

Metropolitan

Planning

Organization

ORIENTATION



Mid-Ohio Regional
Planning Commission

January 5, 2015

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)



Created by Congress to ensure best use of federal transportation funds to meet region's needs.

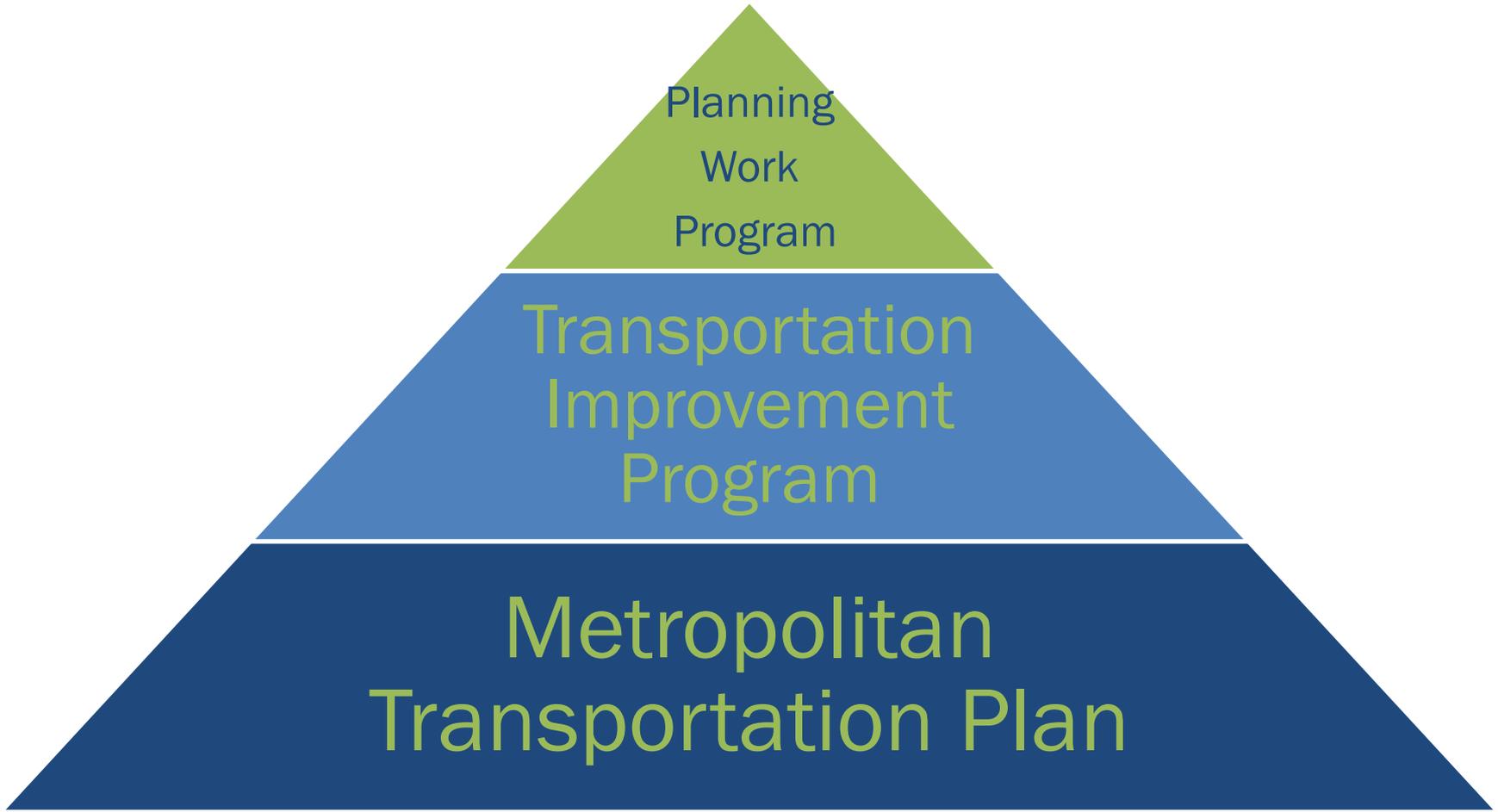
Bring together policy makers to determine region's transportation related goals, important issues, and projects and programs to meet them.

