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**Public Opinion Sought on Final Draft Transportation Improvement Program  
Open House Scheduled April 4, 2017  
Online Interactive Map Available**

**(Columbus –March 24, 2017)** The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the availability of the final draft State Fiscal Years 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment. A **public information open house on the TIP has been scheduled between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, at MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus.** A presentation on the TIP is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Staff will be available to answer questions. The MORPC comment period for the TIP runs through April 21, 2017.

The TIP is a schedule of transportation improvement projects important to the MORPC transportation planning area 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 proposed for construction that will use over \$2 billion in federal, state and local funds between July 2017 and June 2021. The TIP also shows transportation improvements such as highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bridge, major signal projects, etc., that have undergone a federally required air quality conformity analysis. The TIP includes engineering studies expected to lead to construction in later years. This process also is being used to meet the public participation requirements for Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA's) and Delaware Area Transit Agency's (DATABus's) program of projects.

The TIP is available on the MORPC website at [www.morpc.org/tip](http://www.morpc.org/tip) along with an interactive web map designed to review proposed projects and accept public comments. If you have any questions about proposed project locations, dates, costs, etc., you can also review the Final Draft TIP at MORPC offices at 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100 in Columbus, all Columbus Metropolitan Library branches and main libraries in Delaware, Licking, Fairfield and Franklin counties. Please submit comments online or in writing to Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems & Funding, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 by 5 p.m., April 21, 2017. MORPC is scheduled to act on the TIP on May 11, 2017.

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