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# Transportation Improvement Program

State Fiscal Years 2016 to 2019



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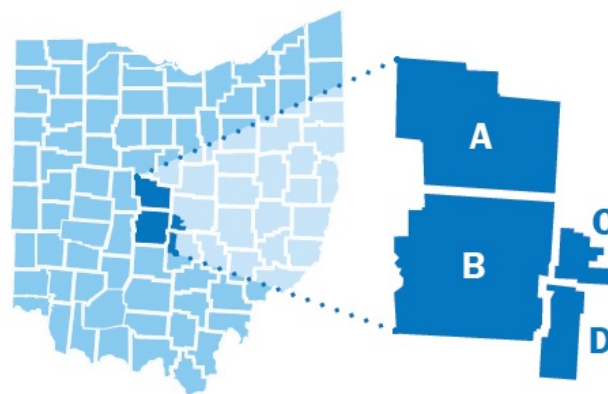
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## What is the TIP?

Look no further than MORPC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to discover the transportation projects scheduled for construction in Central Ohio communities.

The TIP collects all significant transportation projects scheduled for the MORPC transportation planning area during the next four years. This area includes Franklin and Delaware counties, Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Etna Township and Pataskala in Licking County.

### The TIP Planning Area



**A** Delaware      **C** Licking  
**B** Franklin      **D** Fairfield

Projects are modifications or maintenance of highways, public transit, bikeways, sidewalks, bridges, traffic signals and other aspects of our transportation system.

The TIP advances the region's priorities by keeping the transportation system responsive to shifting social, economic, environmental, and demographic makeup of our region.

Everyone who lives, works, or attends school here – or who simply travels to and from our region – is affected by these projects.

## Development of the TIP

Although the TIP covers a four-year period, it is updated every two years. This schedule ensures that requirements are continually met and that there is an efficient transition between TIPs.

MORPC coordinates with transportation agencies and providers, including the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), local governments, and public transit agencies and with area residents to identify funding priorities cooperatively. To be included in the TIP, projects or activities must have committed funding and dependable schedule information from their local sponsoring agency.

The TIP for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2016-2019 became effective July 1, 2015, after approval from MORPC, the governor and the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT).

### The TIP Process



## Metropolitan Transportation Plan

MORPC is continually looking at the future transportation needs of the region. The TIP identifies the near-term projects being implemented. MORPC also develops the region's long-term Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP covers more than 20 years and is developed every four years. The projects on the TIP, as part of the implementation phase of the MTP, must be consistent with the MTP.

## Modifying the TIP

MORPC regularly amends the TIP to reflect new and changing opportunities. The transportation director may approve minor changes, but certain modifications are more significant and require MORPC to approve a formal amendment to the TIP:

- **Cost changes that exceed percentage thresholds**
- **Major changes in project scopes**
- **Adding new projects to the TIP**
- **Schedule changes that move phases into the TIP's time period**

If an amendment is necessary, it must be approved before federal funds can be authorized for the project. MORPC considers amendments quarterly and at other times under special circumstances. It normally takes two to three months to process amendments through MORPC, ODOT and U.S. DOT, so early coordination is essential to maintain project schedules.

## Environmental Justice

The TIP analyzes how new projects affect the following groups who are transportation-disadvantaged:

- **Residents who are disabled**
- **Elderly residents**
- **Zero car households**
- **Minority residents**
- **Hispanic residents**
- **Residents living in poverty**

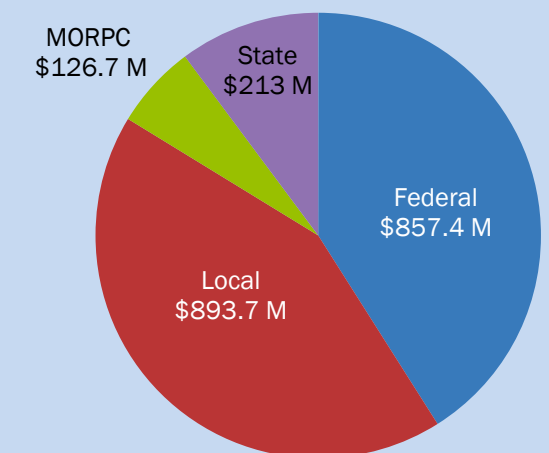
This environmental justice analysis ensures that these groups are involved in decision making and that they receive a proportionate share of the benefits – and that they do not bear a disproportionate share of any adverse impacts.

## Air Quality

Since Central Ohio has fallen short of ozone and fine particle (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) standards in the recent past, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency works with MORPC and other agencies to develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to meet air quality standards. Because the TIP records upcoming transportation projects with potential emissions, it must be consistent with emissions levels established in the SIP.

## Funding

Funding by Source  
 Total Funding: \$2 Billion



To maintain the region's eligibility for federal funds, the TIP must fulfill requirements for the following issues:

- **Public involvement**
- **Air quality**
- **Environmental justice**
- **Fiscal constraint, or a balanced budget**