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## NOTICE OF A MEETING

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY MOBILITY SERVICES  
1330 FIELDS AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OH 43201  
BREAK ROOM

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m.**

## AGENDA

- 5:30 p.m. **1. Welcome** – David Paul, Chair
- 5:32 p.m. **2. Approval of August 29, 2016 Minutes** (enclosed)
- 5:36 p.m. **3. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Walsh
- Transit Agency Reports
    - DATABus - Thea Walsh
    - COTA Update - Belinda Taylor
    - Attributable Funds Update - Nick Gill
- 5:45 p.m. **4. Proposed Resolutions:**
- **T-13-16:** "Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted for TRAC Funding in 2016" - (enclosed) Dina López
  - MPO Safety Peer Exchange - Jordan Whisler
    - **T-14-16:** "PWP Amendment - Safety Peer Exchange" (enclosed) - Thea Walsh
- 6:00 p.m. **5. Informational Items:**
- Quarterly Air Quality Update - Evelyn Ebert
  - Population Estimates - Jason Kaper
  - Smart Cities Update - Thea Walsh
- 6:20 p.m. **6. Committee Business** - Bernice Cage
- Present Nominations
- 6:30 p.m. **COTA'S FIELDS AVENUE FACILITY TOUR** – Tour Guides: Amy Hockman, Director of Mobility Services, and William Stepp, Eligibility Administrator
- 7:00 p.m. **7. Other Business**

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IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.**

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**TUESDAY, November 1, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
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**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 29, 2016**  
**Meeting Summary**

MORPC  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio  
5:30 p.m.

**Members**

Stephanie Bosco  
Pauline Edwards  
Warren King  
David Paul  
Bob Roehm

Ed Chin  
Len Fisher  
Michael Liggett  
Fred Rea  
Joel Spokas

William Curlis  
LaGrieta Holloway  
Jessica Mathews  
Larry Robertson  
Ira Weiss

**Guests**

Doug Arsenault, COTA  
Jonathan Stewart, Prospective Member  
Ginger Tornes, Citizen

**MORPC Staff**

Jacob Boehk  
Amelia Costanzo  
Claire Jennings  
Bevan Schneck

Bernice Cage  
Mary Ann Frantz  
Amanda McEldowney  
Thea Walsh

Kerstin Carr  
Nick Gill  
Brenda Noé

1. **Welcome.** Chair David Paul called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. **Approval of July 5, 2016 Minutes.** William Curlis moved to accept the July 5, 2016 minutes, and Ira Weiss seconded. The motion carried.
3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report.** Thea Walsh reported that the city is well on its way with the Smart Cities project. It is close to or may have already finalized the contract with U.S. DOT. Walsh had the opportunity to go to Anaheim to share the Smart Cities story at the ITE Conference. She also attended the Ohio Conference on Freight in Cleveland and received helpful information there. That conference will be held in Columbus next year. Walsh appeared on "Columbus On the Record" this past month regarding Smart Cities, which aired on August 12th.
  - **Transit Agency Reports**
    - **DATABus.** Walsh said that DATABus has had five fixed-route service changes and added limited Saturday service from 8:30 to 2:20.
    - **COTA.** Doug Arsenault reported on behalf of Belinda Taylor. He said that COTA held its annual luncheon last Thursday. COTA will have service changes starting today, with a new line on Hilliard-Rome Road. Another new line will be launched on Brice Road in November.

The Transit System Redesign is coming in May. The Bus Rapid Transit (C MAX) began construction this month. Public meetings were held prior to

commencement of construction. CMAX will launch in January 2018. Arsenault said that Connect Columbus and Smart Cities will tie into CMAX.

COTA will be on the ballot in November for renewal of its 10-year operating sales tax measure.

Discussion about the CMAX followed and no bicycle parking near St. Ann's Hospital.

- Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) Update. Dina López gave a PowerPoint presentation on TRAC. She also distributed TRAC summary sheets. Her PowerPoint presentation is available at [http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_TRACPresentation.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_TRACPresentation.pdf) and the summary sheets can be seen at: [http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_TRACSummarySheets.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_TRACSummarySheets.pdf) López and Nick Gill responded to questions.
- Summit on Sustainability. Kerstin Carr spoke about the upcoming Summit on Sustainability on October 21, 2016 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. This year's theme is "Feeding Our Economy." The day-long conference is packed with exciting keynotes and breakout session. The morning keynote speaker will be Spencer Reed from Vulcan, Inc., a key funder of the Smart City Challenge. Professional credits are available. ([http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160831\\_TAC\\_Summit.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160831_TAC_Summit.pdf))
- Pedestrian/Bike Counts. Amelia Costanzo asked for volunteers for the September 14th pedestrian and bicycle counts ([http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_VolunteerFlyerSeptember.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_VolunteerFlyerSeptember.pdf)). Volunteers may sign up on line or call Jacob Boehk at MORPC.
- Safety Peer Exchange. Carr also talked about MORPC hosting an MPO Safety Peer Exchange in partnership with ODOT and FHWA to learn more about what other MPOs around the state are doing and to develop a best practices guide.

#### 4. **Proposed Resolutions:**

- **T-11-16: "Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program."** Gill said that this is the quarterly TIP amendment resolution to allow projects to move forward because of some slight changes. Three of the four projects on this amendment do involve MORPC-attributable funds:
  - Columbus Traffic Signals, Phase D. It adds additional funding because the fiber optic cable market has gotten tighter, causing the price to go up.
  - Columbus Polaris Parkway Widening. The right-of-way cost has increased significantly from previous estimates, including the need to acquire additional right-of-way for stormwater runoff and other projects. We are shifting funds from construction to right-of-way with no net increase in our funding.
  - Refugee Road Widening in Pickerington. Ready to proceed with right-of-way, and the cost has increased. We are providing funding so this can get authorized.
  - COTA. COTA has requested a new commitment of \$1.5 million of local funding to install conduit in the ground to help with its communications in the downtown area.

Warren King moved to accept Resolution T-11-16, and Ira Weiss seconded. The motion carried.

- **T-12-16: "Accepting the PWP Completion Report for State Fiscal Year 2016."** Walsh explained that this report is required. It involves the actual work done by several MORPC teams. There are three major pots of funding:
  - Formula-Funded Planning Projects - things we need to accomplish, such as the Transportation Improvement Program, standard management and operations, long-range planning, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, transit and human services, and general administration of the program
  - Special Projects - smaller grants received by MORPC for specific purposes
  - Rideshare and Air Quality - RideShare program for carpooling and vanpooling; air quality awareness (advisories) that we share with the region

Weiss moved to approve Resolution T-12-16, and King seconded. The motion carried.

