METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-range planning document that brings together local governments from around Central Ohio and other local, state, and federal agencies to identify and coordinate transportation goals and policies over the next two decades. The MTP will identify transportation needs, strategies, and projects, and provide the basis for how federal transportation funding will be spent to improve highways, transit, freight, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities.

Dec 2014	Jan-Feb 2015	March 2015	April 2015	May 2015	June – Sep 2015	Oct-Dec 2015	Jan-Feb 2016	Mar-April 2016	May 2016
Goals Adopted	Objectives Created & Public Comment	Objectives Adopted (Possibly amend after Federal Process) Draft Land Use Variables Available	Land Use Variables Adopted Draft Project Evaluation Criteria Available	Project Evaluation Criteria Adopted Begin Input on Strategies & Candidate Projects	Evaluation of Strategies and Candidate Projects	Draft Strategies & Project List, Impact Analysis, Documentation	Comment Period on Draft MTP	Address Comments & Finalize MTP	Adopt MTP

Work on the 2016-2040 MTP has been underway since December 2014 when the goals of the plan were established. Measurable objectives were adopted in March 2015, and the land use assumptions that will guide the development of the MTP were adopted in April 2015. The project evaluation criteria are open for public review and comment through May 1, 2015. More information on these milestones is available at www.morpc.org/mtp2040.

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation criteria have been developed to ensure consistency between 2016-2040 MTP recommendations and the goals and objectives of the MTP. These criteria, developed based on the adopted goals and objectives, will be applied to each candidate transportation project considered for inclusion in the MTP. By applying these criteria, each project can be measured as to how it will help advance the goals and objectives of the MTP. It will also allow for the comparison of similar projects to be prioritized in the fiscally constrained MTP. The tables list the draft criteria for each goal.

Through transportation:

Goal: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
Proposed Project Evaluation Criteria
Reduction in PM 2.5. Reduction in VOC. Reduction in NOx.
Qualitative assessment of project's impact on known flooding problems.

Goal: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.
Proposed Project Evaluation Criteria
Reduction in regional VMT.
Qualitative assessment as to the potential of the project to reduce SOV use and/or increase transit, bicycling or walking.
Qualitative assessment as to the potential of the project to support alternative fuel vehicles.

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

Goal: Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.

Proposed Project Evaluation Criteria

Reduction in congested VMT in project corridor 2040.

Average peak travel delay reduction per project user for year 2040.

Existing uncertainty index within 1 mile of project.

Qualitative statement as to the proximity of project to existing development sites, key freight areas, and overall impact to regional job growth.

Goal: Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life.

Proposed Project Evaluation Criteria

Average origin and destination density of the users of the project in 2015.

Average origin and destination density of the users of the project in 2040.

Average change in origin and destination density of the users of the project between 2015 and 2040.

Percentage of project without sidewalks in good condition.

Qualitative statement as to whether the project is along an existing transit route or otherwise enhances transit service.

Is the project located in a community with a Complete Streets policy?

Qualitative statement as to whether the project is along a key regional corridor as identified in MORPC's Active Transportation Plan.

Qualitative statement as to the project's ability to enhance the regional bikeway system.

Goal: Use public investments to benefit the health, safety and welfare of people

Proposed Project Evaluation Criteria

Ratio of Environmental Justice (EJ) population users of the project to the regional average for each EJ population.

Crash Ranking.

Bridge Rating.

Pavement Condition Rating (PCR).

Qualitative statement as to any potential negative impacts to EJ populations.

Qualitative assessment as to any extraordinary improvements to safety.

Qualitative assessment of the project's potential to maximize life of transportation system.

Goal: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.

Proposed Project Evaluation Criteria

Amount of new development within 1 mile of the project.

Percent of new development within 1 mile of the project.

Number of jurisdictions that contribute 75% of the project users in 2040.

Is a project phase currently on the TIP?

Listing of the plan(s)/study(ies) the project appears in.

Qualitative statement on mechanisms in place in the project area to enable non-public participation.

Qualitative statement of any innovative project delivery or construction techniques that may be used.

Qualitative assessment to determine if the project will increase ITS technologies on Principal Arterials and above.

Qualitative assessment to determine if the project will increase use of video surveillance on transit facilities and Principal Arterials and above.

WHAT'S NEXT?

May 1, 2015: Comments are due on proposed project evaluation criteria by email to mtp@morpc.org or in writing to MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH, 43215, Attn: MTP

May 2015: Adopt project evaluation criteria
Develop strategies and candidate projects

For more information or to sign up for updates on the MTP, visit morpc.org/mtp2040.