



MEMO

TO: Laramie County Planning Commission
FROM: Christopher Yaney – MPO Director, Cheyenne MPO
DATE: October 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting *Connect 2050: Update to the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)* — Update to the Metropolitan Transportation and Future Land Use Plan of *PlanCheyenne* for the City of Cheyenne and the Cheyenne Urban Area

Dear Laramie County Planning Commission:

The Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) respectfully submits for your review and consideration the resolution Adopting *Connect 2050: Update to the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)*. This plan serves as the federally required long-range transportation plan for the Cheyenne Urbanized Area and represents an update to the *PlanCheyenne* Metropolitan Transportation and Future Land Use Plan.

The *Connect 2050* MTP outlines the community's transportation vision through the year 2050 and provides the policy framework and project priorities necessary to guide multimodal transportation investments across the region. Developed in coordination with the City of Cheyenne, Laramie County, the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), the plan integrates transportation, land use, environmental, and economic development goals to support sustainable regional growth and mobility.

Public participation was a critical component throughout the planning process, in accordance with the MPO's adopted Public Participation Plan and federal planning requirements under 23 CFR 450. The MPO conducted popup event meetings, online surveys with comments and reviews, and online engagement, and agency coordination to ensure the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of the Cheyenne community.

Adoption of this resolution will certify *Connect 2050* as the official long-range transportation plan for the Cheyenne MPO area and as the transportation element of *PlanCheyenne*. Upon approval, the MPO will transmit the adopted plan and resolution to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for final acceptance.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership in advancing a safe, efficient, and connected transportation system for the Cheyenne region.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Yaney
MPO Director, Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attachments:

- Resolution Adopting *Connect 2050: Update to the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)*
- Draft *Connect 2050* Update to the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan



CONNECT

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2050

Updates from Connect 2045

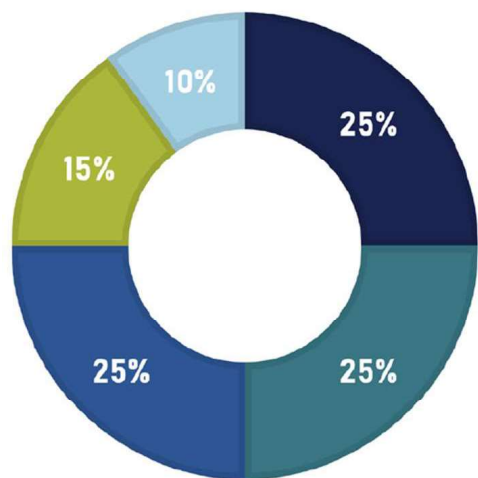
- Updated horizon year through 2050
- Refreshed project list
 - Roadway Capital Projects
 - Active Transportation Projects
 - Transit Projects
- Added projects from studies completed since Connect 2045



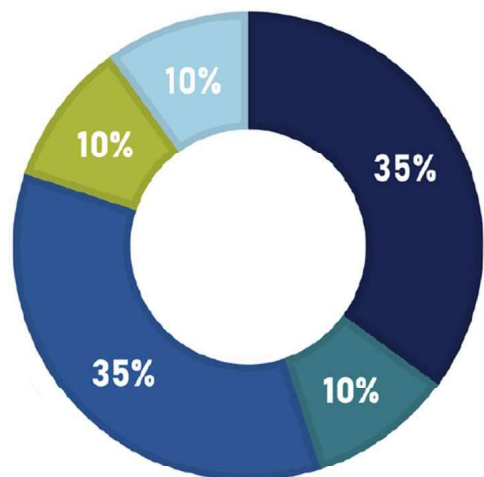
Roadway Capital Projects



Roadway Capital Project Prioritization



Urban

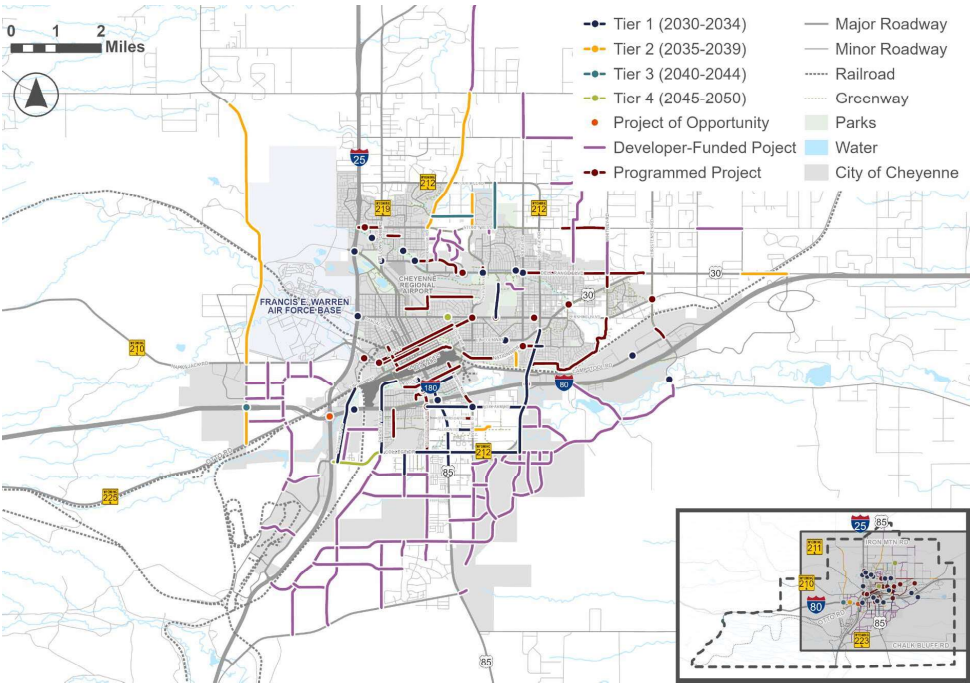


Rural

- Safety and Security
- Operational Efficiency
- Preservation and Resiliency
- Livability and Economic Growth
- Multimodal Integration