**5. Informational Items:**

- MORPC Attributable Funds Update. Gill gave a PowerPoint presentation on this subject, and it is available at:  
[http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_AttributableFunding.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_AttributableFunding.pdf)
- High-Crash Location Lists. Costanzo presented on this subject, and her PowerPoint presentation is available at:  
[http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_CrashTrends\\_High-CrashLocations.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_CrashTrends_High-CrashLocations.pdf)
- Coordinated Plan Update. Claire Jennings made a presentation on the Coordinated Plan update, and her PowerPoint is available at:  
[http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_%20CAC\\_CoordinatedPlanUpdate.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_%20CAC_CoordinatedPlanUpdate.pdf)
- Age-Friendly Columbus Update. Costanzo presented on Age-Friendly Columbus, and her presentation is available at:  
[http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_Age-FriendlyColumbus.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_Age-FriendlyColumbus.pdf)  
The Age-Friendly survey link for 50+ residents is here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/age-friendly-columbus>
- National Highway System Update. Gill presented on the National Highway System Update, and the information is available at:  
[http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829\\_CAC\\_NHSFinalRecommendation.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20160829_CAC_NHSFinalRecommendation.pdf)

**6. Committee Business.**

- Appoint Nominating Committee. Paul and Bernice Cage asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. LaGrieta Holloway, Joel Spokas and Michael Liggett volunteered.

**7. Other Business.** Larry Robertson talked about All Aboard Ohio, and Weiss discussed a Dispatch article about the Ohio to Erie Trail. Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m., and Bill Curlis seconded. The motion carried.

Bernice Cage  
Secretary



## MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

September 2016

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### Transportation Systems & Funding

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- **Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs)**  
MORPC submitted and ODOT approved of the proposal to establish the Central Ohio Regional Planning Organization (CORPO) consisting of Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, Union, Marion, Morrow and Knox counties. The agreement is expected to be signed shortly, with work to begin in October. ODOT will provide \$321,470 for the CORPO through June 2018 to establish the transportation planning process and the initial transportation plan for the CORPO.
- **National Highway Systems (NHS)**  
Recommended revisions to the National Highway System (NHS) were submitted to ODOT. The recommendations are the result of a review process that included input from local communities in the MPO area and were shared with CAC, TAC, and Transportation Policy committees. The NHS review was initiated by ODOT as a follow-up to the 2014/15 Functional Classification review. MORPC staff will continue to work with ODOT to finalize the revisions to the NHS, although no definite timeline has been set by ODOT.
- **Transit/Human Services**  
MORPC is working with legal counsel and ODOT to finalize contracts with subrecipients to purchase capital equipment or vehicles with FTA Section 5310 funding.
- **DATABus**  
DATABus is currently exploring two new services. The first service currently is being termed "DATA on Demand." This is a cross between public transit, taxi and Uber or Lyft combination service. There is still much to do, and DATABus is hoping to make this a reality. The second service is a fixed-route that runs in the I-71 corridor from US 36/SR 37 into Columbus where it would tie in with COTA. DATABus will be working with COTA on this and will need to find a source of funding to support the operations.

The DATABus board approved a contract with Holony Media for the conversion of our databases from Microsoft Access VBA to SQL. This will allow DATABus's databases to be cloud-based and will be the beginning of additional passenger features such as real time "where is my bus" and electronic fare media.

DATABus will be working with MORPC staff to update the coordinated plan and consolidate Delaware County's plan with Franklin County.

- RideSolutions  
MORPC has posted an RFP for an OARC Transportation Demand Management (TDM) ridematching system platform for multiple regions in Ohio. This RFP is seeking to replace two incompatible systems used in Ohio into one comprehensive multimodal web-based platform to provide services and programming for MPOs, employers, mobility managers, and the public to support and incentivize ridesharing, walking, biking and transit. RFPs are due October 17, 2016.

RS staff completed MORPC's summer internal pilot Alternative Transportation Incentive. The incentive encouraged MORPC employees to try new, sustainable modes of transportation. In total, 25 employees participated in the incentive. RS staff will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of MORPC's incentive and determine its effectiveness in the greater Central Ohio region. Staff is exploring the capacity for this incentive to be an outreach effort that assists Central Ohio businesses in encouraging their employees to try sustainable modes of transportation.

- Infrastructure Funding  
MORPC Attributable Funding  
38 projects are being evaluated for new commitments of MORPC funding. Initial evaluation results will be presented to the Attributable Funds Committee on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

District 3, Franklin County, received 20 applications for Round 31 OPWC infrastructure funding. The City of Columbus submitted five applications, six were submitted by other cities, three by Franklin County, four by townships and two by villages.

The total cost of the projects submitted was \$146 million, and total OPWC requests were \$51.1 million. District 3 has \$26.1 million available for Round 31.

The District 3 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) met to consider a request for additional Clean Ohio funding for the Round 10 Westerville, Spring Run Stream Restoration project. The NRAC approved \$16,768 in additional funding to cover the review of easement appraisals, and title work and insurance. The NRAC also approved a work plan and budget of \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2017. In addition, the NRAC revised a program policy regarding signage and approved new guidelines for applicants erecting this signage.

#### Data and Mapping

Nancy Reger - [nreger@morpc.org](mailto:nreger@morpc.org)

- Regional Data Lab  
The Regional Data Advisory Committee finalized Mission and Vision statements at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members committed to serving on two subcommittees focused around Communication and Technology.

The group clarified its association with the #SmartColumbus initiative. There will be representation from the RDAC and #SmartColumbus in each other's working groups. Looking ahead RDAC will be involved in how the integrated data exchange tool being developed through the Smart City grant can be expanded to a regional focus.

The other part of the Data Lab that is in process involves organizing MORPC's own data into an on-line catalog so others can easily access the data we create. Using existing software that is a commonly used platform, we have begun to put our data into the catalog. The Data & Mapping team is meeting with other MORPC departments in order to have a comprehensive listing of all MORPC data sets.

- Participation at Conferences and Meetings

The Data and Mapping team played a significant role in organizing the Ohio GIS Conference. We also organized a lunch meeting with GIS personnel from all the other MPO and Regional Councils with representation at that conference in an effort to strengthen communication among the statewide GIS community. The Columbus Metro Bike Map was included in the Statewide Map Gallery as part of the conference.

