



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**

**CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS BOARD**

March 9, 2022, 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
MORPC, 111 Liberty St., Columbus, OH 43215; Town Hall

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Nomination Committee**  
*Member Girves volunteered to help establish a Nomination Committee and lead as needed. She will work with MORPC staff to draft by-laws for the Committee and report back at the next Board meeting.*
3. **Working Group Structure – Melinda Vonstein**  
*The Trail Development and Partnership Working Groups will merge, and the Marketing/Communications and Operations & Access Groups will merge.*
4. **MORPC Updates**
  - a. State of the Region – *Chair Andrako*
  - b. Policy Update – *Joe Garrity*
  - c. Technical Assistance Program – *Lauren Cardoni*
  - d. [RAISE Grant Update](#) – *John Gardocki*
5. **Working Group Reports**
  - a. **Trail Development / Partnerships – Melinda Vonstein**
    - i. Regional Trail Vision
    - ii. Community Meetings
    - iii. Trail Counters
    - iv. Environmental Design Guide
  - b. **Marketing & Communications / Operations & Access – Melinda Vonstein**
    - i. [Celebrate Trails Day](#) – *Member Oberg*  
*Celebration will be April 23 at Genoa Park, 303 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215*
    - ii. Outdoor Trails Pass
    - iii. Trail Towns  
*This project is scheduled to be finished by July 31.*
    - iv. Wayfinding Project
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjourn**

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or [LKaufman@morpc.org](mailto:LKaufman@morpc.org) to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

The next Central Ohio Greenways Board Meeting will be  
May 18, 2022, 10:00 am.  
MORPC, 111 Liberty St., Columbus, OH 43215; Town Hall

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
*Hybrid Meeting*

Central Ohio Greenways Board

March 9, 2022

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Members Present

Chair Mike Andrako, Franklin County  
Engineer's Office  
Laura Ball, City of Westerville  
Ariunaa Bayanjargal, Ohio Clinicians for  
Climate Action  
Kacey Brankamp, Capital Crossroads &  
Discovery SID  
Bertie Fields, Black Girls Do Bike  
Catherine Girves, Cycling Advocate  
Adrienne Joly, City of New Albany  
Alex Nouanesengsy, LCATS  
Eric Oberg, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Wayne Roberts, Friends of the Madison  
County Park & Trails  
Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard  
Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus  
Scott Ulrich, Columbus Public Health  
Julie Walcoff, Toole Design  
Brad Westall, City of Columbus

Public Present

Ivory Levert, Black Women in Nature  
Angela Mitchell, Black Women in Nature

Staff Present

Lauren Cardoni  
John Gardocki  
Thomas Graham  
Lynn Kaufman  
Dina Lopez  
Jonathan Miller  
Jennifer Noll  
Melinda Vonstein  
Jasmine Walker



# Central Ohio Greenways

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# COG BOARD MEMBERS



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- CHAIR Mike Andrako  
Franklin County Engineers Office
- Laura Ball, PLA, ASLA – *Chair Trail Development WG*  
The City of Westerville
- Kacey Brankamp  
Capital Crossroads and Discovery SID
- Alex Nouanesengsy  
LCATS
- Eric Oberg  
Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Andrew Overbeck, AICP  
MKSK
- Tony Slanec  
OHM Advisors
- Scott Ulrich, AICP, CNU-A, LCI  
Columbus Public Health
- Julie Walcoff  
Toole Design
- Brad Westall  
Columbus Recreation & Parks

- Ariunaa Bayanjargal  
Ohio Clinicians For Climate Action
- Bertie Fields  
Black Girls do Bike
- Catherine Girves – *Chair Operations & Access WG*  
Cycling Advocate / Yay Bikes / Toole Design
- Autumn Glover  
OSU / ULI
- Bill Habig – *Chair Partnerships WG*  
Granville
- Adrienne Joly, *Chair - Marketing WG*  
New Albany
- Dan Kaderly  
Metro Parks
- Wayne Roberts  
Friends of the Madison County Parks & Trails
- Letty Schamp, P.E.  
The City of Hilliard
- Kelly Scocco  
The City of Columbus

4 Open Board Seats

## Working Groups:

1. Operations & Access
2. Trail Development
3. Partnerships
4. Marketing & Communications



# CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS WORKING GROUPS



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## Trail Development

- The Trail Development “cog” pertains to filling gaps in the existing trail network and physically connecting the multi-county region through a comprehensive trail network.

## Partnership

- The Partnership “cog” has two distinct goals: to engage funders, business and healthcare leaders, and elected officials, and also to partner with other transportation, recreation, or health organizations

## Marketing & Communication

- The Marketing “cog” focuses on educating the masses about existing trail opportunities and the many benefits of trail development and use and to develop communication and marketing materials to “sell” the importance of trails to a variety of audiences.

## Operations & Access

- The Operations “cog” will focus on encouraging trail use for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds through the development of inclusive operational and programmatic initiatives.





# MORPC Updates



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# REGISTER

- March 16, 2022  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Greater Columbus  
Convention Center

[morpc.org/SOTR](https://morpc.org/SOTR)



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# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

## Monthly Legislative Update

March 2022



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## What's Happening

### ***General Assembly Collecting Capital Appropriations Requests***

MORPC is working closely with our Central Ohio General Assembly Delegation and regional partners to ensure the State Capital Budget bill maximizes economic and sustainable development opportunities for our region.

It is expected that the Ohio General Assembly will be deliberating upon a capital appropriations bill in the coming months. The Ohio General Assembly Finance Chairs have set a deadline of March 18th for capital requests to be into legislative offices. The expectation is that the bill with new project funding will be passed later than usual so that re-appropriations for agencies can be done first.

These capital requests, financed through state issued general obligation bonds and appropriated through state agencies, can be utilized for the construction or renovation of projects that can benefit a community as long as eligibility criteria are met. Community project appropriations need to have a nexus through a state agency and a state general obligations bond fund.

For further information about submitting a capital appropriations request, please contact Joseph Garrity at MORPC or Steve Tugend and Andy Shifflette at Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter.

### ***Work Remains on Bill to Crack Down on Distracted Driving***

House Bill 283 picked up several changes in the House Criminal Justice Committee but there were indications that more work will be necessary to get it to the floor weeks after it was scheduled for a possible vote but pulled from the agenda at the last minute.

Last week, the House Criminal Justice Committee heard testimony and accepted the attached amendments into HB 283. The amendments were offered by the bill's joint sponsor Rep. Abrams.

MORPC's Executive Director William Murdock expressed support for the bill to the committee last year in proponent testimony. Murdock conveyed MORPC's support in providing law enforcement the necessary tools to deter distracted driving, while also supporting mechanisms be put in place to deter potential unintended consequences that stricter enforcement on the roads may cause.



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# What's Happening

## ***Congressional Offices to Accept Appropriations Requests***

With the U.S. Senate having recently passed a stopgap measure to extend government funding through March 11th, Congress must soon pass another measure, likely an omnibus, very soon. The new spending package would unlock billions of dollars in new spending for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), in addition to Congressionally Directed Spending commonly known as “earmarks.”

Under Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution, no money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law.

There are two types of federal appropriations requests: programmatic requests and member-directed spending requests.

- » Programmatic requests are requests for Congress to fund an authorized federal program at a specific level or to include language directing a federal agency to implement a program in a specific way.
- » Congressionally Directed Spending requests are requests to fund a specific project or organization.

At this time, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee has not issued any deadlines or updated guidance for FY 2023 Community Project Funding requests. MORPC will provide updates as more information becomes available.

## Top News

### ***FY22-23 BUDGET***

Income taxes yielded nearly \$200 million more than expected in January, helping tax collections beat forecasts by 10.1 percent for the month, according to preliminary figures from the Office of Budget and Management (OBM). Tax collections for January reached \$2.57 billion, \$236 million more than the \$2.34 billion expected. For FY22 so far, collections are up \$816.4 million or 5.5 percent, reaching \$15.8 billion.

### ***Automobile Industry***

While he called it a “work in progress,” Sen. Michael Rulli (R-Salem) said new legislation will expand the production of electric vehicles (EVs) in Ohio and provide necessary charging infrastructure for the future. It has the following four elements according to Rulli:

- » Providing \$15 million for factory retooling and \$10 million in education grants for workforce retraining.
- » Encouraging growth in EV usage within Ohio by both individual drivers and corporate fleets.
- » Creating an EV task force to identify how Ohio can stand out among other states in the next 20 years.
- » Providing more EV charging infrastructure, including through use of dedicated federal funds.

### ***Cities***

The Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) discussed the city's downtown region, following nearly two full years of pandemic effects on its businesses and the local economy. Marc Conte, executive director of the Capital Crossroads and Discovery Special Improvement Districts, opened the forum with details from a year-end report released on Monday. The downtown residential population is a “bright spot” as it rose to 11,200 by the end of 2021 and is at levels not seen since the early 1970's, Conte said. It may grow to almost 15,000 by the end of 2024. The apartment occupancy rate also rose to 92 percent, even as 880 new units came to market. Regarding specific industry sectors, Conte said hospitality data remained “mixed” as traffic begins to rebound but major events hadn't returned in 2021. Several downtown festivals are in store for this year, along with 163 events planned so far for the Greater Columbus Convention Center and more are expected.

