



## Creating a Common Community Vision for Advancing Transportation Projects

*A shared vision supports better projects with fewer delays*

Transportation projects generate widespread discussions within communities and occasionally engender some controversy. Successful transportation agencies begin the project development process with an extensive community dialog that seeks to develop a shared vision between the transportation agency and the community. This shared vision can allow both the transportation agency and the community to identify common objectives, points of agreement, and mutual concerns.

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*Linking Community Visioning and Transportation Investments*

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### The Solution

Developed through the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2), the Transportation Visioning for Communities (T-VIZ) guide and website provide proven approaches for transportation agencies to develop a shared vision with communities to shape transportation projects. **T-VIZ provides a model approach, a step-by-step process, and case studies intended to generate consensus for a transportation project.** This SHRP2 product builds on successful examples at both the project and regional levels to create consensus on the need, scope, and outcomes for important transportation projects. The case studies illustrate a wide range of projects and demonstrate how the collaborative planning and visioning process can create consensus and support for projects and regional plans.

### The Benefits

By investing in visioning early in the planning process, transportation agencies can generate important community support not only for an individual project but also for entire programs. This community support can help agencies avoid costly delays in the environmental review and ecological permitting stages. Agencies also may generate greater goodwill, which can translate into increased financial support for transportation.

Proven tools for creating consensus

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New suite of visioning tools includes a model approach, a step-by-step process, and case studies along with a guide and website intended to generate consensus and shared outcomes for transportation projects.

#### Save Lives

- The process facilitates development of needed projects that provide safety benefits while meeting community needs.

#### Save Money

- T-VIZ reduces costly project challenges and project redesigns.

#### Save Time

- The process avoids controversies that lead to project delays and challenges.

## How can you learn more?

Research reports, the website, and training videos are available for the T-VIZ project at <http://shrp2visionguide.camsys.com/>. The complete library of case studies can be found at [http://www.trb.org/StrategicHighwayResearchProgram2SHRP2/Pages/Case Studies in Collaboration 373.aspx](http://www.trb.org/StrategicHighwayResearchProgram2SHRP2/Pages/Case_Studies_in_Collaboration_373.aspx). A broader perspective and strategies for collaborative decision making throughout the planning and project-development processes can be found at the website for Transportation for Communities: Advancing Projects through Partnerships at <http://transportationforcommunities.com/shrpc01/>. For more information, contact Brian Betlyon at FHWA, [brian.betlyon@dot.gov](mailto:brian.betlyon@dot.gov); Matt Hardy at AASHTO, [mhardy@aaashto.org](mailto:mhardy@aaashto.org); or Steve Andrie at TRB, [Sandrie@nas.edu](mailto:Sandrie@nas.edu).



### About SHRP2 Implementation

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