. the “green” dividend)
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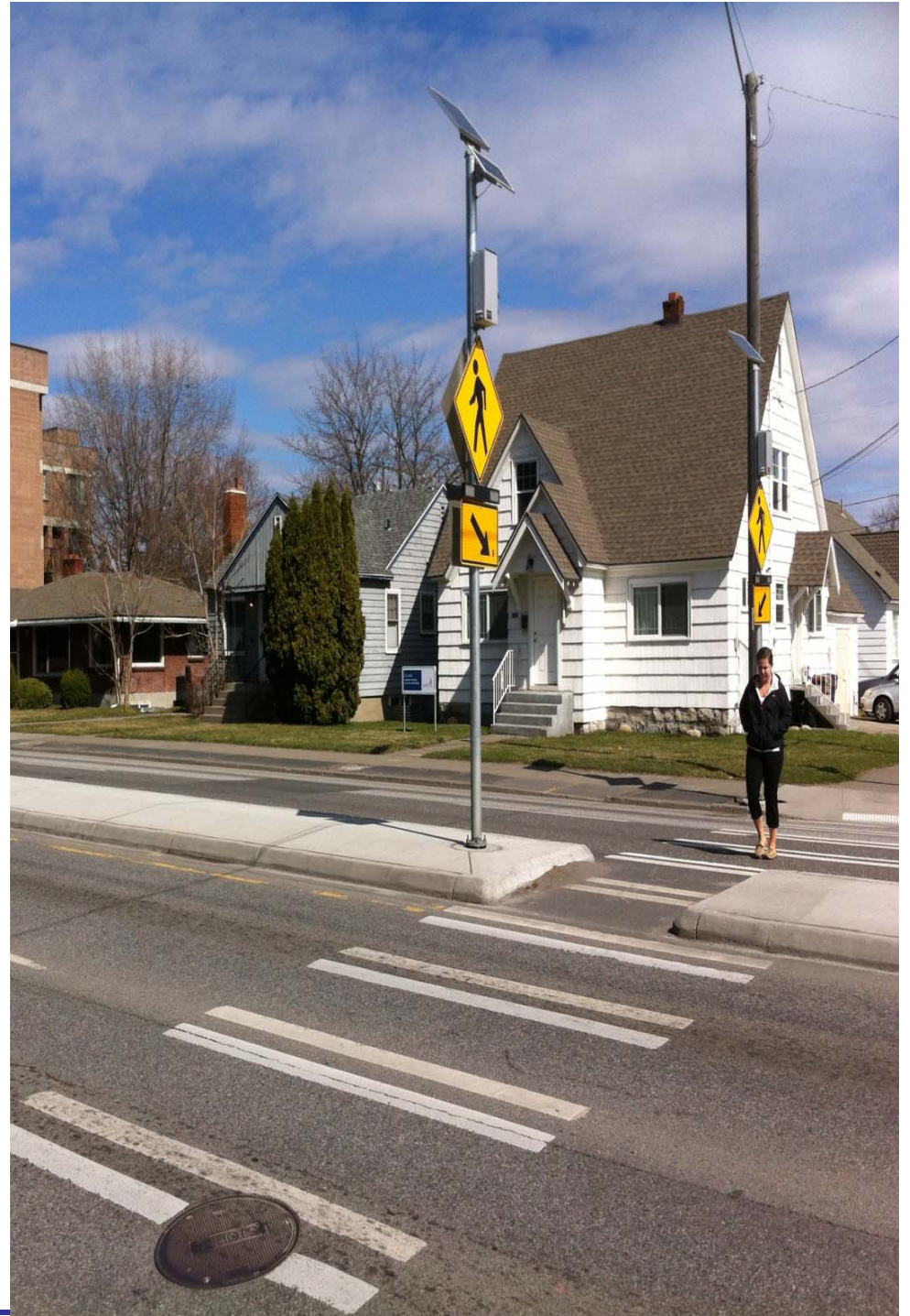
# Fix it First

- Maintain our existing transportation assets
  - \$150 million backlog
  - Enhance and optimize what we already have
  - Spokane has a great network of existing streets to work with (60% of blocks are less than 6 acres in size)
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# Health & Safety

