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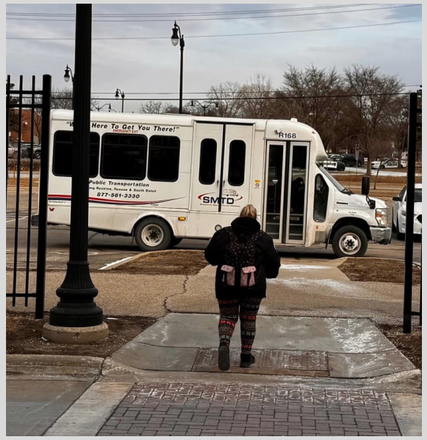
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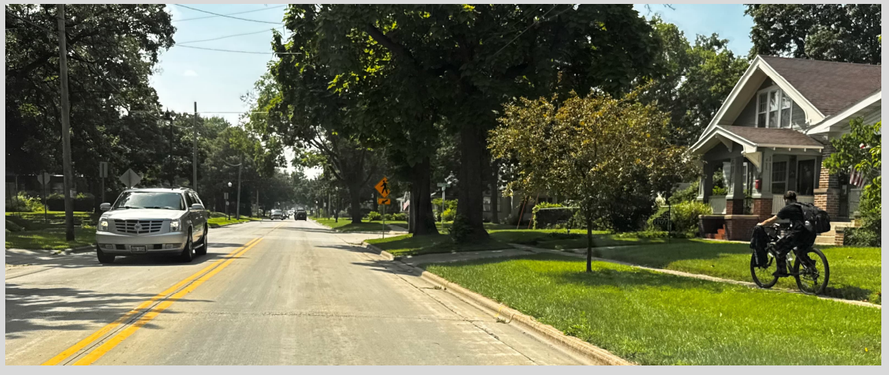
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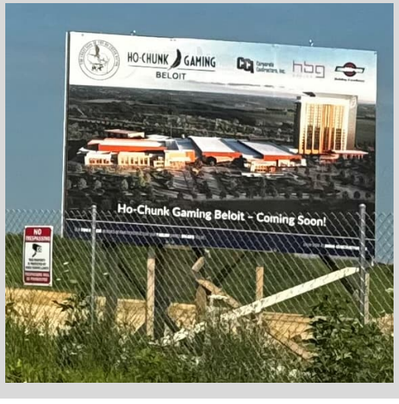
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Agenda

1) LRTP Overview
2) Housing and Transportation Discussion
3) Wrap-up / Questions





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LRTP Overview

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Overview

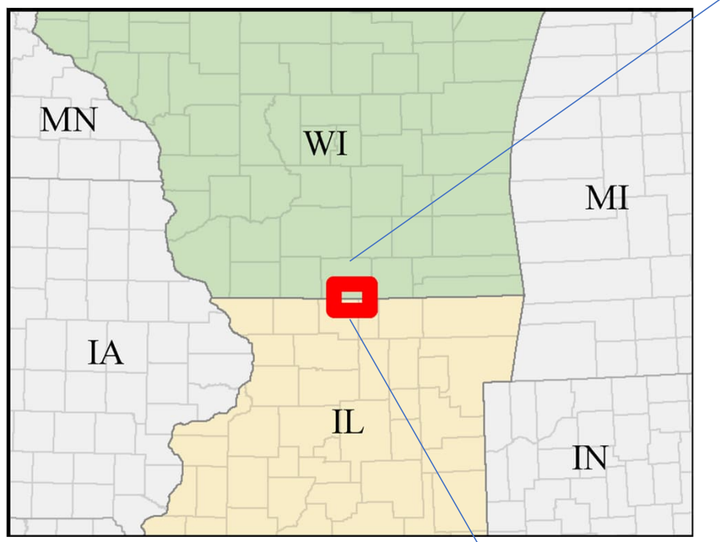
- What is the LRTP?
  - A 20- to 30-year plan that guides transportation investments, priorities, and polices
  - Multimodal: addresses roadway, transit, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, and ITS
  - Federally required plan that is updated every five years

