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CORPO COMMITTEE MEETING

Hosted by: THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC)

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**May 2, 2022
2:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – CORPO Chair, Commissioner Mark Forrest
(Roster Enclosed)
2. **Approval of November 2021 and March 2022 CORPO Meeting Minutes** *(Enclosed)*
3. **CORPO Administrative Items**
 - a. County Subcommittee Meetings Update
 - b. Resolution 2-22: Adopting the FY2023 Planning Work Program *(Enclosed)*
 - c. Newsletter
4. **Long Range Planning**
 - a. 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan Development Process
 - b. Resolution 3-22: Adopting the 2023 - 2050 CORPO CTP Goals and Objectives
(Enclosed)
 - c. CORPO PWP Specific Planning Activities
 - o Madison County Access Management / Thoroughfare Plan
 - o Knox / Morrow Freeway Access Study
 - o Union County Industrial Parkway Study
 - d. Northern Pickaway County Planning Discussions
5. **Short Range Planning, Active Transportation, Safety, Transit & Data and Analysis**
 - a. Regional Transit Coordination Meetings
 - b. Fairfield ATP
 - c. HSIP

Mark Forrest
Chair

Jeff Stauch
Vice Chair

6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Project Funding & Implementation

- a. Dedicated Funds – What’s Next?
- b. 2024-2027 TIP Timeline
- c. TRAC Update

7. CORPO Member / Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion

- a. Pickaway County
- b. Knox County
- c. Fairfield County
- d. Union County
- e. Madison County
- f. Morrow County
- g. Marion County

8. Other Business – Mike Borger

- a. Member Services Update / Events

9. Adjourn

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**The next CORPO Committee Meeting is
November 7, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

CORPO Meeting Roster – May 2, 2022

CORPO Officers

Mark Forest , Madison County Commissioner - CORPO Chair
Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer - Vice Chair

CORPO Committee Members

Christiane Schmenk , Union County Commissioner
Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer
Bill Narducci, Union County Assistant Engineer
Jeff Gottke, Knox County Area Development Foundation, Inc.
Cameron Keaton, Knox County Engineer
Brian Ball, City of Mount Vernon Engineer
Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer
Mark Forest, Madison County Commissioner
David Kell, Madison County Economic Development
Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer
Ryan Scribner, Pickaway Progress Partnership
Anthony Neff, Pickaway County Deputy County Engineer
Andy Ware, Morrow County Development Director
Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer
Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner
James Mako, Fairfield County Planning
Ira Weiss, Fairfield Heritage Trail Association and Fairfield County Planning
Commission
Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director
Gus Comstock, Marion Can Do
Scott Schertzer, Mayor, City of Marion
Jim Bishoff, Director, Marion County Public Works

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November 2021 CORPO Committee Meeting – Draft Meeting Summary

1. Welcome & Introductions – *Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner & CORPO Chair*, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

2. May 2021 Meeting Minutes – Madison County and CORPO Chair Mark Forrest asked the CORPO Committee to vote on the minutes from the previous CORPO meeting (held May 2021). Ira Weiss of Fairfield Co. moved, and Knox County Commissioner Jeff Gottke? seconded the motion.

3. CORPO Administrative Items
 - a. Mike Borger led the update on CORPO administrative items. The next round of subcommittee meetings will take place in March and April of next year.

 - b. Resolution to adopt Resolution 2-21: ADOPTING THE 2021 CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPO) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN. The previous plan was approved in 2017. This new document aligns with MORPC's Public Participation. Jeff Stauch moved to hold a vote on Resolution 2-21. Ira Weiss seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

 - c. An additional CORPO Committee meeting has been added for March 21st, 2022.

4. Short Range Planning, Active Transportation, Safety, Transit & Data and Analysis
 - a. Lexi Petrella of MORPC shared an updated on the Regional Mobility Plan. The Regional Mobility Plan is a Coordinated Plan for ODOT's HSTC Region 6. This document will be open for public comment between November 15th and December 15th. On November 9th, Lexi will be presenting to LCATS. County Commissioner approval will be sought between December 15th to January 30th. Lexi will be sending Commissioner's a sample resolution to help guide the approval of the document. After the public comment period, Lexi will be meeting with Commissioners to receive their comments and resolutions. On January 31st, the document will be shared with the MORPC Community Advisory Committee, and on February 2nd, it will be shared with the MORPC Transportation Advisory Committee. The Plan will be completed in February.

