

# Sumter 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan: Action Items Report Card

## Year 1: 2024

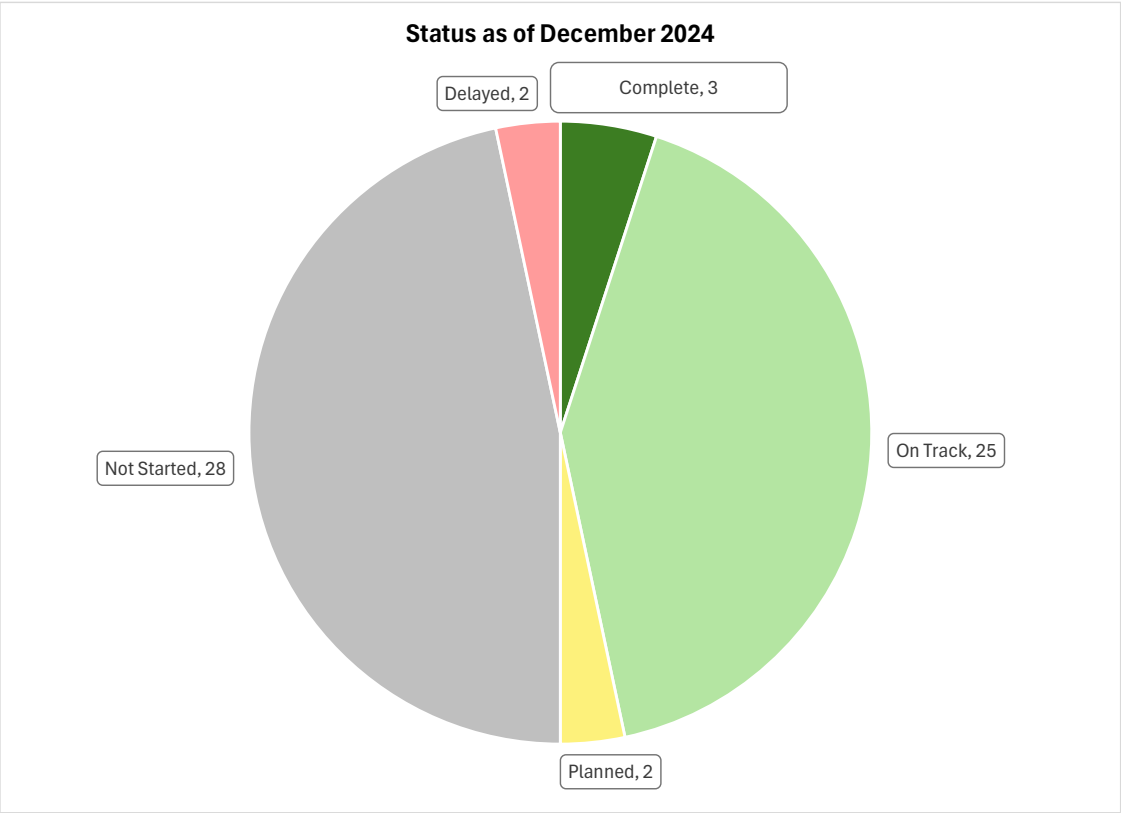
The SUATS 2050 LRTP represents an important step toward implementing multimodal improvements that affect travel safety, mobility, development patterns, and the aesthetics of the Sumter region. The action items list appropriate steps for local leaders to implement the recommendations of this plan and key agencies that should be involved with the task. While all listed items are not expected to be completed within the 5 year lifecycle of the current LRTP, the process should be initiated. The success of this plan hinges on the City and County continuing to work with and educate local citizens and businesses. This annual report card offers a tool for the members of the Sumter Community to understand status of various actions and advocate for further progress.

### Highlights

Penny for Progress Referendum Success - In November 2024, the voters of Sumter County overwhelmingly approved a renewal of the "Penny for Progress" one-cent sales tax for capital projects. Included in the list of approved projects are 10 separate transportation improvement categories, representing 44% of the total initiative's funding. This success will provide resources over the next 8 years to bring to reality projects identified in the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

TAP Grant Awarded for Folsom Park/Uptown Sidewalk Project - In December 2024, the City of Sumter was awarded an \$800,000 Transporattion Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to complete engineering design and initial development work for 3.68 miles of new sidewalk on 6 streets in the Uptown/Folsom Park area of the City. These sidewalks will fill critical gaps along highly traveled streets where there are no pedestrian facilities currently available.

