

9. Transportation Element

The Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (adopted September 1, 2020), which serves as the federally required metropolitan transportation plan for the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO) for the Valdosta Urbanized Area under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), is hereby incorporated by reference into this Comprehensive Plan to serve as the Transportation Element for Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta.

The Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan guides the transportation policies and projects to be implemented throughout the community over the next twenty-five years. The Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan directs how the community plans to address its transportation needs, prioritizes those needs, and outlines funding resources for implementing projects from federal, state, local and private sources for highways, mass transit, multi-use trails, airports, and freight / intermodal facilities. The Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is designed to be a regional multi-modal transportation plan that addresses transportation needs through a coordinated, cooperative, continuing planning process led by the Southern Georgia Regional Commission as the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

In order to build a framework and jointly develop performance measures and targets through performance-based planning and programming, as well as provide a better display of the framework of integration of goals in the Vision2045 Transportation Plan, the following chart was developed to show how the eighteen aspirational goals and objectives that were identified in the Common Community Vision (CCV) for Lowndes County relate to the national goals, and planning factors.

Table 1. Integrated Local Goals/Objectives, and National Goals and Planning Factors

National Goals	Planning Factors	CCV Transportation Objectives
<i>Freight Movement and Economic Vitality</i>	Support Economic Vitality Enhance travel and tourism	Support Regional Economic Engines through Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People and Goods.
		Improve Workforce Development Training Through Investments in Affordable, Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People.
	Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight	Encourage Entrepreneurship and Small Businesses through Affordable, Accessible, Multi-modal Transportation Investments.
	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system	Support local schools through affordable, accessible, and efficient multi-modal and public transit investments.
	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system	Provide Regional Connectivity through an Efficient, Safe, Accessible, and Affordable Multi-Modal Transportation System
Implement Transportation and Land Use Policies that Support Cultural/Historic Resources and Promote Tourism.		
<i>Environmental Sustainability</i>	Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation	Develop Basic Transportation and Utility Infrastructure that Promotes Resiliency and