Mike and Lexi have recently held a workshop with Union County to brainstorm mobility solutions with the Health Department, Economic Development, Commissioner Schmenk, and other businesses and leaders in the county. The next step of this workshop is to create a business advocacy working group. If any other county may be interested in a similar workshop, please let Mike know.

The workshop, Mike recalled that John Trotter of District 7 had a presentation in which he explained that the current workforce shortages in rural counties are expected to be permanent. Currently, he is working on a workforce study on the Central Ohio Region that will be wrapped up in approximately 6 months. This will be presented to MORPC.

- b. Maria Schaper shared Lancaster is servicing the Rickenbacker area, as well as COTA is working on developing a mobility hub. Franklin Christman stated that they believe there is a connection with PICCA and Pickaway County. Nick Gill stated that the connection is running, but it is only in service if they receive a call requesting it due to staffing issues. It was also noted that there have been challenges to meet demand with the GREAT Shuttle connecting with COTA due to their servicing hours. Rick Szabrak asked if there were any

new updates for the mobility hub. Nick shared that the Rickenbacker Mobility Center Development has been working through the NEPA process for an exclusion with the FTA and will be sent out soon for a design build construction package to continue progressing it.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Project Funding & Implementation

- a. Mike Borger presented Resolution 3-21: Adopting Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds. In the materials distributed, there was eligibility information, evaluation criteria & scoring, CORPO Funds Selection Committee, public involvement process, selection & award process, maintaining funding commitments, and the application. An online application has been completed. If it is approved, it can be started immediately. Nick Gill stated that the process was modelled after the MPO process. The meeting on March 21st, 2022, will be tailored to this new process to approve projects. A workshop will be held on November 9th to answer any questions. There will be just under \$1,000,000 to allocate for FY 22-23. If you need any help with applications, CORPO staff will be there to support you along the way. Jeff Stauch moved to hold a vote on Resolution 2-21. Ira Weiss seconded this motion. The motion was approved.
- b. Maria Schaper shared the update on TRAC funding. The TRAC released their final project awards. There were not any changes from the initial draft that was published in the summer.
- c. Thea Walsh presented the Federal and State funding update. On the transit side of funding, the most important thing to note is that we are heading into a new round for Federal and State transit funding. If you are interested in applying and feel as if you do not have the proper team to apply, please reach out to Mike. Recently, MORPC has been working on a study with COTA to determine ways they can connect to county services in a more efficient fashion. Be on the lookout for more information on this soon.

Currently, there still has not been a determination on RAISE grant funding. Recently, a MORPC application for a US DOE grant was rejected based on equity. With that in mind, it is important for future projects to highlight the need in rural areas and demonstrate barriers Central Ohioans face. Upcoming federal discretionary funding will be reliant on the new transportation bill. In these applications, it will be important to reference persistent poverty maps.

Regarding member directed spending, if your project was submitted for the transportation and infrastructure bill, then they will not be granted. However, if you submitted your project to a Senator for the appropriations bill, then there is still a possibility that it may work its way through. MORPC will be available to help check on these for you if you are interested in knowing your status. In addition to this, discretionary potential for new transportation legislation is unlikely to take place. A new Continuing Resolution will need to take place by December 3rd.

MORPC is working on obtaining economic development district status through their work drafting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. This status would benefit all counties in the region as it would make them eligible to receive EDA funding. On a similar note, there were over 529 applications submitted for the US EDA Build Back Better Challenge to promote recovery. In Ohio, there were 16 applications submitted with 2 in the region.

Brian Davidson of ODOT asked if CORPO has been asked to perform any engineer estimates for county stimulus applications. Currently, there has not been any requests for estimates. If there is a need for help with these applications, please reach out to MORPC.