- Promote health through transportation choices
  - Leverage investments to enhance public safety and promote positive health outcomes
  - “Right-sizing” on appropriate streets, have reduced crashes by nearly 30 percent
  - Build active transportation choices back into our daily lives
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# Livable Streets

- Matching street design to the function of Spokane districts and neighborhoods
- Enhance neighborhood livability and mobility
- Livable streets are:
  - Safe and convenient for all users
  - Economically active in centers and along corridors
  - Multi-purpose and multi-functional



# Potential Draft Goals

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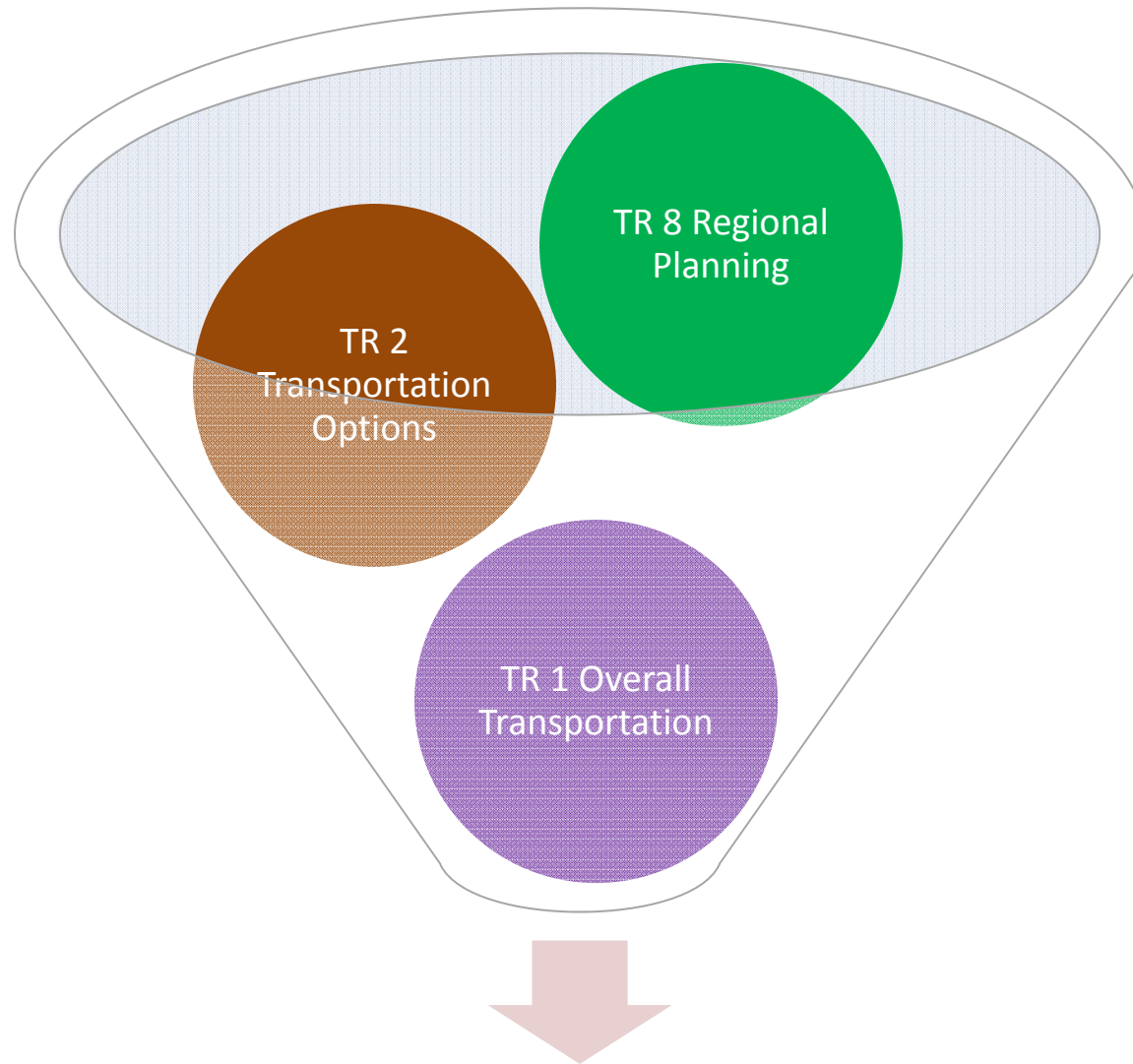
- Provide Transportation Choices
- Accommodate Access To Daily Needs and Regional Destinations

