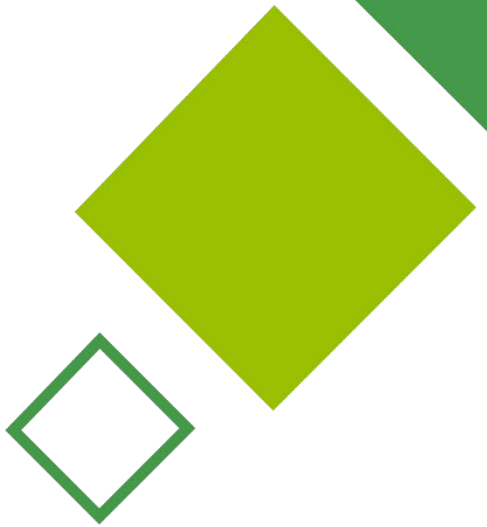




MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
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# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 26, 2020  
PRESENTATION AT 6 PM



# WHO IS MORPC?

## MORPC Membership

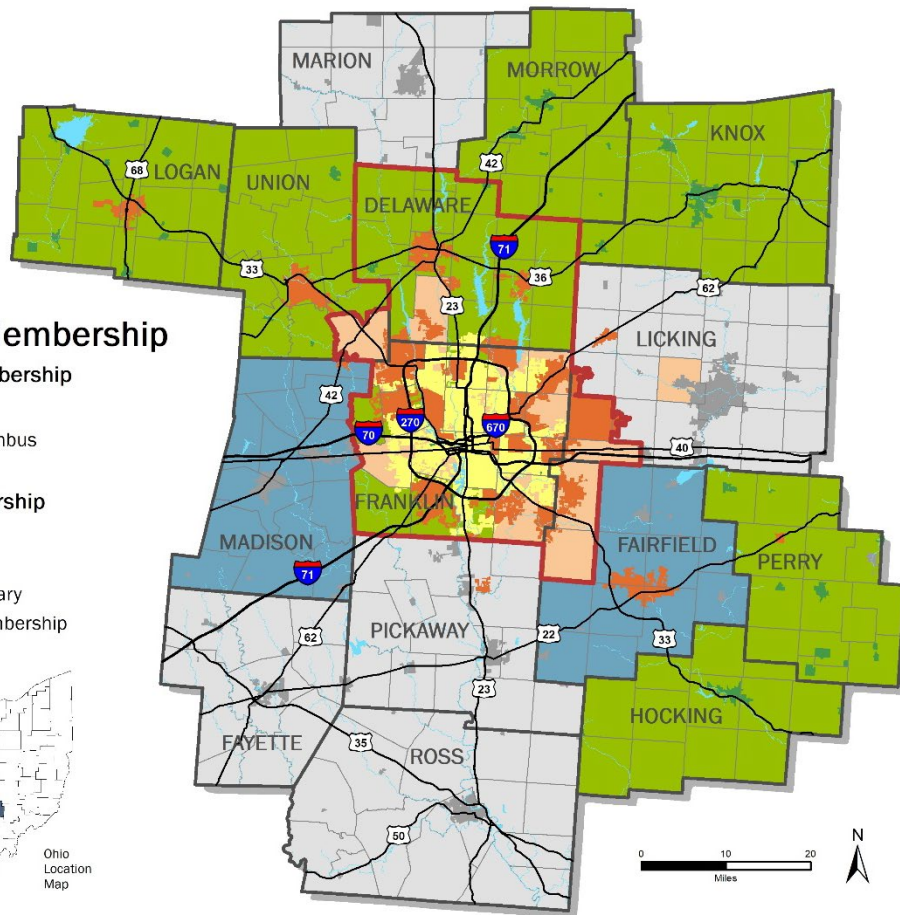
### Individual Membership

- City/Village
- City of Columbus
- Township

### County Membership

- County
- Township
- MPO Boundary
- CORPO Membership

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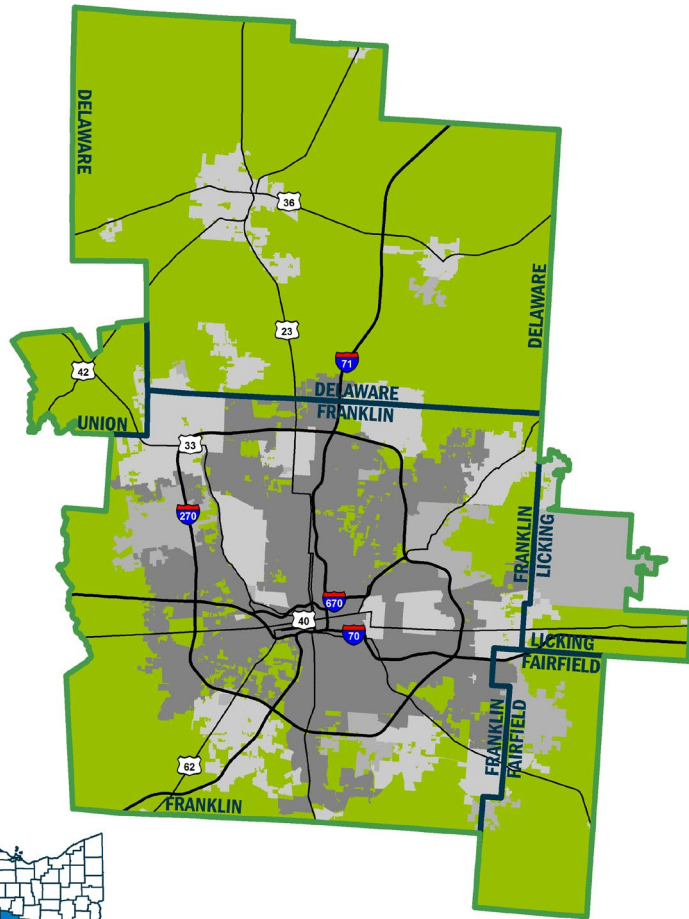
- Transportation & Infrastructure Development
- Planning & Sustainability
- Data & Mapping
- Residential Services
- Government Affairs
- Communications & Engagement

# WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?

- Identifies regional transportation strategies and projects
- Long-range (20+ years)
- Fiscally constrained
- Formal document submitted to ODOT and USDOT every 4 years



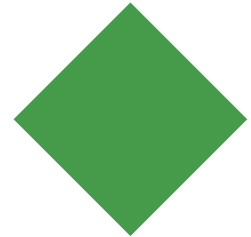
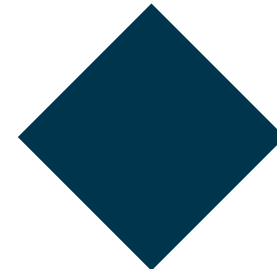
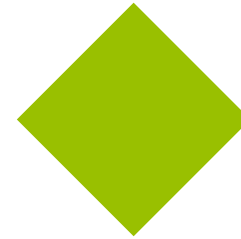
# METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA



The Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes only communities within the official MPO boundary.

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Central Ohio is growing
  - Demographics are changing
  - Preferences are changing
  - Demands on the transportation system are changing
- *Transportation projects must be on MTP to be eligible for federal funding*