6. Long-Range Planning

- a. Mike Borger indicated that the Transportation Plan Update is due to be updated in 2022. This includes both existing conditions and the long-range regional vision. Following this, there will be a CTP review and update of goals and objectives, population growths, strategies & projects, and evaluations. In 2023, a new long-range plan will be drafted and distributed for public comment. Going forward, with the new dedicated funds program, it would be beneficial for projects potential projects to be prioritized in this document.
- b. Anthony Turowski presented on the Route 23 Connect. Public outreach for the project has taken place and a public meeting will be held on November 10th. The US-23 connection between Toledo and Columbus is currently about 30% over its design capacity and has 38 signals, leading to congestion and accidents. In some areas, movement counts are at 80,000 vehicles per day and are expected to raise to over 100,000 in the future. Through a survey of approximately 2,000 individuals, addressing congestion was of the utmost concern to respondents. There are 3 proposed actions being studied: upgrade the existing corridor to that similar of a freeway, connecting US-23 to I-71 via a new roadway, or creating new roadway to connect US-23 to US-33. The goal of the project is to enhance regional connectivity and mobility by creating a free-flowing connection between Toledo and I-270. In April, one of these proposals will be brought to the public.
- c. Mike Borger of MORPC and Mark Forrest discussed the development of the Madison County Thoroughfare Plan and it was determined that Bryan Dhume will complete the technical components of the plan and get back to Mike Borger.
- d. Mike acknowledged that the Knox/Morrow Freeway Access Study is currently in a spot that needs to continue to progress.
- e. Regarding the Union County Industrial Parkway Project, Jeff Stauch identified that there will be a future need to mitigate congestion on US-42 and SR-161. The project will be looking into lane additions and intersection improvements. Since these initial discussions, they have been looking into connecting US-42 to future industrial and residential lots via Delaware County-Home Road and other projects. Another project that they are working on is connecting SR-161 to industrial parkway.

7. CORPO Member / Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion

- a. Fairfield County – Rick Szabrak stated that there have been RFPs for two consultants. Hicks Partners has been contracted for grant writing support for villages, townships, and cities. The second is with RAMA Consulting in which they will build recruitment and retention plans for 6 employers in the county. On November 2nd, another RFP will be released to tie back to Ohio's Residential Broadband Grant to provide additional local funds. In addition to this, the workforce center at Hocking College and Ohio University has seen approximately 35 students a day providing them a variety of technical and career skills.
- b. Fairfield County is also working on updating their Active Transportation Plan. An update should be prepared around mid-2022. Mike suggested looking into ODOT's recent active transportation guidelines.

- c. Pickaway County – Franklin Christman of the Village of Ashville stated that a year ago about half the village was farmland. As of today, all of it is now under contract. Approximately 1,300 units resident units and 400 acres of limited industrial is being added. Franklin is worried about the future of annexations with all the area being under contract and how the growth will stress the transportation system. Nick Gill added that the South Bloomfield Bypass Study to identify corridor concepts to preserve and help with the stress. Franklin fears that the land between Bloomfield and Ashville may be gone and that a new study will need to take place. Commissioner Forrest questioned if there were currently a thoroughfare plan in place that would help facilitate this growth. Franklin stated that it would be a good idea and that the community improvement corporation has investigated it and have been working with ODOT.
- d. Union County – Jeff Stauch stated that the county continues to go through the solar proposals. At this point, there are 2-3 that are moving far along. They are also helping townships in the area prepare projects to submit to ODOT for funding. Similarly, to Pickaway, the county is also seeing growth that will encourage the county to conduct studies on traffic impacts.
- e. Madison County - Mark Forrest stated that solar projects in the county are proposed to be 3,200 megawatts, which is about the size of the City of Columbus. Mike Borger asked if the county could sell the energy that goes unused. Mark stated that it will be a big money maker. Jeff Gottke asked about the solar pilot program and was curious if the pilot would be in lieu of taxes. Mark responded that the facility is taxed \$7,000 per megawatt by the state, as well as an addition \$2,000 by the county. Additional conversations about solar potential in Ohio were had.
- f. Morrow County – Tom Whiston stated that they are experiencing a lot of growth spillover from Delaware County. He mentioned that SR's 61, 229, 23 would be good focus areas as there is lots of growth in this area. He is seeing growth from Knox and Crawford county into Morrow.

8. Other Business

a. Eileen Leuby shared that the following items are available to members:

- 2021 Annual Salary and Fringe Benefits Survey
- Cyber Security Information
- Employer Telework Policy Guide
- Central Ohio Emergency Broadband Benefit Enrollment

The following events are approaching:

- November 9th, 1p-3p: Solsmart training and technical assistance on Solar PV and Storage Safety
- November 15th, 12p-1p: Supply Headwinds for Home Builders
- November 17th, 10a-11:30a: Ohio Sunshine Laws and Open Meeting Rule Training
- November 30th, 9a-10:30a: Regional Collaboration Southwest Area
- December 1st, 10:30a-11:15a: Park Land Donation Considerations

Mike Borger shared that William Murdock, Thea Walsh, and himself were invited to go through some of the cities in Marion and discuss ways that they can get more involved with CORPO.

