

## **Overarching Framework:**

**DCS Mission:** The Department of Community Services preserves harmony between natural and built environments, keeps people and pets safe, and ensures every voice is heard.

**DCS Vision:** To be a trusted partner helping to create thriving and inclusive communities.

### **DCS Values:**

- **Responsibility:** We are resourceful and explore ways to deliver safe, responsive, effective, and sustainable services.
- **Integrity:** We act with honesty, sincerity and high ethical standards.
- **Transparency:** We promote an open process and communicate the reasons for actions and decisions.
- **Equity:** We respect, value, and honor diversity as we build relationships with our colleagues and communities.
- **Leadership:** We encourage innovation and promote professional growth.

### **Goal:**

Advance the DCS mission by establishing policies, processes, and an inclusive and innovative culture to effectively serve communities and responsibly steward the public's resources. The policy framework below should be used as a guide that informs the day-to-day decisions of DCS employees.

### **Transportation Purpose Statement**

Provide safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation services that improve outcomes for community health, mobility, and equity.

## Policy Framework for Transportation



**MOBILITY AND ACCESS:** Provide transportation options for people to access destinations and critical services.

*Objectives:*

- Support urban connectivity, multimodal transportation options, and compact development.
- Support walkable, livable communities in urban and main street areas.
- Ensure streets are accessible and safe for all residents to travel, especially for those who walk, use bicycles, take transit, or use mobility devices.
- Provide consistent roadway and infrastructure designs to facilitate multimodal mobility.
- Provide workers and businesses reliable and efficient access to resources, markets, and good-paying jobs.
- Support efficient and safe movement of rural farm and forest vehicles and equipment.

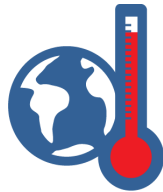


**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Provide a transportation system that promotes community health and safety.

*Objectives:*

- Reduce and aim to eliminate transportation-related serious injuries and fatalities through a Safe System approach.
- Design and manage roads to be safe for all modes.
- Prioritize safety of vulnerable road users and safe routes to schools.

- Advocate for vehicle safety standards that protect people outside of the vehicle as well as vehicle occupants.
- Support active modes of transportation.
- Reduce exposure to environmental health risk factors such as heat and transportation-related pollution.



**CLIMATE:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase community and environmental resilience to the impacts of climate change.

*Objectives:*

- Continually reduce transportation greenhouse gas emissions.
- Incorporate heat island cooling strategies into the transportation system.
- Protect and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.
- Promote development of climate-friendly communities with jurisdictional partners.



**EQUITY:** Promote racial, social, and economic justice through equitable transportation access, impacts, burdens, and benefits.

*Objectives:*

- Reduce and aim to eliminate inequities across our transportation systems and the communities they affect.
- Support and engage people and communities that currently or historically have had significant unmet transportation needs or who have experienced disproportionate negative impacts from the existing transportation system

to promote safe, affordable, accessible, and multimodal access to jobs, resources, and services.

- Aim to eliminate and redress racial, social, and economic disparities, harms, and adverse health effects from the transportation system.
- Promote equitable systems for raising transportation revenue.
- Promote workforce equity in delivery of transportation projects and services.



**TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY:** Respect and integrate the rights of federally recognized tribes into County policies, practices, and procedures.

*Objectives:*

- Support clear and consistent practices that promote tribal self-determination and engage in authentic consultation processes when mutual priorities are identified.
- Engage in early and frequent communication with tribal governments prior to pursuing action that may affect tribal rights, lands, resources, governance, or interests.
- Develop and implement transportation plans and policies that preserve, protect, or improve significant tribal historic, visual, and cultural resources, including landmarks, archaeological sites, historic and cultural landscapes.
- Support changes in state law that require analysis and mitigation of impacts of development to culturally significant sites and Tribal treaty fishing, hunting, and gathering grounds. Support state rulemaking efforts to improve coordination between local governments, development applicants, and Tribes, including sharing of site analysis information with Tribes.



**RESILIENCE:** Provide a transportation system that supports equitable community preparation for, mitigation of, and recovery from the impacts of natural disasters.

*Objectives:*

- Build transportation systems to be resilient and promote community resilience to earthquakes, floods, heat and other severe weather, wildfire, and landslides.
- Prioritize county emergency transportation routes and improve access to emergency transportation routes for underserved communities.
- Invest in seismic retrofits of bridges and other transportation infrastructure.



**ASSET STEWARDSHIP:** Manage County transportation assets to earn and uphold public trust.

*Objectives:*

- Leverage investments to achieve multiple objectives.
- Prioritize investment in cost-effective maintenance of transportation assets through Planned Maintenance strategies including periodic, predictive, and preventive approaches.
- Recognize environmental, social, and economic risks in construction and management of transportation infrastructure.
- Build, operate, maintain, and operate transportation infrastructure that can be adapted and modernized to meet community needs.