

2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan Resolution

STAFF REPORT
LAKE ERIE WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING
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The 2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan outlines strategies to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity for people who either depend on active transportation modes for travel or recreation. Active transportation is any mode of travel that is not motorized, such as walking, biking, and using mobility devices, such as wheelchairs and scooters. The options are essential for many residents to access jobs, education, retail, and other community destinations, either directly or connected with transit. This plan is a resource to increase public awareness of active transportation options across the region and help guide local governments in making informed decisions about public transportation infrastructure and transit connections.

The plan was developed from the summer of 2025 through the spring of 2026 with the guidance and recommendation of the Active Transportation Advisory Group. The plan included public input from regular users of the active transportation network in the region. Overall, 481 public surveys were submitted either online or on paper, responding to 19 qualitative and quantitative questions. The plan is not an FHWA requirement, however, it will serve as a resource for funding opportunities to improve the active transportation network and services. The goals, strategies, and objectives offer a collaborative structure for guiding future actions in the region.

The vision of the plan for the Lake Erie West Region is to expand safe and accessible transportation options that allow people to walk, bicycle, and roll more easily across their communities.

The plan focused on three specific goals established by the advisory group. These goals are:

1. Develop and expand the regional multiuse path network and connect to other regional or statewide facilities.
2. Empower jurisdictions and public entities to make data-informed decisions by providing resources to develop active transportation infrastructure.
3. Ensure perpetual public and private participation through the awareness of available active transportation resources.

**A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE 2026-2030 REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (now known as Lake Erie West Regional Council), is a voluntary association of local governments in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie West Regional Council is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has been designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to direct, coordinate, and administer the Process in the Toledo area as mandated by the Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, the planning process commenced in 2025 when Lake Erie West staff, including partners and stakeholders from the Active Transportation Advisory Group, developed a plan through regular meetings and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Advisory Group advised and recommended the development of the “2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan” and offered support, resources, and information to help guide the development of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan was recommended for approval by the Technical Advisory Committee on June 3, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake Erie West Regional Council MPO Policy Board:

Section 1:

THAT the Lake Erie West Regional Council adopts the “2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan” as the regional active transportation plan for the Lake Erie West region; and

Section 2:

THAT the Lake Erie West Regional Council supports the goals, strategies, and objectives contained in the "2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan" and requests members and agencies to incorporate the projects, initiatives, and strategies into their planning for active transportation improvements within their jurisdictions.

Yeas -13-, Nays -0-, Abstain -0-

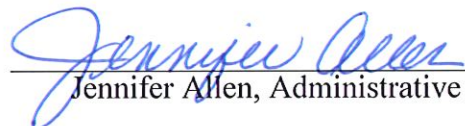
Date of Adoption: 06/17/26



Mike Pniewski, Chair
MPO Policy Board, Lake Erie West Regional Council

Attest:

I, Jennifer Allen, Lake Erie West Administrative Assistant, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2026-19, adopted on 06/17/26


Jennifer Allen, Administrative Assistant