

## Chapter 11

### Summary and Conclusions

Kingsport Area MPO leaders must look at plans for the future by including all 120,000 people, five municipalities, and four counties as users of a cohesive transportation system. The Kingsport Area MPO has developed the 2030 Plan with this metropolitan approach in mind, considering all factors, how they affect each particular portion of the study area, and how recommendations can benefit all area citizens.

It is the ultimate goal of the MPO, through the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan, to provide safe and secure roads, reduce traffic congestion, improve access and enhance opportunities for economic development through improvements to all modes within the network, including rail and air. From the recommendations brought forth in this document, the Kingsport Area MPO, member jurisdictions, and support agencies including TDOT, VDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration, will work to implement projects in a timely and financially feasible fashion. To facilitate this process, the MPO will utilize the three and five year elements found within the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as a short term guide in selecting and funding projects. The long-range plan supports an ongoing process of project selection and implementation and the Kingsport MPO will continue to revise and/or update the Plan in order to stay current in terms of data, expectations, and changes in travel patterns.

The Kingsport Area MPO 2030 Plan is presented as a tool to guide the development of transportation facilities throughout the MPO area in order to improve the standard of travel for all area citizens.