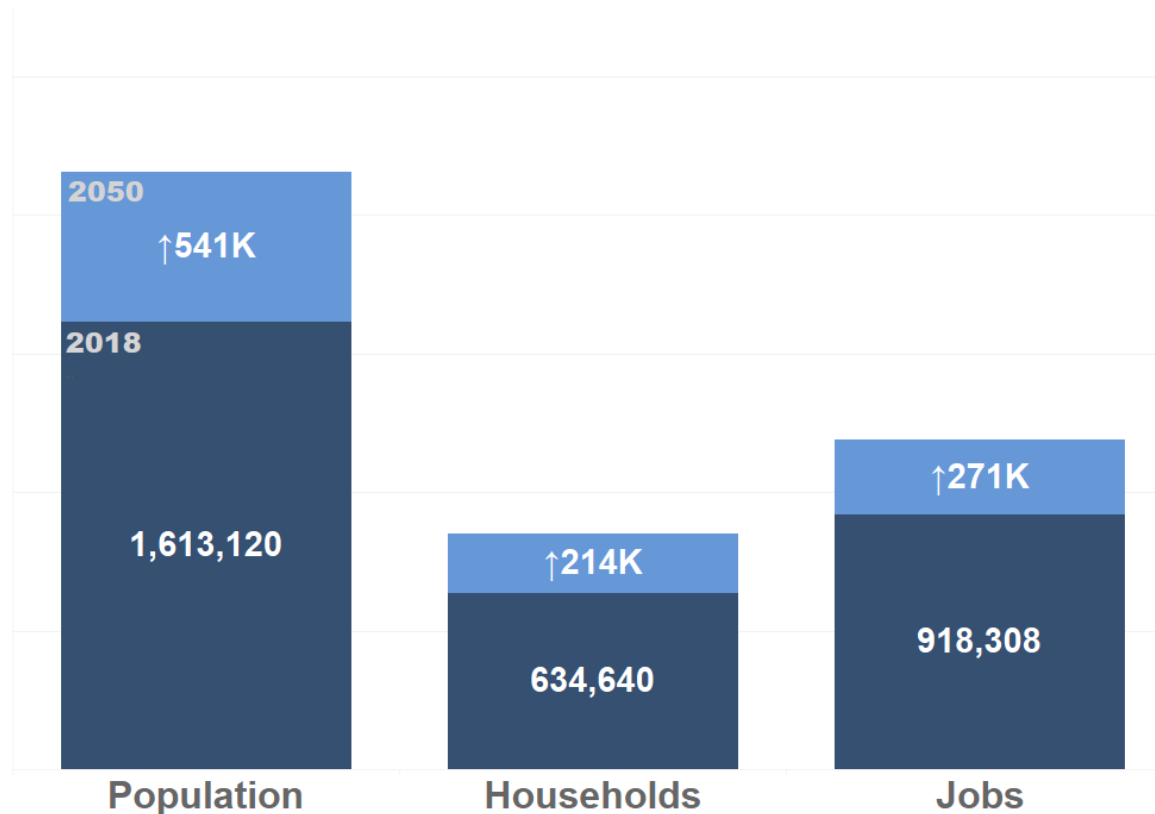




# POPULATION & EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

## Projected Growth

Metropolitan Planning Organization Area





# PREFERENCES ARE CHANGING

We want options.



**Smaller Homes**



**Walkability**



**Amenities**



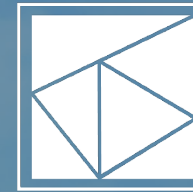
**More Mobility**



**Green Space**

# OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- 5,600 lane miles of roadways, 2,300 bridges
- More than 19 million fixed-route passenger trips annually
  - COTA
  - Delaware County Transit Board (DCTB)
  - Licking County Transit Board (LCTB)
  - Lancaster Public Transit System (LPTS)
  - Union County Area Transit Service (UCATS)
- 700 miles of existing bikeways
- 40% of arterials and collectors have sidewalk coverage
- 11.5 million Central Ohio Greenways bike/pedestrian miles traveled annually
- 5 intermodal lifts/railyards







# REGIONAL GOALS

THROUGH TRANSPORTATION:

POSITION CENTRAL OHIO TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY** TO PROSPER AS A REGION AND COMPETE GLOBALLY



USE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS TO BENEFIT THE **HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE** OF PEOPLE



CREATE **SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS** TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE



INCREASE **REGIONAL COLLABORATION** AND EMPLOY INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS TO MAXIMIZE THE RETURN ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



REDUCE PER CAPITA **ENERGY** CONSUMPTION AND PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE FUEL RESOURCES TO INCREASE AFFORDABILITY AND RESILIENCE OF REGIONAL ENERGY SUPPLIES