# Top News

## *Economic Development*

The state of Ohio's incentive package for attracting Intel to the Buckeye State totals nearly \$2 billion and is in addition to incentives provided by JobsOhio and the local communities, explained Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik in a news conference. Mihalik said the state's package falls into the following "three buckets":

- » An "onshoring" incentive grant to Intel of \$600 million.
- » A \$691 million investment for the local infrastructure. These funds were further broken down with \$101.2 million for water and wastewater capacity upgrades; \$290 million for road work; and \$300 million for a "state of the art" water reclamation facility.
- » A \$650 million Job Creation Tax Credit over 30 years.

Gov. Mike DeWine's administration announced the approval of assistance for nine projects expected to create 982 new jobs and retain 1,640 jobs statewide. The projects are expected to collectively result in more than \$64.9 million in new payroll and spur more than \$76 million in investments across Ohio.

Gov. Mike DeWine's administration announced the approval of tax credits for 13 mixed-use development projects expected to result in more than \$2.1 billion in new payroll and spur over \$1.4 billion in investments across the state. The projects will be located in Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Delaware, Elyria, Hamilton, Mentor, Newark, Van Wert and Wooster. They are part of the first round of the Transformational Mixed-Used Development Program, created by 133-SB39 (Schuring). A second round will open in the "coming months." The Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) approved a total of \$100 million in tax credits for the projects, which include construction or redevelopment of more than 5.8 million square feet of transformational space. Projects were recommended by the Ohio Department of Development (DOD), which administers the program.

## *General Assembly/Statehouse*

In other action, the House voted 88-1 to concur with Senate amendments to HB51 (Lampton), which allows public bodies to continue meeting virtually through the end of the fiscal year. The bill was also amended in the Senate to include federal tax conformity changes for certain water and sewer utilities. The emergency clause attached to the bill was approved by a vote of 86-3.

Three people submitted applications to House Republicans by the deadline to express interest in replacing former Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville), including his predecessor. Carfagna officially resigned from the 68th District Seat to take the role of vice president of government affairs for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, a move he announced earlier. Applicants included former Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl of Fredericktown, who left the House because of term limits at the end of 2016, and who previously held this seat; Beth Lear of Galena, vice president of government affairs for Associated Builders and Contractors; and Shawn Stevens of Sunbury, owner of a title company and former member of the Delaware County Board of Elections.

## *People*

Former House Speaker Bill Batchelder (R-Medina), who served nearly four decades in the Ohio House, passed away at the age of 79. "William G. Batchelder III passed away peacefully Feb. 12, 2022, at Western Reserve Masonic Home in Medina, OH, after a long illness," states an obituary posted on the website of Waite & Son Funeral Homes Medina Chapel. Batchelder served as the state representative from Medina County from 1968 through 1999, and later returned to the Ohio House in 2007, serving as the chamber's 101st speaker from 2011 to 2014. Batchelder practiced law for many years, and also served as a judge on the Medina County Common Pleas Court and on the Ninth District Court of Appeals. The funeral service was Feb. 18th, with a memorial service to honor his legacy being planned to take place in Columbus "in the near future."

# Top News

## ***Telecommunications/Broadband***

The Ohio Broadband Expansion Program Authority voted to accept 114 application challenges during its meeting, leading to 79 applications suspended temporarily pending review and affecting around 212,000 addresses. According to the Department of Development, there were 217 total applications as part of the grant program aimed at expanding broadband service in unserved and underserved areas.

BroadbandOhio released a new mapping resource that “more accurately shows how many of the state’s households are connected to high-speed Internet” and provides a better look at availability gaps. It can be found at <https://broadband.ohio.gov/view-maps>, and includes profiles for all 88 counties. BroadbandOhio previously released a map of existing service that includes counties and the legislative districts in place for 2012 to 2022. The map on availability gaps used 15 months of speedtest records to measure four different Internet speeds in Megabits per second (Mbps): under 10, under 25, under 50 and 50 to 100 or more. This supplements the other currently available data to provide more information to the public, state and federal officials, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and other stakeholders.

## ***Transportation/Infrastructure***

Saying he wants Ohio “to get more than its fair share” out of the bipartisan infrastructure law, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) held a virtual conference so that U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) officials could brief local officials on the various programs that will be funded through the bill. During the event, Sen. Brown called on state lawmakers to make sure Ohio gets its fair share of funding for public transit, including money available for Amtrak expansion. “Most of those Amtrak dollars will go to the east coast,” he told the more than 200 local officials who joined the briefing. “But there will be Amtrak dollars for us.” Sen. Brown noted that Ohio already has Amtrak routes running through Cleveland and Cincinnati. “Columbus is the biggest city in the country not served by Amtrak. We need the legislature and your influence on the legislature and your influence with the business community to apply for those dollars,” he said. “There will be a lot of money for Amtrak, and if Ohio doesn’t get it, it goes somewhere else. The legislature has never been particularly predisposed toward wanting to fund Amtrak. But it’s mostly federal money. We’ll need some local match.”

A survey of academic economists in Ohio found the overwhelming majority disagreed that repealing increases to the state gas tax would benefit Ohio’s economy. In December, Sen. Stephen Huffman (R-Tipp City) introduced SB277, a bill that would suspend for five years the increases to the state gas tax that became effective in 2019. The tax hike of 10.5 cents per gallon of gasoline and 19 cents per gallon on diesel was implemented to raise an additional \$1 billion annually for Ohio Department of Transportation road and bridge maintenance projects.

In sponsor testimony before the Senate Transportation Committee, Sen. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) said his SB277 would suspend the fuel tax increase enacted as a part of the 133-HB62 transportation budget for a period of five years. The bill would also suspend the annual hybrid and electric vehicle fee imposed by 133-HB62 for five years. The legislation would cease the collection of the increases beginning July 1, 2022. The fuel tax provisions of 133-HB62 increased the tax on gasoline by 10.5 cents per gallon and by 19 cents per gallon for diesel fuel, and the registration fee provisions increased the annual fee for hybrid vehicles by \$100 and by \$200 for all-electric vehicles for the purpose of helping maintain Ohio’s highways, streets and bridges.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that it has opened the application process for airports to submit projects for grant funding from the first \$1 billion of the Airport Terminal Program. The program is funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and makes available funding for safe, sustainable and accessible airport terminals, “on airport” rail access projects and airport-owned airport traffic control towers. Projects may also include multimodal development. The FAA said it welcomes projects that will improve airfield safety through terminal relocation, replace aging facilities, increase capacity, encourage competition, improve energy efficiency (including LEED accreditation standards) and increase or improve access for passengers with disabilities and historically disadvantaged populations. Projects that relocate, reconstruct, repair or improve an airport-owned air traffic control tower are also eligible. The House Criminal Justice Committee adopted several amendments to distracted driving measure HB283 (Abrams).

# Legislative Updates

**Goal 1: Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government fostering economic growth, prosperity, efficient use of resources, and a high quality of life for Central Ohio residents.**

- HB63** AMEND EMINENT DOMAIN LAWS (CUTRONA A, STOLTZFUS R) To amend the law regarding eminent domain and to declare an emergency.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2021 - House Civil Justice, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-63>
- HB66** REVIEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS (HOOPS J) To require the reporting of information on and legislative review of property tax exemptions.  
**Current Status:** 10/19/2021 - BILL AMENDED, Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-66>
- HB71** EXEMPT CERTAIN HOUSING FROM PROPERTY TAXATION (PLUMMER P, HICKS-HUDSON P) To exempt from property taxation qualifying housing for individuals diagnosed with mental illness or substance use disorder and to declare an emergency.  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-71>
- HB77** PERMIT HIGHER ED BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATTEND ELECTRONICALLY (MANCHESTER S, SWEENEY B) To allow the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to adopt a policy allowing the trustees to attend a board meeting via means of electronic communication.  
**Current Status:** 5/26/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Workforce and Higher Education  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-77>
- HB143** REGARDS THE CLEAN OHIO PROGRAM (HILLYER B) Relating to the Clean Ohio Program and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-143>
- HB228** STATE-ADMINISTERED MUNICIPAL NET PROFIT TAXES (ROEMER B) To make changes related to state-administered municipal net profits taxes.  
**Current Status:** 11/8/2021 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-228>
- HB237** REQUIRE ELECTRONIC MEANS OF RECORDING INSTRUMENTS, INCREASE FEES (HILLYER B) To require counties to provide an electronic means of recording instruments and accessing them, to allow county recorders to charge a document preservation surcharge, to increase recording fees for certain instruments, and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 10/26/2021 - House Finance, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-237>
- HB264** MODIFY TAX RULE FOR EMPLOYEES OF TEMPORARY WORKSITE (SMITH M, SOBECKI L) To amend Section 29 of HB197 of the 133rd General Assembly to modify the municipal income tax withholding rule for employees working at a temporary worksite.  
**Current Status:** 4/22/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-264>