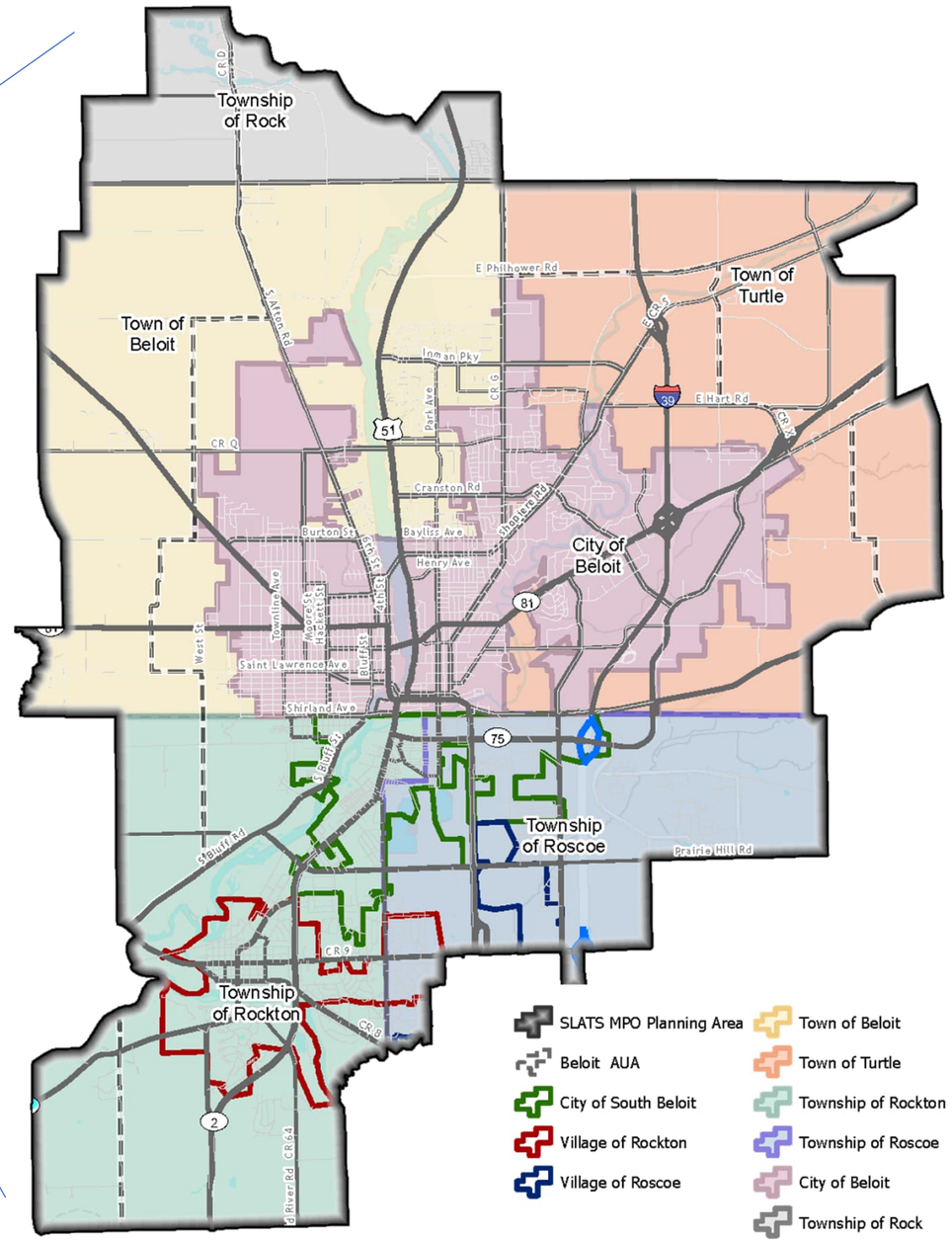
Federal Planning Factors



Metropolitan Planning Area

- City of Beloit, WI
- Town of Beloit, WI
- Town of Turtle, WI
- Rock County, WI
- City of South Beloit, IL
- Village of Rockton, IL
- Rockton Township, IL
- Winnebago County, IL





The Housing and Transportation Connection

- Transportation shapes daily access and opportunity
  - Access to jobs, healthcare, vital services, errands, recreation, and social connections
- Housing + transportation costs make up a large share of household expenses
  - Location and travel options directly impact overall affordability
- Transportation influences where and how housing develops
  - Infrastructure and transit availability shape growth patterns and access
- Coordinating land use and transportation expands choices
  - Supports a mix of housing types and travel options across the region

Why This Matters for the LRTP Update

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) strengthens the link between housing and transportation
  - Encourages coordination between transportation, land use, and housing
- Supports housing near transit and existing infrastructure
  - Expands planning programs to support development near transit and job centers
- Invests in transit and multimodal access to connect people to destinations
  - Improves access to jobs, services, and daily needs across the region

What have we heard so far?