City Street Development Standards Updated - In April 2024, Sumter City Council adopted a comprehensive update to its *Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance* that updated Article 8.d., which regulates new street development. The improvements made included increasing minimum width of new sidewalks from 4.5 to 5 ft., a policy statement discouraging use of cul-de-sacs in residential devleopment, clarity regarding street dimension standards, and enhanced standards for new street construction.



Status as of Dec 2024	Count of Status
Complete	3
On Track	25
Planned	2
Not Started	28
Delayed	2
Total	60

**Complete** – action item is considered done with no further action required.

**On track** – action is underway with a defined point of completion

**Planned** – while no action has been taken, the item is scheduled for action to occur at a future point

**Not started** – no action has been taken and no action has been planned

**Delayed** – issues have arisen during implementation that delay progress in full or in part.

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Calendar Year 2025

Item No.	Action Plan Items	L RTP Category	Type of Action	Group	Status April 2025	Notes/additional details
1	Request inclusion of high-priority projects in the next update of the state's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	General	Carry out a specific planning function	Coordination with SCDOT	Complete	
2	Create a standing citizen committee that will encourage and educate the public as well as seek to aid in the implementation of this plan.	General	Carry out a specific planning function	Partnerships & coordination with community stakeholders	On Track	Sumter Transportation Resident Advisory Committee (STRAC) introduced for Policy Committee Consideration
3	Develop and implement traffic calming standards for existing neighborhoods based on observed and/or anticipated impacts from new development.	General	Conduct a new study/planning effort	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	On Track	
4	Adopt access management policies for arterials and major collectors following best practices for safety and mobility	General	Adopt a new policy	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	On Track	
5	As physical infrastructure improvements are made, avoid and/or minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas to preserve the natural environment.	General	General aspiration	Miscellaneous	On Track	
6	When applicable, request SCDOT include pedestrian and bicycle facilities in all SCDOT-initiated projects within the SUATS MPO jurisdiction.	General	Change a process or regulation	Coordination with SCDOT	On Track	
7	Conduct comprehensive re-evaluation and rightsizing of designated roadway functional classifications within the MPO Study Area.	General	Conduct a new study/planning effort	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Complete	2020 Census Functional Classification Review Completed
8	Secure funding to create aesthetic gateways (at key locations along major routes) that invite and welcome citizens and visitors to the SUATS region.	General	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements	On Track	Gateway Landscape Architecture Design work underway, funded via Thriving Communities Program (TCP)
9	Develop a City of Sumter access management policy for arterials and major collector streets following best practices for safety and mobility	General	Carry out a specific planning function	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	On Track	City Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in development and expected in late 2025/early 2026
10	Develop a Sumter County access management policies for arterials and major collector streets following best practices for safety and mobility	General	Carry out a specific planning function	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Not Started	
11	Promote re-introduction of the Penny for Progress sales tax via voter referendum at the next opportunity in 2024.	General	General aspiration	Secure/advocate for new funding	Complete	2024 Penny for Progress Referendum passed with over 60% voter approval.
12	Adopt an MPO "Complete Streets" policy that establishes the need to accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, and transit safety and mobility as well vehicular needs to encourage a well-balanced transportation system.	Policy	Adopt a new policy	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Not Started	
13	Amend County Ordinances to require that subdivisions larger than 30 units include at least 2 separate points of access from a public street and at least one stub-out street to extend and connect with future streets (where geographically applicable).	Policy	Change a process or regulation	Sumter County policy or regulatory change	Not Started	City Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in development and expected in late 2025/early 2026
14	Amend City Ordinances to require that subdivisions larger than 30 units include at least 2 separate points of access from a public street and at least one stub-out street to extend and connect with future streets (where geographically applicable).	Policy	Change a process or regulation	City of Sumter policy or regulatory change	On Track	City Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in development and expected in late 2025/early 2026
15	Create a Broad Street Corridor Overlay District within the City of Sumter's Zoning Ordinance. Items addressed in the Overlay District would include street signage control, streetscape elements, landscaping, access and cross access, parking, and building orientation and frontage.	Policy	Conduct a new study/planning effort	City of Sumter policy or regulatory change	On Track	City Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in development and expected in late 2025/early 2026

