

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19610**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Lack of connectivity (limited number of ways to get to where I want to go)**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**US 222 Business / PA 724 - signalization not coordinated correctly. Long waits at traffic lights.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Convenience / time of day for commute / having to dress professionally**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Agree**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **Support projects that expand the public transportation network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**
- **INCENTIVIZE and/or REQUIRE development projects to create multiple connections to existing non-motorized transportation grid.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Make every street a complete street with bike/pedestrians given equal priority to drivers in planning, design and maintenance**

Any additional comments?

**Too often transportation is synonymous with roads, highways and traffic. The Reading metro area has many hidden gems, pockets of parklands, greenways, and pleasant tree-lined streets to walk on, but these pockets unnecessarily segmented as smaller neighborhoods and municipalities that lack connections to one another except by long car trips. Use multi-municipal comp planning and impose design standards on new developments (and where possible, find low-hanging fruit to connect older neighborhoods) using sidewalk/greenway networks so you can go from one neighborhood to another without getting in the car.**

What is your age?

**35-44**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Prefer not to answer.**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19607**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **Dirt bikes and non street legal vehicles on the roads**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**The 422 intersection with Lancaster Avenue and the Bingaman Street Bridge...I travel through this intersection every single day and it is a mess and always an accident waiting to happen.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Accessibility**
- **Location**

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
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Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**A safe and reliable rail route from Reading to key stops in Philly**

Any additional comments?

**People should not have to feel unsafe driving on local roads that their tax dollars help to fund and there are many Berks county roadways that make me concerned for my safety. Traffic volume seems to be continually going up, while driver distractedness and aggressiveness also seems to be increasing.**

What is your age?

**25-34**

What is your gender?

**Female**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19607**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Lack of public transportation options**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**The intersection of Lancaster Ave and Rt. 10 and Lancaster Ave and 422. They get backed up very easily and there have been a lot of accidents due to the structure of the area.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Reliability**
- **Accessibility**
- **Location**
- **Cost**
- **Availability**

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- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Work closely with federal, state, municipal and private entities to implement alternative fuels use (i.e. electric, natural gas) throughout our region.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

Are there other goals in addition to the first five goals that you would like to see considered for inclusion in the LRTP?

**Bring rail travel back to Berks county!**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Bring rail travel back to Berks county**

Any additional comments?

**Bring rail travel back to Berks County**

What is your age?

**35-44**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19526**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **Lack of sidewalks or poorly maintained sidewalks**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Lack of public transportation options**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Reliability**
- **Accessibility**
- **Location**
- **Cost**
- **Availability**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Neutral**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **No more warehouses! We no longer value Berks County for its heritage and beauty. We no longer support the agriculture industry.**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Maintain what we have. Our roads are over used by tractor trailers. We are selling out Berks County. In the not so far future we will look like the areas driving into New York City. Derelict !**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Disagree**

Why do you disagree with goal 3?

**Warehouses are ruining us.**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What is your age?

**Prefer not to answer**

What is your gender?

**Prefer not to answer.**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**Prefer not to answer.**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$50,000 and \$100,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19526**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **Lack of sidewalks or poorly maintained sidewalks**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Lack of public transportation options**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**Most problematic major roadways/bridges in area of my home are currently being worked on (61 & 78).**

**Ongoing issues with narrowness of lanes through Hamburg, particularly when truck traffic is diverted through town.**

**Tertiary roadways (back roads like Tilden road, Rake Rd, Plum Creek) have some smaller bridges that appear in need of attention/widening.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Accessibility**
- **Location**

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**Agree**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Increase public awareness of construction zone safety hazards for workers and users.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Major roadway widening or relocation should only be considered if efforts to improve capacity and safety of existing roadways can not meet desired service levels.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide multiple modes of convenient transportation to tourist destinations.**
- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Study implementable solutions that will speed the movement of materials, goods, and people.**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **Support projects that expand the public transportation network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**
- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**



What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Work closely with federal, state, municipal and private entities to implement alternative fuels use (i.e. electric, natural gas) throughout our region.**
- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Dedicated tractor trailer/3rd lanes on all major highways.**

What is your age?

**45-54**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19608**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**Lancaster Avenue down where it meets Route 10. It is always backed up. The left hand entrance from Lancaster Avenue up to Route 422 is always congested. Route 12 - there should be a light there at the gas station--it is impossible to make a left hand turn.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Accessibility**
- **Location**
- **Cost**

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**Agree**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Develop a full range of public transportation options using available funding.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide multiple modes of convenient transportation to tourist destinations.**
- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

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**Agree**

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- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Get passenger rail to Philly/Harrisburg back, Reading Airport for passenger flights, and bus terminal for Berks that goes to Philly/New York and points west. Reading/Berks County really is an island and we need to get reconnected for people to want to be here.**

What is your age?