Roadway Capital Projects



Active Transportation Project Prioritization

Number of Active Transportation Facilities, Crossings, and Transit Stops Enhanced

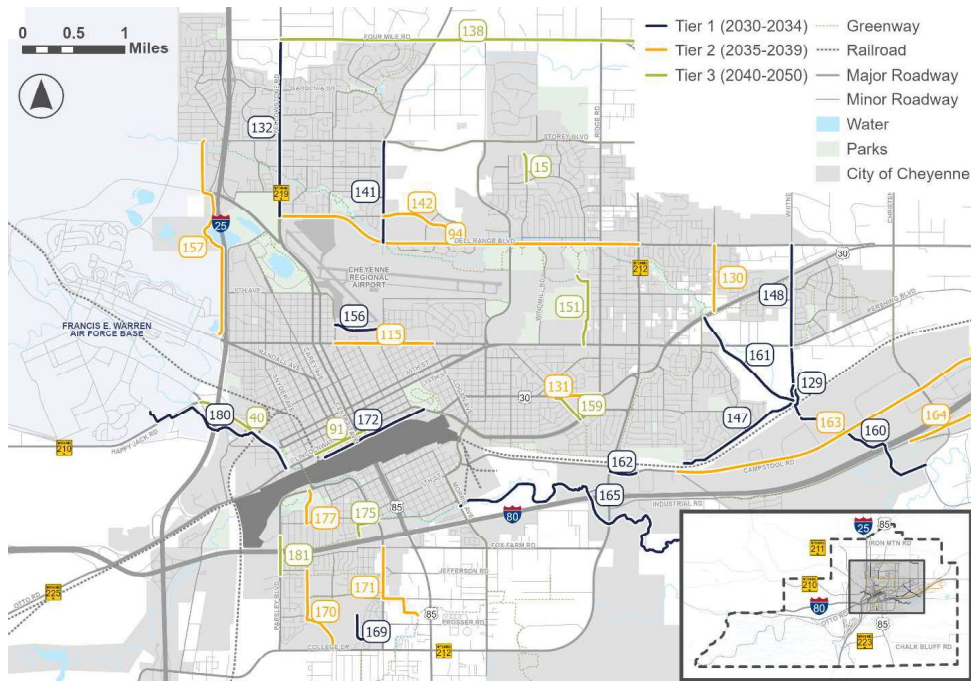
Number of Arterials and Collectors Connected by the Project

Addresses Gaps in Active Transportation Infrastructure

Active Transportation Propensity



Active Transportation Projects



Transit Projects



South Route
Realignment



Future Intercity Bus
Services



Transfer Hub
Relocation



Front Range
Passenger Rail Station





RESOLUTION NO. _____

ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING *CONNECT 2050: UPDATE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN OF PLANCHEYENNE* FOR LARAMIE COUNTY AND THE CHEYENNE URBAN AREA."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 9-8-301 mandates that all local governments shall develop a local land use plan; and

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 18-5-202(b) provides for the creation of a Planning Commission and states in pertinent part:

"b) The planning and zoning commission may prepare and amend a comprehensive plan including zoning for promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the unincorporated areas of the county, and certify the plan to the board of county commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 18-5-202 allows each board of county commissioners to adopt and amend a comprehensive plan to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. § 134(i) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to prepare and update a transportation plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR § 450.324 requires each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to develop and maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with a planning horizon of at least twenty (20) years, including both long-range and short-range strategies that lead to the development of an integrated multimodal transportation system to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, *Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* amends *Connect 2045: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* of PlanCheyenne which was adopted by the Laramie County Board of Commissioners by Resolution #201201-8 in December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Transportation Plans have a 5-year life and *Connect 2045: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* expired in December of 2025 therefore, the Cheyenne MPO prepared a *Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* which was adopted in December 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) retained Kimley-Horn and Associates November 12, 2024 to develop the *Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne*, and

WHEREAS, *Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* was developed under the processes required by state law for the adoption and amendment of master plan (comprehensive plan); and

WHEREAS, *Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* included a robust public involvement process which included "pop-up" events, Superday Event, interactive maps, mass emails, and on-line surveys for comments and reviews, etc.; and

WHEREAS, *Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* was prepared with a *Connect 2050* Steering Committee, and active involvement of the MPO Online Citizens Advisory Committee and the MPO Technical Committee who has recommended adoption to the MPO Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was advertised via plancheyenne.org and newspaper legal ads announcing the Public Hearing which was conducted by the Laramie County Planning Commission on November 18, 2025, and included the various means for citizens to review the proposed *Connect 2050* and to provide comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING:

THAT, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the "*Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne*" dated December 2025.

THAT, the "*Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne*" amends and replaces the *Connect 2045: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne* of PlanCheyenne.

THAT, this resolution shall become effective after its passage and approval.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that "*Connect 2050: Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne*" will be in effect for five-years from its adoption by the MPO Policy Committee and will be used as a guide for the prioritization of all transportation modes in Laramie County and the Cheyenne Urban Area.

PRESENTED, READ, AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Person

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Received and approved as to form:

Laramie County Attorney Office