MORPC is an Ohio Data Center Affiliate, which means we are a repository for US Census data and have a voice in policy related to census programs. Data and Mapping had representation at the Ohio Data Center Affiliate annual meeting where preliminary information about the 2020 decennial census was discussed.

- MORPC Projects and Programs

- Maps and information were provided about water quality measures and the Economic Impact on Trails study in association with the Sustainable Advisory Committee strategic plan and performance measures.
- A new on-line story map about the role of freight in the region unveiled at the Ohio Freight Conference has been expanded to include additional information, including truck volumes.
- Data and Mapping staff drafted an article for Voices of insight2050 pertaining to population growth and general demographic and development trends.
- The Data and Mapping team generated data and built an evaluation tool for candidate projects submitted for MORPC's Attributable Funds. The tool builds upon the on-line submittal web interface that was built for communities to use when submitting their applications.
- The Data and Mapping team helped simplify the list of MBE/DBE vendors for use in distributing RFPs and RFQs as required by the MORPC Diversity Plan.
- Interviews are underway to fill the vacant Data Analyst position.

- Support for Members

- Draft population estimates for 2017 were developed for distribution to MORPC members. The methodology has been modified to include international migration into the estimates to bring MORPC's estimates more in alignment with the US Census estimates.
- A shared file for communities to input information about their public fiber infrastructure was distributed to the City of Gahanna for testing.
- Data and Mapping participated in the 2-day kick-off meeting for #SmartColumbus.
- Maps were created to support the Central Ohio Greenways Program.
- Maps were created for communities in Perry County.
- Working with the City of Columbus, COG members and Delaware County, the GIS file for communities to use when editing the regional bikeway file was modified to better reflect the needs of the communities who edit the file.
- The Data and Mapping team participated in the Intelligent Community Forum's Global Institute meeting that promotes comprehensive adoption of broadband and technology.

## Planning and Environment

Kerstin Carr - [kcarr@morpc.org](mailto:kcarr@morpc.org)

- **Active Transportation Planning**

Staff organized the semi-annual volunteer pedestrian and bicycle count efforts in September. Volunteers counted pedestrians and bicyclists at a total of 26 locations. These data feed into the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project (NBPD).

Staff met with Dublin planning and engineering staff to discuss the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Dublin thinks the ATP tools will prove useful for its Mobility Plan process as well as other projects that are more site-specific.

Staff presented the Bike Map and Active Transportation Plan to a city planning class at Ohio State. They were mostly interested in the data and process used to develop both tools.

- **Transportation Safety**

Regional Crash Data Analysis: The Top 100 Regional High-Crash Locations, Top Five High-Crash Intersections by jurisdiction, Top High-Crash Pedestrian and Bicycle Clusters, the Local Crash Fact Sheets, and the Regional Crash Fact Sheets were released to the public. These regional crash data analysis products help identify priority safety locations within the MPO area that potentially warrant additional study and that may be eligible for available safety funds. Additionally, they help provide a better understanding of why and how severe crashes are occurring in Central Ohio. All of MORPC's annual crash data analysis products can be found on MORPC's website at: <http://www.morpc.org/transportation/safety/regional-crash-data/index>

Meetings and Related Training: Staff participated in the regularly scheduled Traffic Fatality Review Board meeting at Columbus Public Health, looking at impaired driving and pedestrian and bicycle fatalities.

Staff participated in the FHWA-sponsored Local Road Safety Data Analysis Approaches Peer Exchange in Seattle, Washington between August 30th and 31st. This event brought together local, regional, and state safety personnel to discuss the challenges and opportunities to advancing road safety initiatives at the local level. A central theme from the event focused on how MPOs and state DOTs could provide easily accessible resources and services to local governments that allowed them to prioritize safety investments on their systems.

Staff attended the ODOT Traffic Academy Safety Study training where they learned the process and ODOT requirements for developing safety studies.

Staff partnered with ODOT and FHWA to host the Ohio MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Peer Exchange at MORPC. This event brought together nearly 60 attendees, including representatives from ODOT, FHWA, and almost all of the MPOs and RTPOs from around the state. During this two-day event, participants discussed the minimum state and federal requirements for transportation safety planning, networked with peer organizations, and shared current best practices. Participants also walked away with individual action plans highlighting potential opportunities for improvement.

- **insight2050**

insight2050 Communications Tools: Staff hosted the insight2050 Communications Toolkit Implementation Workshop for Public Information Officers. This workshop instructed local government PIOs and communications staff with steps they can take to adapt and use media

outreach, sample newsletter articles, social media and blog messages, and website copy to raise awareness about the changing demographics and development trends highlighted in the insight2050 report.

insight2050 Academy: The inaugural insight2050 Academy kicked off, with 28 participants representing 20 jurisdictions across Central Ohio. The insight2050 Academy is a six-week workshop series offering peer exchanges and dynamic engagement led by trusted leaders in the fields of economic development, real estate development, and planning. The program is designed to assist elected decision makers, appointed leaders, and economic development officials in making informed decisions. Topics to date include:

*Communication Strategies for Effective Resident Conversations* led by Chris Hermann of MKSK Studios and Marie Keister of Engage Public Affairs and MurphyEpson

*Demographics & Trends* led by Terry Foegler of the City of Dublin and Ken Danter of The Danter Company

*Planning, Real Estate & Economic Development 101: Public Sector Insights*, the first of a two-part series led by Tom Hart of Isaac Wiles, Kimberly Sharp of the City of Westerville, and Mark Lundine of the City of Columbus.

Outreach: Staff attended a meeting of the Lockbourne Planning Commission, which requested MORPC's assistance to update its comprehensive plan. Lockbourne is beginning a community visioning process and zoning code update. MORPC was asked to attend to offer big-picture input/feedback. Advised the group that MORPC can be a resource for data, maps, and advice on connectivity/transportation best practices.

- Age-Friendly Columbus

Meetings: The Age-Friendly Columbus Outdoor Spaces & Buildings and Transportation Subcommittees met. Both subcommittees provided feedback on the draft survey. The Transportation Subcommittee visited the COTA mobility center for an enlightening tour of the training facility.

Outreach: The Age-Friendly Columbus website was launched: [www.agefriendlycolumbus.org](http://www.agefriendlycolumbus.org). This website is used to educate the public on the project and share relevant information with the project committees.

Staff spoke on a panel at the *Healthy Aging Begins at Home: An Ohio Conversation* event, and presented Age-Friendly Columbus to the COTA Mobility Advisory Board and Ohio Philanthropy. Staff was interviewed about the project on the Senior Agenda podcast.

