ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA



To enhance the quality of life in the city through strategic investments over time in multi-modal transportation features that meet the needs of individuals and families living, working, and recreating in Bloomington.



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Introduction

Starting in mid-2007, a City Council appointed Alternative Transportation Plan Citizen Task Force oversaw the preparation of a comprehensive alternative transportation plan for the City of Bloomington. This document is the final product of the public process, which was completed in May of 2008.

Given the considerable public interest in alternative transportation, the Bloomington City Council placed high value on extensive citizen involvement in the project. Through formal and informal stakeholder meetings and open houses, individual citizens and advocacy groups had direct access to the consultant team and task force on numerous occasions. The comments and suggestions received from these interactions proved very fruitful and greatly influenced plan outcomes.

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