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**THE GASTON-CLEVELAND-LINCOLN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GCLMPO)  
HAS ESTABLISHED A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES GUIDING  
THE FORMATION OF THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

The document will be available for review and public comments will be received from  
**January 29, 2021 – February 28, 2021.**

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the GCLMPO is the locally-adopted, fiscally-constrained, long-range transportation plan for Cleveland, Gaston, and Lincoln counties. The MTP is a comprehensive plan that defines the transportation network that will serve both present and projected volumes of vehicular traffic, public transportation use, bicycle, pedestrian, aviation and freight travel in and around the urban area.

Each time the GCLMPO develops a new MTP, the process begins with the identification of goals and objectives. **The current draft of Goals and Objectives for the upcoming 2050 MTP can be viewed at [www.gclmpo.org](http://www.gclmpo.org).**

In the long range transportation planning process, goals describe characteristics of a desired future state of the transportation network for the area and the objectives identify steps that are expected to achieve the goals. The goals and objectives guide the process by which projects are prioritized. They also guide the evaluation of the performance of the transportation system.

Written comments may be sent by mail, email, or fax, or directed to GCLMPO social media accounts:

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**All written comments must be received by end of day on February 28, 2021.**

Additional information can be obtained by contacting GCLMPO staff at 704-854-6663.

In addition to written comments, the public may also provide comments during the GCLMPO TCC Meeting on Wednesday, **March 10, 2021 at 10:00 am** (virtual meeting) and the Board Meeting on Thursday, **March 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm** (virtual meeting).

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