Survey: Surveys were mailed to a random sample of 1,500 Columbus households with residents 50 years of age or older.

A shortened "convenience sample" was launched online and distributed to people 50 years and older by service providers and at community events such as the Employment For Seniors Career Expo and Open Street Columbus.

The survey results will influence the strategic plan that will be developed in 2017.

- Greenways & Water Quality Program

Central Ohio Greenways Board: Staff presented to the cities of Hilliard, Upper Arlington and Bexley to introduce the COG Board and discuss becoming a funding partner of the Greenways

Program. Also, the COG Board finished the Franklin County Corridor Plan and is working with communities on reviewing the plan.

Water Trails: Staff met with Dublin to discuss water trails and COG Board. Dublin is in support of both projects, and staff will continue working with them to move forward.

Meetings and Related Training: Staff met with Franklin County Engineer's Office staff to discuss the progress made on the 2016 Greenways Scope, as well as ideas for the 2017 scope.

Staff participated in the Central Ohio Watershed (COW) Council's quarterly meeting with DPU. Meeting topics included data collection efforts and collaborative efforts across multiple watershed groups.

Staff participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbus Stormwater Design Manual Review Committee meeting. Staff will also serve on a subcommittee that will investigate ways to improve the Green Infrastructure Stormwater Credit.

Staff attended the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District's (FSWCD's) annual meeting celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The program included a brief history of soil and water conservation districts across the nation, and FSWCD specifically.

Staff attended the Ohio Watershed Leaders Conference in Loveland, OH. Topics covered at the conference included Ohio's Credible Data Program, regional watershed strategies, the Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) General Grant Program, and 9-Element Implementation Planning for EPA 319 Grants.

- Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration  
Green Pact: Staff facilitated a Green Pact meeting at the Dublin Community Recreation Center, where attendees were treated to a tour of the Combine Heat and Power system. Nine Green Pact members attended the meeting. Brandi Whetstone highlighted several efforts at MORPC related to energy policy and MORPC's weatherization services.
- Info Share Meetings: Staff facilitated an info share meeting with City of Marysville staff. Marysville shared information on expected development and transportation projects, inaccurate bikeways data, and its interest in PE credit webinars and the 2016 Salary Survey.
- Summit on Sustainability – October 21, 2016  
Spencer Reeder has been announced as the keynote speaker for the Summit. The attendance currently stands at around 500 attendees. Staff is working on getting professional credits and designing the final program. Registration is open and more information about the conference can be found at [www.morpc.org/summit](http://www.morpc.org/summit).

#### Energy & Air Quality

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The Air Quality team received final survey data from Commuter Challenge participants and analyzed these data for a final presentation of results for the September Commission meeting on September 8th. Energy and Air Quality Director Christina O'Keeffe gave the final results presentation to the Commission.

The Air Quality program organized a breakout session for the upcoming Summit on Sustainability on October 21st titled, "Driving Down Single-Occupant Vehicle Use: Creative Strategies to Move the Needle on Regional Air Pollution." Ohio EPA is sponsoring the session and Channon Coen-Denson of Ohio EPA will moderate the session, which highlights ways that clean air agencies are reducing single-occupant vehicle travel. Session presenters include Laura Loges and Laura Henry of Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Joe MacDonald and Tim Kovach of Northern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

The region did not experience any ozone exceedances for the month, and there were no Air Quality Alerts issued. The Energy and Air Quality department is coordinating an October visit from Sonoma Technologies, Inc., the region's air quality forecaster with whom MORPC contracts to provide year-round daily air quality forecasts. The visit will include a presentation to the Commission on October 13th, which will provide members with a sneak peek of the impact of this year's ozone season. Ozone season in Central Ohio concludes on October 31st. The forecaster will also meet with regional partners on the topic of air quality monitoring needs and opportunities, and MORPC will provide opportunities for members to discuss air quality questions and concerns one-on-one if desired.

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group convened on September 27th at John Glenn Columbus International Airport. Working Group members were given a tour of the installations made possible by the Voluntary Airport Low Emissions (VALE) grant awarded to Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) last year. At this meeting, Working Group members also offered feedback on the strategies for the air quality-related targets on the 2017 Regional Sustainability Agenda.

#### Public & Government Affairs

Laura Koprowski - lkoprowski@morpc.org

The CAC will meet at and tour COTA Mobility Services on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The list of the Top 100 High-Crash Locations was shared with the media. A legal notice announcing the Transportation Demand Management Ridematching RFP was distributed to major newspapers in the 12-county service area. A press release announcing the process to update the Coordinated Plan for Delaware and Franklin counties was distributed to the media. A one-page handout was designed for our congressional districts on transportation projects seeking MORPC-Attributable funding. A press release was distributed announcing the Age-Friendly Columbus survey. The insight2050 Communications Toolkit was presented to community public information officers. A press release was distributed to the media on seeking comments on TRAC projects.



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## Memorandum

**TO:** MORPC Community Advisory Committee  
MORPC Transportation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Thea Walsh, AICP  
Transportation Systems and Funding

**DATE:** September 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution T-13-16:** “Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2016 for TRAC Funding”

As reported to you previously, four projects were submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) requesting funding for this year’s round of funding. An administrative request was also submitted, relating to breaking down phases of the innerbelt project into smaller, more fundable phases. This administrative request was excluded from the project prioritization process since it did not request any additional funds.

TRAC is responsible for committing development and construction funding toward projects that meet the criteria of the Major New Capacity Program (generally projects over \$12 million which increase roadway capacity and/or reduce congestion). Information sheets (attached) were prepared and posted to our website over the summer with details on the projects.

Resolution T-13-16 establishes MORPC’s priorities for the 2016 TRAC requests. MORPC accepted comments on the projects through September 16th, and staff completed an evaluation of the four projects. This memo provides a summary of how the projects were evaluated and concludes with a recommendation on project prioritization. Upon adoption of Resolution T-13-16, the priorities will be presented at ODOT at the October 13th public hearing, and submitted in writing by October 14th.

### Project Evaluation Summary

MORPC staff evaluated the four TRAC projects based on the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives. Key elements of the MTP evaluation criteria were used for the evaluation. The analysis results by goal are:

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**Eric S. Phillips**  
Chair

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Secretary

Adopted Goal: Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally. The criteria for this goal considered the number of jobs within one mile of the facility, reduction of regional congestion, key developments being served by the facility, and reduction of peak travel delay. The Far East Freeway project is significantly better than the others in terms of addressing a more congested area and serving an area with more jobs. Next is the US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange in terms of congestion relief and jobs in the vicinity. Third is the Delaware Point project and then the I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange.