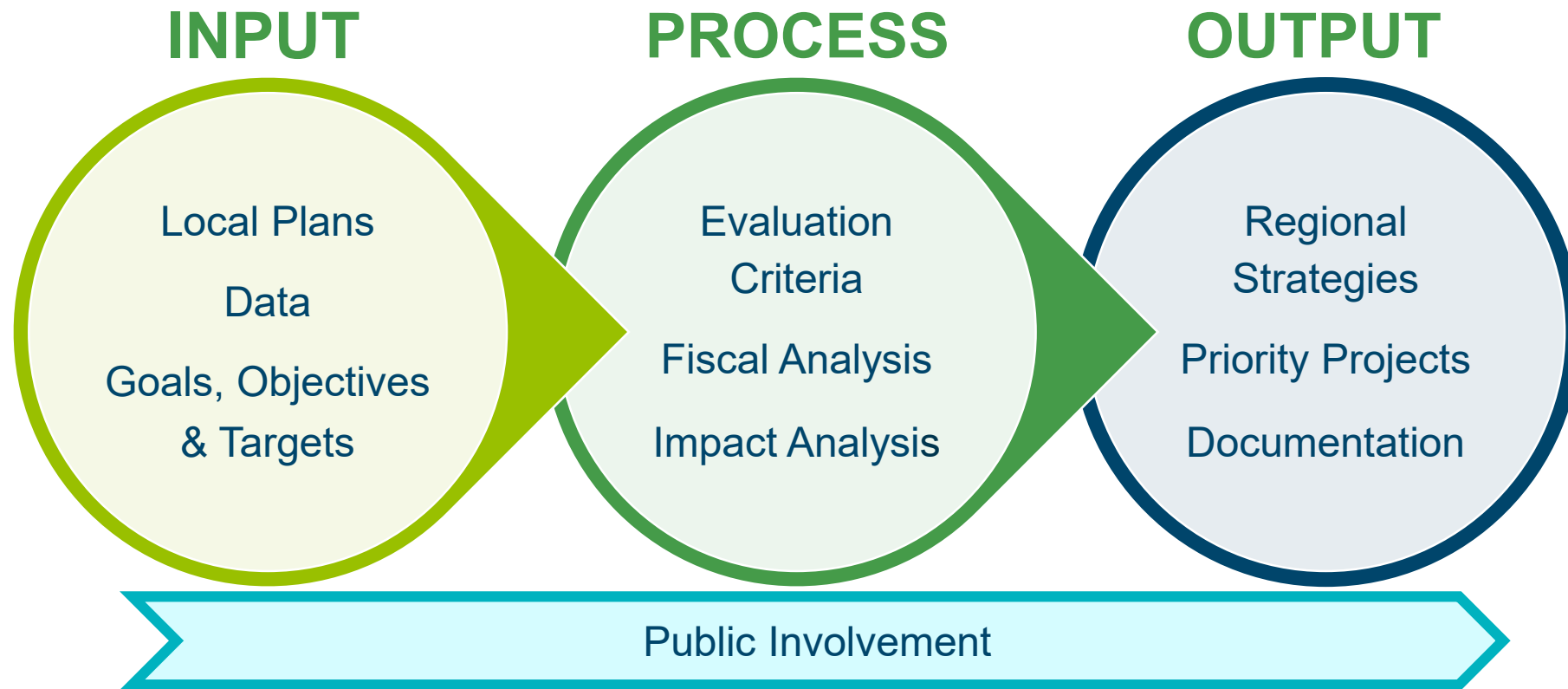


PROTECT **NATURAL RESOURCES** AND MITIGATE INFRASTRUCTURE VULNERABILITIES TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM AND COMMUNITY



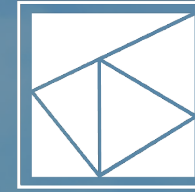


Performance Measures & Targets



# REGIONAL STRATEGIES

- System Management
  - Physical Preservation
  - Operations
  - Safety & Security
  - Demand Management
  - *Monitored through Performance Measures & Targets*
- System Development
  - Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure
  - Transit Infrastructure
  - Freight Rail Infrastructure
  - Multimodal Infrastructure Connections
  - Roadway Infrastructure



# SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- **Transit - \$12.9 billion**
  - Five high-capacity transit projects covering 36 miles
  - Maintain and expand COTA and DCT service
  - Replacement vehicles and other capital expenses
- **Bicycle & Pedestrian - \$830 million**
  - 415 miles of stand-alone bike and/or pedestrian facilities
- **Freeways - \$3.6 billion**
  - 26 miles of freeways widened
  - 17 miles of four-lane divided roadways converted to freeways
  - 42 miles with lane management along freeways
  - 25 interchange modifications
  - 6 new interchanges
- **Non-Freeway Roadways - \$4 billion**
  - 100 miles of new roadway connections
  - 86 miles with through lane additions
  - 119 miles with minor widening/safety improvements
  - 152 intersections modifications

