

TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — PLANNING

St. Louis Citywide Transportation & Mobility Plan



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is proud to recognize the **St. Louis Citywide Transportation & Mobility Plan** (TMP) as the recipient of the [2026 Transportation Achievement Award](#) in the Planning category.

ITE's Transportation Achievement Awards recognize excellence in advancing transportation to meet human needs. The St. Louis TMP exemplifies this purpose by establishing the City's first comprehensive transportation plan in more than 75 years and setting a bold, long-term vision for how people move and how communities thrive. The plan will guide transportation investments and decisions for the next 10 to 25 years, with a focus on safety, connectivity, maintenance, and quality across all modes of transportation.

Developed through robust public engagement and a statistically valid survey, the TMP reflects the lived experiences, values, and priorities of St. Louis residents. Public participation was central to the plan, with neighborhood outreach, pop-up events, targeted conversations, and citywide survey input shaping a shared vision for a safe, connected, and well-maintained transportation network that advances equitable mobility options and supports sustainable growth.

One of the plan's most innovative elements is its Street Design Framework, which reimagines streets not simply as corridors for vehicle movement, but as public spaces that support walking, biking, transit, accessibility, and neighborhood life. The framework categorizes every street in St. Louis based on surrounding land use and defines 16 distinct street types, each with tailored design strategies that prioritize safety, connectivity, and integration with adjacent buildings and public spaces.

The Street Design Framework is also publicly accessible through an interactive map, empowering residents to explore how their streets are classified and what improvements are recommended. By translating technical design guidance into information that community members can understand and use, the TMP builds transparency, shared ownership, and trust in the planning process.

Safety is a foundational pillar of the TMP. The plan includes a data-driven Safety Action Plan with an ambitious goal to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 50 percent by 2050. To support this target, the Safety Action Plan identifies high-injury areas, recommends policy actions and priority

projects, outlines targeted countermeasures, and establishes a framework for annual progress reporting so the City can track outcomes and remain accountable.

The TMP advances the profession by challenging traditional transportation planning models that focus primarily on vehicle throughput and delay. Instead, the plan applies an equity lens and prioritizes access, mobility, safety, walkability, and community well-being. It also acknowledges the lasting impacts of past infrastructure decisions, including highway construction that divided neighborhoods, and reframes transportation planning as a tool for healing, connection, and inclusive growth.

The project also strengthens public understanding through public-facing dashboards that allow residents to track transportation projects from planning through construction. These tools respond directly to community questions about repaving, safety improvements, and neighborhood investments, helping make technical information more digestible and transportation decision-making more transparent.

The TMP stands out for bridging planning and engineering in a way that is both technically rigorous and community-responsive. Engineering expertise informed safety analysis, the Street Design Framework, and feasibility assessments, while planning and engagement shaped a people-centered vision rooted in resident priorities. This interdisciplinary approach has drawn regional attention, with the team invited to present at the Missouri/Arkansas American Planning Association state conference and other professional events, and several Midwest cities looking to the TMP as a blueprint for their own planning efforts.

The plan was unanimously adopted into the City's Comprehensive Plan on November 12, 2025, marking a major milestone for St. Louis and positioning the City to lead in equitable, people-centered transportation planning. ITE congratulates the City of St. Louis on this achievement and celebrates the St. Louis Citywide Transportation & Mobility Plan as a transformative blueprint for building a safer, more connected, and more equitable transportation future.

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