(Work, Food, Healthcare, School)

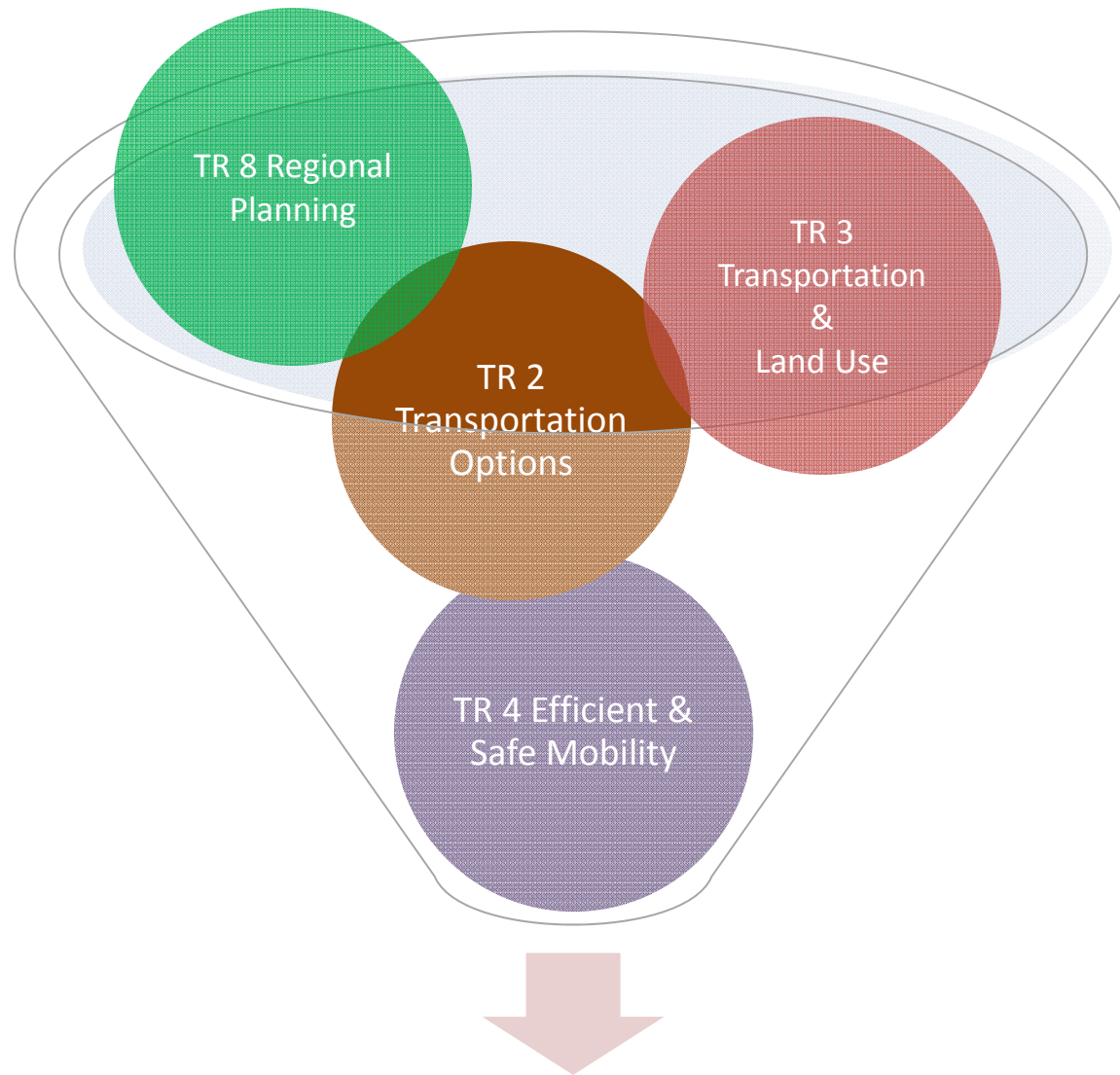
- Promote Economic Opportunity
- Respect Natural & Neighborhood Assets
- Enhance Public Health & Safety
- Maximize Public Benefits and Fiscal Responsibility with Integration



