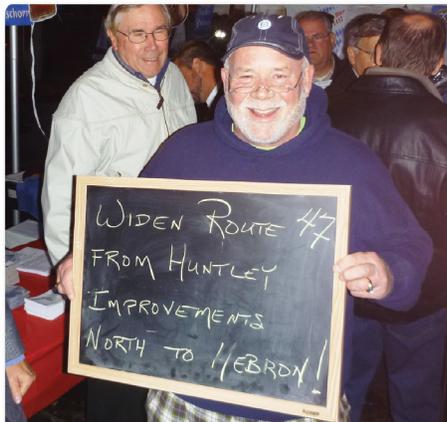


The Goals and Objectives establish the purpose, expectations, and ultimately the projects and initiatives included in the Plan. Six goals and their objectives were developed based on a review of all the public input.

Goal 1:

Mitigate Highway Congestion



A request for roadway improvements at a McHenry County Council of Governments meeting.



A roadway in McHenry County.

Businesses, individuals, and agencies emphasized the absolute necessity of a reliable and robust arterial highway network. The Plan addresses highway congestion through the following objectives:

1. Identify highway capacity issues that can be addressed with operational and capacity improvements.
2. Identify tools for preserving needed right-of-way for future arterial improvements.

Goal 2:

Make Transportation Safer



A family wishes for safer streets at the Marengo Fall Family Fest.



A well-marked crossing in Algonquin.

The transportation network of McHenry County needs to be safe for all users and modes. This goal is to have zero fatal collisions in the County, as no number of fatal crashes should be deemed acceptable.

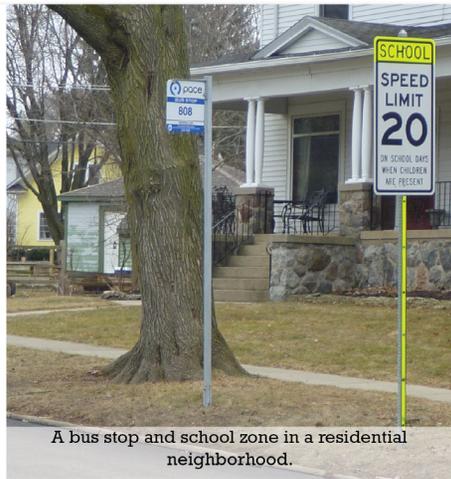
To achieve this goal, an objective of the Plan is to identify projects and initiatives needed to improve transportation safety.

Goal 3:

Promote Mobility for All Residents



A suggestion for improving mobility at the Hearthstone Centegra Senior Fair.



A bus stop and school zone in a residential neighborhood.

The Plan addresses the diverse transportation needs for all of McHenry County's residents, including seniors, children, persons with disabilities, and people without access to automobiles.

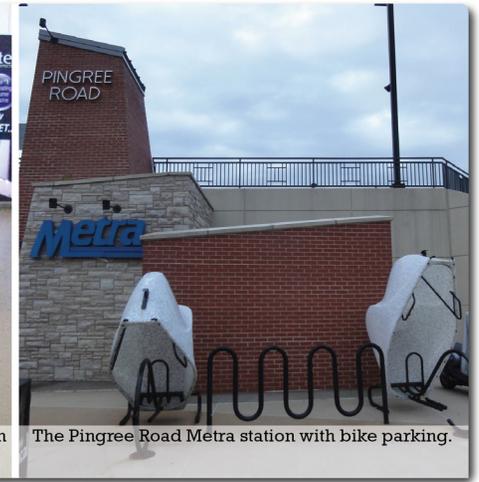
An objective of this goal is to save time and money for individuals, families, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and government agencies.

Goal 4:

Provide Transportation Choices



A recommendation to improve public transportation in Richmond, from the Fox Lake Octoberfest.

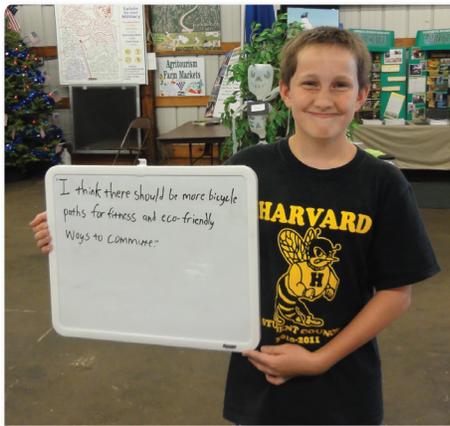


The Pingree Road Metra station with bike parking.

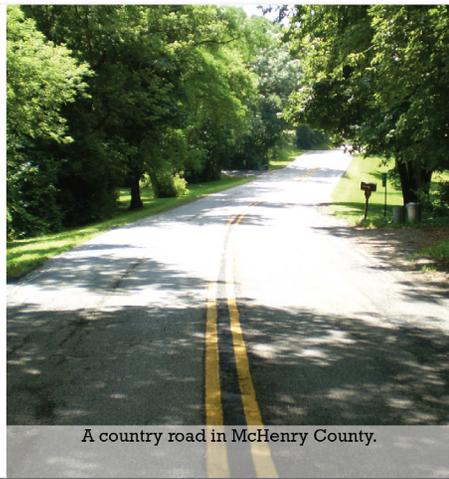
The Plan seeks to create a balanced transportation system that will provide transportation choices for residents and businesses. The Plan includes ways for the County to become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and also ways to improve transit services.

Goal 5:

Preserve Environmental Quality



A suggestion at the County Fair to focus on environmentally-friendly transportation modes.



A country road in McHenry County.

The Plan is sensitive to the health of McHenry County’s environment and residents. In addition to promoting transportation infrastructure that supports healthy and active lifestyles, the Plan will identify best practices in roadway design to limit negative environmental impacts.

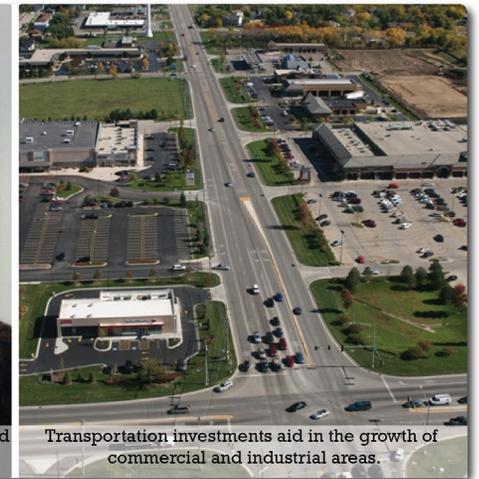
An objective of this goal is to balance transportation needs with the desire to protect natural habitats and improve the quality of life in the County’s thriving neighborhoods.

Goal 6:

Link Transportation & Land Use



A Crystal Lake student discussing transportation and land use.



Transportation investments aid in the growth of commercial and industrial areas.

The Plan prioritizes economic development by supporting existing development and industry. The Plan seeks to leverage transportation infrastructure to promote job creation and link residents to jobs.

An objective to this goal is to identify ways transportation investments could either benefit areas of lower employment levels or strengthen areas with high unemployment levels.