# MTP WEBMAP

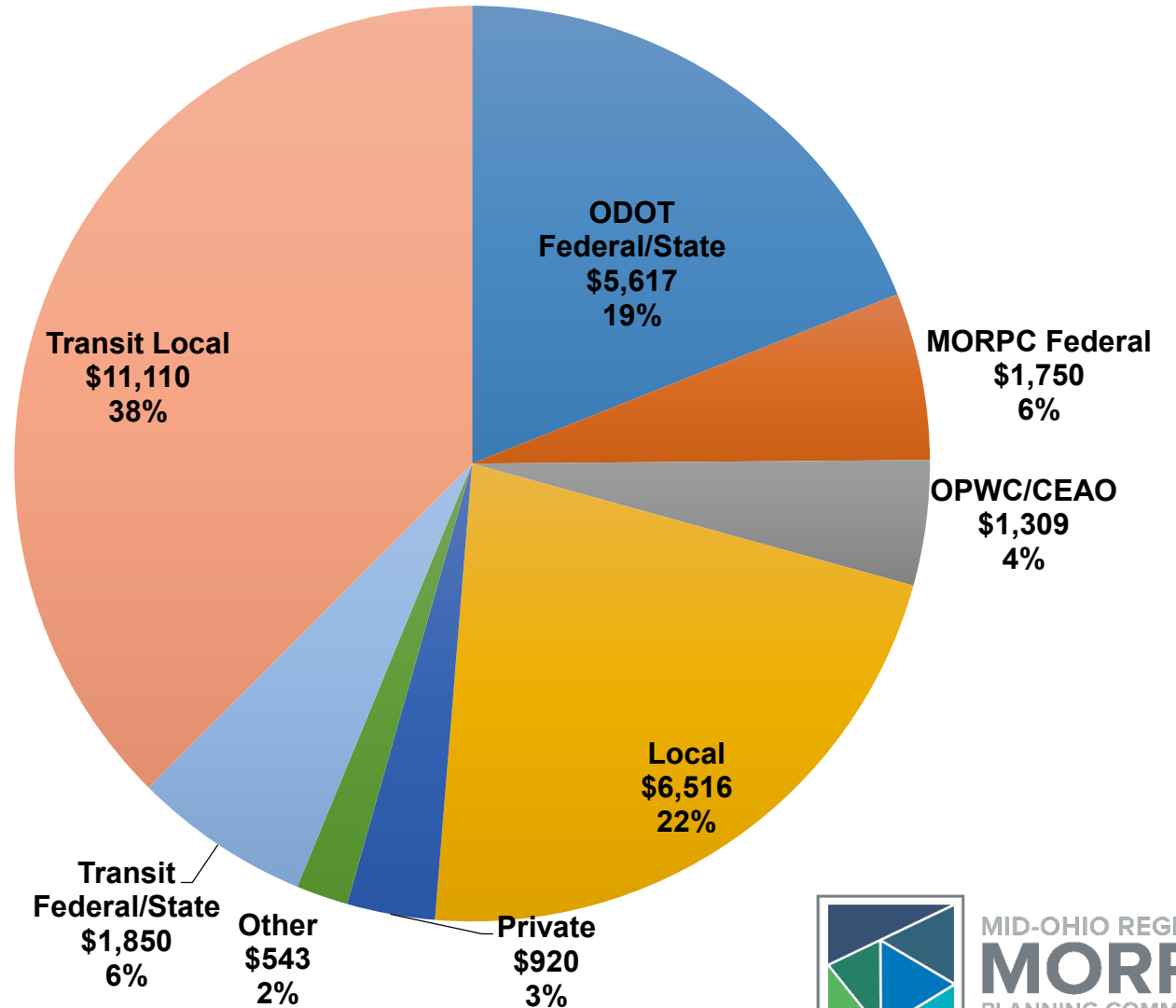
- Draft projects viewable on interactive webmap
  - Zoom
  - Pan
  - Click for project info
- [www.morpc.org/mtp2050](http://www.morpc.org/mtp2050)





# DRAFT FISCAL ANALYSIS – RESOURCES

- Federal – generally controlled through ODOT or MORPC program
- State – ODOT programs, Ohio Public Works Commission, or County Engineers Association of Ohio
- Local agency or private
- Assumes modest growth of current funding levels with some new funding in the region

