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MORPC Proposes Over \$82 Million For New Transportation Projects

(Columbus – December 7, 2016) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the availability of a proposed list of new transportation projects to receive over \$82 million in federal funds from State Fiscal Years 2017 to 2023. MORPC is seeking public comment on the proposed projects through January 3, 2017.

The following 14 projects are proposed for a new funding commitment:

- E Broad St from E of I-270 to Outerbelt St, Major Widening – \$8.7 million
- US 36/SR 37 from Foley St to SR 521, Major Widening – \$13.3 million
- Cassady Ave from N of the Bexley corporation limit to N of E 7th Ave, Minor Widening – \$7.2 million
- City of Delaware Signal System Upgrade, Signalization – \$2.5 million
- Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification – \$6.4 million
- Africa Rd from Lewis Center Rd to Cheshire Rd, Resurfacing – \$3.4 million
- Red Bank Rd from Smothers Rd to Gorsuch Rd, Resurfacing – \$0.85 million
- Agler Rd over Alum Creek, Bridge Replacement – \$2.3 million
- Trabue Rd over Scioto River, Bridge Deck Replacement – \$2.4 million
- Winchester Pike over Georges Creek, Bridge Replacement – \$1.2 million
- Sawmill Pkwy from Seldom Seen Rd to Home Rd, Resurfacing – \$1.3 million
- Fishinger Rd from Riverside Dr to Tremont Rd, Reconstruction – \$3.8 million
- CoGo Bike Share Regional Pilot Project, Bike Sharing – \$1.0 million
- Souder Ave from W Broad St to Dublin Rd, Multi-Use Path – \$2.8 million

The following 4 projects are proposed for a significantly increased funding commitment:

- N Hamilton Rd from Morse to Preserve, Major Widening – \$12.1 million increase
- Polaris Pkwy from I-71 to Olde Worthington Rd, Major Widening – \$5.5 million increase
- Worthington-Galena Rd from Wilson Bridge/Huntley Rds to Sancus Blvd, Major Widening – \$4.8 million increase
- Hilliard-Rome Rd at Feder Rd/Fisher Rd, Intersection Modification – \$2.5 million increase

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Every two years, MORPC solicits projects to receive federal transportation funding in the MORPC transportation planning area – Franklin and Delaware counties, Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and Jerome Township in Union County. Examples of the types of transportation improvements eligible for funding include highways, public transit, bikeways, pedestrian facilities, bridges and traffic signal upgrades.

MORPC's Attributable Funding Committee is proposing to recommend funding for 36 projects and programs to which MORPC had previously committed funds, while 14 new projects were proposed for funding. A total of over \$239 million in future funding commitments is being proposed.

MORPC will consider final approval of the funding commitments on March 9, 2017, and subsequently they will be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for SFYs 2018-2021. The TIP is a financially balanced listing of federal, state and locally funded projects that are scheduled for some phase of implementation or development in a four-year time period.

Copies of the draft listing are available by calling MORPC at (614) 228-2663 or can be viewed online at <http://www.morpc.org/transfunding>. If you have any questions about proposed projects, please submit comments in writing to Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 by 5 p.m. by January 3, 2017, or submit via email at tip@morpc.org.

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