Adjourn.

Submitted by:

Michael Borger
CORPO Committee

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March 2022 CORPO Committee Meeting – Draft Meeting Summary

1. Welcome & Introductions – *Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner & CORPO Chair*, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Commissioner Forrest stated that the CORPO Committee would be voting on a resolution to adopt CORPO Dedicated Funds commitments and asked Mike Borger of MORPC if he had anything important to share, Mike Borger walked through the resolution in detail as well as the list of funding commitments.

2. Resolution to adopt Resolution 1-22: “Adoption of CORPO-Dedicated Funds Commitments”. – Madison County and CORPO Chair Mark Forrest asked the CORPO Committee for a motion to adopt resolution 1-22; adopting the CORPO Dedicated Funding commitments. Ira Weiss of Fairfield County moved and Commissioner Schmenk of Union County seconded the motion. Commissioner Forrest asked Mike Borger if a roll-call vote was needed and Nick Gill of MORPC responded “no”. The motion carried without objections.

3. What’s next for CORPO funded projects?
 - a. Mike Borger and Nick Gill informed the CORPO Committee that CORPO staff would continue to work with ODOT district offices on project coordination and STIP-related items.
 - b. Nick Gill mentioned that these projects would need to be added to the STIP. Nick did not feel that these items would make April STIP amendment but would probably do so in June.

4. Other Business
 - a. Draft FY 2023 Planning Work Program (PWP) Mike Borger reminded the committee that CORPO staff developed a draft version of the FY2023 CORPO Planning Work Program and that draft had been uploaded to ODOT’s extranet site for review. Mike Borger stated that he would be sending the draft out to the CORPO committee for review and that edits would be made based on CORPO committee member comments. Mike Borger mentioned that a resolution to adopt the PWP would be presented at the next CORPO Committee Meeting on May 2nd.
 - b. Mike Borger informed the committee that he would be reaching out to key contacts in the CORPO counties to schedule CORPO Subcommittee meetings in the coming weeks and that the PWP would be a topic at those meetings. Nick Gill told Commissioner Forrest that he would be needed at the April MORPC Commission Meeting to present on CORPO items.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.

Submitted by:

Michael Borger
CORPO Committee

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Central Ohio
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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization
CORPO Committee

FROM: Mike Borger, Program Manager
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

DATE: 04/25/2022

SUBJECT: Resolution 2-22: Adopting the FY2023 Planning Work Program

The Planning Work Program (PWP) documents CORPO's transportation planning program scope of work, products, and budgets which utilize federal and state planning funds. They are prepared annually and submitted to ODOT for approval. The SFY 2023 PWP for RTPOs are due to ODOT by May 1st. Resolution 2-22 approves the SFY 2023 CORPO Planning Work Program to receive federal and state planning funds.

During the March 2022 CORPO Committee and April 2022 Subcommittee meetings, the SFY 2023 CORPO PWP was discussed. At the subcommittee meetings, staff presented on the work items in the SFY 2023 PWP and discussed more specific planning activities to be included in the SFY 2023 PWP. A draft of the PWP was uploaded to ODOT's extranet site for comments. ODOT responded with comments suggesting edits to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) section of the CORPO PWP. Those edits/additions were made to the document.

The SFY 2023 Planning Work Program has been developed to reflect recent CORPO meeting discussions and other member communication and to address the needs and advance the goals of CORPO members.

Attachment: Resolution 2-22 Adopting the FY2023 Planning Work Program

RESOLUTION 2-22

"Adopting the FY2023 Planning Work Program"

WHEREAS, surface transportation systems serve economic activities and provide the necessary and highly valued opportunity for people to travel freely wherever and whenever they want; and

WHEREAS, inevitably travel in Central Ohio involves frequent crossings of municipal, township and county boundaries on facilities that are under the control of various local jurisdictions, special-purpose agencies, and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, usually transportation systems that function best and are most cost-effective include regular cooperative and coordinated planning and decision-making across geographic and administrative boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) to help encourage, facilitate, and provide a forum for this cooperation so as to help spend regional transportation funds most effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the CORPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, approval of this work program by the CORPO is necessary for MORPC to receive federal and state grants to accomplish the scope of work within it for CORPO; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION** COMMITTEE:

- Section 1. That it hereby approves the attached CORPO Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2023 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.
- Section 2. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this program by CORPO.
- Section 3. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relation to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Mark Forrest Chair
CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING COMMISISON

Date

Prepared by: CORPO Staff

Attachment: CORPO FY 2023 Planning Work Program

PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

PROSPECTUS
WORK
ELEMENTS
APPENDICES

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To be Approved by
CORPO Committee

May 2022

The preparation of this document was financed with planning monies from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

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PROSPECTUS FOR SFY 2023

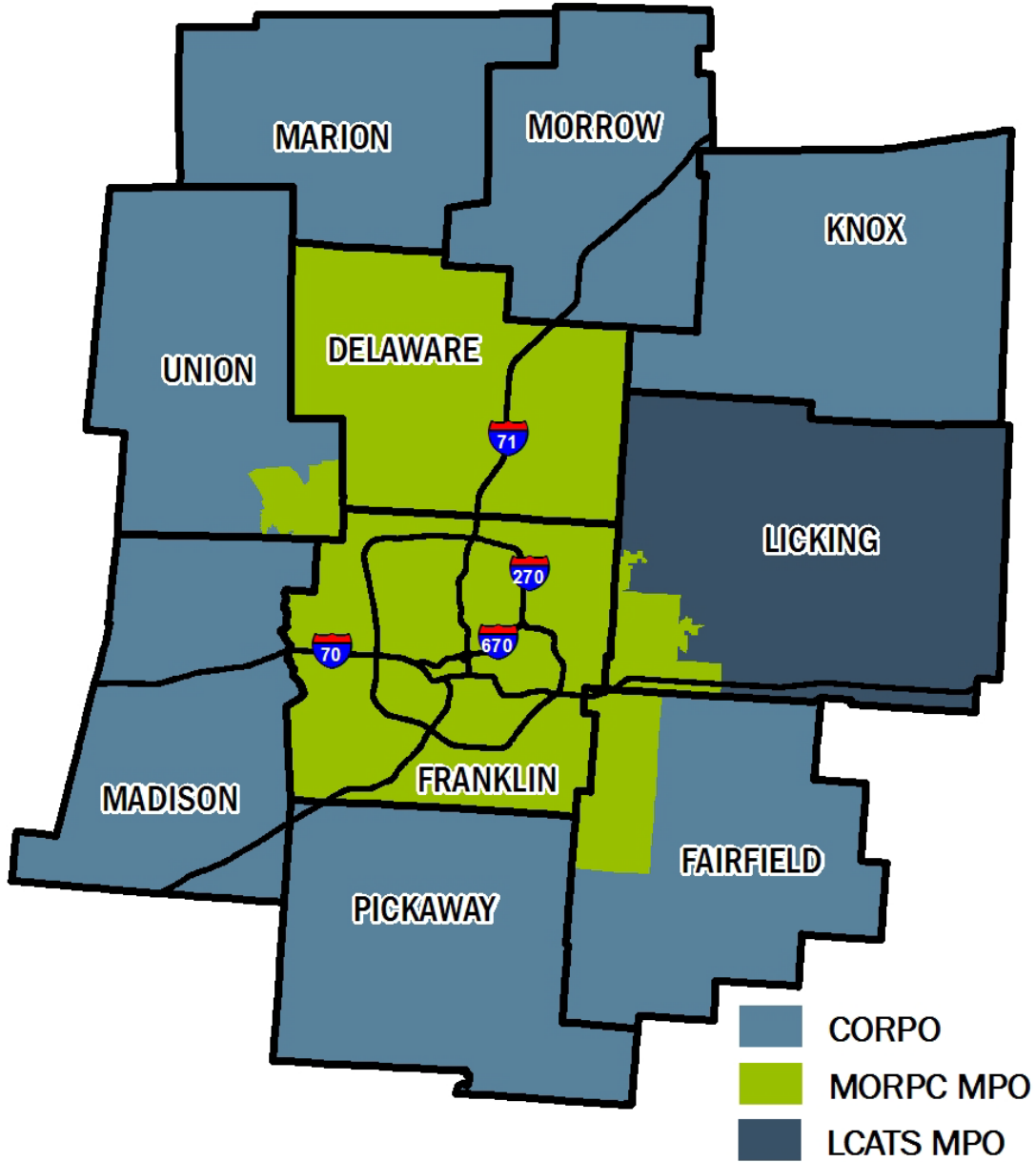
DESCRIPTION OF CORPO

In summer of 2019 the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) formally designated the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) as Ohio's sixth Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). CORPO continues to build upon the coordinated transportation planning activities completed over the last three years. Since the summer of 2016, the CORPO Committee and its member counties have successfully developed a Long-Range Transportation Plan (CTP) with a list of prioritized projects, numerous committee meetings, the development of special projects and grant related work, and developed a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in coordination with ODOT's Statewide TIP.