# Legislative Updates

- HB275** EXPAND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION JOINT PURCHASING AUTHORITY (LAMPTON B) To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services.  
**Current Status:** 5/12/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-275>
- HB290** EXPRESS INTENT FOR SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA (MCCLAIN R, JOHN M) To express the intent of the General Assembly to establish a school funding formula that allows families to choose the option for all computed funding amounts associated with students' education to follow them to the public and nonpublic schools they attend.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - House Finance, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-290>
- HB357** INDEX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AMOUNTS STEPHENS J, LARE J) To index the homestead exemption amounts to inflation.  
**Current Status:** 10/12/2021 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-357>
- HB364** WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION (PATTON T) To make changes to the application process for the waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge.  
**Current Status:** 2/9/2022 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-364>
- HB365** DRINKING WATER SAFETY RULES (LIGHTBODY M, RUSSO A) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing maximum allowable contaminant levels in drinking water and water quality standards for certain contaminants.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-365>
- HB377** CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY (HALL T, SWEARINGEN D) To amend Section 220.11 of H.B. 168 of the 134th General Assembly to make an appropriation related to coronavirus local fiscal recovery.  
**Current Status:** 9/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-377>
- HB386** REQUIRE FIRE, POLICE CHIEF RESIDE IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (INGRAM C, HICKS-HUDSON P) To allow a municipal corporation to require its fire chief or chief of police to reside within the municipal corporation during the chief's first five years.  
**Current Status:** 9/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-386>
- HB422** BILLING - MUNICIPAL SERVICES (FRAIZER M, WEST T) To limit the amount municipal corporations can recover from property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid municipal utility and other service rates and charges and to create an appeals process for improper billing of municipal services.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-422>



# Legislative Updates

- HB430** PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (CROSS J) Relating to property development.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 91-0  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-430>
- HB463** ELIMINATE HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILS (STEPHENS J) To eliminate district advisory councils for general health districts, and transfer their duties and responsibilities to boards of county commissioners.  
**Current Status:** 10/26/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-463>
- HB519** MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX FILINGS (ROEMER B, LANESE L) To modify the law regarding extensions for filing municipal income tax returns and to limit penalties for late filings.  
**Current Status:** 3/8/2022 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-519>
- HB546** INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (GRENDALL D) To allow local governments to establish investment funds and use interest earnings to reduce taxes and special assessments on senior citizen homesteads.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-546>
- HB560** TAX CREDIT FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING (HOOPS J, PAVLIGA G) To authorize a nonrefundable tax credit for the construction or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Families, Aging and Human Services  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-560>
- HB563** LIMIT LOCAL REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY (FOWLER S, FERGUSON R) To limit local regulation of short-term rental property.  
**Current Status:** 3/9/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-563>
- HB566** VACANT PROPERTY OWNERS - CONTACT INFO (BLACKSHEAR W, WHITE A) To require owners of vacant property to file contact information with the county auditor.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-566>
- HB581** COUNTY CREDIT CHARGES (MILLER J, HOLMES A) To allow county credit card charges for temporary and necessary assistance care provided by a county veterans service office.  
**Current Status:** 3/1/2022 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-581>
- SB15** FISCAL OFFICERS-LIABILITY (WILSON S) To change the circumstances in which certain fiscal officers may be held liable for a loss of public funds.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - REPORTED OUT, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-15>

# Legislative Updates

- SB20** COUNTY UTILITY SUPPLY CONTRACTS (HACKETT R) To exempt county utility supply contracts entered into under a joint purchasing program from the 10-year maximum period for such contracts and to declare an emergency.  
**Current Status:** 3/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-20>
- SB24** FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS (GAVARONE T, PETERSON B) To enact the First-time Home Buyer Savings Act, authorizing income tax deductions for contributions to and earnings on savings accounts designated for the purchase of a home.  
**Current Status:** 10/19/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-24>
- SB45** TAX INDUCEMENTS CERTAIN BUSINESSES (PETERSON B, KUNZE S) To enhance state and local tax inducements for businesses making substantial fixed asset and employment investments and their suppliers.  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-45>
- SB172** TAX CREDIT-NONRESIDENT TAXPAYERS (SCHAFFER T) To require municipal corporations with more than \$100 million in annual income tax collections to provide a tax credit to nonresident taxpayers.  
**Current Status:** 5/4/2021 - Introduced  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-172>
- SB193** UNPAID WATER CHARGES (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit political subdivisions from placing a lien on property for unpaid water charges.  
**Current Status:** 6/2/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-193>

# Legislative Updates

## Goal 2: Achieve an advanced, inclusive, and exceptional transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world.

- HB27** INCREASE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO SECURE VEHICLE LOAD (PATTON T) To increase the criminal penalties associated with failing to secure a load on a vehicle.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 84-9  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-27>
- HB47** ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION GRANT REBATE (LOYCHIK M) To require the Director of Transportation to establish an electric vehicle charging station grant rebate program and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 6/22/2021 - BILL AMENDED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Fourth Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-47>
- HB70** REVISE LAW FOR PASSING SCHOOL BUS (BROWN R) To make changes to the law governing passing a school bus.  
**Current Status:** 5/6/2021 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-70>
- HB111** ALTER USE OF CELLPHONES WHILE DRIVING LAWS (LIGHTBODY M) To alter the law governing the use of a handheld electronic wireless communications device while driving.  
**Current Status:** 5/11/2021 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-111>
- HB141** MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS (SKINDELL M, UPCHURCH T) To make appropriations related to public transportation.  
**Current Status:** 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-141>
- HB283** EXPAND DISTRACTED DRIVING LAWS (ABRAMS C, LAMPTON B) To expand the texting while driving prohibition to a general prohibition against using an electronic wireless communications device while driving, with certain exceptions, and to create data collection requirements based on associated violations of the distracted driving laws.  
**Current Status:** 3/3/2022 - BILL AMENDED, House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-283>
- HB346** REGARDING ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES (MILLER J, WEINSTEIN C) To alter the definitions of "plugin electric motor vehicle" and "hybrid motor vehicle" under the motor vehicle law and to halve the additional registration fees for those two types of motor vehicles.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - BILL AMENDED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-346>
- HB347** REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLICA MOTOR VEHICLES (FOWLER S) To establish requirements relative to the titling and use of replica motor vehicles.  
**Current Status:** 3/8/2022 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-347>

# Legislative Updates

- HB361** UNLAWFUL BLOCKS OF RAILROAD CROSSING (HALL T, MIRANDA J) To establish new requirements and increased penalties that apply to a railroad company that unlawfully blocks a railroad crossing.  
**Current Status:** 10/26/2021 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-361>
- HB465** ODOT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS-SCHOOLS (SHEEHY M, BIRD A) To establish requirements regarding Department of Transportation projects, specifically as they relate to schools and school zones.  
**Current Status:** 3/8/2022 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-465>
- HB524** NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY STATE AGENCIES (HALL T) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies.  
**Current Status:** 1/25/2022 - Referred to Committee House Government Oversight  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-524>
- HB531** COUNTY PROSECUTOR LEGAL SERVICES (GHANBARI H) To allow a county prosecutor to provide legal services to a metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning organization, or regional council of governments.  
**Current Status:** 3/1/2022 - REPORTED OUT, House Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-531>
- HB547** TRAFFIC PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES (PATTON T) To prohibit a municipal corporation or township that does not operate either a fire department or an emergency medical services organization from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-547>
- HB548** TRAFFIC MONITORING DEVICES - POPULATION REQUIREMENTS (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority with a population of 200 or fewer from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-548>
- HB549** TRAFFIC TICKET REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority, in any year, from issuing a total number of traffic tickets based on the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices that exceeds two times the population of the local authority.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-549>
- HB550** TRAFFIC TICKET REQUIREMENTS - ANNUAL REVENUE (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority from deriving more than 30 per cent of the total annual revenue of the local authority from the issuance of tickets for traffic law violations based on evidence recorded by traffic law photo-monitoring devices.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-550>
- HB551** TRAFFIC TICKET REVENUE - LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES (PATTON T) To require 80 per cent of all revenue from a traffic camera ticket be used for law enforcement expenses.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-551>

# Legislative Updates

- HB552** PROHIBIT TRAFFIC CAMERAS NEAR INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (PATTON T) To prohibit placement of a traffic camera within one-half mile of an interstate highway entrance.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-552>
- HB553** TRAFFIC CAMERA REQUIREMENTS (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority, located in a county with a population of one million or more, from using traffic cameras to enforce traffic violations on interstate highways.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-553>
- SB23** ILLEGALLY PASSING SCHOOL BUS (GAVARONE T) To impose a civil penalty when a driver who illegally passes a school bus cannot be identified, to designate the month of August as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month," and to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act.  
**Current Status:** 12/7/2021 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Veterans and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-23>
- SB32** ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION (RULLI M) To require the Director of Transportation to establish an electric vehicle charging station grant rebate program and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 2/17/2021 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-32>
- SB277** FUEL TAXES-TEMPORARY REDUCTION (HUFFMAN S) To temporarily reduce motor fuel excise tax rates and suspend collection of the additional motor vehicle registration taxes on electric and hybrid vehicles, both for five years, and to amend the version of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2022, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date.  
**Current Status:** 2/16/2022 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-277>
- SB279** STATE AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS (WILSON S) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-279>