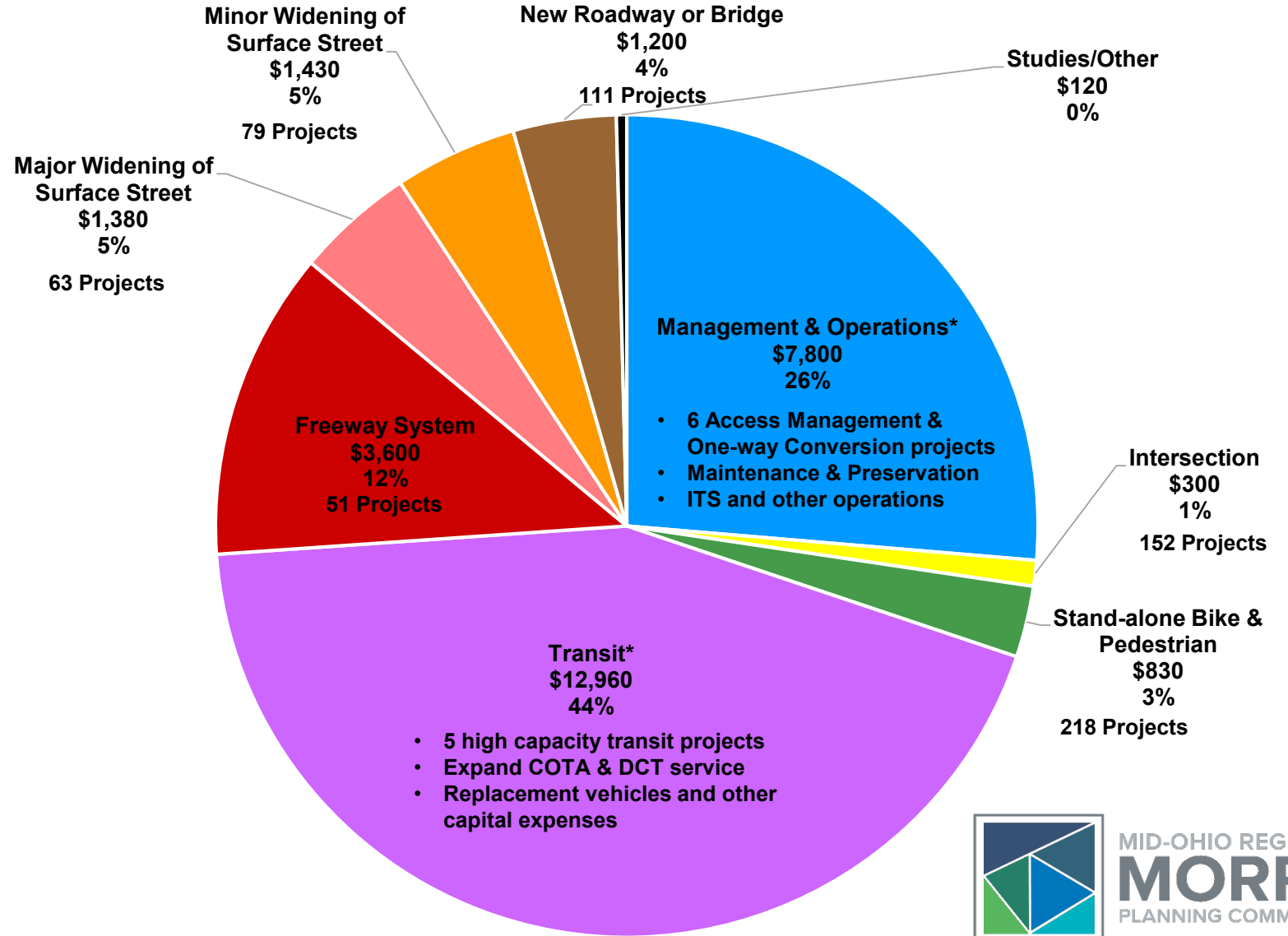




# DRAFT FISCAL ANALYSIS – EXPENDITURES

- Maintain and manage existing system
- Expand the system

**Total: \$29.6 billion**



\*cost includes activities in addition to specific projects





# PLAN MONITORING & IMPLEMENTATION



- Measurable Objectives and Targets reported in annual Report Card



# NEXT STEPS

- December 2019 – March 2020
  - Community presentations
  - Draft document available in March
  - February 26, 2020 - Public Open House at MORPC
- April 3, 2020 – Public comment period closes
- May 2020 – Plan Adoption

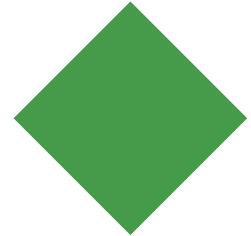
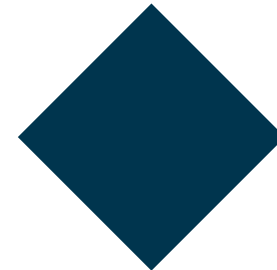
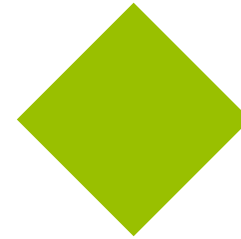


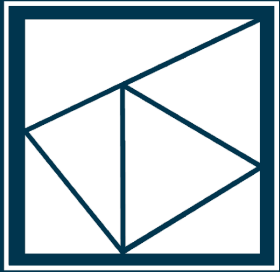
# PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Newsletters
- Interactive Webmap - over 800 comments, and counting!
- 60+ presentations to community and neighborhood groups
- Calls, emails, letters
- Regular updates to MORPC Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Policy Committees

# WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF YOU?

- Review & Comment
  - Draft plan
  - Comment period ends April 3, 2020
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