

## Security

Residents and visitors are free to travel throughout the Midlands region without security concerns. **The 2035 LRTP seeks to develop and maintain a transportation system that provides increased security for all of its users.** Security for the transportation system and its users involves numerous federal, state, regional, and local agencies. In this region, security is included in emergency management planning, which is coordinated by the public safety community. Several aspects of security incidents must be planned for such as prevention measures, response plans, coordination and communication protocols, monitoring, and information distribution.

The security of transportation users, facilities and property can be improved through specific projects and activities such as:

- Coordination between regional transportation planning and regional homeland security planning groups;
- Coordination with public safety agencies to define and implement critical infrastructure protection requirements, such as:
  - Security cameras on buses and at Park-n-Ride lots, transit stations, and major bus stops;
  - Security cameras and other sensors on critical roadway infrastructure;
  - Patrolling of roadways, transit facilities, and airports by law enforcement and private security personnel;
  - Inspection of trucks and railroad tracks; and
  - Screening and security measures at airports.
- In support of emergency management response and recovery, operate and maintain ITS mechanisms to:
  - Monitor roadway and traffic conditions and implement traffic flow adjustments;
  - Distribute information through strategically located dynamic message signs, highway advisory radio and other means to help direct traffic in an emergency.

## Recommendations & Strategies

- ◆ **Support homeland security and safeguard the personal security of all motorized and nonmotorized users.**
  - Coordinate with federal, state, regional and local agencies to implement elements of the Regional Emergency Management (REM) Program.
  - Assess threats to and vulnerabilities of the transportation system, including consideration of national and regional homeland security initiatives, and establish and implement resolution processes in response.
  - Develop and implement projects and strategies that enhance security of transportation facilities and users including air and transit passengers, and aid in the efficient movement of people and vehicles during emergency situations.