

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2025 Mobility Implementation Plan miPLAN - Phase I

The Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS), the transportation entity of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) completed its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2025 in December 2004. The LRTP 2025 was adopted to serve as the guiding principles to ensure future safe, efficient, and economical transportation making the best use of existing infrastructure, optimizing mobility, promoting environmental sensitivity, accessibility and economic development, and enhancing quality of life for all users. The Plan included preferred alternatives for local area transportation. If business as usual continues, however, the communities will experience significantly increased costs and increased traffic congestion.

To research and implement the recommendations of the LRTP 2025, a Mobility Implementation Plan (miPLAN) Committee, or MIP-C, was convened. miPLAN will help identify ways to minimize sprawl, improve mobility, and encourage development to improve population density. Representatives of 11 regional partners from government, non-profits, and the private sector form the committee and meet bimonthly:

- CCRPC-Senior Services
- Champaign County Farm Bureau
- Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
- City of Urbana
- PACE, Inc. Center for Independent Living
- Urbana Public School District
- Champaign County Board
- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
- City of Champaign
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign
- Village of Savoy

The committee has completed Phase I of its work, and Phase II is well underway. Phase I included four primary components: neighborhood meetings, market research, profile of existing public transportation travel patterns, and recommendations for creating mobility-enhanced development. The work done in Phase I identified desired outcomes and existing conditions.

Forthcoming briefs will distill exciting and interesting information gathered during neighborhood meetings and research activities. Ultimately, miPLAN will generate recommendations to guide local governments, businesses, and the development community toward the desired outcomes. LRTP 2025, research, and studies show us where our community residents and business partners would like to be in the coming decades. miPLAN will show us how to get there.