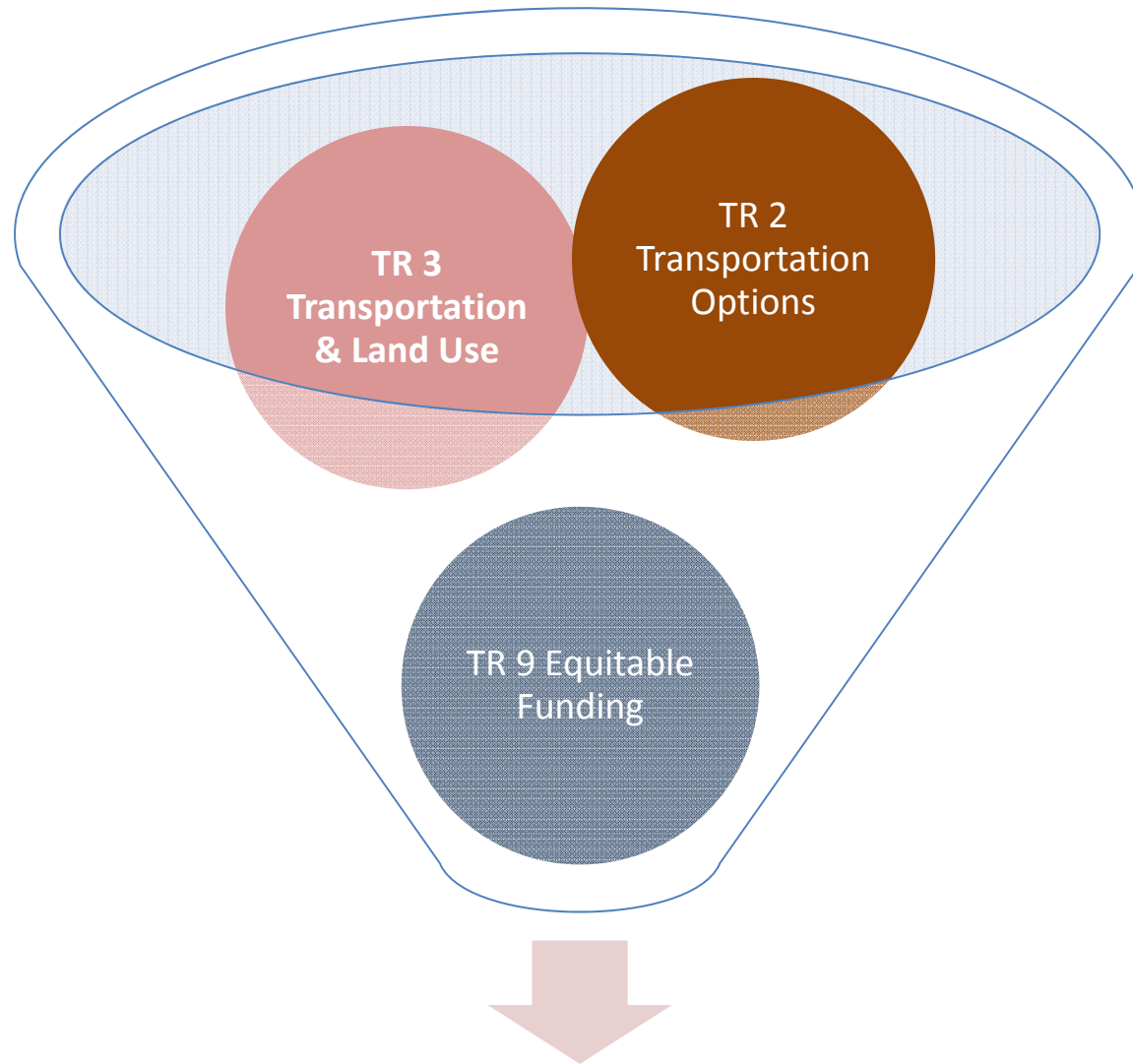


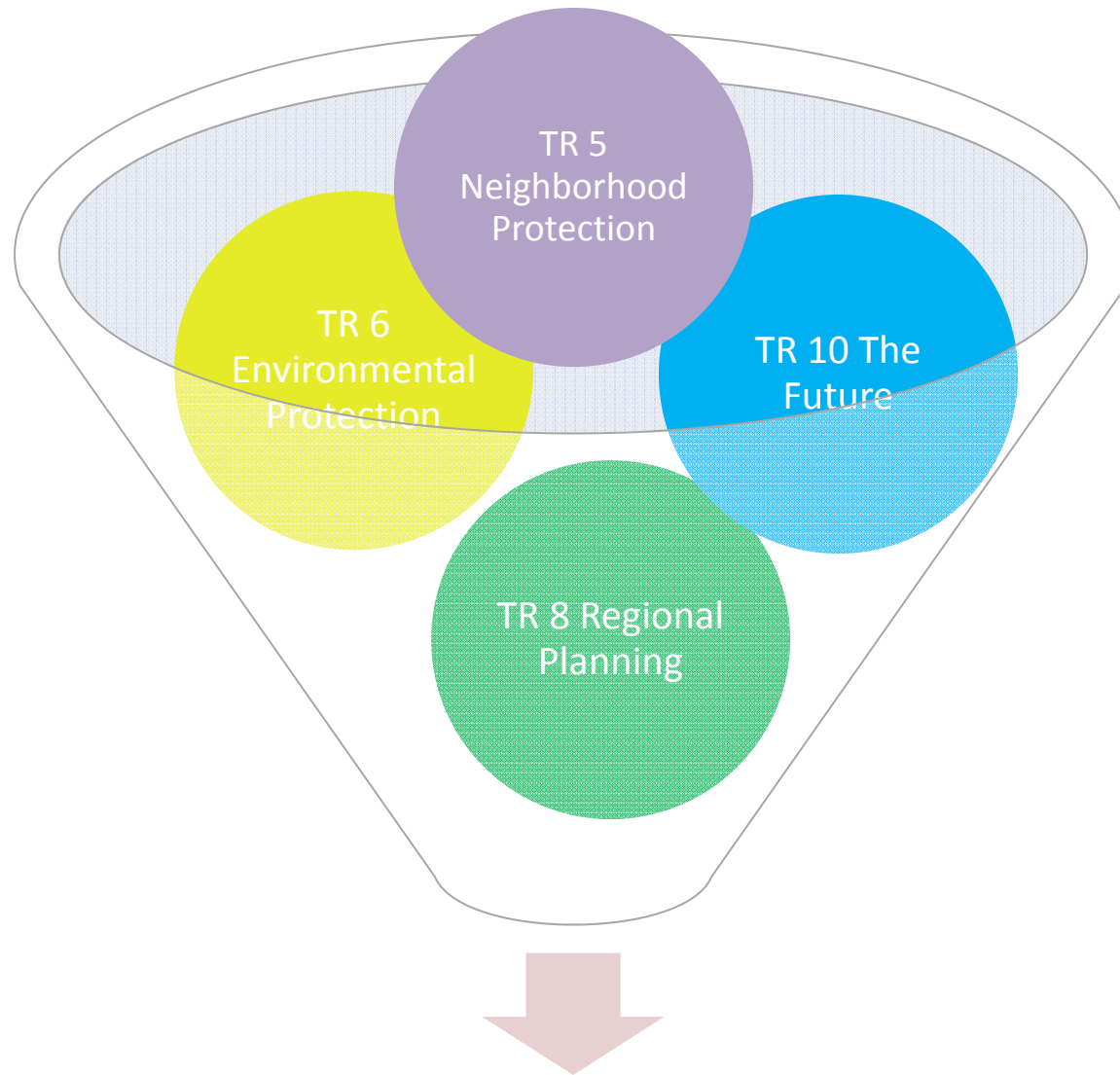


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