- Desire for stronger regional transportation connections
  - Need for improved north-south transportation options
    - Beloit Janesville Express (BJE) Intercity Bus Study
    - Madison-Rockford Passenger Rail Studies
    - Enhanced connections between BTS and SMTD
  - Blackhawk Technical College now operates a shuttle connecting to South Beloit, IL
- Challenges traveling between west and east side of the river
  - Limited access from neighborhoods west of the river to job opportunities, especially in the Gateway Area
- New casino will create additional job opportunities
  - Is there sufficient housing nearby or will workers need to commute from outside the area?
  - Need for reliable transportation options – including late service – to support nontraditional work hours

Why are we here today?

- Understand the current situation
  - Identify key local and regional issues
- Gain insight into access to transportation services
  - Understand availability, reliability, and coverage of services
- Gain insight into gaps and barriers
  - Identify challenges, including local housing availability and commuting needs
- Discuss opportunities and enhance future coordination
  - Identify potential solutions and improve coordination for future planning

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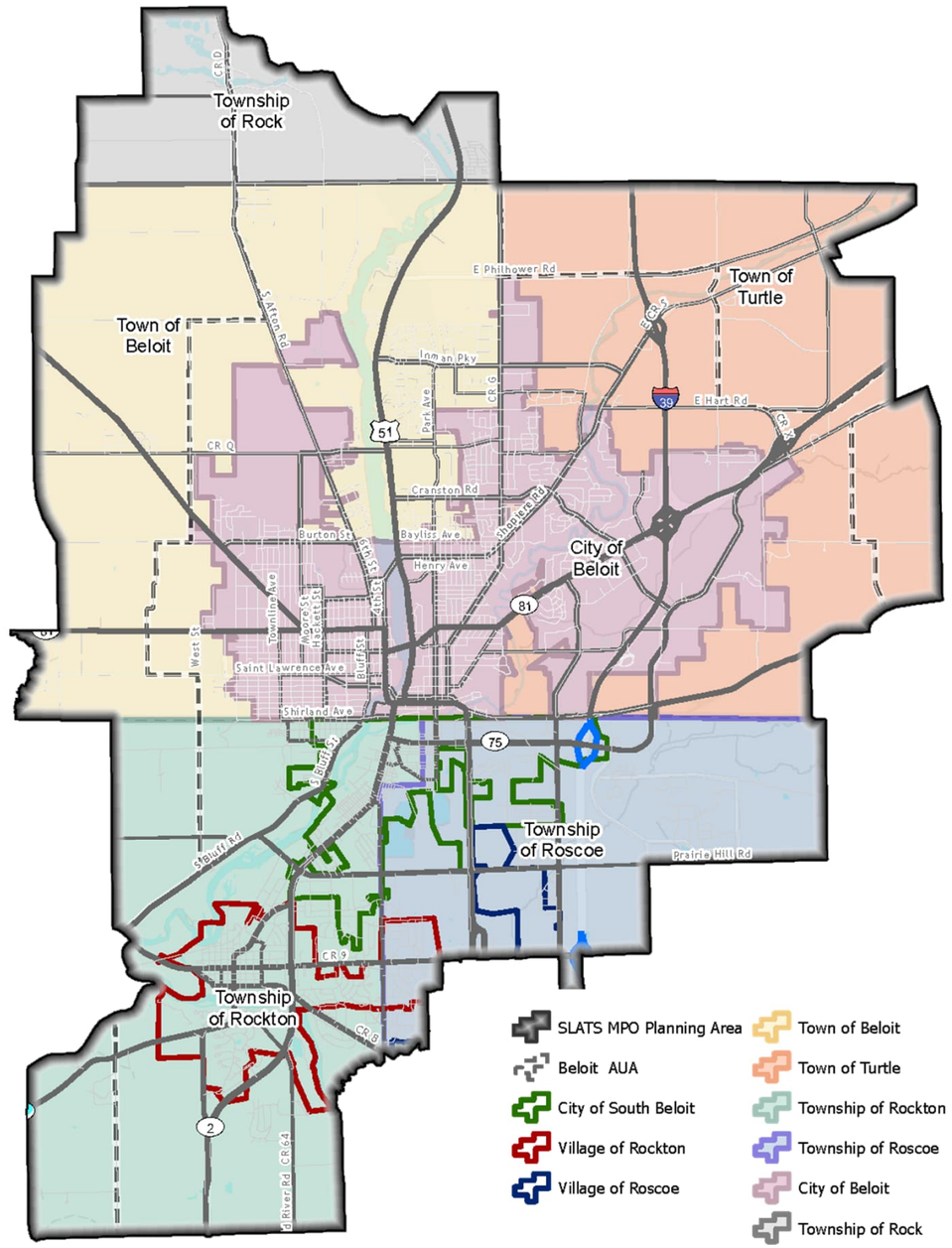
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Housing and Transportation Discussion

