

ABSTRACT

TITLE: **2025 Long Range Transportation Plan**

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SUBJECT: The updated 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Ithaca Metropolitan Area.

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December 14, 2004 – current updated version

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The purpose of this document (hereafter referred to as the Plan or LRTP) is to provide members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, transportation providers, the general public, and other affected groups and individuals with an updated comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan for the Ithaca, New York metropolitan area. The initial LRTP was created in response to the Metropolitan Planning Rule (23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613, Federal Register Volume 58, No. 207, Thursday, October 28, 1993). These are the implementation rules for the *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991* (Public Law 102-240), which substantially revises titles 23 and 49 of the United States Code. These rules continue in effect under the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (Public Law 105-178). This document is an update of the LRTP as required “at least every five years” under 23 CFR Part 450 sect. 322.

The Plan provides a twenty-year vision for the metropolitan transportation system and represents the product of an extensive public participation effort. The Plan provides a fiscally constrained program for transportation improvements in the amount of **\$1,088,042,909** over the twenty-year life of the plan. In addition, the LRTP provides specific recommendations for additional transportation and related planning activities that should be carried out in order to achieve the plan’s Goals and Objectives.

The Plan, a policy-oriented document, exemplifies an abbreviated plan as allowed under Section 450.316(c) of the Federal regulations. It is anticipated that the MPO will undertake plan amendments as new data and technical tools and analytical systems become functional or as otherwise appropriate.

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2025 Long Range Plan

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ADOPTION AND AMMENDMTNS

#	RESOLUTION NUMBER	DATE	ACTION
1.	N/A	September 9, 2004	Third Public Meeting – beginning of final phase of public comment period.
2.	N/A	September 21, 2004	Planning Committee review of draft LRTP;
3.	N/A	October 19, 2004	Policy Committee review of draft LRTP;
4.	N/A	November 16, 2004	Planning Committee review of draft LRTP;
5.	N/A	December 1, 2004	End of public comment period
6.	N/A	December 14, 2004	Planning Committee approves Final Draft; Recommends final approval
7.	2004-08	December 14, 2004	Policy Committee approves Final Draft by resolution: <i>Approval of the Long-Range Transportation Plan</i>
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RESOLUTION 04-08*

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- WHEREAS,** the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)* requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations be established in each urbanized area of over 50,000 in population; AND
- WHEREAS,** the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Urbanized Area; AND
- WHEREAS,** the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to carry out a "continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive" urban transportation planning process that addresses all modes of transportation; AND
- WHEREAS,** the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* and its rules implementing a Metropolitan Planning Process (23 CFR §450) require the development and approval of a comprehensive long-range transportation plan; AND
- WHEREAS,** in December 21, 1999 the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* approved the latest update to its comprehensive long-range transportation plan for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Metropolitan Area in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR §450; AND
- WHEREAS,** the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* and its rules implementing a Metropolitan Planning Process (23 CFR §450) require the transportation plans be reviewed and updated at least every five years in attainments areas; AND
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with the adopted Unified Operations Procedures (section II.B.7.g) of the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council*, an updated comprehensive long-range transportation plan, titled as the 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan, has been developed for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Metropolitan Area; AND
- WHEREAS,** there have been numerous opportunities throughout the update of the comprehensive long-range transportation plan for the public to provide input to the planning process and to participate in the review of the proposed comprehensive long-range transportation plan; AND
- WHEREAS,** the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* attests that this Plan has been developed in compliance with the requirements of the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* and the joint rules for metropolitan planning, 23 CFR §450; AND

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Committee of the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* has reviewed said Plan and has recommended that the Transportation Policy Committee approve the 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Policy Committee of the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* has reviewed the 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Metropolitan Area and hereby approves said Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Policy Committee of the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* hereby agrees that the 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan will be reviewed and updated to appropriately reflect changes in needs, conditions, and assumptions on a regular basis and not less than every five years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Policy Committee of the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* hereby authorizes and instructs its Staff Director to submit the necessary copies of the approved Plan to the pertinent State and Federal agencies.

This resolution having been considered and approved on December 14, 2004.

Donald Hartill, Chair

Carl Ford, Secretary

***signed original available for review at the ITCTC offices.**

Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council

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