Money is not the only cost to consider with regard to transportation improvements. We need to be careful about how much open land we consume, what our transportation habits are doing to the environment, and how our communities are being shaped by the transportation facilities we build. To ensure these issues are properly considered and money is well spent, federal and state government have numerous requirements that must be met and formal processes that must be followed depending on the type and size of a project.

Transportation planning is done at the state and regional levels. Certain plans are long-range, establishing a general direction and broad goals for the next two decades. Other plans are very specific “programs” — lists of actual projects that are funded and in progress or due to be under way soon.

Although one lead organization is responsible for developing and implementing each plan, many entities are involved in the planning process. This promotes balance, coordination, and partnerships.

How it Works:
Planning our Transportation Future — Who Plans What, and How
TRANSPORTATION PLANS
www.NorthernTier.org/transPlanning.php
Pennsylvania Long-Range Transportation Plan

1. Identifies a statewide transportation vision
2. Establishes broad goals
3. Updated every four to five years
4. Led by PennDOT

Northern Tier Long-Range Transportation Plan

2. Interprets statewide vision and goals for our region
3. Includes a prioritized list of projects
4. Updated every four years
5. Led by NTRPDC

Twelve-Year Plan

3. Prioritized list of projects from LRTP eligible for federal and state funding expected to be undertaken within the next 12 years

Recommended Projects

In next 4 years

In 4 to 8 years

In 8 to 12 years

Transportation Improvement Plan

4. The first four years of the Twelve-Year Plan
5. Projects matched with committed funding
6. Updated every two years

Regional TYPs and TIPs are approved by the State Transportation Commission and compiled into the Pennsylvania Twelve-Year Plan and Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Plan.