# Legislative Updates

**Goal 3: Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy for our growing region.**

- HB10** REPEAL HB6 - REVISE ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE LAW (LELAND D) To repeal Section 5 of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to make changes regarding electric utility service law, to allow the implementation of energy waste reduction programs, and to repeal certain provisions of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly.  
**Current Status:** 2/17/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-10>
- HB18** REPEAL HB6 (LANESE L) Repeal HB 6 of the 133rd GA  
**Current Status:** 2/17/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-18>
- HB57** REPEAL HB6 ENERGY LAWS (SKINDELL M, O'BRIEN M) To repeal the changes made by H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to the laws governing electric service, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and the changes made to other related laws.  
**Current Status:** 2/17/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-57>
- HB175** DEREGULATE CERTAIN EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES (HILLYER B) To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws.  
**Current Status:** 11/30/2021 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-175>
- HB192** PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM STOPPING CERTAIN ENERGY GENERATION (CUTRONA A) To prohibit counties, townships, and municipal corporations from prohibiting energy generation from fossil fuels and gas pipelines.  
**Current Status:** 5/6/2021 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-192>
- HB245** EXPAND ELIGIBILITY - COUNTY SEWER DISCOUNTED RATES (INGRAM C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges.  
**Current Status:** 4/14/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-245>
- HB351** REPEAL NONBYPASSABLE COST RECOVERY MECHANISMS (LANESE L, STOLTZFUS R) To repeal the nonbypassable cost recovery mechanisms associated with legacy generation resources and to provide customer refunds.  
**Current Status:** 10/27/2021 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-351>
- HB381** ELECTRIC CHARGES - OTHER STRUCTURES (GRENDALL D) To allow for certain structures on a retail electric customer's property to be charged the same as the primary residence.  
**Current Status:** 11/10/2021 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-381>

# Legislative Updates

- HB389** REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY (LELAND D, SEITZ B) To permit electric distribution utilities to establish energy efficiency and peak demand reduction portfolios.  
**Current Status:** 11/17/2021 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Public Utilities, (Fifth Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-389>
- HB429** CLEAN ENERGY JOBS (WEINSTEIN C) To establish programs and state policies regarding clean energy jobs and energy justice, to create the Governor's Office of Energy Justice, to make changes to the environmental, electric utility, and other public utility laws, and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 10/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-429>
- HB464** ELIMINATE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (WIGGAM S) To eliminate public water system asset management program requirements and to require the Director of Environmental Protection to rescind rules governing that program.  
**Current Status:** 3/8/2022 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-464>
- SB19** REGARDING PROPERTY TAXATION (SCHAFFER T) To modify the law regarding property taxation and sales and use tax.  
**Current Status:** 2/7/2022 - House Appoints Managers; D. Merrin, R. Stoltzfus & L. Sobecki Named as House Conferees  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-19>
- SB29** ELIMINATE AUTO ENROLLMENT-UTILITY AGGREGATION (HOAGLAND F) To eliminate automatic enrollment in governmental electric and natural gas aggregation programs.  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-29>
- SB44** REVISE HB6 FROM 133RD G.A. (RULLI M, CIRINO J) To repeal the nuclear resource credit payment provisions, and amend, and rename as solar resource, the renewable resource credit payment provisions of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly.  
**Current Status:** 3/9/2021 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-44>
- SB89** RENEWABLE ENERGY (DOLAN M) To extend the renewable portfolio standard, increase solar energy benchmarks, and extend the property tax exemption for qualified energy projects that use renewable energy resources.  
**Current Status:** 9/21/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-89>
- SB95** REGULATE UTILITY RESELLERS (MAHARATH T) To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged and to regulate certain resellers of utility service.  
**Current Status:** 3/31/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-95>
- SB96** PREVENT UTILITY DISRUPTION-COVID (WILLIAMS S) To prevent the disruption of utility service during the state of emergency declared regarding COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.  
**Current Status:** 3/31/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-96>

# Legislative Updates

- SB117** REPEAL LEGACY GENERATION PROVISIONS-HB6 (ROMANCHUK M, CRAIG H) To repeal the legacy generation resource provisions of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly and provide customers refunds.  
**Current Status:** 6/15/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-117>
- SB127** PREVENT LOCALITIES-LIMIT USE OF NATURAL GAS (LANG G, RULLI M) To prevent local governments from limiting use of natural gas.  
**Current Status:** 5/12/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-127>

# Legislative Updates

## Goal 4: Promote effective data policies and the equitable deployment of digital infrastructure that benefit Central Ohio communities.

- HB278** REVISE MARCS LAWS (HILLYER B) To make changes to laws governing the multi-agency radio communications system (MARCS).  
**Current Status:** 5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-278>
- HB432** DATA BREACHES (CROSSMAN J, SOBECKI L) Regarding data breaches on state agency computer systems.  
**Current Status:** 10/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Technology and Innovation  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-432>
- HB445** 9-1-1 SERVICES, TRAINING (CARFAGNA R, SMITH K) To make changes to the law governing 9-1-1 service and to repeal program requirements for emergency-service-telecommunicator training.  
**Current Status:** 12/7/2021 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-445>
- SB8** BROADBAND-ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE EASEMENTS (MCCOLLEY R) Regarding broadband expansion, including access to electric cooperative easements and facilities, and to make an appropriation.  
**Current Status:** 2/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-8>

## Goal 5: Raise awareness of racial and social justice issues and work to continually improve communities within our growing region.

- HB341** CREATE BUREAU OF HATE CRIMES (MILLER A, WEINSTEIN C) To create the Bureau of Hate Crimes in the Office of the Attorney General and to authorize the Attorney General to prosecute a hate crime.  
**Current Status:** 6/10/2021 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-341>
- HCR6** DECLARE RACISM PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (HOWSE S, CRAWLEY E) To declare racism a public health crisis and to ask the governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio.  
**Current Status:** 6/23/2021 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HCR-6>
- SB48** CULTURAL COMPETENCY-HEALTH CARE (MAHARATH T, ANTONIO N) To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.  
**Current Status:** 6/16/2021 - Senate Health, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-48>
- SB105** MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (SYKES V, SCHURING K) To require political subdivisions to recognize state certifications of minority business enterprises.  
**Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-105>

# Legislative Updates

- SB125** BIRTH EQUITY (KUNZE S, MAHARATH T) To enact the Save Our Mothers Act regarding birth equity, peripartum racial and ethnic disparities, and implicit bias in the health care system and to designate May as “Maternal Mortality Awareness Month.”  
**Current Status:** 11/17/2021 - Senate Health, (First Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-125>
- SB158** EXPUNGEMENT-EVICTION RECORDS (CRAIG H, KUNZE S) Related to expungement of eviction case court files.  
**Current Status:** 10/19/2021 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-158>
- SB243** PROHIBITION ON BIASED POLICING (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit biased policing and other status-based profiling.  
**Current Status:** 10/6/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-243>
- SCR4** DECLARE RACISM PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (CRAIG H, WILLIAMS S) To declare racism a public health crisis and to ask the Governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio.  
**Current Status:** 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SCR-4>
- SCR5** DENOUNCE RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION-COVID-19 (MAHARATH T, THOMAS C) To denounce all forms of stigmatization, racism, and discrimination occurring as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.  
**Current Status:** 3/24/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health  
**State Bill Page:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SCR-5>

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# MORPC Technical Assistance Program 2022

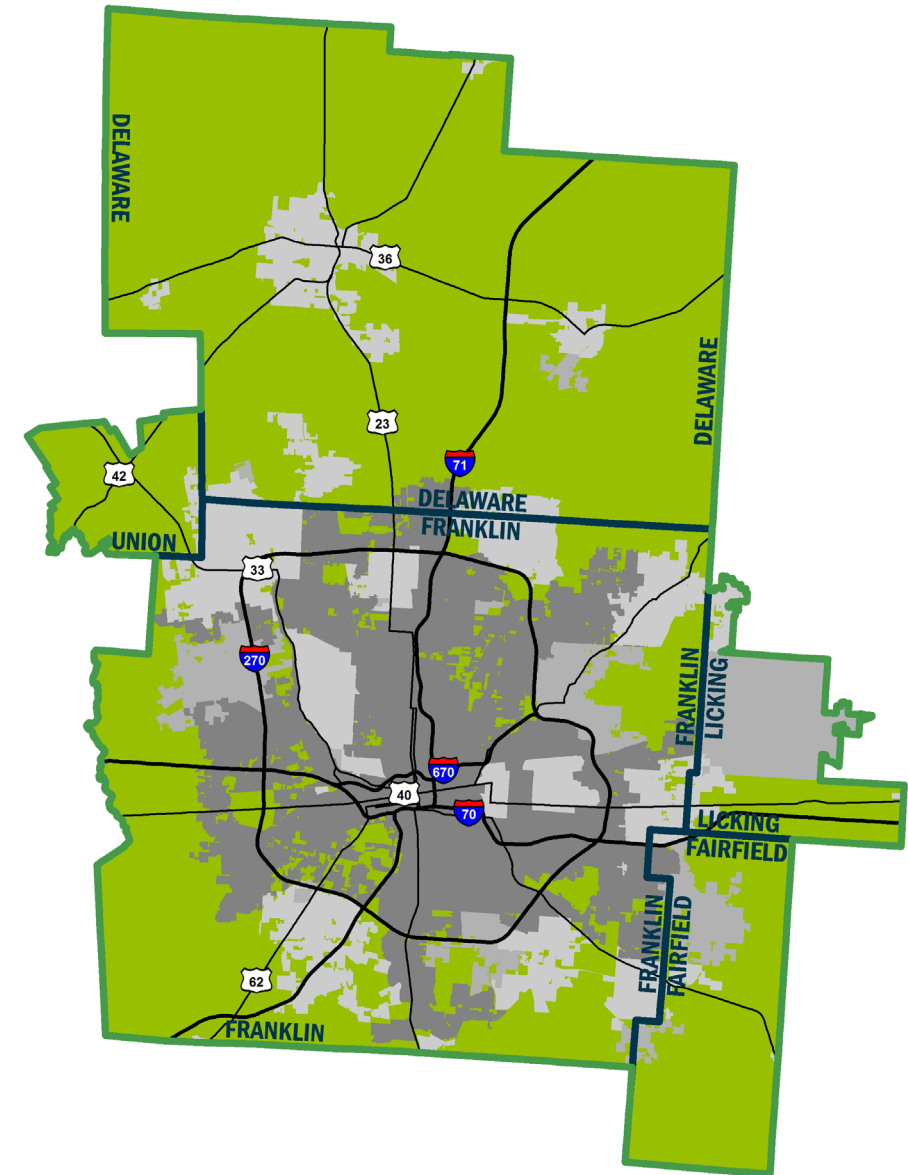
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# Technical Assistance Program

- Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) **provides MORPC staff assistance** to local government members within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Community-based **planning services that advance the goals in the MTP** through implementation of specific MTP strategies
- **Awarded through a competitive application process**, evaluated by committee
- Services **completed within 6-9 months**



# Past Technical Assistance Services

## 2020-2021 Technical Assistance

- **City of Hilliard** – Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework
- **Franklin County** – Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit
- **Jefferson Township** – Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework
- **City of Columbus** – Speed Management and Traffic Calming Framework
- **City of Westerville** – Cleveland Avenue Corridor Visioning

## Technical Assistance Pilot Program

- **City of Delaware** – Complete Streets Policy
- **City of Westerville** – Brooksedge Office Park Redevelopment Framework
- **City of Worthington** – Complete Streets Policy
- **Violet Township** – Community Center Development Framework

*Past services info sheets available at:*  
[www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program](http://www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program)

# Technical Assistance Program 2022

January 14, 2022	[January 2022]	February 4, 2022	[March 2022]	[FALL 2022]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline to Submit Applications</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Evaluation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awardees Notified</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Begin Technical Assistance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of Technical Assistance</li></ul>

# 2022 Technical Assistance Activity Types





# Evaluation Spreadsheet

2022 MORPC Technical Assistance Program

Application Evaluation Criteria

No score is provided for items 1-4.

5. Community Objectives (25 points)

Please describe the significance of the proposed activity. What are the objectives and what is the community? How will an award of technical assistance through the TA Program improve the activity?

Potential Point Value	General Scoring Guidance
0-5	No clear or relevant acknowledgement of significance or impact to community; objectives at CS Policy, or COG Vision. TA Program does not appear to enhance the activity or provide benefit.
6-10	Little acknowledgement of significance or impact to community; objectives not clearly in line with CS Policy, or COG Vision. TA Program provides minimal benefit.
11-20	Applicant demonstrates significance of selected activity locally and clarifies objectives, which align with MTP, ATP, CS Policy, and/or COG Vision. TA Program will enhance the activity and/or provide additional support.
21-25	Applicant demonstrates significance of selected activity locally and clarifies objectives, which align with MTP, ATP, CS Policy, and COG Vision. TA Program will enhance the activity and/or provide clear evidence to demonstrate regional significance.

6. MTP Strategies (20 points)

Please indicate how the selected activity will advance specific strategies from the MTP focused on transportation and transit infrastructure. Your response should address at least two (2) and up to three (3) applicable strategies. Refer to the Program Purpose on page 3 for the specific strategies.

Potential Point Value	General Scoring Guidance
0-5	Applicant does not mention any relevant MTP strategies. Or, very weak indication of how the activity will advance MTP strategies.
6-10	Weak or mediocre indication of how the selected activity will advance at least two (2) relevant MTP strategies.
11-15	Clear indication of how the selected activity will advance at least two (2) relevant MTP strategies.
16-20	Strong indication of how the selected activity will advance more than two (2) relevant MTP strategies.

7. Implementing Regional Priorities (20 points)

Please describe how the selected activity will implement one or more of the following priorities:

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Application Evaluation Summary

Note:  
The information in this tab will automatically populate as you fill in your evaluation in the "Eval Sheet" tab. The color coding on this tab will match the color coding you see as you fill in the "Eval Sheet" scores. The colors indicate how each application is scoring based on the range of potential point values for each criterion - red is a low score to green is a high score. The colors in the "Total Score" column indicate how each application is scoring compared to the other applications.

Evaluator: Enter Name Here

Applicant	Agency Name	Selected Activity	Community Objectives Score	MTP Strategies Score	Regional Priorities Score	Equity Considerations Score	Local Commitment Score	Leveraging Investment Score	Total Score
Applicant 1:	[Agency Name]	[Selected Activity]	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	0
Applicant 2:	[Agency Name]	[Selected Activity]	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	ENTER VALUE	0
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POTENTIAL SCORE			25	20	20	15	10	10	100

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# Technical Assistance Program 2022 Awards

6 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED; 4 AWARDED

Applicant Agency	Requested Activity	Focus Area
Franklin County Metro Parks	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement	Scioto Trail Southern Extension
City of Sunbury	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement	Ohio to Erie Trail Access and Connections
City of Columbus	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement	Downtown Connector Access and Connections
City of Dublin	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement	Cross-Jurisdictional Connections

# RAISE GRANT UPDATES



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# MORPC-Attributable Funding

March 9, 2022



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# Overview



- MORPC solicits applications for MORPC-attributable funding every 2 years.
- The AFC recently approved new draft Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding, which are open for public comment through March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The final version of the Policies will be adopted at the beginning of May.
- Applications for funding will be accepted this upcoming summer.

# Activity Category

- Roadway Capacity and Operational Changes
  - This category combines the Major Widening and Minor Widening categories.
- Interchange/Freeway
  - This category includes all projects which primarily benefit the freeway system as opposed to the local and regional transportation system.
  - Projects in this category are scored using the criteria for the Roadway Capacity and Operational Changes category.
  - No funding target is set for this category.
- System Preservation
- Bike and Pedestrian
- Transit
- Other



# Funding Target Ranges

	Roadway Capacity/Operational Changes	Transit	System Preservation	Bike & Pedestrian
Minimum %	40	5	10	15
Maximum %	60	15	15	25

With new Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) increase in funding, \$100 to \$120 million is expected to be available for new projects this cycle.

	Min %	Max %	Min \$	Max \$	Current	Available Min	Available Max*
Roadway Cap/Oper Improvements	40%	60%	\$92	\$138	\$87	\$5	\$51
Preservation	10%	15%	\$23	\$35	\$15	\$8	\$20
Bike/Ped	15%	20%	\$35	\$46	\$17	\$18	\$29
Transit	10%	15%	\$23	\$35	\$11	\$12	\$24
	75%	110%			\$130		
Available for new commitments					\$100		

	Min %	Max %	Min \$	Max \$	Current	Available Min	Available Max*
Roadway Cap/Oper Improvements	40%	60%	\$100	\$150	\$87	\$13	\$63
Preservation	10%	15%	\$25	\$38	\$15	\$10	\$23
Bike/Ped	15%	20%	\$38	\$50	\$17	\$21	\$33
Transit	10%	15%	\$25	\$38	\$11	\$14	\$27
	75%	110%			\$130		
Available for new commitments					\$120		

\*For the Roadway Capacity/Operational Changes category, funding requests greater than \$5 million will not be funded until at least 40 percent of the maximum funding available for the category goes to requests that are \$5 million or less (in 2022 dollars).



# Applicant Workshop

- An applicant workshop will be held on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.
- This workshop will cover the following:
  - Project Eligibility
  - Program Requirements
  - Screening Application Process
  - Final Application Process
  - Project Evaluation Criteria

# Schedule for 2022-23

Date	Milestone
MAY 2	Solicitation of funding applications announced.
MAY 18	MORPC hosts an <b>Applicant Workshop</b> from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; select MORPC-generated datasets made available for applicant use.
JULY 8	The <b>Commitment Update Form</b> must be completed online by 5 p.m.
JULY 15	Staff notifies sponsors of any errors and omissions on the Commitment Update Forms. Sponsors have one week to provide corrections.
JULY 15	<b>Screening Applications</b> must be completed online by 5 p.m.
JULY 22	Staff will notify applicants of any errors and omissions on the Screening Applications. Applicants will have one week to provide corrections.
AUG. 1	MORPC posts the summary of Updates and Screening Applications.
AUG. 3	AFC meets at approximately 10 a.m. (following TAC). Staff presents changes requested on the Commitment Update Forms and recommendations for modifications to outstanding funding commitments. Staff presents an overview of Screening Applications received.
AUG. 10	Staff revises the forecast of funding available for new commitments.
AUG. 17	Staff sends feedback to Screening Applicants and guidance for completing the Final Application.
SEP. 28	<b>Final Applications</b> must be completed online by 5 p.m., when staff downloads the data in the online form.
Oct. 5	Staff notifies applicants of any errors and omissions on the Final Applications. Applicants have one week to provide corrections. Applications will be penalized if the applicants fail to respond.
OCT. 5	AFC meets at approximately 10 a.m. (following TAC) to approve modifications to outstanding funding commitments. Project sponsors present a summary of each new application.
OCTOBER	Staff applies scoring criteria to the applications for new funding commitments to develop a preliminary ranking of applications.
NOV. 2	AFC meets at approximately 10 a.m. (following TAC) to review MORPC staff preliminary scoring and ranking of the applications.
NOVEMBER	AFC provides feedback to staff on preliminary scoring. Staff revises scoring as needed.
DEC. 2	Staff's revised ranking within each Activity Category and information relative to preparation for development draft recommendations provided to AFC members for review.
DEC. 7	AFC meets at approximately 10 a.m. (following TAC) to develop a draft recommendation of new funding commitments.
DEC. 14	AFC meets at 0 a.m. to present member feedback on the draft recommendation and to consider final adjustments to the draft recommendation of funding commitments and approve it for the public review and comment period.