Adopted Goal: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community. The criteria for this goal considered reductions in emissions (PM2.5, VOC, and NOx). The Far East Freeway project is noticeably better than the others in terms of emission reduction. Second is the I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange. Next are the Delaware Point and US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange projects with no significant difference between the two.

Adopted Goal: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies. The criteria for this goal considered reduction in regional vehicle-miles traveled. The project that performed best is the I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange. Second is the Delaware Point followed by the Far East Freeway, and finally the US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange.

Adopted Goal: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures. The criteria for this goal considered the number of communities being served by the project, the size of the request, the variety of funding as part of the project and whether any phase of the project was already constructed or under construction. The US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange performed best because it serves more jurisdictions and has significant non-TRAC funding in the package, although it is the largest funding request of the four projects. A close second is the I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange, primarily because of the large non-TRAC funding pledge toward the overall improvements in the area. Third is the Delaware Point project with a small request for project development funding and a plan to possibly fund construction without TRAC funds. Last is the Far East Freeway primarily because of lack of funding variety, although it serves the second most jurisdictions and has been in the planning stages for many years.

Adopted Goal: Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people. The criteria for this goal considered the Environmental Justice (EJ) population served and safety/crash ranking analysis. The Far East Freeway project performs significantly better as addressing the worse crash area of the four and serving high EJ populations. Second is the Delaware Point project followed by US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange project, and finally the I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange project.

Adopted Goal: Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life. The criteria for this goal considered which projects serve users going to or coming from higher density areas and multimodal elements of the project, such as facilities for transit, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Far East Freeway performed best primarily because it serves more dense areas. Second is the Delaware Point project primarily because the project will provide missing pedestrian and bike facilities, linking residential and commercial areas at both ends of the project, which have facilities. Third is the US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange and fourth is the I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange.

#### **Comments Received from the Public**

On August 11th, MORPC issued a press release requesting comments from the public on this year's TRAC applications. Comments were due by September 16th. The US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange received over 100 letters of support, and the Delaware Point project received one letter of support.

#### **MORPC Staff Ranking Recommendation**

Based on the goal-by-goal evaluation summarized above, the public comments and the phase for which money is being requested, MORPC staff recommends the following priority ranking:

1. Far East Freeway
2. The Delaware Point
3. US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange
4. I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange

Resolution T-13-16 recommends these rankings.

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Attachment: Resolution T-13-16

RESOLUTION T-13-16

**“ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CENTRAL OHIO CANDIDATE PROJECTS SUBMITTED IN 2016 FOR TRAC FUNDING”**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) selects major new projects to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) major new capacity program; and

WHEREAS, the TRAC has requested that each MPO submit its priorities for projects in that MPO's planning area; and

WHEREAS, four projects requesting funding had been submitted to MORPC for acknowledgement prior to their submittal to the TRAC (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, MORPC members and the public were asked to submit comments on the projects; and

WHEREAS, staff provided the Community Advisory, Transportation Advisory and Transportation Policy committees information regarding the applications, including public comments received for staff recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at its meeting on October 4, 2016 and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at its meeting on October 5, 2016 each created and forwarded a ranked list to advise the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Section 1. That the attached listing of projects (Attachment A) be established as the order of priorities for the four candidate projects submitted to TRAC from the MORPC transportation planning area for major/new capacity program funding.
- Section 2. That the TRAC is strongly discouraged from funding lower priority projects on this list at the expense of higher priority projects.
- Section 3. That it directs MORPC staff to forward these priorities to the TRAC and to present the priorities if the TRAC wishes to receive such a presentation.

Section 4. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Matt Greeson, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Dina López

Attachments:

A. Priorities for the 2016 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects

Attachment A  
Resolution T-13-16

**Priorities for the 2016 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Sponsor - Project</b>	<b>Current Tier</b>	<b>2016 TRAC Funding Request</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
1	Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3	Tier II	\$7.0 million	\$81.5 million (Phases 2 & 3 only)
2	The Delaware Point Project (US 36/SR 37)	New project requesting Tier II	\$1.5 million	\$23.0 million
3	US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange	New project requesting Tier I	\$20.68 million	\$43.31 million
4	I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange	New project requesting Tier I	\$10.0 million	\$163.13 million

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
ODOT District 6

**Project ID per ODOT:**  
*Far East Freeway  
70/270/Brice Phases 2 & 3*

**ODOT PID:** 98232

**On MORPC's MTP:** Yes

**Currently on Tier II**

**Total Phases 2 & 3 Cost:**  
\$81.5 million

**Previous TRAC Funding:**  
\$4 million (for Preliminary Engineering)

**2016 Funding Request from TRAC:**  
\$7.0 million (for Phases 2 & 3 detailed design)

**ODOT Project Schedule:**  
Planning Studies: April 2005  
Prelim. Engineering: July 2014  
Env. Approvals: June 2015  
Interchange Studies: Aug. 2016  
Right-of-Way: June 2020  
Utility Relocation: October 2021  
Detailed Design: April 2019

**ODOT Project website:**  
[www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D06/projects/FarEastFreewayStudy](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D06/projects/FarEastFreewayStudy)