Main MPO Responsibility

- Carry out the “3-C” Transportation Planning Process (Moving Ahead for Progress in 21st Century - MAP 21)
 - Continuing, Comprehensive, Coordinated
- Conformity with Air Quality

Core MPO Documents:

- Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Planning Work Program (PWP)

A pyramid diagram with three horizontal layers. The top layer is olive green and contains the text "Planning Work Program". The middle layer is medium blue and contains the text "Transportation Improvement Program". The bottom layer is dark blue and contains the text "Metropolitan Transportation Plan".

Planning
Work
Program

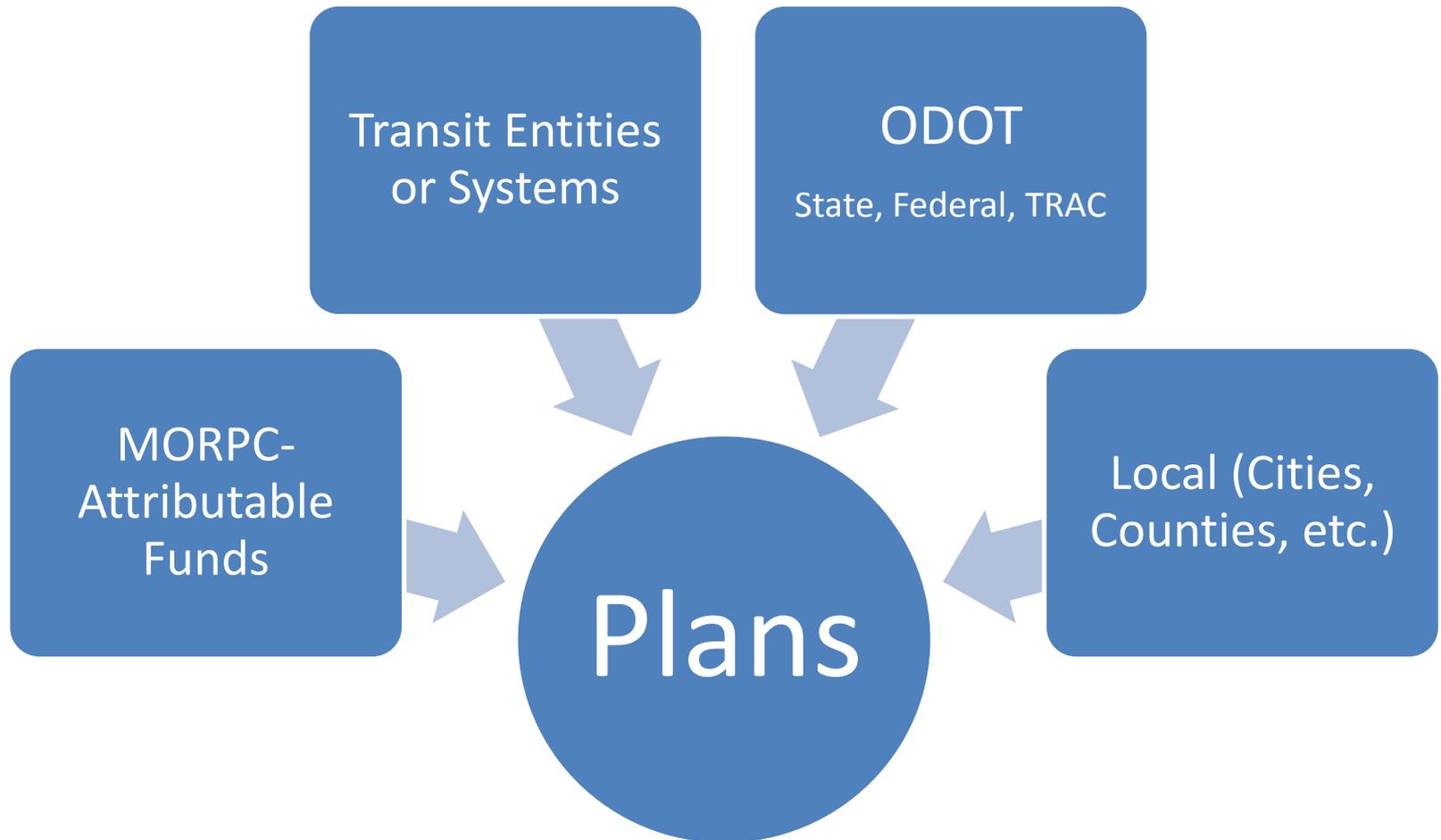
Transportation
Improvement
Program

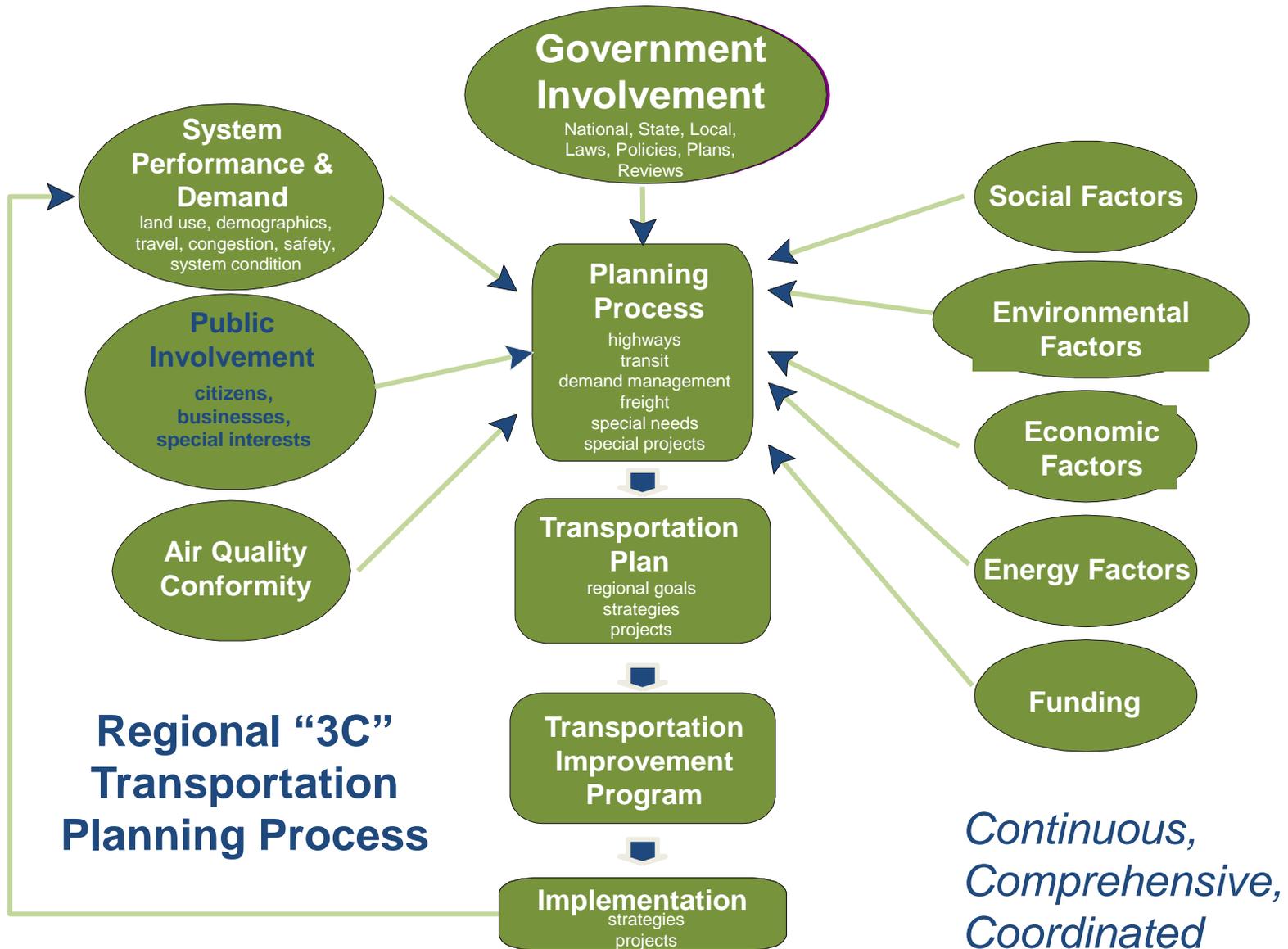
Metropolitan
Transportation Plan

MPO Transportation Funding Role

- Help the region secure funding for projects
- Approve how ODOT, COTA and DATABus spend their federal funds
- Direct how \$33 million of MORPC federal funds is spent
 - Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ)
 - Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)

