

MASTER TRANSPORTATION AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



AUG **2025**

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SINCE THE CONCLUSION of the Phase 1 Engagement, a draft of the **Direction 2050** Transportation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan has been developed. Over the next month, another round of public and stakeholder input will be gathered, which will inform the final version of the plan.

Future conditions in Dickinson, such as projected population growth, land use, and housing, were analyzed. This allowed for the development of traffic forecasting, transportation project identification and prioritization, and transportation policy guidelines. Direction 2050 also includes detailed analysis regarding a range of community development and housing issues including recommendations to support continued growth and development of the city.

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2015

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Population growth is a significant factor for comprehensive planning. Dickinson's population has historically been most influenced by the baby boom, and two oil and gas booms.

Without another economic event to trigger a major change in employment, the future growth is likely to be more consistent, which allows for measured maintenance of existing infrastructure and facilities.

ATTENDED TO THE PREVIOUS GROWTH FORECAST 45.000 40.000 35,000 36,449 30,000 25,000 29,269 27,474 25,679 20.000 21,097 Population forecasts for 15,000 17,787 Direction 2050 show a 10,000 more reasonable growth trend for the city.

Dickinson Population Projection Comparison

2035

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Snapshot of Future Land Use

Status Land Use

Future Land Use

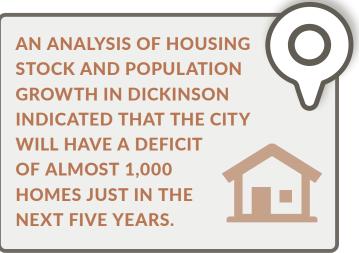
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Dickinson's Direction 2050 updates previous Land Use efforts by promoting **modest and measurable** development in a number of key locations within Dickinson. Direction 2050 directs future growth and development to areas inside the Urban Service Area, to utilize existing and planned municipal infrastructure. This approach allows Dickinson to establish a state of good repair for its extensive system of municipal infrastructure.

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After presenting and obtaining feedback from the Community Stakeholder Group and community leaders via multiple channels, an approach was identified for

future land use development in Dickinson which will balance higher-density infill development in central neighborhoods with lower-density outward development on the edges of the city.

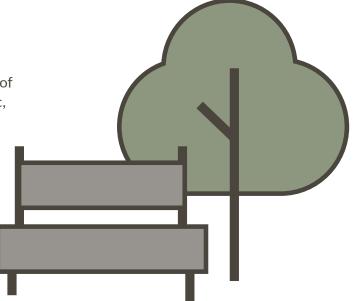


To maintain existing housing and promote new housing, the Plan outlines a number of recommendations such as encouraging new unit types like modular homes and townhomes, supporting the rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned homes, and exploring new partnerships with developers, lenders, and nonprofits.

Community development includes the betterment of resources such as parks and recreation; natural, historic, and cultural sites; and city services.

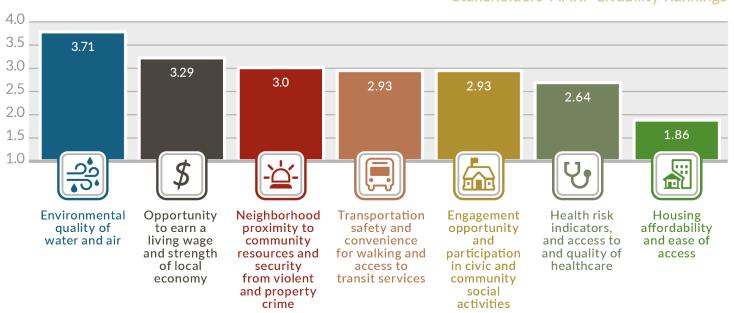
Community needs can be fulfilled with quality-of-life improvements based on the AARP Livability Index.

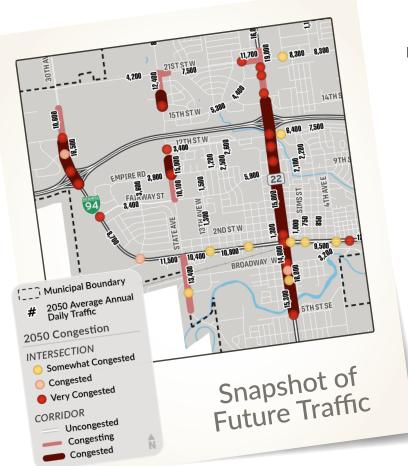
To best understand community member needs, stakeholders were asked to rank Dickinson's offerings in seven AARP livability categories on a **1 to 4 scale**. The chart shows these areas rated from highest to lowest average quality scores.



The Plan includes recommendations surrounding all aspects of community development which will **enhance quality of life**, aesthetic qualities, and civic pride within the city.

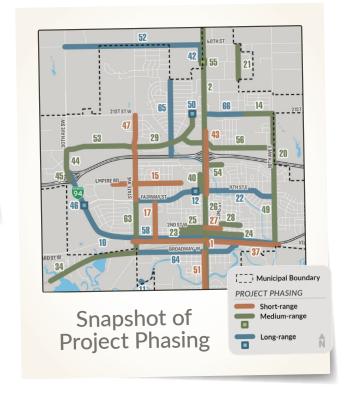
Stakeholders' AARP Livability Rankings





The **traffic forecast** accounts for transportation projects that have been already planned through 2028 at the local, state, and/or federal level. Many of these projects are expected to **reduce traffic congestion and improve safety** based on 2025 levels.

Direction 2050 developed a traffic forecast to the year 2050, focusing on intersections which are forecasted to have a significant level of traffic congestion. The map shows two indicators of traffic congestion, intersections and corridors, as well as the future average annual daily traffic (AADT) at the street segment level.





A project prioritization analysis was performed, based on transportation needs related to safety, traffic, and future growth. Improvements to the transportation system were identified, which could either be incorporated into currently planned projects or planned as entirely new projects. These improvements were then grouped into corridor segments or spot improvements. The prioritization of these projects was further developed based on the key north-south and east-west corridors identified during the existing conditions analysis, as well as public input related to safety, efficiency, and connectivity.

