

Section I. Introduction

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Area Long-Range Transportation Plan (Long-Range Plan) is designed to guide multimodal transportation planning activities through the year 2025. The first Metropolitan Area Transportation Study was adopted in 1965, while the 2000 Long-Range Plan is an update of the 1994 Long-Range Plan.

The Long-Range Plan was cooperatively developed through the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Transportation Planning Committees which consist of staff and officials from the City of Sioux Falls, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Lincoln County, Minnehaha County, South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), and the South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG).

In gathering public input for the Long-Range Plan, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) hired a consultant to produce the Market Research and Analysis Project—Sioux Falls Area Transportation System. This three-phased Project involved approximately 1,200 people over a four-month period (May-August 1999).

Sections within this document are based on the results from the project as well as:

- Consideration of the current planning process.
- Consideration of proposed growth in the area.
- Consideration of the existing transportation facilities.
- Consideration of the financial constraints.

The Long-Range Plan is a 25-year plan with scheduled major updates every five years and minor updates to be made on a yearly basis. The yearly updates will be achieved beginning in the spring of 2001.