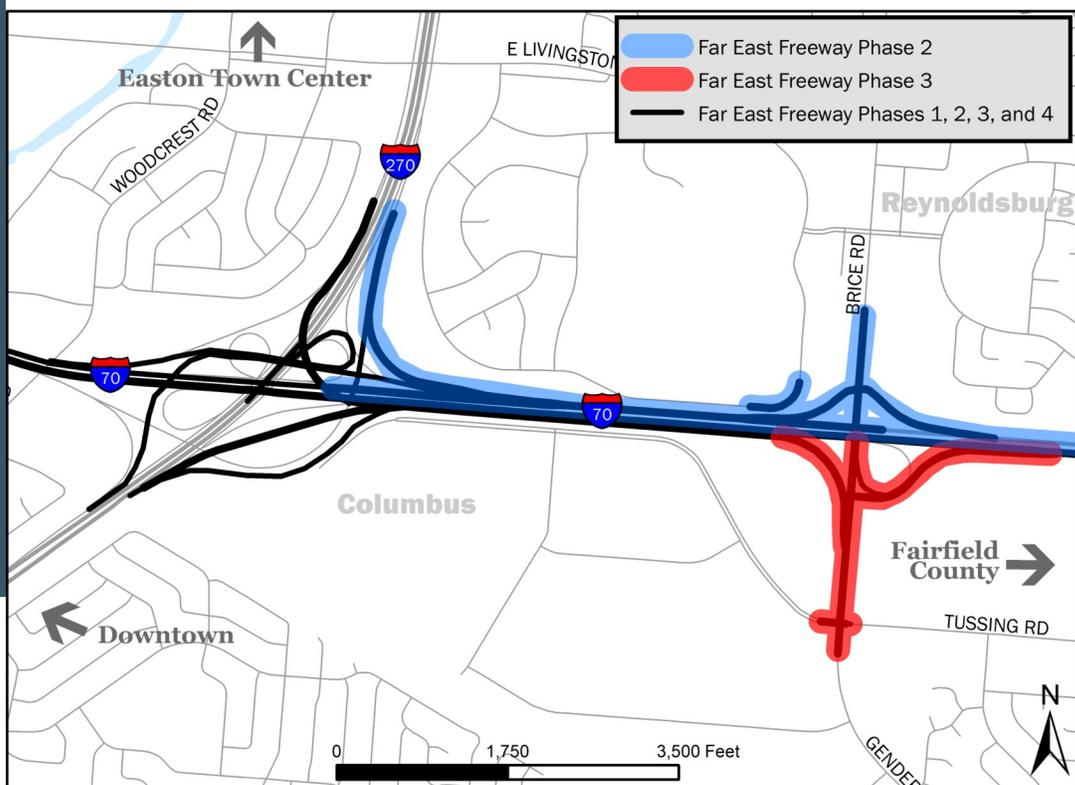


**WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

I-70 from Livingston Avenue to the Fairfield/Licking County Line is referred to as the "Far East Freeway," a series of transportation improvements that address the growing regional travel demand between downtown Columbus and its eastern suburbs. The Far East Freeway interchange improvements in the I-270 and Brice Road area involve 4 phases that will result in the widening of shoulder widths, increasing interchange spacing between I-270 and Brice Road to relieve heavy weaving volumes, as well as other improvements to relieve traffic congestion in the area.

**WHAT IS THE TRAC REQUEST?**

This TRAC request is for \$7 million for detailed design for Phases 2 and 3 of the I-270 and Brice Road area. Phase 2 reconfigures the north half of the Brice Road interchange, construction of westbound ramps to the I-270 interchange, and includes the replacement of the Brice Road bridge. Phase 3 constructs the southern half of the Brice Road interchange. Phase 1 has Tier II funding for detailed design, and has a current request for Tier 1 construction. Phase 4 will remain as a future TRAC request.



**SUBMITTED BY:**  
City of Delaware

**Project ID per ODOT:**  
DEL-36-11.03

**ODOT PID:** 103626

**On MORPC's MTP:** Yes

**New Project requesting  
Tier II Status**

**Total Project Cost:**  
\$23 million

**2016 Funding Request  
from TRAC:**  
\$1.5 million (for detailed  
design)

**ODOT Project Schedule**  
Planning Studies: Feb. 2017  
Prelim. Engineering: May 2017  
Env. Approvals: Sept. 2017  
Interchange Studies: TBD  
Right-of-Way: December 2019  
Utility Relocation: Dec. 2019  
Detailed Design: Dec. 2019

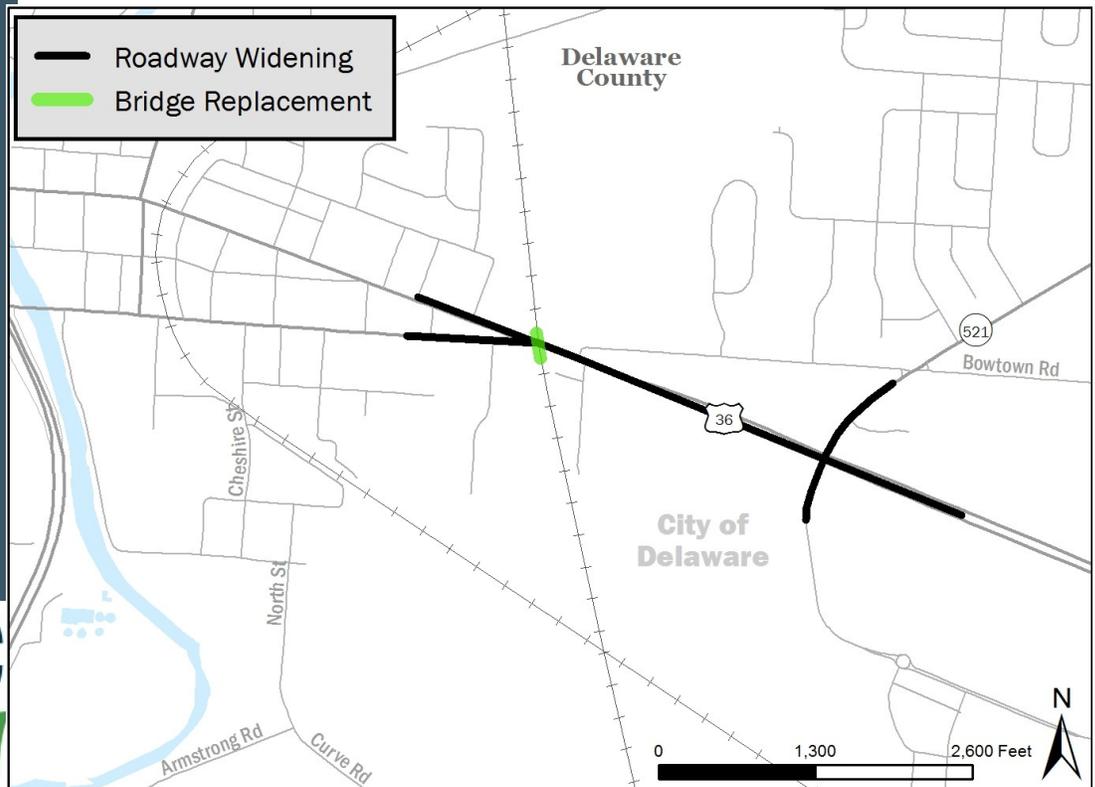


**WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

The Delaware Point project is a group of improvements designed to alleviate a well-known bottleneck along the US 36/SR 37 corridor within the City of Delaware. This project will replace the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge over US 36/SR 37 and widen this National Highway System (NHS) route to two lanes in each direction. Additional turn lanes will also be constructed at the US 36/SR 37 and US 36/SR 37/SR 521 intersections. This corridor is important to the region because it provides connectivity between US 23 and US 42 to I-71. Furthermore, the railroad bridge replacement will improve the rail connection between Rickenbacker and Toledo facilities. This project seeks to improve traffic safety and flow on this important commuter route and statewide freight corridor.