A) Understanding the Current Situation

1) From your perspective, what are the biggest housing challenges in the Stateline MPO area right now?

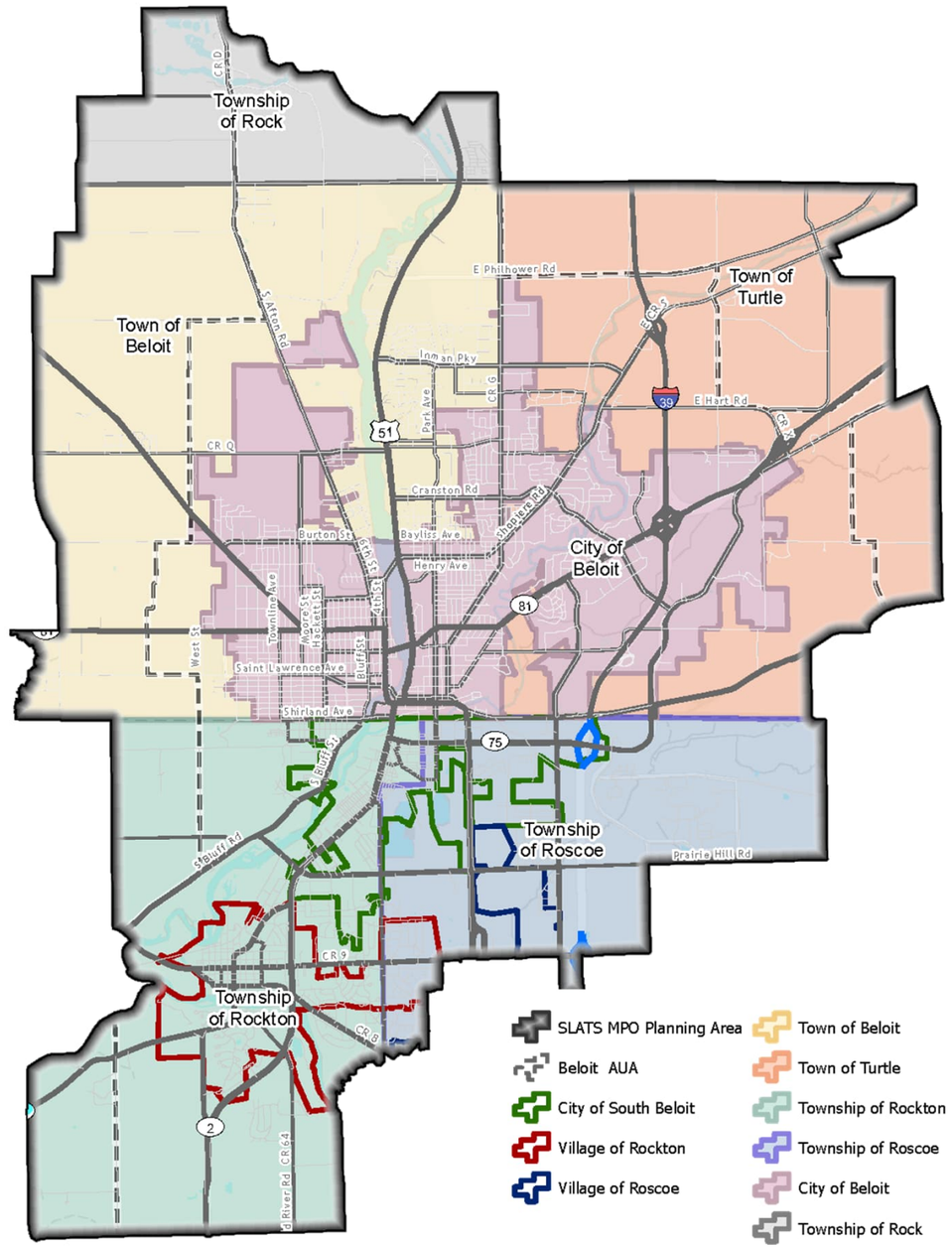
2) How does transportation – or lack of options – affect individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability in this region?



