

**US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

Overview: National Park Service National Transportation Strategy

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Transportation in the NPS

The NPS recognizes that its transportation systems are the backbone on which over 300 million people rely on to visit America's national park units each year.

Vision: The National Park Service (NPS) provides safe and equitable access to the Nation's most special places.

Action: The NPS and its partners actively invest in maintaining and improving its transportation infrastructure which provide critical access to and within parks.

NPS Transportation Challenges and Priorities

Challenges: The NPS transportation system faces major challenges, including congestion, aging infrastructure, as well as damage from climate change and severe weather.

Priorities: The NPS National Transportation Strategy will help the agency address these challenges by establishing goals, objectives, and performance measures to maximize transportation investments' effectiveness in support of its highest priority strategic goals.

Draft NPS Transportation Strategic Goals



Protect the climate and advance resource protection



Enhance visitor experience and connect diverse communities



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Protect the Climate and Advance Resource Protection

Goal definition: The NPS is striving to meet its mission to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources by reducing transportation carbon emissions and preparing its assets for extreme weather events and climate change impacts.

Related Strategic Objectives:

- Reduce transportation impacts on natural and cultural resources
- Decrease transportation emissions related to visitation and operations
- Increase resiliency of transportation systems

Enhance Visitor Experience and Connect Diverse Communities

Goal definition: To improve equitable access for visitors and connect parks and communities, the NPS seeks to create a 21st century transportation system through investments in transit, trails, and technology.

Related Strategic Objectives:

- Expand partnerships to better connect to neighboring communities
- Eliminate fatalities and minimize injuries on the NPS transportation system
- Strategically expand transportation systems to address visitor needs
- Prepare for the future of transportation

Reinvest in the System and Make Legacy Investments

Goal definition: The NPS will make investments to maintain and improve the condition of roads and parkways, parking areas, transit infrastructure, trails, bridges, and tunnels and provide a safe, efficient, and context sensitive transportation system for visitors.

Related Strategic Objectives:

- Leverage grants and donations for major projects
- Maintain condition of existing assets
- Prioritize preventative maintenance and preservation to maximize value