

Your Comprehensive Plan

Quick Overview

CONTENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

A comprehensive plan shall contain all of the following elements:

- **(a) Issues and opportunities element**
- **(b) Housing element.**
- **(c) Transportation element.**
- **(d) Utilities and community facilities element.**
- **(e) Agricultural, natural and cultural resources element.**
- **(f) Economic development element.**
- **(g) Intergovernmental cooperation element.**
- **(h) Land–use element.**
- **(i) Implementation element.**

Contents of an Element:

- Each element has certain sub-topics which must be addressed individually.
- For the Transportation Element, which we will be looking at next, these sub-topics are:
 - **Air Transportation**
 - **Water Transportation**
 - **Railroads**
 - **Transportation Systems for Persons with Disabilities**
 - **Transit**
 - **Bicycles/Pedestrian**
 - **Trucking**
 - **Highways**

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The Transportation
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Transportation Element:

■ Requirements:

- A compilation of goals, objectives, policies, maps and programs to guide the future development of our various modes of transportation.
- The element shall compare the local governmental unit's goals, objectives, policies, and programs to state and regional transportation plans.
- The element shall also identify highways within the local governmental unit by function and incorporate state, regional and other applicable transportation plans, including transportation corridor plans, county highway functional and jurisdictional studies, urban area and rural area transportation plans, airport master plans and rail plans that apply in the local governmental unit.

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Air Transportation:

- **Comments:**
 - There are no hard-surface air ports in the town of Concord. The nearest large airports are Dane County Regional Airport in Madison (45 minutes away) and Mitchell Field International Airport in Milwaukee (one hour away). Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is approximately 2.0 to 2.5 hours away. As well, both Watertown and Fort Atkinson have airports from which commuter planes can take off and land.
 - Located in the Town of Concord is a small, privately owned hot air balloon company and two turf-surfaced runway. These are used mainly for recreational activities rather than transportation purposes

Air Transportation:

- **Goals:**
 - Maintain the quiet, rural atmosphere of the town of Concord.
- **Objectives:**
 - To not establish hard-surface runway airports in the town of Concord.
- **Policies:**
 - Continued reliance on air transportation facilities located in neighboring communities.
- **Maps:**
- **Programs:**

Water Transportation:

- **Comments:**

- There is no true water transportation in the Town of Concord other than recreational boating and canoeing.
- Water bodies include Goose Lake, Golden Lake, Mud Lake, Spence Lake, Oconomowoc River

Water Transportation:

- **Goals:**
 - Not applicable to the town of Concord.
- **Objectives:**
- **Policies:**
- **Maps:**
- **Programs:**

Railroads:

- **Comments:**

- There are currently no railroad lines running through the Town of Concord. None are expected to expand into Concord between 2007 and 2027. The nearest rail system which could have an impact on the Town of Concord would be the CPR (Canadian Pacific) rail line which runs through the Town of Ixonia. This line is currently a freight line. However, it is also being used as a high speed rail passenger rail service between Milwaukee and Madison, part of a larger Midwest Regional Rail System (MWRRS) commuter line that would connect to Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul. The line would still continue to have active freight train traffic

Railroads:

- **Goals:**

- Maintain the quiet, rural atmosphere of the town of Concord.

- **Objectives:**

- To not establish a rail station or rail lines in the town of Concord.

- **Policies:**

- Utilize rail transportation systems in neighboring communities.

- **Maps:**

- **Programs:**

Transportation Facilities for the Disabled:

- **Comments:**

- The Town of Concord does not operate any transportation facilities for the disabled.

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- **Goals:**
- **Objectives:**
- **Policies:**
 - Continued reliance on transportation systems in neighboring communities.
- **Maps:**
- **Programs:**

Transit:

- **Comments:**

- The Town of Concord does not operate or rely on any form of mass transit facilities. Residents do not currently anticipate a need for such a transportation facility within the town of Concord over the next 20 years.
- There are two bus lines that pass through the town (Greyhound and Badger) – Neither has a designated stop in the town.

