

TRANSPORTATION



Stearns County's Comprehensive Plan (*Shape Stearns 2040*) is a guiding document used by county staff and county leaders as they make future decisions regarding land use regulations and development, natural resources, parks and trails, transportation investments, and other community resources.

This information brief provides a summary of the Transportation components.

State of the County

The county owns, operates, and maintains:

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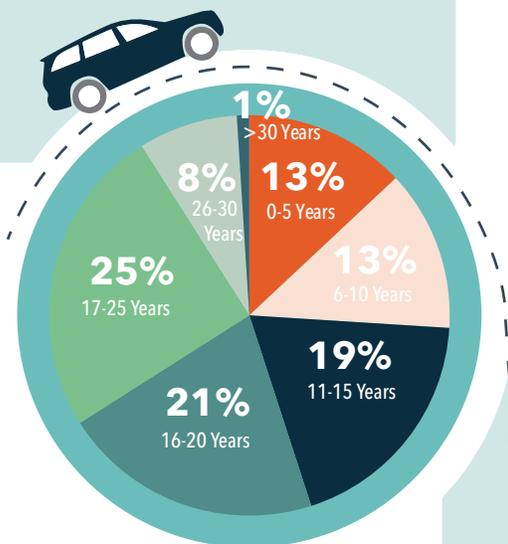
Miles of County Road

90

Miles of off-road trails

123

Bridges



Age of Asphalt and Pavement

Fifty-five percent of Stearns County's asphalt roadways are over 15 years old.

Transportation Plan

The County's 2040 Transportation Plan was completed in 2016. The Plan highlights and evaluates various strategies to accomplish a comprehensive, multimodal transportation system. Many of these strategies focus on education, enforcement, and engineering standards to ensure people can move throughout the county safely and efficiently. The County's Transportation Goals for the future include:



Safety: Develop and maintain a transportation system that promotes the safety of all users.



Access and Mobility: Develop a transportation system that increases the accessibility and mobility options of all users.



Preservation and Maintenance: Develop a transportation system that is sustainable (e.g., cost-feasible), maintains a state of good repair, and explores low-cost/high-benefit solutions to satisfy public transportation priorities.



Coordination and Collaboration: Maximize intergovernmental cooperation and coordination.



Fiscally Responsible: Effectively and efficiently use available transportation funding.

Bridge Conditions

117 Adequate **2** Structurally Deficient
4 Functionally Obsolete



How does the Transportation Plan affect me?

1

The Plan is consulted when a property owner is requesting access to a county road. The plan includes access management guidelines to inform these decisions.

2

The Plan sets the stage for future transportation investments. This informs the County's 5 Year Capital Improvement Program.



3

The Plan has identified areas that may see increased traffic over the next twenty years, as the region continues to grow.

4

The Plan sets a long-range vision for all modes of transportation, including bicycles, pedestrians and freight.



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Public Works is responsible for the construction, inspection, maintenance, and repair of the Stearns County road and bridge system. The Public Works Department also includes the Agricultural Inspector's office, which assists in the regulation of pesticides, fertilizers, screenings and feeds.

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