**Draft Transportation Goals**

* Traffic light at the Route 122/26 intersection
* Encourage/attract public transport options
* Continue to support hiking trails, and ATV/Snowmobile trails

**TRANSPORTATION**

Roads and rails are the major transportation systems in Poland. Major highways are Routes 26, 121 and 122. Route 26 is a major arterial carrying local, commuter and commercial traffic. The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad passes through Poland. There are approximately 91 miles of public roads in Poland, 55 miles of which are the total responsibility of the Town. Additionally, there is a robust trail system that supports hiking, ATV riding and Snowmobiles.

The transportation system is critical to the future of the town. Maintaining and improving Town roads will continue to absorb a significant part of the Town’s non-school budget.

***GOAL: Maintain and provide a safe and efficient transportation system***.

| POLICIES | STRATEGIES | RESPONSIBILITY | TIME FRAME |
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| 1. Provide an adequate road system, which is responsive to demands while not over-burdening the local taxpayers to maintain the system. | Revise and maintain the multi-year road improvement program to include maintenance, upgrading and rebuilding priorities by year, as well as costs for those projects, for all roads.Include major road improvements in the capital improvement program.Assess the need and feasibility of developing a local impact fee for road improvements necessitated by development. Seek improvements to Route 26 | Road Commissioner and ForemanRoad Commissioner and ForemanComprehensive Plan CommitteeTown Manger & Selectmen | AnnuallyOngoingMidOngoing |
| 2. Manage traffic movement to minimize negative impacts on rural roads and residential areas. | Assess dangerous conditions, safety issues, and traffic routing and make recommendations to the Town and State for corrective measures.**Install a traffic light at the Route 122/26 intersection** | Road Commissioner Road Foreman**Town Manager** | Ongoing**Mid** |
| 3. Provide sidewalks, where needed, to serve public facilities and village areas, particularly where public safety will be enhanced. | Develop a Sidewalk Development Plan.Amend the CLUC to require sidewalks based on the recommendations in the Sidewalk Development Plan. | Economic Development CommitteePlanning Board | MidMid |
| 4. Provide for additional parking, where necessary, at various Town facilities. | Develop a Parking Needs Plan including Park & Ride lot needs.Establish an account for purchasing and developing additional parking facilities and provide for yearly additions to the account in the Town’s Capital Improvements Program. | Economic Development CommitteeSelectmenTown Meeting | MidMid |
| 5. That new development or redevelopment maintains the traffic carrying functions of the roads that serve the development and minimize congestion and accident potential. | Amend subdivision review standards to include access management standards that establish a minimum level of service at intersections, that minimizes turning delays and maintains a stable flow of traffic, minimum driveway spacing and limits the number of driveways based on traffic volume and frontage.Strictly administer and enforce local access management standards. | Planning BoardTown MeetingCEO & Planning Board | MidShort |
| **6.** **Support hiking/walking trails, bicycle lanes, and ATV Snowmobile trails.** | Develop walking trails and bicycle lanes plan.**Continue to support hiking trails, and ATV/Snowmobile trails through access and, where appropriate, funding.** | Recreation Department**Recreation Department** | Short**Ongoing** |
| **7. Develop Public Transport options.** | **Work with regional public transport providers to encourage/attract public transport options.** | **Community and Economic Development Committee** | **Ongoing** |
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