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16	Create a Liberty Street Corridor Overlay District within the City of Sumter's Zoning Ordinance that will implement the intent of this plan. Items that should be addressed in the Overlay District include street signage control, streetscape elements, landscaping, access and cross access, parking, and building orientation and frontage.	Policy	Conduct a new study/planning effort	City of Sumter policy or regulatory change	On Track	City Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in development and expected in late 2025/early 2026
17	Revise City street width and right-of-way requirements included in existing ordinances to match current best practices for complete street roadway design	Policy	Change a process or regulation	City of Sumter policy or regulatory change	On Track	City Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in development and expected in late 2025/early 2026
18	Revise County street width and right-of-way requirements included in existing ordinances to match current best practices for complete street roadway design	Policy	Change a process or regulation	Sumter County policy or regulatory change	Not Started	
19	Program funds for implementation of 2 improvements to priority locations based on 5-year crash statistics with "spot safety funds" from SCDOT district office	Street improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements	Not Started	
20	Work with SCDOT to complete the projects in the current TIP, prioritizing projects that are behind schedule.	Street improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Coordination with SCDOT	Delayed	Some projects on schedule, others delayed
21	Commit full allocation of Regional Mobility Program funds to facilitate completion of high-ropriety improvements.	Street improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Secure/advocate for new funding	On Track	
22	Complete 100% of the transportation projects funded via the 2016 Penny for Progress program.	Street improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements	Delayed	
23	Work with SCDOT and available local funding sources to obtain planning, engineering, and construction funds for the Interim Year (2030) fiscally constrained projects identified in the LRTP Financial Plan Chapter.	Street improvement	Implement specific recommendation from a specific adopted plan	Coordination with SCDOT	On Track	
24	Pursue Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to implement the walk+bike projects included in the 2050 LRTP financial plan.	Street improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Coordination with SCDOT	On Track	TAP Grant awarded to Sumter by SCDOT for sidewalk project (Folsom Park/Uptown)
25	Work with SCDOT officials and available local funding sources to pursue and schedule funding for projects identified in the Vision Year (2040) identified in the Financial Plan Chapter.	Street improvement	Implement specific recommendation from a specific adopted plan	Coordination with SCDOT	Planned	
26	Pursue federal funding to fill gaps in the sidewalk network by constructing connections between existing sidewalks and high traffic pedestrian areas.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Secure/advocate for new funding	On Track	TAP Grant awarded to Sumter by SCDOT for sidewalk project (Folsom Park/Uptown)
27	Adopt a policy that all new collector and arterial streets provide full facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Adopt a new policy	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	On Track	
28	Pursue funding to complete high-priority bicycle projects consistent with recommendations in the Walk + Bike Chapter.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Secure/advocate for new funding	On Track	
29	Establish an educational program for bicyclists to understand rules of the road and how to use the local bike network	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Start a new program	Partnerships & coordination with community stakeholders	Not Started	
30	Conduct self-assessment of Sumter's bicycle friendliness using the the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community Application Criteria	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Start a new program	Miscellaneous	Not Started	
31	Establish a partnership with local law enforcement officials to ensure laws and regulations pertaining to motorist, cyclist, and pedestrian safety are properly and consistently enforced across the region	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Start a new program	Partnerships & coordination with community stakeholders	Not Started	

