Downtown Toledo Transportation Plan

The Downtown Toledo Transportation Plan will work with the Toledo community to create a 20-year vision for a more balanced, complete, and integrated transportation system in downtown that meets the needs for travel by all modes (automobile, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian). Through an extensive public process involving stakeholders, community leaders, and Toledo residents, the plan will create an actionable and strategic framework to shape the future of our downtown transportation system.

Study Area:
For planning purposes, this study uses the boundary shown in the map as the official study area for downtown. Nonetheless, this plan will look at downtown from a holistic perspective, understanding that downtown’s edges and connections to surrounding neighborhoods are vital to future success and growth.

Process & Schedule:
The twenty-month planning process for the plan is divided into three general phases, each of which will involve public meetings open to the entire community. Phase 1 focuses on analyzing existing conditions and engaging the community for their vision and feedback. In Phase 2, the planning team will use this knowledge to develop and evaluate concepts and strategies, which will be presented to the public through a public meeting in the winter. Phase 3 will refine these concepts and develop a draft plan that will be unveiled in a third public meeting, planned for 2019.

Background:
Downtown Toledo has experienced significant changes in the past 15 years. Major developments such as Fifth Third Field and the Huntington Center in the early 2000’s, and more recently Promenade Park, residential construction in Hensville Park, and the new ProMedica downtown headquarters, have transformed downtown into a thriving district that accommodates residents, entertainment, and recreational pursuits.

Given the successful track record of these projects, investment and development in downtown will likely continue for the foreseeable future. While this trend is a major economic and social benefit for the City of Toledo, increased efforts to plan for and accommodate future growth are critical to a successfully revitalized downtown.
The Transportation Plan will continue to investigate the issues documented in the 2017 Downtown Master Plan. As a result of detailed analysis, public involvement, and best practices research. The Transportation Plan will recommend projects, programs, and policies to improve Downtown Toledo’s travel environment.