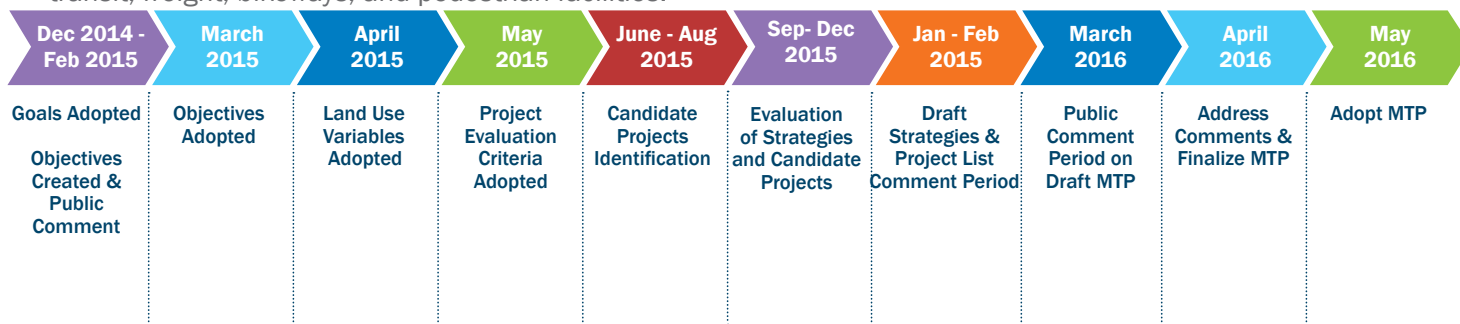




## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-range planning document that brings together local governments from around Central Ohio and other local, state, and federal agencies to identify and coordinate transportation goals and policies over the next two decades. The MTP will identify transportation needs, strategies, and projects, and provide the basis for how federal transportation funding will be spent to improve highways, transit, freight, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities.



Work on the 2016-2040 MTP is underway. Over the past year, several plan development milestones have been reached, including the adoption of regional transportation goals, objectives, land use assumptions, and project evaluation criteria. A draft list of strategies has also been developed and is available for public review and comment. More information on these milestones is available at [morpc.org/mtp2040](http://morpc.org/mtp2040).

## DRAFT TRANSIT PROJECTS

Through the MTP process, 60 candidate transit projects were evaluated, including high-capacity corridors identified through COTA's NextGen long-range transit visioning effort. A draft list of 15 high-capacity corridors were identified and is now available for public review and comment.

High-capacity transit corridors will be specifically identified in the MTP. The high-capacity candidate projects were consolidated with the corridors in COTA's NextGen process to remove duplication of service and are being evaluated congruently with COTA's evaluation process. At this stage, two commuter rail corridors and 13 other high-capacity corridors are being evaluated, shown in the map on the following page. A mode will be identified with each corridor when the process is complete, including:

- 1) Commuter Rail (connecting cities in adjacent counties with Columbus),
- 2) Light Rail (providing service to Columbus and adjacent communities),
- 3) Streetcar (shorter lines in denser, urban areas)
- 4) Bus Rapid Transit (expanded bus service with light-rail-like amenities).

Changes to fixed-route bus service are not specifically identified in the MTP projects list. Transit providers are only required to include forecasted financial projections demonstrating their ability to afford planned bus and paratransit service levels in aggregate. These projections are based on current operational and maintenance costs, plus any additional buses and capital needs. Agencies continuously review and change bus line alignments and schedules to meet the changing needs of their region. COTA, as an example, makes changes to bus service three times a year – in January, May, and September. As a result, bus lines identified through the MTP public involvement process were forwarded to the appropriate transit agency for consideration but not specifically listed in the MTP.

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Do you have thoughts on a specific project?

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**MTP DRAFT TRANSIT PROJECTS**



- Alum Creek
- Chicago - Columbus
- Cleveland Avenue Bus Rapid Transit
- Downtown - Polaris
- East Broad St.
- East Main St.
- Eastland - Easton
- Easton-Airport-Downtown
- Franklinton - East Downtown
- Grandview - Airport
- High St.
- Livingston Ave.
- Newark - Columbus
- Ohio/Champion
- West Broad St.

**MTP DRAFT ROADWAY, BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS**

The draft roadway and bicycle/pedestrian projects to be included in the MTP are summarized in newsletter volumes 9A and 9B and at [morpc.org/mtp2040](http://morpc.org/mtp2040).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR UPDATES ON THE MTP, VISIT [morpc.org/mtp2040](http://morpc.org/mtp2040).

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

Comments are being accepted on draft strategies and projects through February 15, 2016.

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