B) Access to Services

1) Which types of services or destinations are hardest for people to reach today?

2) How well do current transit options align with where housing and services and are located?

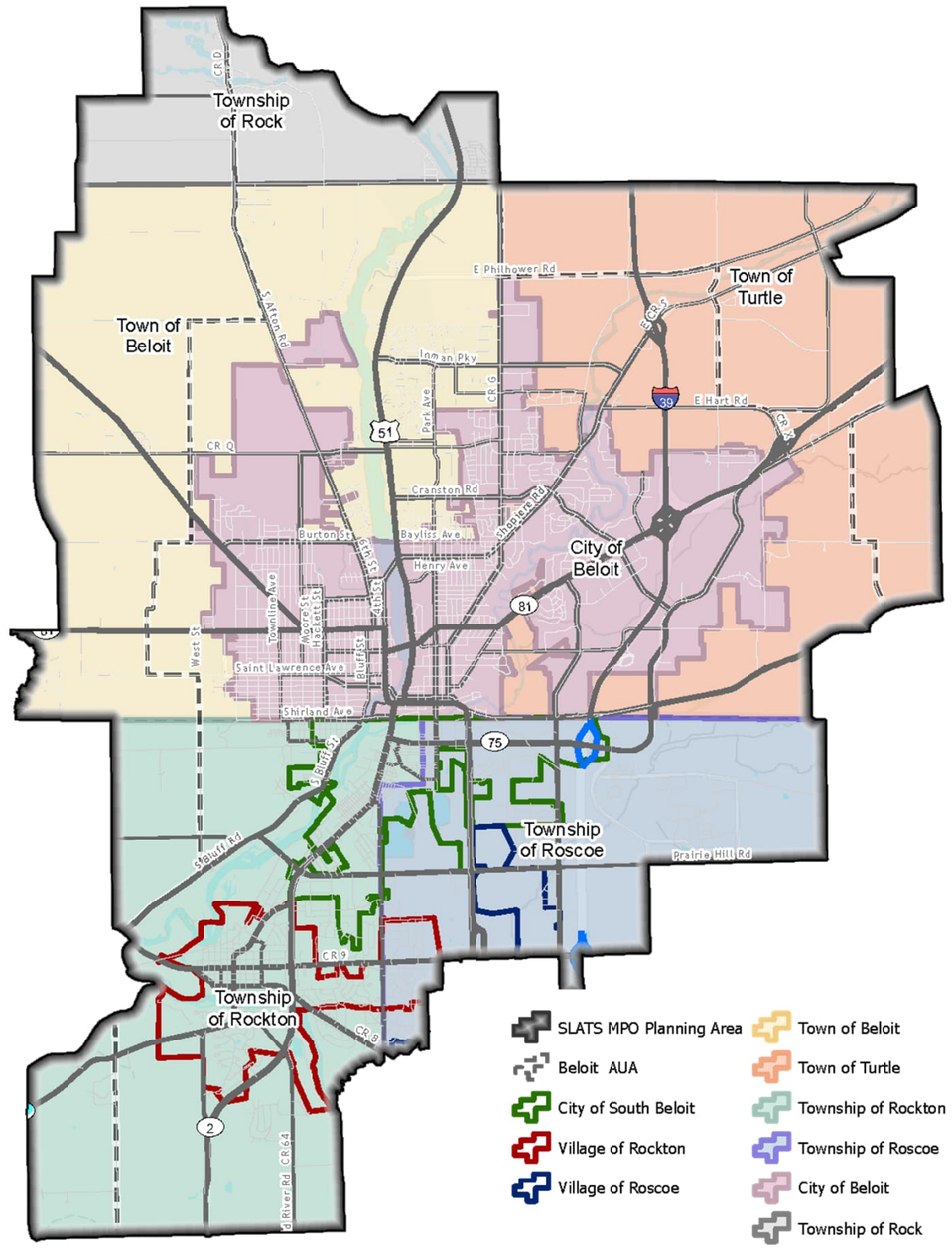


C) Barriers and Gaps

1) What are the biggest transportation barriers facing the populations you serve?

