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Public Invited to Review draft Roadway Projects for 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan on Interactive Map

(Columbus – January 14, 2015) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning (MORPC) has available for review and comment the draft roadway projects proposed for the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The 2016-2040 MTP is for the MORPC transportation planning area, including Delaware and Franklin counties, Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County and Jerome Township in Union County. The MTP will include roadway, pedestrian, bikeway, and public transit facilities including improvements identified by the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATA Bus). Federal funding may be sought in the future for projects included in the MTP. The MTP will consider effects upon low-income and minority residents and will include an air quality conformity analysis. The plan is for horizon year 2040.

An interactive map has been developed to gather public input on the proposed roadway projects. It can be accessed at www.morpc.org/mtp2040. This tool provides ways for the public to submit or follow comments on the proposed roadway projects. They can provide comment on the map or by sending an email. The draft projects include:

- New roadway or widening of a roadway
- Intersection improvement
- New or modified freeway interchange
- Other roadway projects such as operational changes or access management

Recommended transit, pedestrian and bikeway projects are still under review and will be available for public review and comment in late January.

A description and image of the types of projects can be found at www.morpc.org/mtp2040 or a copy of the map can be requested by calling 614-233-4157.

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“Along with transit and bike and pedestrian facilities, expansion of the roadway system is part of providing mobility for our growing Central Ohio region,” states Nick Gill, MORPC Assistant Director, Transportation Systems and Funding. “The draft roadway projects include almost 250 miles of critical roadway expansions to be included in the MTP.”

Comments can be submitted on the interactive map, by email to mtp@morpc.org or in writing to MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Attn: Thea Walsh, by 5 p.m., Monday, February 15, 2016.

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