**45-54**

What is your gender?

**Female**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Oct 4, 2024, 1:15:02 PM

What is your zip code?

**19604**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Lack of sidewalks or poorly maintained sidewalks**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Speeding, double-parking, distracted driving, bicycle and scooters not respecting rules of the road, and overall lack of respect for traffic laws and other drivers. Additionally, enforcement is spotty at best.**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**Hampden Blvd. (City of Reading and Muhlenberg Twp.). Speeding and lack of respect for traffic laws.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Commute to work by bicycle, however all other travel is by drive-alone.**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Reliability**
- **Accessibility**
- **Availability**

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**Disagree**

Why do you disagree with the Vision Statement?

**RATS alone does not provide and maintain the system. This is undertaken AS A PARTNERSHIP with PennDOT and municipalities using federal, state, and local funding.**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

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- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Increase public awareness of construction zone safety hazards for workers and users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**
- **Educate the public on future transportation projects and changes that may impact safety.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Major roadway widening or relocation should only be considered if efforts to improve capacity and safety of existing roadways can not meet desired service levels.**
- **Reduce congestion, improve air quality, and increase the reliability of the transportation system.**
- **Develop a full range of public transportation options using available funding.**

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**Agree**

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- **Study implementable solutions that will speed the movement of materials, goods, and people.**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**
- **Coordinate with the agricultural community to identify and address obstructions to the movement of equipment and products.**

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **Support projects that expand the public transportation network.**
- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**
- **Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are still deferred out of many projects as either too costly or not enough demand. If decision makers are serious about 'multimodal networks', these accommodations should be included irrespective of cost.**

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**Agree**



What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Work closely with federal, state, municipal and private entities to implement alternative fuels use (i.e. electric, natural gas) throughout our region.**
- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Increase funding for increased enforcement.**

What is your age?

**55-64**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19541**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **All great, rural area northern Berks**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**Railroad crossing Shoemakersville**

**Causes flooding in basement**

**I have been told by RR , and Penn Dot**

**It's a boro issue**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Location**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Neutral**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Study implementable solutions that will speed the movement of materials, goods, and people.**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Coordinate with the agricultural community to identify and address obstructions to the movement of equipment and products.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **All projects should have appropriate funds**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Disagree**

Why do you disagree with goal 5?

**Typically this requires electricity.**

**I think this environmental push has too many negative effects and more harm than good**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

Are there other goals in addition to the first five goals that you would like to see considered for inclusion in the LRTP?

**As we develop warehouse industrial parks**

**We need to provide safe and secure overnight parking clear for big trucks**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**No pot holes and smooth roadways**

What is your age?

**55-64**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Oct 9, 2024, 11:56:54 AM

What is your zip code?

**19522**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Some of the time**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**Most important is Pricetown Road - it's an important travel corridor but it's unsafe to walk or bike on. Pricetown Road connects to so many other roads. I would also love to see a bike path along Route 100! Some other important roads with similar issues to Pricetown Rd. are Forgedale Rd, Fredericksville Rd/Huffs Church Rd, Memorial Hwy (662), Blandon Rd (73), Lobachsville Rd, Lyons Rd, Bowers, Rd. There are plenty more around the county. We could also use parking areas to serve bike paths. If you could park say 10 - 12 miles outside of Reading and bike in that would be awesome! It would also relieve congestion, pollution, etc. Safe bike lanes are needed particularly in the Old Mennonite areas, some of which I included above.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Safety, time, practicality**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Agree**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Increase public awareness of construction zone safety hazards for workers and users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**
- **Educate the public on future transportation projects and changes that may impact safety.**
- **Widen roads and put in bike lanes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Widen roads and put in bike lanes.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**
- **Coordinate with the agricultural community to identify and address obstructions to the movement of equipment and products.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**
- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

Are there other goals in addition to the first five goals that you would like to see considered for inclusion in the LRTP?

**Make it easier and safer to walk and bike.**



If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Widen roads and install bike lanes on all critical transportation corridors.**

What is your age?

**55-64**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**Prefer not to answer.**

What is your annual household income?

**Prefer not to answer.**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Oct 9, 2024, 4:39:34 PM

What is your zip code?

