

Definitions of Terms:

Priority Development Area (PDA)

Locations potentially capable of supporting additional development or redevelopment, but that may first require additional investments in infrastructure.

(Can be areas designated under state programs such as Chapter 43D (expedited permitting), Chapter 40R (smart growth zones) or Economic Opportunity Areas can be examples of PDAs.)

Priority Preservation Area (PPA)

Deserve special protection due to significant environmental factors and/or natural features, such as endangered species habitats, large blocks of high quality intact habitat (BioMap2), areas critical to water supply, scenic vistas, areas important to a cultural landscape, or areas of historical significance.

(May be areas critical to linking open space and trails across municipal boundaries, forming a larger regional network.)

Significant Transportation Investment (STI)

Transportation projects that have the potential to increase efficiency and enhance interconnectivity for facilities which serve regional transportation needs.

(Locally identified projects, along with projects from other statewide and regional planning documents, will be evaluated to develop an initial set of Regionally Significant Transportation Investments (RSTIs).)

Significant Infrastructure Investment (SII)

Infrastructure projects that have the potential to increase efficiency and capacity and enhance development potential for facilities/sites which serve regional needs.

(These potential projects might address water, sewer/wastewater, stormwater, and may include new infrastructure upgrades/increase in capacity to existing infrastructure that either individually or collectively serve regional needs.)

This Study is guided by six fundamental principles:

- 1) Continued new growth will likely require major transportation and other infrastructure upgrades, beyond what is needed to keep existing systems in good repair;
- 2) New commercial and residential growth must occur in a manner that is respectful of open space resources, transportation networks, and water resources in the region;
- 3) Land use and transportation decisions must take into account the principles established by the Global Warming Solutions Act and the transportation reorganization statute;
- 4) Workforce housing must continue to be produced and preserved within the region;
- 5) Sustainable new growth will involve the creation and maintenance of an effective public transit system; and
- 6) Coordinated planning and implementation efforts between jurisdictions are necessary.