**WHAT IS THE TRAC REQUEST?**

This TRAC request is for \$1.5 million for detailed design for all improvements. This project has a congressional earmark of \$4 million, as well as strong financial support of local governments, with \$17.5 million (76% of the total project cost) in local funding being pledged to the project.



**SUBMITTED BY:**  
Union County

**Project ID per ODOT:**  
UNI-33-24.87—U.S. 33/  
S.R.161—Post Road  
Interchange

**ODOT PID:** 80748

**On MORPC's MTP:** Yes

**New Project requesting  
Tier I Status**

**Total Project Cost:**  
\$43.31 million

**2016 Funding Request  
from TRAC:**  
\$20.68 million (for  
construction)

**ODOT Project Schedule**  
Planning Studies: Sept. 2006  
Prelim. Engineering: Sept. 2006  
Env. Approvals: August 2006  
Interchange Studies: Sept. 2006  
Right-of-Way: August 2017  
Utility Relocation: August 2017  
Detailed Design: Dec. 2017

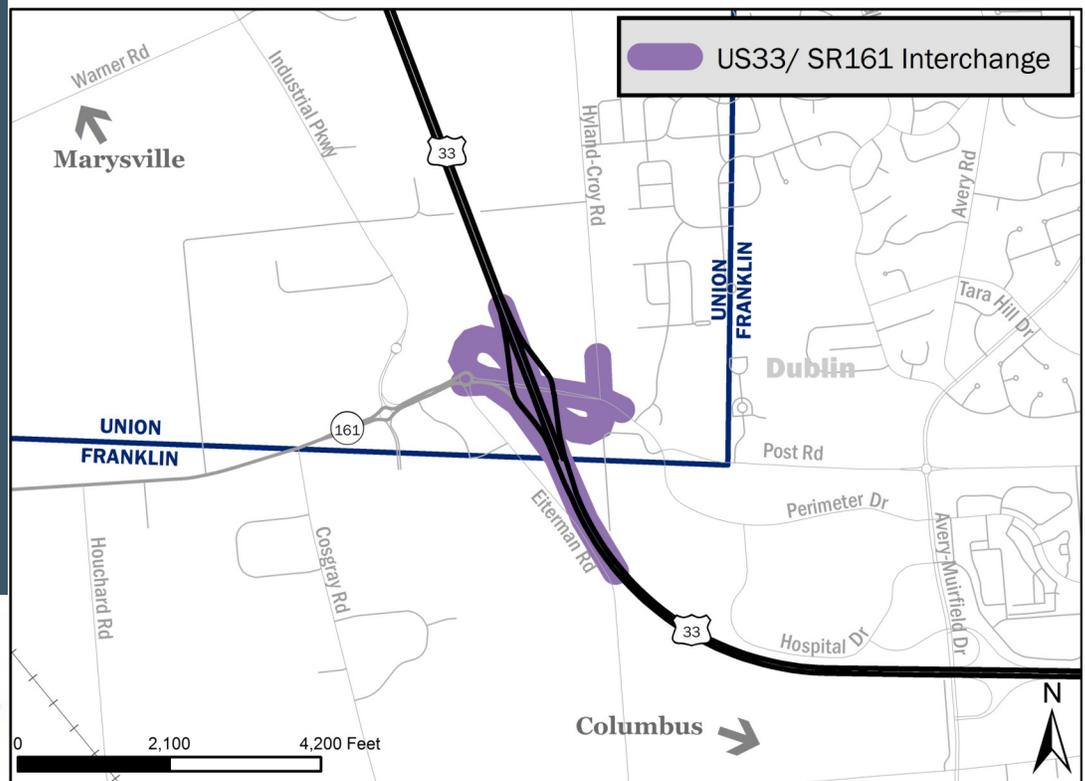


## WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The US 33/SR 161/Post Road Widening Industrial Parkway Relocation project upgrades the existing rural interchange at US 33/SR 161/Post Road into an urban interchange. This project seeks to address increasing congestion in the area, which provides a critical link between US 42 and I-270. The proposed changes will include two new loop ramps that will eliminate the existing left turn conflicts to enter the US 33 ramps. The intersections with both the east and west ramp terminals will be controlled via multi-lane roundabouts that will ensure viable traffic operations well into the future.

## WHAT IS THE TRAC REQUEST?

This TRAC request is \$20.68 million for construction. This project has the strong financial support of local governments, with the City of Dublin and Union County committing 52% of the total project cost.



**SUBMITTED BY:**  
ODOT District 6

**Project ID per ODOT:**  
DEL-71-7.91 I-71 US 36/  
SR 37 Interchange  
Improvements

**ODOT PID:** 90200

**On MORPC's MTP:** Yes

**New Project requesting  
Tier I Status**

**Total Project Cost:**  
\$163.13 million

**Previous TRAC Request:**  
\$500,000 (for Preliminary  
Engineering)

**2016 Funding Request  
from TRAC:**  
\$10 million (for  
construction)

**ODOT Project schedule**  
Planning Studies: Dec. 2014  
Prelim. Engineering: July 2016  
Env. Approvals: Nov. 2016  
Interchange Studies: Dec. 2016  
Utility Relocation: Dec. 2017  
Right-of-Way: Feb. 2018  
Detailed Design: Jan. 2018

