# INCORPORATING PUBLIC HEALTH IN TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING



USDOT is developing a Public Health and Transportation Corridor Planning Framework to assist transportation professionals interested in taking steps to incorporate public health into transportation decision making.

## Why Is Considering Public Health In Transportation Decision Making Important?

PROMOTE physical activity in transportation choices **PROVIDE** access to food and health services through a variety of travel modes REDUCE emissions and separate people from pollutants UNDERSTAND

the relationship between how people travel and their health

### How Can Transportation Agencies Get Started?

- 1 Build on what you are doing. Many of the issues transportation agencies already consider support healthy outcomes: *safety, air quality, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, transit, equity.*
- 2 Enhance your current planning process by incorporating health.
- 3 Use the flexibility of corridor planning studies to consider health outcomes in a hands-on, practical way.

# What Is The Public Health And Transportation Corridor Planning Framework?



SIX STEPS common in corridor planning studies



**QUESTIONS** that help practitioners identify what to consider



**EXAMPLES** from current practice to show what other transportation professionals have

accomplished



**IDEAS** about potential partners and stakeholders to assist, plus data and tools to support the process

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE HEALTH IN TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/health\_in\_transportation

#### What's Happening Now?

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Five transportation agencies are beta testing the Framework this year:

A partnership with the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute focuses on improvements to a four-lane highway in **Appleton, WI**, with no bicycle or pedestrian support and limited access for transit. In **Akron, OH**, Metro Regional Transit Authority is partnering with housing and neighborhood development groups to provide better pedestrian connectivity while consolidating paratransit and fixed-route service.

Planners will engage citizens and stakeholders to boost support for transit investment in discussions about the feasibility of a connection between downtown **Oklahoma City, OK**, and the northwest suburban area using Bus Rapid Transit.

Access management issues and safety needs along the SR-109 corridor near **Nashville, TN**, will inform the development of a process for including public health in future corridor plans. Two large hospitals on either end of a corridor in **Camden, NJ**, offer new stakeholders and partners to support the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's regional coordinated human services transportation plan.

These agencies are collaborating to share ideas and challenges while applying the Framework's guidance and information.

### What Comes Next?

By early 2016, the **Public Health and Transportation Corridor Planning Framework** will be available for transportation agencies across the country.