

**Subject:** Study Area Goals and Objectives

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_



We want to understand which of the goals are important to you. You might have varying priorities, but we'd like to know where things line up and what we should be sure to consider.

Below, please identify which study area goals are most important to you on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important). Listed below each goal for reference are the corresponding objectives.

#### GOAL: Improve Access, Safety, and Mobility for All

- Enhance the safety of the transportation system for all users.
- Facilitate access to transit options.
- Improve transit priority and reliability.
- Reduce travel delays for all roadway users.
- Protect the integrity of the I-90 corridor and parallel railroad tracks as major east-west regional connections.
- Leverage and improve upon the transportation system to close social and economic equity gaps.

#### GOAL: Reconnect Newton's Neighborhoods

- Reconnect neighborhoods currently isolated by the Newton Corner interchange.
- Improve safety, convenience, and comfort for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit travel.
- Capitalize on the presence of existing regional pedestrian and bicycle facilities and recreational resources.
- Create enhanced regional north/south connections for all users.
- Promote placemaking/placekeeping opportunities & support a welcoming urban environment through the lens of equity.

#### GOAL: Enhance Quality of Life

- Ensure that the benefits of the corridor's transportation assets and related resources are distributed equitably.
- Take care to minimize impacts to residential neighborhoods from the externalities of I-90 transportation demands.
- Minimize public health and environmental impacts and take opportunities to improve related outcomes.
- Enhance economic opportunities within the study area aligned with local, regional, and statewide goals.
- Support local, regional, and statewide land use and open space plans.

#### GOAL: Promote Sustainable Transportation Solutions

- Create solutions that include climate change mitigation measures.
- Identify and adapt to localized risks associated with worsening impacts of climate change.
- Further the transition to low- and zero-emission transportation modes to mitigate climate change while enabling improved community health indicators and greater health equity.
- Align the project with local climate mitigation initiatives as well as the Commonwealth's '2050 Decarbonization Roadmap' and associated 'Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030'.

#### GOAL: Develop Actionable Recommendations

- Create solutions that have demonstrated support from the public and host communities.
- Identify projects that are cost-effective based on return of investment relating to the other study goals / objectives.
- Develop concepts with tangible funding sources and understand limitations of such sources.