Funding Sources

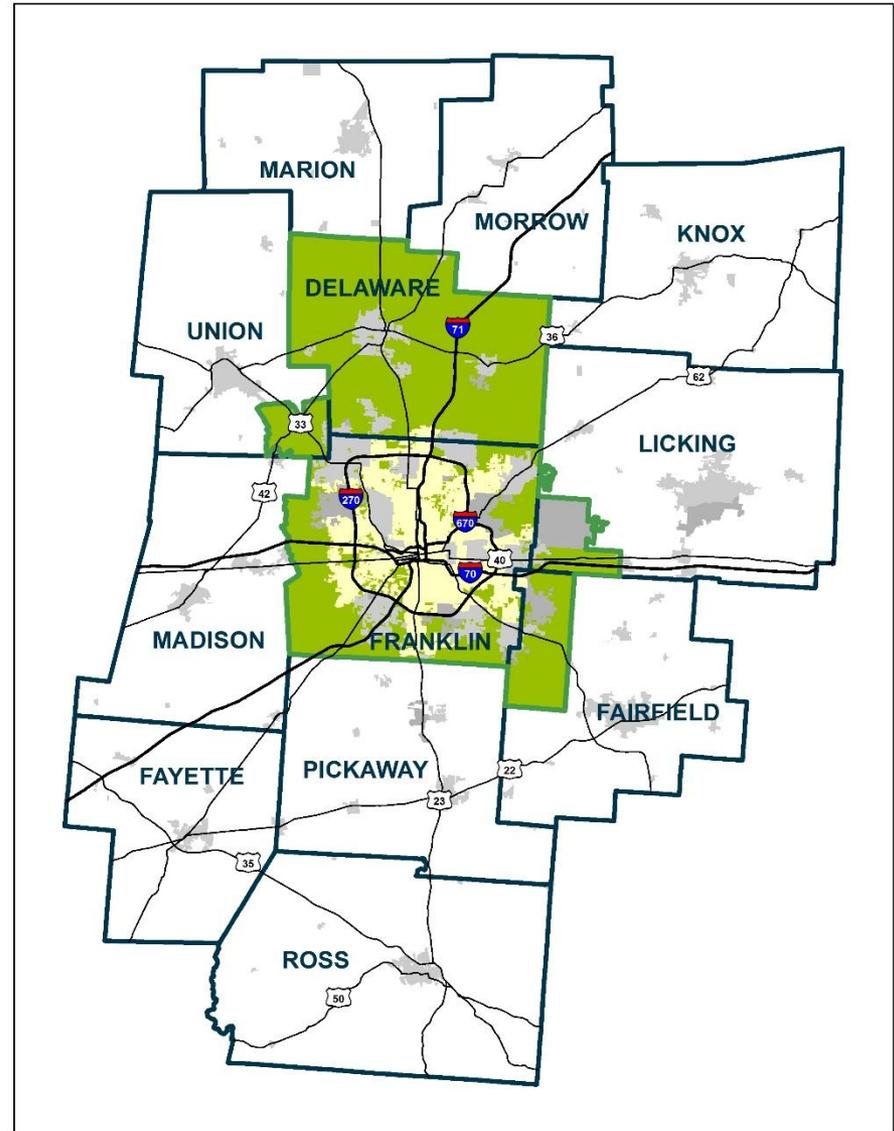




What is the MPO Area?

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning area only includes communities within the **official MPO boundary**.

This area changed as a result of the 2010 Census.



Complete Transportation System



–Highways

–Bicyclists and Pedestrians

- Complete Streets
- Trail Development
- Regional Bikeway Plan

–Transit

- Bus
- Light Rail
- Tram
- Commuter Rail

–Freight

–Safe and Secure

- Crash reporting Safe Routes to School
- Primary Seatbelt Legislation
- Evacuation Plan

