

Performance targets for trail network identification

SACOG is working with cities, counties, and other invested partners to identify a regional trail network connecting communities across the six counties of the SACOG region. These connections can help improve health and wellness while providing valuable co-benefits like expanding transportation options, increasing safety for people biking and walking, and providing opportunities for recreation and tourism. While the regional multiuse trail network does not remove the need for locally driven active transportation projects, it will be a region-defining connection that equitably maximizes access to natural resources and daily destinations for all residents using paved trails and natural trails, depending on the setting, and planned uses of the trail.

These performance targets are methods to measure progress towards the six goals, emphasizing environmental justice, economic vitality, and health, consistent with local partner feedback about the trail network's potential to strengthen sustainability and community.

Environmental Justice

- Create equitable trail access across households regardless of income level or race.
- Connect lower-income communities divided by physical barriers (e.g., state highways).

Health

- Increase the percentage of dwelling units within a half-mile of connecting trails from 41 percent to 61 percent.

Economic Vitality

- Connect to social gathering centers (e.g., smaller city downtowns, eateries/other gathering places) in all communities in the region.
- Identify the network of trail access to all landmark geographic features (e.g., rivers and waterways, mountains, regionally significant parks) in the region.

Recreation

- Double the mileage of connecting trail access to regionally significant parks, open space, and landmark features from the 2020 trail network.

All Ages and Abilities

- Identify 30 miles of future parallel trail connections to bypass high-traffic/high-speed roadways.

Safety

- Identify 30 miles of future parallel trail connections to bypass roadways with high crash occurrences.