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## Memorandum

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Transportation Policy Committee

**FROM:** Thea Walsh, Director, Transportation Systems & Funding

**DATE:** December 29, 2015

**SUBJECT:** 2014 in Review and Preview of 2015

Thank you for your contributions to the successes achieved in transportation in 2014. As you are aware, transportation as an economic engine that drives development to Central Ohio, is pivotal to our quality of life, and continues to be a challenge as we search for new opportunities to maintain and enhance our regional transportation system. We rely on you to help keep transportation issues moving forward in Central Ohio and appreciate your dedication to this cause.

Our appointed and elected leaders, businesses and diverse communities all play a major role in prioritizing the transportation needs and challenges of Central Ohio. As a member of MORPC's advisory committees, your input has helped to meet these challenges. The attached list is a showcase of the results of your efforts in making Central Ohio a great place to live, work and play. The topics that are listed have been brought before you for review, comment, discussion and action. Your valuable insight over the past year has made a difference.

We appreciate your involvement and look forward to your participation in the transportation activities of 2015. Below is a preview of what we will be working on.

### 2015 Activities

2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (continued development)

- Objectives & evaluation criteria
- Land use projections
- Candidate projects
- Draft strategies and projects

2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

High-Crash Locations

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

Functional Classification

Columbus – Chicago Passenger Rail Study

Active Transportation Plan

Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts Program

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Regional Data Site Task Force  
On-line Community Profiles  
Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan (continued development)  
Freight Trend Study  
2016 Planning Work Program (PWP)  
Ohio Public Works Commission funding programs  
Expansion of shared GIS files  
insight2050 phase II  
Economic Impact of Trails Study  
Safety Program Evaluation  
Systematic Safety Improvement Program  
Complete Streets Outreach  
Sidewalk Inventory  
Regional ITS Architecture (update)  
Section 5310  
Air Quality Standards



# 2014 Accomplishments

## Transportation Planning Work Program

- 2015 Planning Work Program (PWP)
- The Planning Work Program Completion Report for State Fiscal Year 2014
- Certification Review of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process
- MPO Boundary Change approval

## Regional Transportation Planning

### CAC Reorganization and Bylaws changes

2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment to add 2 new projects

2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Goals approved

### Complete Streets

- 2014 Pedestrian and Bike Counting Program
- Economic Impact of Trails Study initiated
- Active Transportation Plan Update

### Transit

- MORPC designated Section 5310 Recipient with Federal Transit Administration
- COTA Transit System Review Update
- Support of COTA's Cleveland Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Proposal to FTA for §5309 New Starts Funding
- COTA's Fare Adjustment for 2015
- ODOT's Ohio Statewide Transit Study

### Safety

- High-Crash Lists
- Systematic Safety Improvement Pilot Project Update
- City of Columbus' Large School District Travel Plan

### Highways/Roadways

- I-270/US 33 Interchange
- Functional Class Update
- Addition of Hilliard, Fairfield County and OGRIP as LBRS participants

## Land Use

- 2014 Detailed Land Use Inventory
- Potential land uses mapped from local plans

## Other

- insight2050
- New interactive web-based energy map
- 2015 Population Estimates DataSource Fact Sheet

## Transportation Funding

### MORPC's Attributable Funding Committee

- Principles and Procedures Updated and Approved
- Program of projects to use MORPC-attributable funding proposed

### Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Four TIP Amendments allowing transportation projects to move forward using federal and state funding:
  - 46 total projects
  - \$394 million in total project costs
    - These include 63 projects involving \$26 million in MORPC-attributable funding

### Transportation Review Advisory Committee (TRAC)

- **Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2014 for TRAC Funding**
  1. ODOT District 6: I-70/I-71/SR 315 Project (Innerbelt Phase 4A)
  2. ODOT District 6: I-70/I-71/SR 315 Project (Innerbelt Phase 6B)
  3. ODOT District 6: Far East Freeway: I-70/I-270/Brice Road Interchange Improvements
  4. ODOT District 6: South Outerbelt Phase 3

### Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)

- Established Priorities for Applications Submitted to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee

### Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 3

- Awarded over \$23 Million to 11 Projects

### Clean Ohio Conservation Fund awards

- Six projects received \$3.2 million in funding to preserve or restore more than 322 acres of green space in Franklin County

### Air Quality:

- Daily forecasting of ozone and PM 2.5
- 2014 first season in 20 years with no Air Quality Alerts for ozone  
Launched *Take Five for Clean Air* with 23 businesses and governments participating