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32	Program funds for installation of 5 new bicycle parking facilities at key destinations throughout the region over the next year.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements	Not Started	
33	Establish partnership program with local schools to better promote walking and biking in the community, including establishment of a Safe Routes to School program, National Walk to School day, and other school-based safety education, outreach, and engagement programs	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Start a new program	Partnerships & coordination with community stakeholders	Not Started	
34	Develop public services announcements to encourage a healthy community through enhanced cycling and walking.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Miscellaneous	Partnerships & coordination with community stakeholders	Not Started	
35	Establish a Sidewalk Improvement Policy to identify and provide dedicated funding for projects to repair damaged sidewalks, fill sidewalk gaps, and upgrade sidewalks and intersections to meet current ADA standards.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Adopt a new policy	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Not Started	
36	Commission a comprehensive sidewalk condition inventory update at least every 5 years to help establish priorities for funding sidewalk improvements.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Conduct a new study/planning effort	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Planned	Citywide inventory last completed in 2022, Due for update in 2027
37	Establish a Marked Crosswalk Policy to provide for the consistent application of treatment systems at signalized and non-signalized intersections and at mid-block crosswalks to ensure that marked crosswalks are of a consistent quality on all local, collector, and arterial roadways	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Adopt a new policy	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Not Started	
38	Create a Sidewalk and Bike Facility Fee-In-Lieu Policy to provide the option for residential and commercial developers to either construct sidewalk and/or bicycle facilities along the right-of-way as part of their development or to pay a fee for future construction of sidewalk segments.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Start a new program	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Not Started	
39	Establish a SUATS bikeshare program, comprised of rentable docked or dock-less bikes and/or scooters strategically positioned around the region and managed either by a 3rd party contractor or a not-for-profit partner.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Start a new program	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements	Not Started	
40	Revise City Ordinance to increase minimum sidewalk size to at least 5 ft. width with a 5-foot vegetative buffer from the street in residential areas, and at least 10 ft. width in retail centers and the central business district.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Change a process or regulation	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	On Track	City Ordinance amended to increase minimum sidewalk width to 5 ft.
41	Revise County Ordinance to increase minimum sidewalk size to at least 5 ft. width with a 5-foot vegetative buffer from the street in residential areas.	Bike & pedestrian improvement	Change a process or regulation	Regional (SUATS) policy, regulatory change, or study	Not Started	
42	Advocate to SWRTA for the improvements to existing fixed route service outlined in the 2019 Santee-Lynches Regional Transit Needs Assessment + Framework Plan that are noted in the Transit Chapter of this document.	Transit improvement	Implement specific recommendation from a specific adopted plan	Coordination with SWRTA	On Track	
43	Secure funding for a transfer hub as a secondary transfer point within the SWRTA network	Transit improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Coordination with SWRTA	Not Started	
44	Secure funding and provide technical support for study to create a unique name and brand for Sumter's Fixed-Route Transit Network.	Transit improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Coordination with SWRTA	On Track	RFP for SWRTA Sumter service rebranding pending approval at SCDOT
45	Advocate to SWRTA for establishment of new fixed route service as outlined in the 2019 Santee-Lynches Regional Transit Needs Assessment+ Framework Plan that are noted in the Transit Chapter of this document.	Transit improvement	Implement specific recommendation from a specific adopted plan	Coordination with SWRTA	On Track	
46	Conduct an analysis to prioritize SWRTA stops for new signage and shelters and commit funding to stop enhancements	Transit improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Coordination with SWRTA	On Track	2 new shelters included in scope of Manning Ave and N Main Corridor Improvements. Stop signage template in development via Thriving Communities Program
47	Work with SWRTA to establish a coordinated transit marketing and advertising strategy.	Transit improvement	Start a new program	Coordination with SWRTA	On Track	

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48	Secure funding to increase the duration and frequency of existing and planned fixed transit routes.	Transit improvement	Advocate for another agency to carry out a specific action	Coordination with SWRTA		On Track	
49	Promote coordination and collaborative partnerships with other public transit and human service agencies.	Transit improvement	General aspiration	Coordination with SWRTA		Not Started	
50	Secure funding and promote coordination for implementing new uses of commercial space in James E. Clyburn Transportation Center to increase rent revenue and support transit services	Transit improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Coordination with SWRTA		On Track	
51	Coordinate planned sidewalk projects with bus stop improvements where applicable, to maximize the impact of investments and prioritize ADA sidewalk repairs at locations along bus routes.	Transit improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Coordination with SWRTA		Not Started	
52	Work with SCDOT to adjust signal timing along high priority freight routes to reduce emissions and delay for through movements based on posted speed limits.	Freight improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements		Not Started	
53	Work with SCDOT to make improvements at critical intersections on truck routes to more easily facilitate large vehicle movements and encourage their use by trucks.	Freight improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Coordination with SCDOT		Not Started	
54	Designate truck routes in line with recommendations from Freight Chapter. Secure funding for installation of route signage at priority locations.	Freight improvement	Conduct a new study/planning effort	Coordination with SCDOT		Not Started	
55	Coordinate with SCDOT to install signage marking US-378 Bypass: primary east-west truck route	Freight improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements		Not Started	
56	Coordinate with SCDOT to install signage marking US-15: primary north-south truck route	Freight improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements		Not Started	
57	Coordinate with SCDOT to install signage marking US-521: primary northwest-southeast truck route	Freight improvement	Build/install physical infrastructure	Construct, install, or deliver specific physical improvements		Not Started	
58	Work with SCDOT to prioritize resurfacing on designated truck routes to reduce noise and vibration from trucks.	Freight improvement	Change a process or regulation	Coordination with SCDOT		Not Started	
59	Publish and distribute educational materials to businesses and industries concerning truck routes.	Freight improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Partnerships & coordination with community stakeholders		Not Started	
60	Work with SCDOT to create a secondary truck route between US-378 (west) and US-15 (south) by upgrading portions of Kings Highway (SC- 261), Cane Savannah Road, St. Pauls Church Road, Cains Mill Road, and Clipper Road.	Freight improvement	Carry out a specific planning function	Coordination with SCDOT		Not Started	