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Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council Seeks Public Input for Long Range Transportation Plan Update

The Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) is updating its Long-Range Transportation Plan for Tompkins County. The plan covers the 20-year period through 2045. The purpose and primary objective of the transportation plan is to develop a common vision for the future of transportation in Tompkins County.

"Every five years we update our long-range transportation plan," stated Fernando de Aragón, director of the ITCTC. "Once again, we have the opportunity to define a vision for Tompkins County and public input is essential. The plan offers the opportunity to focus on the role of transportation in strengthening the local economy, encouraging a healthy lifestyle, and promoting equity in our community. Of course, we also recognize the great impact of the transportation sector in issues like energy consumption, air quality and climate change. How we deal with transportation locally can play an important role in addressing these challenges." Topics covered by the Long-Range Transportation Plan include pedestrian and bicycle transportation, traffic circulation, maintenance of infrastructure, safety, transit, trail development and more.

You can view both the current transportation plan and information on the proposed update at the ITCTC web site: https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/itctc/lrtpupdate. The ITCTC will accept public comments through October 2024.

For additional information or to provide your input you may contact the ITCTC at 274-5570, email itctc@tompkins-co.org, go to the agency web site at www.tompkinscountyny.gov/itctc, or visit the 'Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council' on Facebook.

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