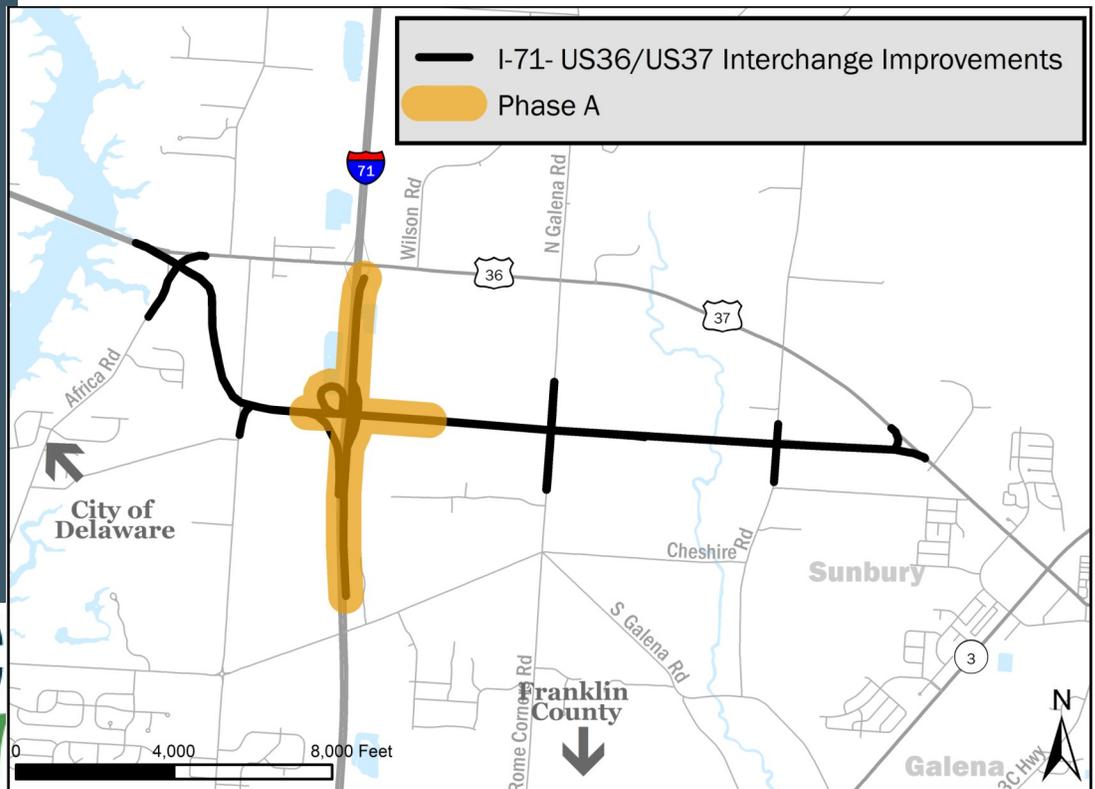


### WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange in Delaware County is heavily traveled and has become a busy truck route. In addition to serving local commuters, this interchange connects regionally significant businesses to I-71, such as the Kroger Midwest Regional Distribution Center and the Tanger Outlet Mall. Queuing on the exit ramps routinely extends onto the freeway mainline, causing operational and safety concerns. Stopped traffic on I-71 northbound during the afternoon peak hour is a near-daily occurrence as traffic waits to exit onto US 36/SR 37. This interchange improvement project includes additional ramps and a new east-west regional route to alleviate congestion.

### WHAT IS THE TRAC REQUEST?

The TRAC request is \$10 million for construction. Although not currently on the TRAC list, this project received previous TRAC funding as a Tier II project. This project is strongly supported by local investors, including Columbus Outlets LLC and the Northgate New Community Authority. Overall, more than 71% of the project funding is coming from non-TRAC sources.





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## Memorandum

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Officers and Board Members  
Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Kerstin Carr, Director of Planning & Environment

**DATE:** September 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-14-16: **"Amending the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program to add a new work element "**

Resolution T 14-16 amends the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add a new work element to develop and host a Transportation Safety Peer Exchange.

Significantly reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries occurring on Ohio's roadways is a collaborative effort, with many types of organizations actively engaged in various aspects of this mission. Regional agencies and commissions play a key role in increasing transportation safety within their respective regions. And while these regional entities often share common goals, concerns, opportunities and limitations, they all have unique levels of capabilities, resources, experiences, and planning practices that guide their approaches.

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) serves on statewide transportation safety committees as the representative of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC). As part of PWP work element 66553-1000: MPO Safety Peer Exchange, MORPC, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will develop and host a 2-day transportation safety peer exchange workshop with Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs).

The primary goal of the safety peer exchange is to further develop a baseline understanding of the regional transportation safety planning process within Ohio. Agencies should walk away understanding how their efforts stack up against their peers, where areas of improvement may exist, and what resources exist to help them bridge the gap, if any. The secondary goal is to document both minimum expectations of MPOs and RTPOs, best practices, and available resources.

This work element has a budget of \$10,500 - funded 100% by ODOT.

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Attachment: Resolution T-14-16

William Murdock, AICP  
Executive Director

Matt Greeson  
Chair

Rory McGuinness  
Vice Chair

Karen J. Angelou  
Secretary

RESOLUTION T-14-16

**"AMENDING THE SFY 2017 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO ADD A NEW WORK ELEMENT"**

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Policy Committee accepted the MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 2017 by Resolution T-6-16; and

WHEREAS, PWP Work Element 60137-1000: Safety Planning is an important and consistent work element as part of MORPC's PWP; and

WHEREAS, MORPC serves as the representative of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) on statewide transportation safety committees; and

WHEREAS, PWP Work Element 66553-1000: MPO Safety Peer Exchange is intended to develop and host a statewide safety peer exchange workshop with both Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) to learn from each other and develop a baseline of and guidance for regional transportation safety planning; and

WHEREAS, the budget for PWP Work Element 66553-1000: MPO Safety Peer Exchange consists of \$10,500 in state transportation; and

WHEREAS, MORPC staff will work closely with ODOT and FHWA in fulfilling the scope of this work element; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its October 4, 2016 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its October 5, 2016 meeting recommended adoption of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Section 1        That it hereby amends the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add a new work element.

Section 2        That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.

Section 3        That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this amendment by the Transportation Policy Committee.

Section 4      That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of the committee.

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Matt Greeson, Chair  
**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**

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Date

Prepared by: Kerstin Carr, Director of Planning & Environment

Attachment: New work element #66553-1000

## MPO Safety Peer Exchange

Regional agencies and commissions play a key role in increasing transportation safety within their respective regions. In order to learn from each other, MORPC, in partnership with ODOT and FHWA, will host an MPO/RTPO Safety Peer Exchange where regional agencies from across the state can discuss and review common themes that underlay our transportation safety planning efforts and better establish safety-specific cross-agency lines of communication.

<b>Product: Method</b>	<b>Agency/ies:</b>	<b>Schedule:</b>
Statewide Safety Workshop: Two-day workshop that brings Ohio MPOs and RTPOs together to discuss their respective transportation safety planning efforts, to formalize a baseline of the regional agency's role in safety planning in Ohio, and to establish minimum expectations and best practices.	ODOT, MORPC, FHWA	September 2016

### Related Activities:

Safety Planning (see 60137-1000)

### Budget

<b>Total Work Element Budget:</b>	\$10,500	\$10,500 ODOT
<b>Spent Previous Year(s):</b>	\$0	
<b>Remaining Work Element Budget:</b>	\$10,500	