

## **WisDOT's Land Use Vision**

Coordinating transportation and land use decisions to effectively manage our transportation systems

## **WisDOT's Land Use Goals**

1. Increase WisDOT staff's understanding of the transportation – land use relationship, and how our activities affect land use.
2. Develop a WisDOT philosophy and message on land use.
3. Provide direction and support to districts and divisions on their land use activities.
4. Increase coordination, communication and involvement with local planning efforts.

## **WisDOT's Guiding Principles on Land Use**

WisDOT considers the impact transportation facilities have on local land use and land use decisions. WisDOT has taken the initiative in educating local officials about the impacts of their land use decisions on the transportation system, and the impacts of transportation decisions on land use. This work, however, is often constrained by funding and other resource limitations.

1. WisDOT will not usurp local land use decisions;
2. WisDOT will be educators for local government leaders who struggle with balancing the need for growth with the desire to preserve their community character;
3. WisDOT's decisions will reflect our desire to be a good neighbor;
4. WisDOT's decisions will be consistent with our mission and values;
5. A comprehensive transportation system includes multiple modes of transportation;
6. Some transportation modes are more dependent on land development design and population density than other factors and this dependence needs to be understood;
7. WisDOT will emphasize planning as a tool with many uses: it provides an opportunity to coordinate & integrate transportation and land use decisions, it can strengthen relationships between WisDOT and local governments, it identifies costs before they are incurred and can identify ways to minimize them; and it provides for extensive public participation;
8. WisDOT will especially promote integrated transportation and land use planning;
9. WisDOT will respect, consider and balance environmental resources, property rights, community goals, transportation needs and quality of life issues in our decision-making;
10. WisDOT will be accountable for our decisions: accountable to the environment, to the transportation system, to our taxpayers;
11. WisDOT will support the development and implementation of local comprehensive plans;
12. WisDOT recognizes the impacts that its actions have on land use changes and will attempt to make those impacts harmonize with local community values.