2) Are there specific groups that face greater mobility challenges?

3) Looking ahead to 2055, how do you see these challenges changing?

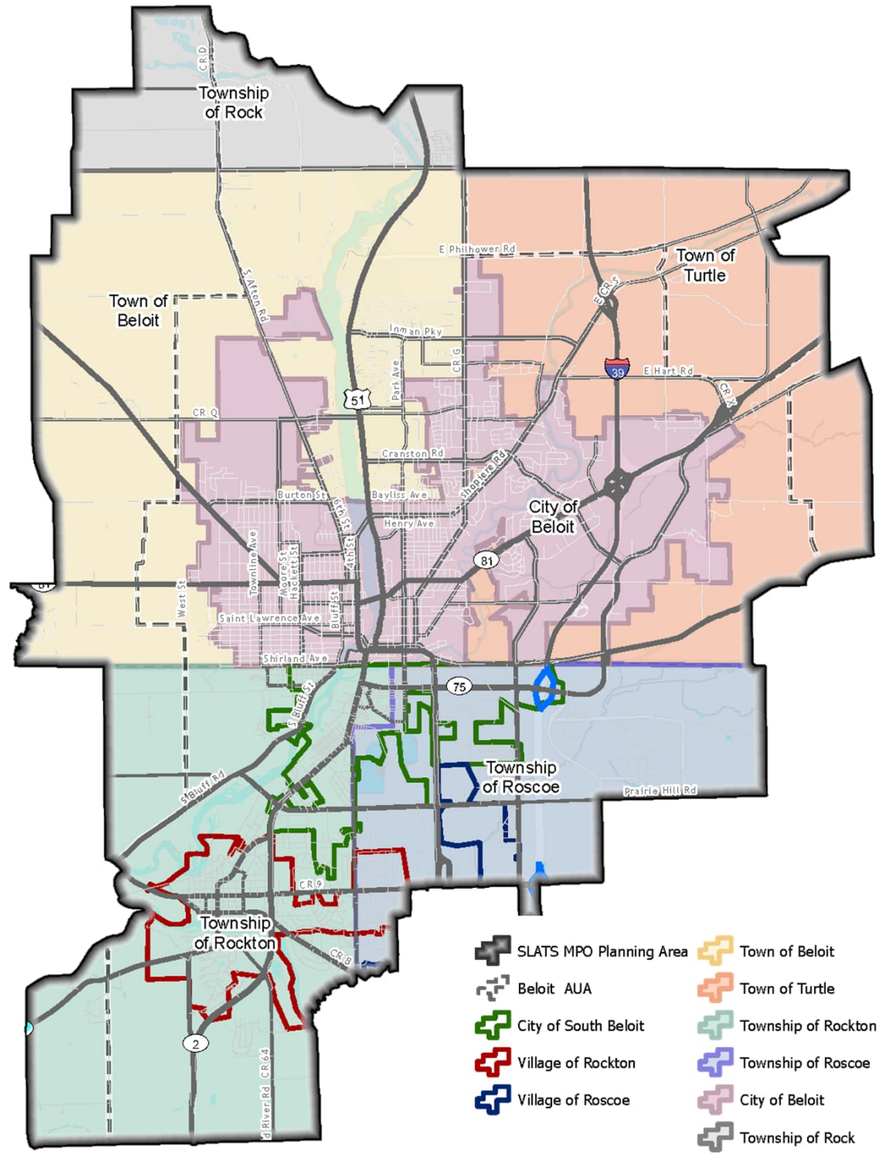


D) Opportunities / Solutions / Coordination and Future Planning

1) What transportation improvements would make the biggest difference for the people you work with?

2) Where are there opportunities to better coordinate housing and transportation?

3) Are there plans, studies, or initiatives that you are aware of that might help inform the 2055 LRTP?



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Wrap-up / Questions