JAN. 3, '23	Draft recommendation of funding commitments is announced and made available for public review and comment (30 days).
JANUARY	Sponsors of applications included in the draft recommendations will coordinate with ODOT to program the project (obtain a PID) and initiate project development.
FEB. 3, '23	Close of public review and comment period.
FEB. 10, '23	Staff to send to AFC public comments received and staff recommendations for any changes to the draft funding recommendations.
FEB. 15, '23	AFC meets at 10 a.m. to review public comments received and discuss any changes to the draft recommendations. AFC approves <b>final recommendations</b> for updated and new commitments of MORPC-attributable funding.
MARCH '23	MORPC's CAC, TAC and TPC reviews and approves the awards of MORPC funding.
MARCH '23	Staff incorporates updated and new commitments into the draft SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program
May '23	MORPC's CAC, TAC and TPC adopts the SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program
JULY '23	Partnering Agreements sent to sponsoring agencies.
AUGUST '23	Signed Partnering Agreements are due from sponsoring agencies.



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Trail Development & Partnership



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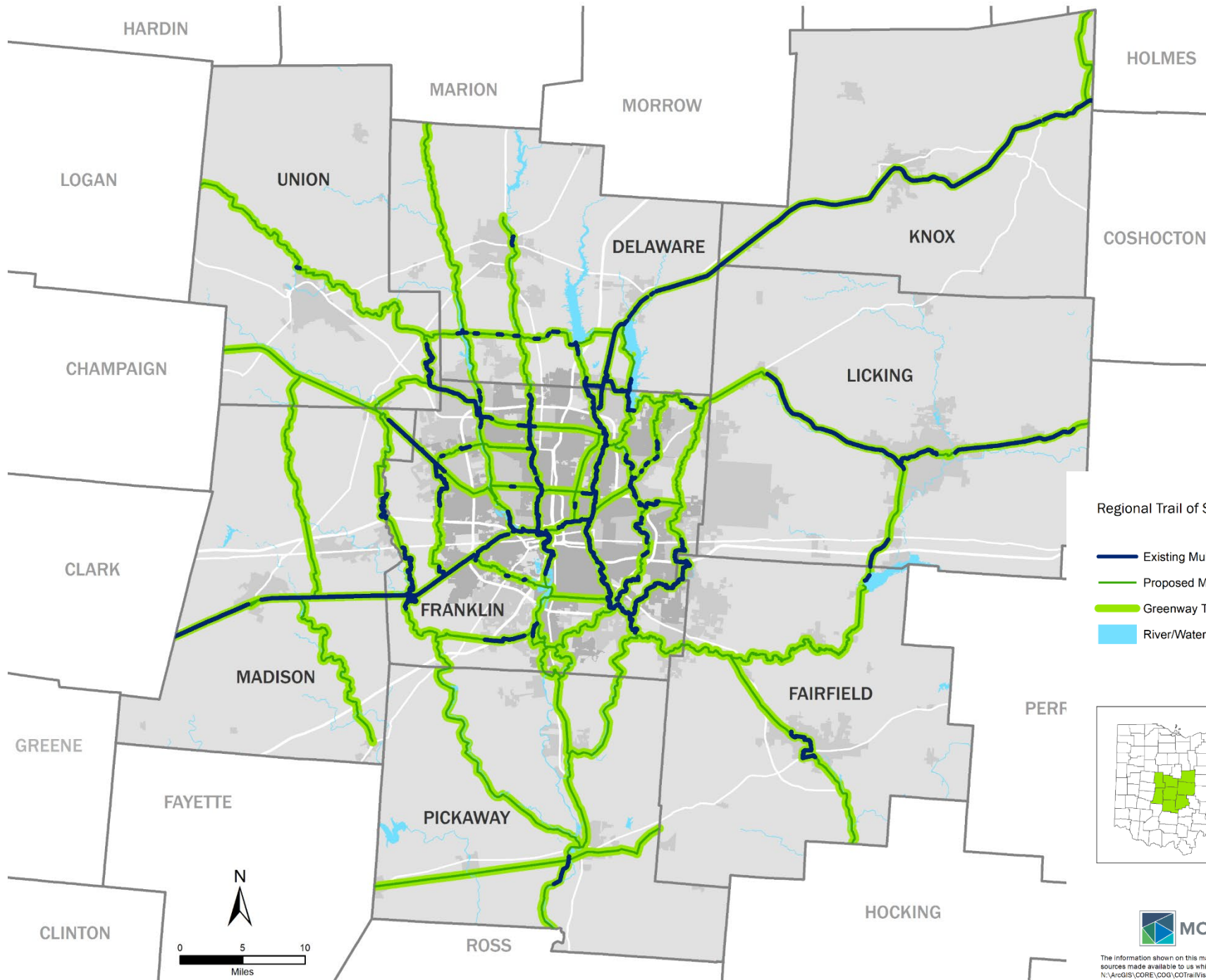


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## Regional Trail Vision

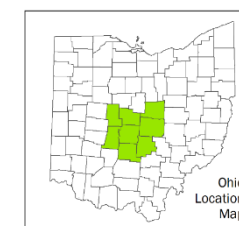
500+ Proposed Trail  
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230+ Existing Trail  
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### Regional Trail of Significance

- Existing Multi-use Path
- Proposed Multi-use Path
- Greenway Trail Corridor
- River/Water



The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources made available to us which we believe to be reliable.  
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# Trail Count Program – Columbus Pilot Project

March 2022 Update



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# Trail Monitoring Equipment Upgrades



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## Multi-Use Counters

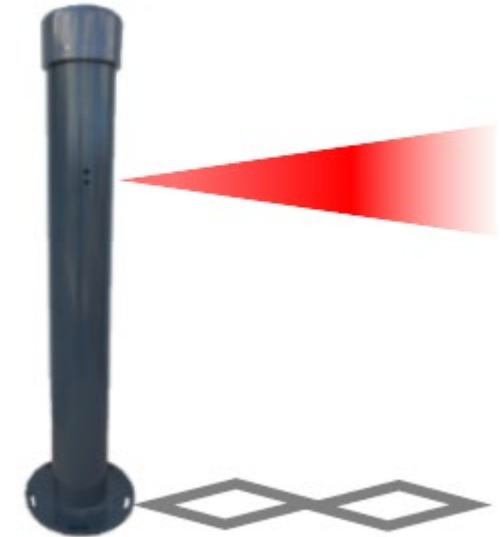
MULTI in an Urban Post

*Discretely measures cyclist and pedestrian usage in an urban environment*

- Differentiates user type
- Records direction of travel
- 1 – 2 year battery life
- 11 months of data memory
- \$5,700 per unit
  - Up to 15' range
  - Direction detection
  - (not incl. installation)