**19608**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Lack of connectivity (limited number of ways to get to where I want to go)**
- **Lack of sidewalks or poorly maintained sidewalks**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Lack of public transportation options**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**the 422 bypass along the schuylkill between Rt 12 and Penn St**

**The entire Lancaster Ave/Bingaman St Bridge intersection. everything about it.**

**Anywhere in this county where it is not considered an actual town or city, there literally is not enough room to walk along the side of the road and biking would be just as dangerous**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Location**
- **Cost**

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**Neutral**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Educate the public on future transportation projects and changes that may impact safety.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Develop a full range of public transportation options using available funding.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Study implementable solutions that will speed the movement of materials, goods, and people.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **Support projects that expand the public transportation network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**The train is a must**

Any additional comments?

**Literally anywhere you travel in the county the road condition is pretty subpar.  
There are many many places where there are no sidewalks and no safe place for bicyclists**

What is your age?

**55-64**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Above \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19559**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Never, I travel to my place of work**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Lack of public transportation options**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**The Route 183 and Old 22 intersection in Strausstown is dangerous. There are frequent accidents and countless “close-calls.”**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Location**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Neutral**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Neutral**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**

What is your age?

**45-54**

What is your gender?

**Female**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**



# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19610**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Some of the time**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Location**

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**Agree**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Major roadway widening or relocation should only be considered if efforts to improve capacity and safety of existing roadways can not meet desired service levels.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide multiple modes of convenient transportation to tourist destinations.**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**
- **Coordinate with the agricultural community to identify and address obstructions to the movement of equipment and products.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the public transportation network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**
- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

What is your age?

**35-44**

What is your gender?

**Female**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$30,000 and \$50,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Oct 15, 2024, 3:04:33 PM

What is your zip code?

**19608**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**Some of the time**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**
- **Lack of sidewalks or poorly maintained sidewalks**
- **No bicycle lanes or paths**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**724 is heavily congested at rush hour as is 422 business.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Reliability**
- **Accessibility**

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**Agree**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Increase public awareness of construction zone safety hazards for workers and users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**
- **Educate the public on future transportation projects and changes that may impact safety.**

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**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Major roadway widening or relocation should only be considered if efforts to improve capacity and safety of existing roadways can not meet desired service levels.**
- **Reduce congestion, improve air quality, and increase the reliability of the transportation system.**
- **Develop a full range of public transportation options using available funding.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide multiple modes of convenient transportation to tourist destinations.**
- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Study implementable solutions that will speed the movement of materials, goods, and people.**
- **Ensure that major activity centers are designed to accommodate a range of transportation modes.**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**
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Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **Support projects that expand the public transportation network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**
- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Work closely with federal, state, municipal and private entities to implement alternative fuels use (i.e. electric, natural gas) throughout our region.**
- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

What is your age?

**35-44**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: Oct 15, 2024, 4:41:28 PM

What is your zip code?

**19610**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**All of the time**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **Congested roads**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**422 - the five-way intersection in Sinking Spring (at McDonald's), Bingamon Street Bridge Intersection is a nightmare.**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Accessibility**
- **Location**
- **Availability**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Agree**



Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Reduce the number, frequency, and severity of crashes on our highway system through proper analysis of the transportation system and implement projects to address safety issues for all users.**
- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Improve the effectiveness of the existing transportation system and services.**
- **Implement a variety of methods to improve the flow of traffic during peak travel times.**
- **Use available transportation funding to maintain a state of good repair for all systems.**
- **Major roadway widening or relocation should only be considered if efforts to improve capacity and safety of existing roadways can not meet desired service levels.**
- **Reduce congestion, improve air quality, and increase the reliability of the transportation system.**
- **Develop a full range of public transportation options using available funding.**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide multiple modes of convenient transportation to tourist destinations.**
- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Support the Reading Regional Airport Authority in strengthening the use of the airport for both business and commercial aviation activities.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**
- **Work with PennDOT to implement best management practices and mitigation strategies on transportation projects.**

Are there other goals in addition to the first five goals that you would like to see considered for inclusion in the LRTP?

**Work to achieve Gold Status for Reading, PA from the League of American Cyclists:**

**<https://bikeleague.org/bfa/award-database/>.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Offering PennDot subsidized bus service from Reading, PA to PHL and NYC, ala the way it worked with Bieber bus-lines when it was viable. Bus service from RDG to both NYC and PHL is horrible (too few runs, cost is high).**

Any additional comments?

