

# Transportation Challenges in the City of Fort Payne

## Definitions:

**Accessibility to Community Resources:** maintaining easy and efficient access to important community resources (i.e grocery stores, religious institutions, childcare facilities, community centers, schools, etc.)

**Alternative Transportation Facilities:** The addition of new or improvement of existing transportation facilities not utilized by single occupancy vehicles. This can be the addition/improvement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities as well as the addition of ride-share facilities and public transit (i.e. bus stops/stations)

**Congestion:** when traffic demand exceeds the capacity of the roadway. This results in slower speeds, increased trip times, and queuing. This can occur due to non-recurring events such as traffic incidents (crashes), construction, weather, and special events.

**Emergency Services Response:** the time it takes for emergency services to reach your location or the time it takes for you to travel to a medical facility in an emergency situation.

**Mobility:** the ease, ability, and efficiency with which people and goods can move from one location to the next. This also includes having a multitude of options to travel from one location to the next.

**Reliability:** consistency and dependability of travel times.

**Safety:** the relative freedom from danger, risk, or threat of harm, injury, or loss to personnel and property whilst traveling. This can be in regard to passengers in a vehicle, movement of goods, or during utilization of alternative transportation facilities.