–RideSolutions

- Car and Vanpools
- Guaranteed Ride Home

Freight and Economic Development Planning



Panama Canal

Port of Virginia

Heartland Corridor

Rickenbacker

Intelligent Transportation System

Save Lives, Save Time, Save Money



Freeway
Management

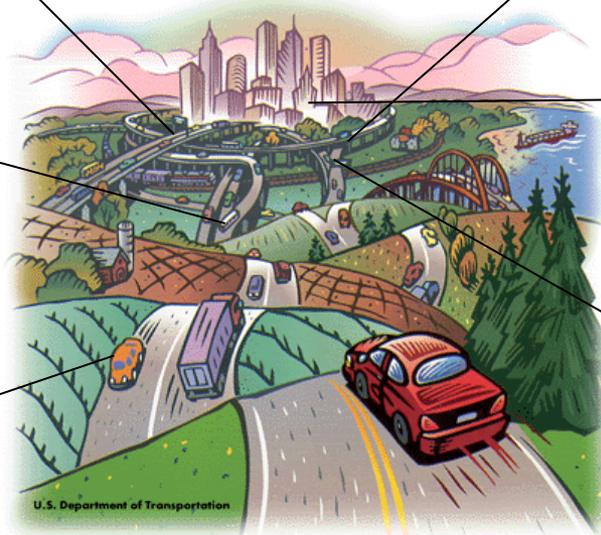


Emergency
Services



Traveler
Information

**Provides rapid response for users
and the professionals who
run the system**



Traffic Control



Communications



Automatic
Vehicle Locator

Complete Streets

Roadways designed to safely and comfortably accommodate all users, including, but not limited to motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders. “All users” includes people of all ages and abilities.



Transportation Demand Management Programs

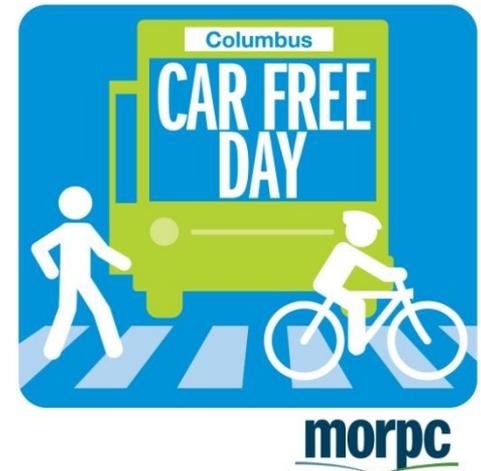


Regional Transit Forum

- Delaware Area Transit Authority
- Lancaster Public Transit System
- CAC of Fayette County
- Central Ohio Transit Authority
- Licking County
- Licking County Transit Board
- ~~Newark/Heath~~ Earthworks Transit
- LCATS
- MORPC
- ODOT



Safe Routes to Schools



Environmental Justice Requirements

- Demonstrate public involvement efforts
- Quantify and assess regional benefits and burdens of transportation system investments for targeted groups
- planning process response to the public involvement and analyses of targeted populations
 - Should clearly state whether there are disproportionate impacts
 - The extent and magnitude of those impacts
 - How those impacts will be avoided or mitigated if practical

- The Transportation Policy Committee of the “Columbus Area Transportation Study Area” is the MPO
 - local elected and appointed officials
 - operators of major modes and systems
 - Central Ohio Transit Authority
 - Delaware Area Transit Agency
 - Licking County Transit Board
 - Columbus Regional Airport Authority
 - state officials
 - The Ohio Department of Transportation
 - The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 - CAC Chair

- For urban areas of over 50,000 population

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

CAC

Media Advisories

TAC

MORPC Web Site

SPECIAL MTGS

Information Dissemination



SPECIAL
PROJECTS

TRANSPORTATION
PLAN

TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

- ITS
- Bike/Ped
- Freight

- Special Projects
- Highways
- Transit

- Highways
- Transit
- Bikes/Peds
- Studies/Programs

Community Advisory Committee

- Implement Public Involvement Process
- Serve as primary body representing public opinion
- Permit continuous interaction and two-way communication
- Ensure adequate consideration to issues
- Ensure appropriate and timely advice

CAC Membership

- **General citizens from geographic areas**
 - Central City
 - Inner Ring
 - Outer Ring
 - First Suburbs
 - developing suburbs
 - exurbia/rural
- **Transportation disadvantaged or underserved**
 - Low-income
 - Minorities
 - Senior citizens/Veterans
 - Children/Youth/Students
 - Mental/Physical Disabilities
- **Environmental**
 - Environments Groups
 - Pedestrians/Bicyclists
 - Historic/Archeological
 - Health
- **Business**

Thank You & Questions

Connect with us:

twalsh@morpc.org

bcage@morpc.org

bnoe@morpc.org

www.morpc.org



twitter

facebook