**Lancaster seems to have figured our challenges out.**

What is your age?

**55-64**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Less than \$30,000**

# RATS FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives Survey

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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What is your zip code?

**19567**

Do you telework (work from home)?

**All of the time**

What transportation issues does your neighborhood currently experience? (Select all that apply)

- **No bicycle lanes or paths**
- **Lack of public transportation options**

What roadways or bridges in your area do you currently consider problematic and tell us why?

**Intersection between 422 and 419 separates the town from the only grocery and hardware store within walking distance. Crossing it in anything other than a motor vehicle is dangerous**

What is your primary way to travel?

**Drive alone**

Your decision on your primary way to travel is determined by: (Select all that apply)

- **Accessibility**
- **Location**
- **Availability**

Vision Statement: The Reading Area Transportation Study will provide and maintain a balanced, multimodal transportation system that will safely and efficiently move goods and people. Do you agree that the Vision Statement accurately identifies what we should be trying to achieve for our transportation system over the course of this plan?

**Neutral**

Goal 1: Keep travelers safe and secure, no matter the mode of transportation. Do you agree that goal 1 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 1? (Select all that apply)

- **Work closely with municipalities, PennDOT and SCTA/BARTA to ensure the safe interaction of vehicles, transit, and bicyclists/pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.**
- **Evaluate proposed development plans for transportation safety issues during both the county review and PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit processes.**

Goal 2: Maintain and improve the transportation system and services we enjoy today where financially feasible. Do you agree that goal 2 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Disagree**

Why do you disagree with goal 2?

**We should be spending more effort and money in changing the transportation system to allow non-motor vehicle transportation instead of doubling down on a car centric system.**

What should we do to achieve goal 2? (Select all that apply)

- **Minimize maintenance costs of roadways and bridges through proper routine maintenance planning utilizing PennDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan.**
- **Develop a full range of public transportation options using available funding.**
- **Planning and installing true bicycle lanes/paths to allow for safe bicycle commuting. Revive light rail systems abandoned in the '60s**

Goal 3: Invest in projects that strengthen the ability of Berks County commerce to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development and tourism opportunities. Do you agree that goal 3 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 3? (Select all that apply)

- **Provide multiple modes of convenient transportation to tourist destinations.**
- **Provide regional bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and rail routes (when feasible/available).**
- **Increase the region's global and national competitiveness by improving and enhancing regional freight infrastructure.**
- **Support the efforts of the newly created Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to reestablish passenger rail service between Reading and Philadelphia.**

Goal 4: Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition. Do you agree that goal 4 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 4? (Select all that apply)

- **Support projects that expand the county trail and sidewalk network.**
- **When designing roadways, include bicycle and pedestrian paths and transit stops where applicable and feasible.**
- **Support Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs such as ridesharing, using public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home.**

Goal 5: Enhance the performance of the county transportation system in environmentally sustainable ways that increase resiliency to both climate change and vulnerability. Do you agree that goal 5 is a good goal for our transportation system?

**Agree**

What should we do to achieve goal 5? (Select all that apply)

- **Maintain the county's air quality attainment status for both ozone and fine particulates.**
- **Work closely with federal, state, municipal and private entities to implement alternative fuels use (i.e. electric, natural gas) throughout our region.**
- **Continue coordination with appropriate agencies to protect and provide resiliency for critical transportation infrastructure against disaster by identifying vulnerable assets and prevention strategies through an updated, current hazard mitigation plan.**
- **Work with all local, regional, state, and federal organizations and agencies to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts from planned projects.**
- **Assist in identification of potential environmental mitigation issues by acquiring, creating, and updating, as needed, geographic information system data layers for use by the implementing agencies and sharing them in a readily accessible format to municipalities.**

Are there other goals in addition to the first five goals that you would like to see considered for inclusion in the LRTP?

**Major goal should be to revive light rail system and encouraging the warehouse/logistics industries to use more freight rail and less heavy trucks. Roads never make a profit directly. Rails shouldn't be held to a different standard than roads.**

If you could instantaneously make one change (big or small) to the transportation system without concern for cost or other potential obstacles, what would it be?

**Reinstall the light rail system from Philly to Reading + towns all the way out to Robesonia. Install safe bike lanes and infrastructure to support bicycle commuting to the rail stations. within the towns connected to the rail system.**

What is your age?

**35-44**

What is your gender?

**Male**

What is your race/ethnicity?

**White**

What is your annual household income?

**Between \$100,000 and \$250,000**