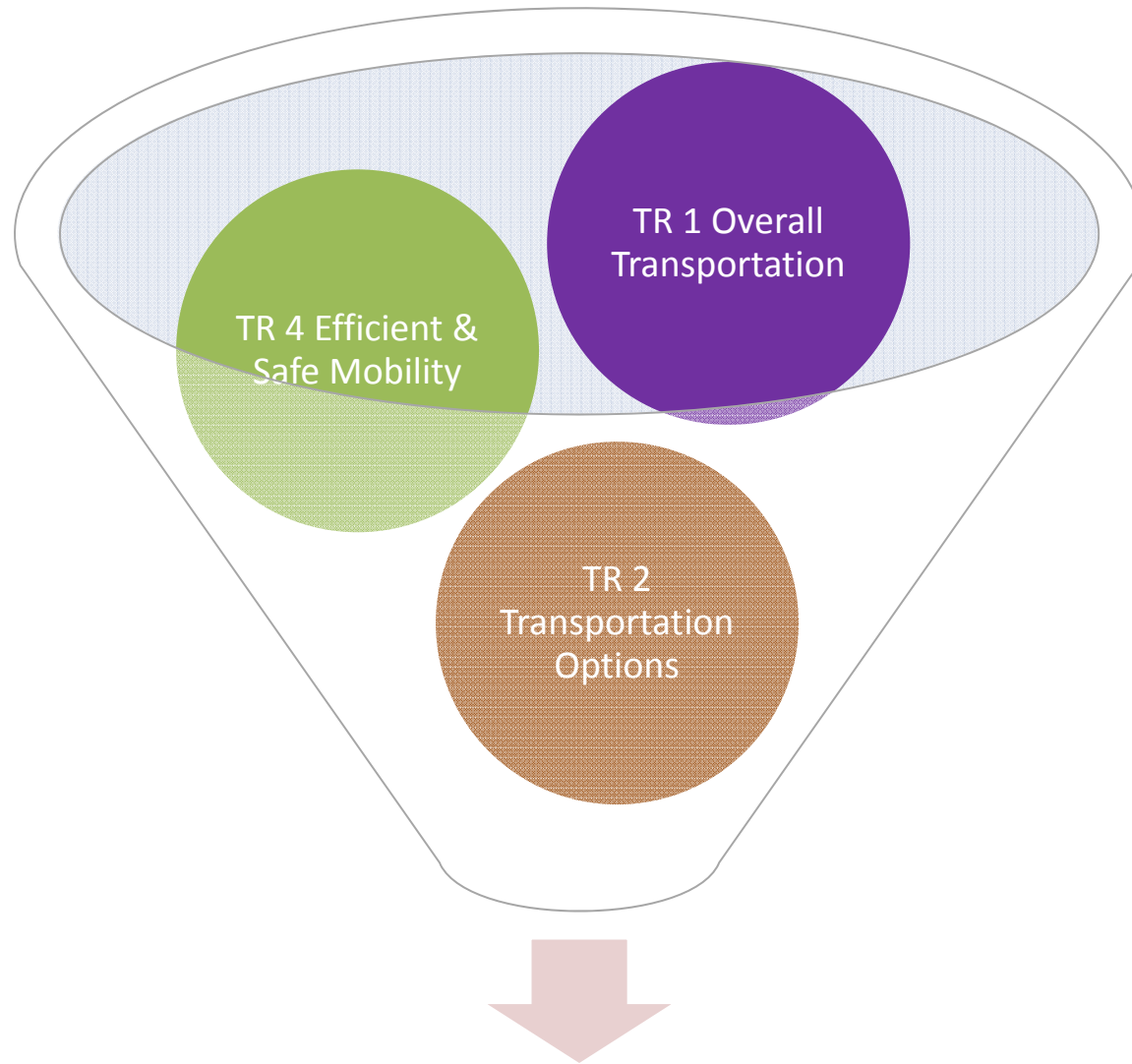


Accommodate Access to Daily Needs & Regional Destinations





Respect Natural and Neighborhood Assets



Enhance Public Health and Safety





Maximize Public Benefits with Integrated  
Public Investments



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