

Statement of Goals

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What Is It?

There may be some circumstances where stakeholder and public engagement activities have identified goals for a project. Including a goals statement in the environmental document can be used to memorialize desired project outcomes beyond the identified transportation problems. Goals are not considered the transportation needs of the project, however they provide context that can influence project development and design decisions. A statement of identified goals can provide an additional set of criteria for comparative evaluation of alternatives.

A goals statement:

- Is not appropriate for every project. A statement of goals should only be included on complex environmental assessments and environmental impact statements.
- Is to be independent from the purpose and need statement. Guidance for crafting a purpose and need statement can be found [here](#).
- May be used to thoughtfully play a role in developing and refining alternatives
- May be used as a secondary screening for alternatives that do meet purpose and need as well as have similar social, economic, and environmental impacts
- Could be itemized into a distinct section of the alternatives evaluation matrix