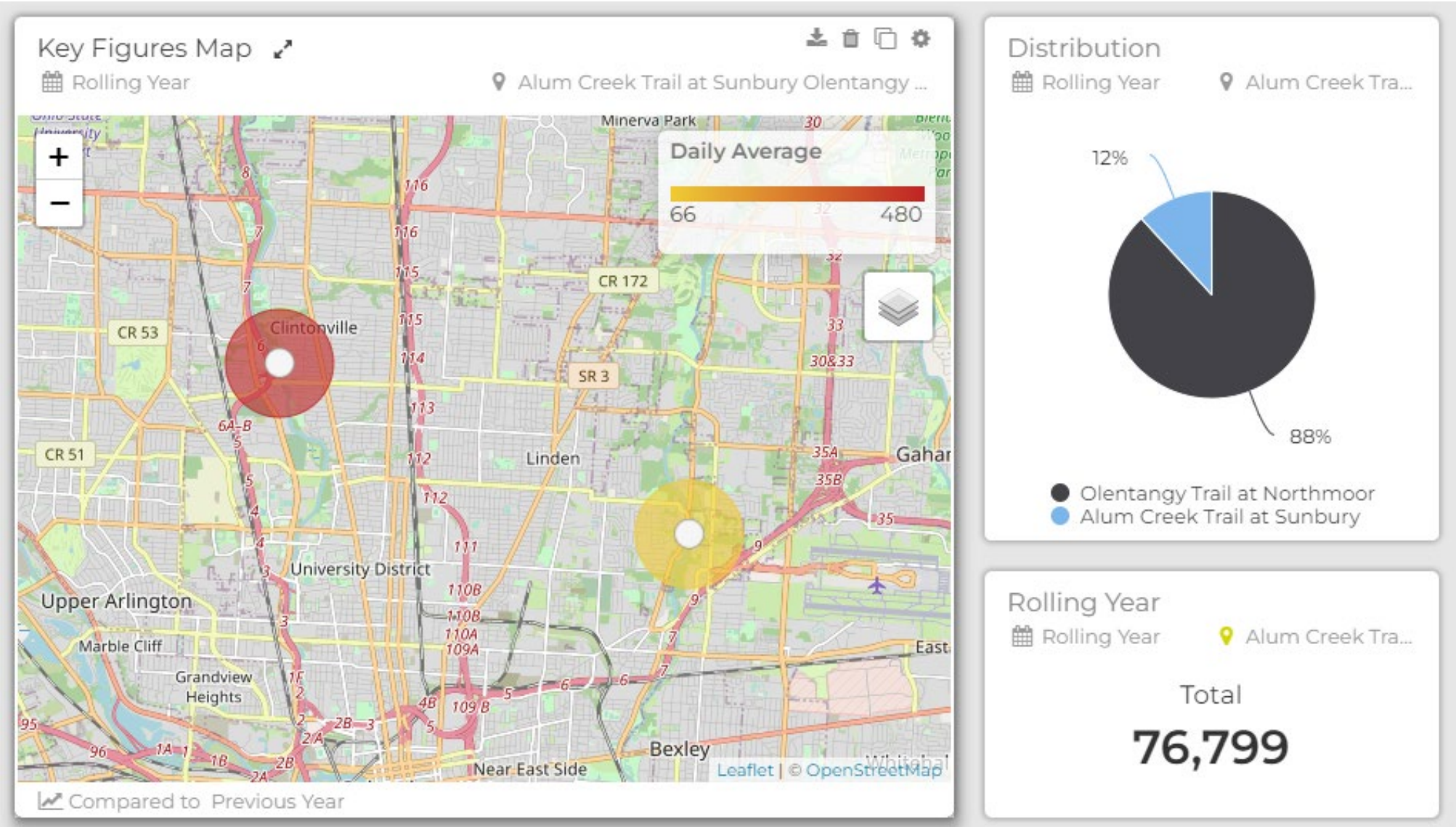
*Cyclists and pedestrians are counted and differentiated on a shared use path*



# Regional Dashboard – Columbus Pilot Data



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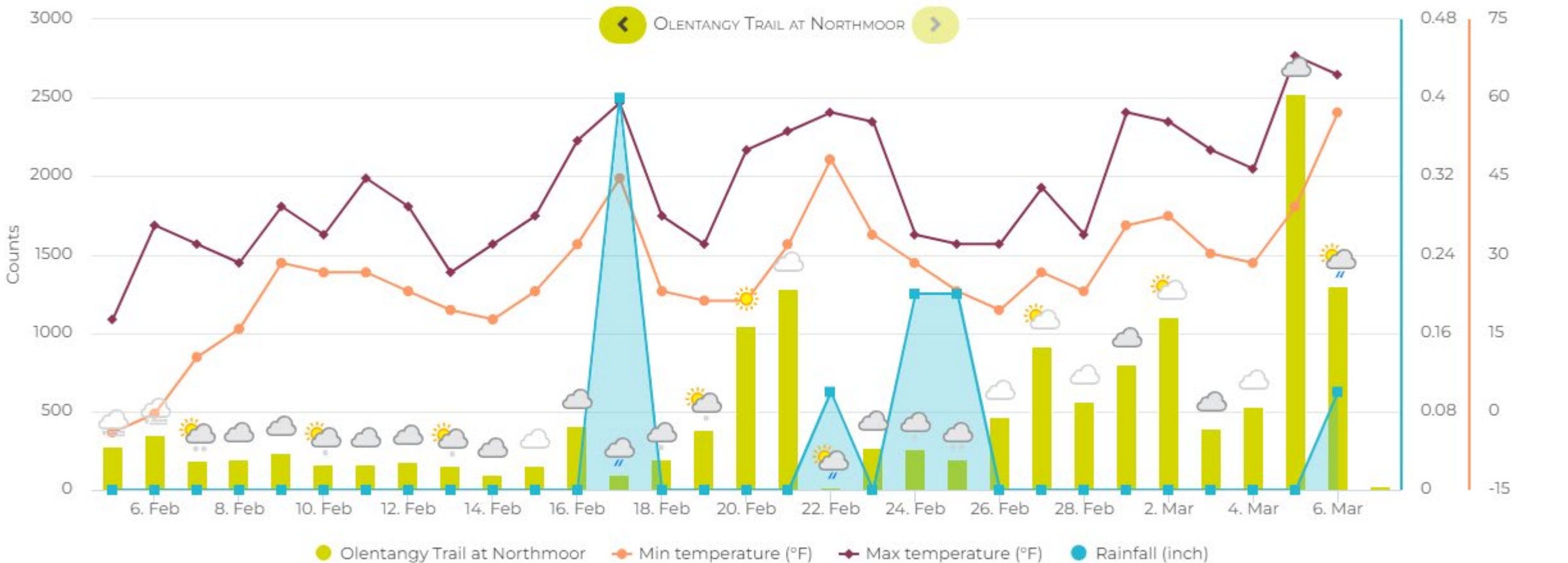


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Trail Traffic and Weather - Bike and Ped

Rolling Month

Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Olentangy Trail at Northmoor



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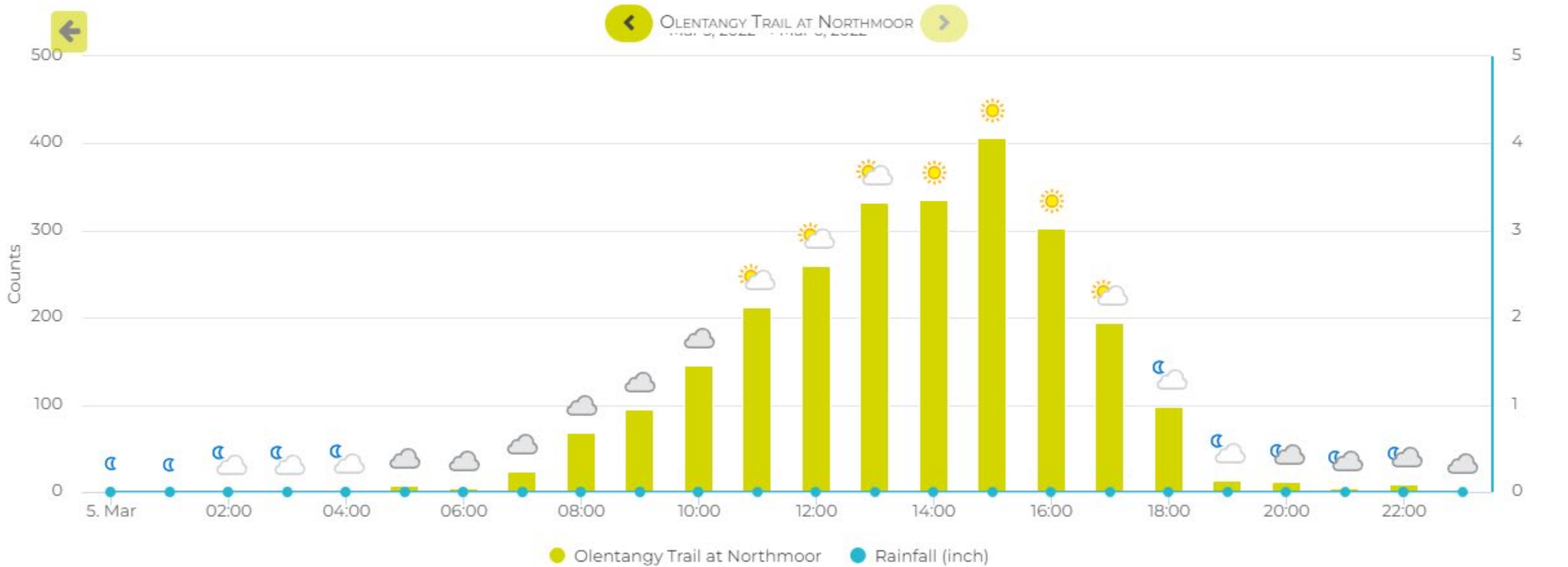


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## Key Figures Summary

Rolling Year

Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Olentangy Trail at Northmoor Total Pedestrian Cyclist Direction

Site	Total	Daily Average	Peak Day	Peak Count
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor	63,295	462	Tue Oct 19, 2021	1,308
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor Pedestrian	41,149	300	Sun Feb 20, 2022	788
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor IN	32,034	234	Tue Oct 19, 2021	660
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor OUT	31,261	228	Tue Oct 19, 2021	648
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor Cyclist	22,146	162	Tue Oct 19, 2021	746
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury	8,408	63	Sat Feb 12, 2022	356
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Pedestrian	5,108	38	Sat Feb 12, 2022	353
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury IN	4,251	32	Sat Feb 12, 2022	179
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury OUT	4,157	31	Sat Feb 12, 2022	177
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Cyclist	3,300	25	Sat Oct 23, 2021	155

Compared to Previous Year



# Regional Dashboard – Columbus Pilot Data



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## Key Figures Summary

📅 Rolling Year

📍 Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Olentangy Trail at Northmoor 📊 Total Pedestrian Cyclist Direction

Site	Total		Daily Average		Peak Day		Peak Count
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor	67,685		480		Sat Mar 5, 2022		2,528
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor Pedestrian	43,327		307		Sat Mar 5, 2022		1,096
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor IN	34,260		243		Sat Mar 5, 2022		1,268
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor OUT	33,425		237		Sat Mar 5, 2022		1,260
Olentangy Trail at Northmoor Cyclist	24,358		173		Sat Mar 5, 2022		1,432
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury	9,114		66		Sat Mar 5, 2022		376
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Pedestrian	5,394		39		Sat Feb 12, 2022		353
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury IN	4,620		33		Sat Mar 5, 2022		192
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury OUT	4,494		33		Sat Mar 5, 2022		184
Alum Creek Trail at Sunbury Cyclist	3,720		27		Sat Mar 5, 2022		272

📈 Compared to Previous Year

# THANK YOU!

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# CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY



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Hosted on the fourth Saturday of April, Celebrate Trails Day is an annual spring celebration of America's trails.