Transit:

- **Comments:**

- A state proposed Park and Ride at the I-94 / CTH F exchange was rejected by the town in March, 2004. Objections were that the town would be responsible for maintaining the Park and Ride lot
- WisDOT's SE Region in Waukesha is coordinating the construction of the Concord Park and Ride lot at the IH 94 & F Interchange. This utilized CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding. The location is the westbound off ramp at F, between CTH Band IH 94. Approximate time frame for this project is 2012.

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- **Goals:**
- **Objectives:**
- **Policies:**
- **Maps:**
- **Programs:**

Bicycles/Pedestrian:

- **Comments:**
 - Visionary points with consensus indicate a desire for non-vehicular trails including bicycle, pedestrian and equine trails. No plans currently exist for implementation of any of these projects.

Bicycles/Pedestrian:

- **Comments:**

- There is currently a designated Jefferson County bicycle route which runs through an approximate 7 mile path of Town of Concord. Starting on the north west corner of the town, south along CTH P to Ranch Road. East on Ranch Road to Hillside Drive. South on Hillside Drive to Bakertown Road. It then follows Bakertown Road east into the Village of Sullivan.
- This route is designated as a 'bicycle route between communities on low-volume roads' and falls under the authority of Jefferson County through the 'Jefferson County Bikeway/Pedestrian Plan'.
- Jefferson County is the primary implementing agency for the proposed improvements to the countywide system. Individual local communities will be the lead jurisdiction for city/village projects.

Bicycles/Pedestrian:

- **Goals:**

- Due to the consensus interest, the town should consider options for expanding bicycle, pedestrian and equine trails within the town if economically feasible.

- **Objectives:**

- **Policies:**

- **Maps:**

- **Programs:**

- Jefferson County Bikeway/Pedestrian Plan

Trucking:

- **Comments:**

- There is a moderate amount of commercial truck traffic through the Town of Concord. This is primarily through traffic along Interstate 94, and through the minor arterials.
- Local trucking activities are mainly related to agricultural uses such as grain harvesting, milk pickups, seed and fertilizer deliveries to farms fields and the flow of local farm equipment to and from local residences.

Trucking:

- **Goals:**
- **Objectives:**
 - Within the limits of its responsibilities, the Town shall provide a safe, efficient and convenient transportation system that promotes the coordinated flow and circulation of persons, vehicles and goods.
- **Policies:**
 - Road repair on an as needed basis.
 - Impose weight limits where applicable
- **Maps:**
- **Programs:**

Highways:

■ Comments:

- Major expense to the town in the annual budget is in highway maintenance and repair.
- Equipment is getting old – so repair expenses are increasing.
- Utilizes up to 6 part time employees – actually have low labor costs compared to surrounding communities.

Highways:

- **Goals:**
 - Minimize creation of new roads throughout the township.
 - Minimize expenditures to stay within the town budget.
- **Objectives:**
 - Within the limits of its responsibilities, the town shall provide a safe, efficient and convenient transportation system that promotes the coordinated flow and circulation of persons, vehicles and goods.
- **Policies:**
 - Repair damaged roads on an as needed basis.
 - The Town will continue to maintain and improve the roads for which it is directly responsible, including, snow removal, re-grading, fixing of potholes, and all other manner of necessary improvements to maintain public safety and enhance the flow of people, vehicles and goods.
- **Maps:**
- **Programs:**

Discussion?

Feedback?

- How understandable was this presentation?
- To help the presenters of the other elements, how could it have been more useful?

Comments?

- I will incorporate the discussions we have had tonight into the piece of the plan. There will likely be subjects in other elements that will affect what we have put together on this transportation plan, and those subjects will be considered along with these on the overall plan.
- If needed, I want to reserve the opportunity to present this transportation element again at a future meeting and make sure it is in sync with the other plan elements.
- Remember, this will piece of the plan will be available in the town hall meeting room, and at future meetings and on the town web site.