

# Statewide Transportation Planning for Healthy Communities

## Purpose

This white paper, the second in a series for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Planning by the USDOT's Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, presents insights and a flexible model for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) that choose to integrate public health considerations into their transportation planning and decision-making. It adapts the analysis and frameworks (see below) from the project team's previous study on Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to the context and needs of DOTs and their transportation and health partners.

The study synthesizes trends, lessons, and opportunities based on case studies of DOTs and their partners in:

- California
- Iowa
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- North Carolina

## Conclusions

The findings highlight themes and opportunities in health and transportation that DOTs can consider, including:

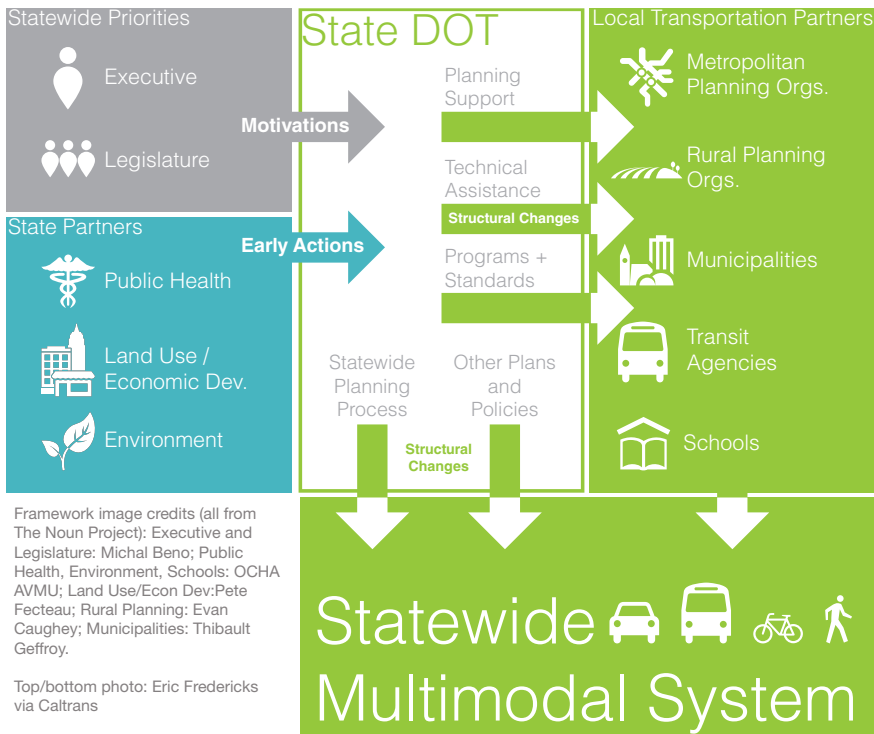
**Supportive contexts** such as legislative initiatives, agency leadership, or multi-agency collaboration provide a direct or indirect motivation for DOTs considering health.

**Partnerships** with State public health agencies and often other State agencies are complementing existing DOT relationships with partners such as MPOs, transit agencies, or municipal governments.

**Programs** such as Complete Streets initiatives, Safe Routes to School, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grants are facilitating the discussion of health and transportation at many stages of statewide planning and decision-making.

This **broad and evolving approach** is enabling DOTs to explore and define the potential role of health can play in the statewide multimodal system. See below for a copy of the report or further information.

## Framework for DOTs Considering Health



## A Holistic Approach