Started by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in 2013, the celebration encourages people across the country to get outside and enjoy the nation's exceptional trails and trail systems.



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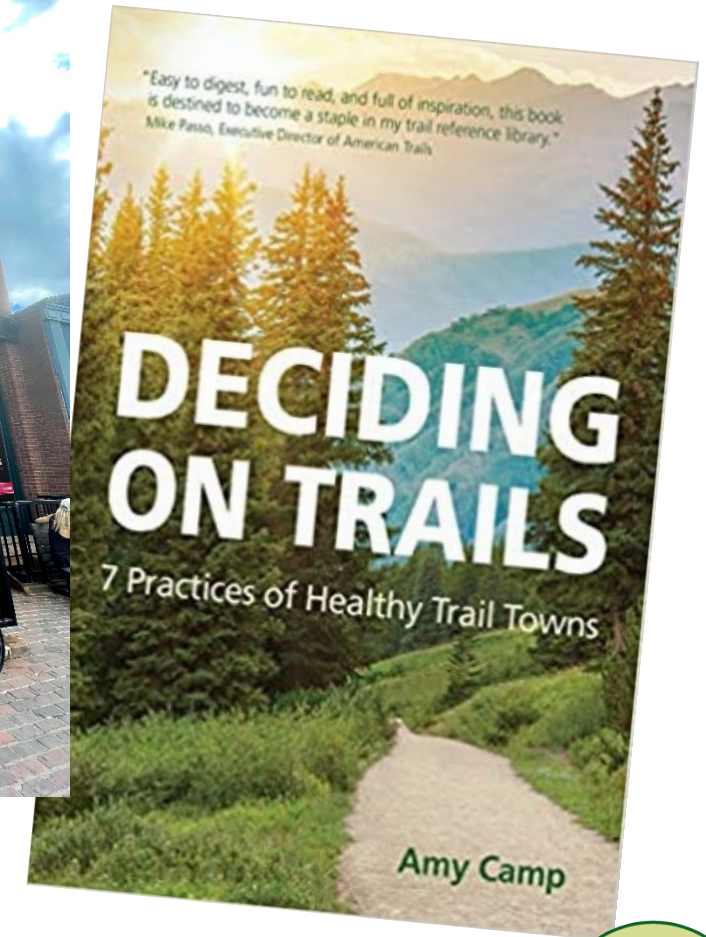


# CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS TRAIL FORUM



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- Speaker – Amy Camp, Cycle Forward
- Interest from Rural Communities
- State Level Interest
- Ohio to Erie Trail Board Project Overlap





# PROJECT PARTNERS SUPPORT



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- The Columbus Foundation Green Funds
  - The Ohio to Erie Trail Board
  - Rails to Trails Conservancy
    - The Kokosing Gap Trail
    - The City of Mt Vernon
    - The Village of Sunbury
  - The Village of Centerburg
  - Madison County/London



# Central Ohio Greenways Trail Town Framework



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## PART 1

- Asset inventory and trail town visioning



## PART 2

- Develop a general framework for a long-term trail town guide in Central Ohio



## PART 3

- Short-term local community implementation strategies



# TRAIL TOWN DEFINITION



- A Trail Town is a community through which a trail passes that supports trail users with services, promotes the trail to its residents, and embraces the trail as a resource to be protected and celebrated.
- --North Country Trail Coalition (adapted)

# TRAIL TOWN PURPOSE



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- To develop a Central Ohio Trail Town Framework and related resources that will guide development of a regional trail town initiative.
- This is in support of the larger purposes of:
  - Supporting local quality of life by addressing **active transportation** options for residents
  - Making communities more walkable and bikeable to **maximize trail user visits and trail user spending**.
- Both local and visiting trail users are being considered in all tasks.

# TRAIL TOWN LOCAL GOV LEADER IDEAS



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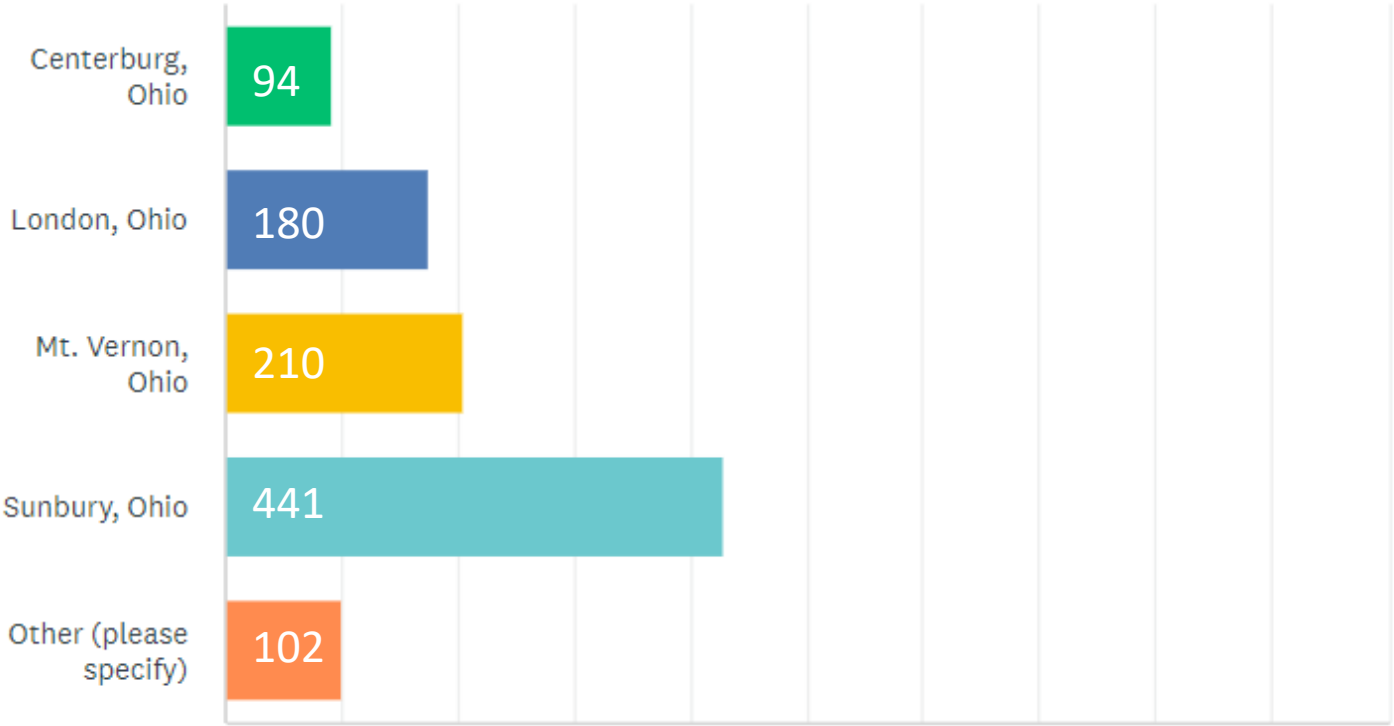
- The committee wants to be able to see and share trail town success stories.
- Committee members have questions about how the program will be funded and what will be expected of local governments.
- The economic benefit is the hook, but not the only reason to pursue trail towns.
- Branding and wayfinding are top of mind.
- We're not selling trails, we're selling experiences.
- A trail town "vibe" is typically fostered by local people, but a regional effort can help to jumpstart trail culture

# TRAIL TOWN SURVEY RESULTS



Which community in Ohio do you live in or nearest?

Answered: 1,027    Skipped: 7





# PROJECT TIMELINE



# Wayfinding Scope of Work



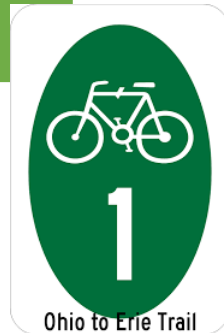
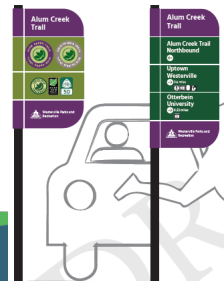
## PART 1

- Asset inventory



## PART 2

- Signage Placement and Content



- Focus on one segment of the COG network – OTET;
- Serve as an extension or next phase of the COG Trail Town Effort;
- Identify an asset inventory collection strategy that is replicable throughout the entire region and state;
- Wayfinding is consistently identified as a top requested amenity in trail user surveys;
- Focus on identifying where people want to go, not branding or signage design;
- MORPC will apply for ODOT SRP Grant
- Other Funding ideas?

# THANK YOU!

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