CORPO is a committee within the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), a public planning agency operating under state and federal law and governed by an independent commission composed of appointed officials from member jurisdictions. CORPO conducts the "3-C" (continuing, cooperative and comprehensive) transportation planning activities for its member counties which includes: Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union. MORPC provides the staff for CORPO.

CORPO's focus for Fiscal Year 2023 will be working with members to complete the following objectives:

- Short-range planning activities such as focused area studies, transit / mobility, and active transportation.
- Data & Analyses as needed to support short- and long-range planning activities
- Maintain the 2021 – 2024 CORPO Transportation Improvement Program: Amend as needed
- Implementation and monitoring of projects awarded funding through CORPOS Dedicated Funds program
- Maintain the 2018 – 2040 CORPO Transportation Plan: Amend as needed, and begin development of the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan
- Assist members with additional long-range planning activities



THE 3-C PLANNING PROCESS

COORDINATED PLANNING

Numerous public and private agencies and citizens representing varied interests participate in the transportation planning process. CORPO must integrate the work and views of each participant into the planning process. In some cases, formal agreements may be executed between CORPO and major participant agencies. Described below are the primary responsibilities of the major participants:

1. Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is the major implementing agency for transportation projects in Ohio and the CORPO region. Districts 5 and 6 cover the CORPO planning area. ODOT assigns staff liaisons to CORPO and other RTPOs and MPOs to oversee their planning and programming activities and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal regulations. ODOT provides oversight, approval and technical assistance for the travel demand modeling processes. ODOT also has a significant role in the planning studies that are done prior to major transportation investments.

2. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

FHWA and FTA are the major funding agencies for highway and transit planning activities, respectively. Close coordination is maintained among FHWA, FTA, ODOT, MORPC and CORPO

3. Local Governments in CORPO Member Counties

To varying degrees, local governments participate in technical activities, development of the rural transportation plan, the transportation improvement program, and major development issues associated with transportation. Representatives of these jurisdictions can communicate with ODOT and FHWA through CORPO.

4. Ohio Rail Development Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

These entities may participate in the rail-related technical activities of the transportation program to coordinate their plans and programs with those under development by CORPO.

5. Agreements

CORPO (via MORPC) has used intergovernmental reviews to obtain comments from interested parties and to provide information and recommendations concerning proposed projects. The complexity of coordination done necessitates defined roles and responsibilities for the various participants. The following agreements have been established to guide MORPC's interactions with other major players in transportation planning:

MORPC /ODOT Contract - This contract between MORPC and ODOT identifies the statement of work and authorizes regional transportation planning organization processes.

Two-Party RTPO Agreements – Seven counties have signed agreements to participate in CORPO, which is hosted by MORPC. These counties are: Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union.

Planning Work Program - This document (also referred to as a Unified Planning Work Program) is an annual statement to FHWA, FTA and ODOT of CORPO's use of planning funds for member counties.

CONTINUING PLANNING

Transportation planning is an ongoing process. CORPO's main transportation planning activities will be completed and updated on a repeating cycle. The long-range transportation plan will be completed or updated at least every five years, and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be developed on a two-year cycle.

As soon as one of these documents is completed, work begins on the next one in a continuing cycle.

One standing subcommittee for each county provides ongoing assistance and advice on transportation planning matters to CORPO.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Rural transportation planning is intended to examine and integrate a variety of issues related to transportation. One of CORPO's roles is to better understand these issues and their inter-relationships and to try to avoid or reduce potential negative consequences of transportation plans and decisions.

Older Adults and People with Disabilities Special Planning

CORPO maintains a list of public transit-human services transportation coordination plans for its member counties. CORPO may offer assistance with Coordinated Plan Development in the future.

Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy

On April 15, 2004 the U.S. EPA designated Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, and Madison counties in Central Ohio as being in basic non-attainment of the 8-hour NAAQS (National Ambient Air Quality Standard) for ozone. These counties were re-designated to attainment on June 12, 2009. The U.S. EPA promulgated a new 8-hour ozone standard in 2008 and on July 20, 2012, the 6-county region was re-designated marginal non-attainment. On December 21, 2016, U.S. EPA approved of re-designating the Columbus area to attainment of the 2008 ozone. In 2015, the U.S. EPA promulgated a new primary and secondary ozone NAAQS. The U.S. EPA designated the region of Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, and Licking counties for non-attainment under the 2015 NAAQS. In 2019 The Ohio EPA submitted a re-designation request to U.S. EPA. The re-designation to attainment with approved MVEB via Federal Register notices on July 3, 2019 and August 21, 2019. MORPC, ODOT, and LCATS play a role through the interagency consultation process with regard to future changes.

On April 14, 2005 the U.S. EPA designated Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, and Licking and a portion of Coshocton counties as non-attainment of the PM 2.5 standard. On November 7, 2013, these areas were re-designated as in attainment for the PM 2.5 standard. A new annual PM 2.5 standard was promulgated by U.S. EPA in 2012. Regional attainment statuses were established in 2014 and Central Ohio was in attainment.

Development Patterns

As of 2015 there were approximately 474,884 people and 150,500 jobs within the CORPO Transportation Study Area. Year 2050 forecasts for this same area project over 550,000 people and nearly 258,000 jobs.

Planning for this anticipated growth, the land use forecast developed for the 2018-2040 Rural Transportation Plan incorporated trends analyses of Census and building permit data as well as local and area planning activities.

Transportation Funding

Many transportation improvements are identified as being needed throughout the area, but funding is insufficient to address all the needs. Although the newly developed *CORPO Dedicated Funds Program* (ODOT RTPO Capital Program) has made just under one million dollars available to CORPO members, these funds may not be sufficient for many major improvements. CORPO takes multiple approaches in working with local and regional partners to identify funding solutions, starting with helping to raise awareness of the transportation needs in the region and the lack of funds. Another is exploring alternative techniques and/or revenue sources for financing local transportation improvements, along with innovative uses of the local and federal shares of project funding. With competing priorities for federal funding, highlighting the needs across all modes continues to be important. Additionally, CORPO coordinates and facilitates collaboration to compete for discretionary grant opportunities and bring more federal transportation dollars to our region.

Planning Data Technology

Planning data technology includes equipment and systems for collecting, analyzing and reporting data necessary for transportation planning, predicting travel demand, and providing information for policy development. Data include demographic, land use, environmental, economic, and physical conditions of the transportation system. CORPO will continue to use tools such as Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to share information, as well as perform analyses. This will make it easier for its member counties to share data with them. This collaborative data collection and sharing process not only produces better data, but also allows communities to provide more current and accurate information. This system also allows the potential for expanding the collection of other attributes associated with transportation infrastructure.

MORPC maintains a state-of-the-art activity-based travel demand model that covers the Columbus and Newark

urbanized areas and portions of the CORPO area. In addition, the statewide model is used in areas not covered by the MORPC area model. These are used as the basis for Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program development. It also can be used for small- and large-scale special studies and ODOT's development of certified traffic for its project development needs.

Transit

CORPO may play a role in seeking funds for new transit services, and in addition, CORPO may have a role in helping to coordinate transit services. In addition to traditional transit activities, public transit-human services transportation coordination plans have been developed for Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Madison, and Pickaway and Union counties. CORPO may continue to play a role in updating and implementing these plans.

Also, CORPO, through the transportation planning process, intends to work with transit providers in the counties to identify inter-county transportation needs and coordinate strategies.

Freight

Intermodal freight is continually touted as the fastest growing market for the freight industry and a critical component of the Central Ohio economy. Currently, over 1 in 20 private sector jobs in Central Ohio is attributed to the freight industry. As growth in warehousing and distribution centers and other freight generating development occurs in many CORPO communities, challenges exist to maintain the region's competitive advantage. Addressing the bottlenecks that threaten the efficiency and productivity of this sector of the economy, new rail structures, special consideration of truck traffic needs, and coordination with air cargo facilities are all needed to ensure that the region continues to play an important role in national and international goods movement.

CORPO and other stakeholders are currently involved in a number of important regional projects to address these challenges.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

In order to foster transportation system integration and agency cooperation, ITS is incorporated into CORPO planning through coordination with the MORPC Central Ohio ITS architecture and the state ITS architecture.

The US 33 Smart Mobility corridor project in Union County from Dublin to the Transportation Research Center in East Liberty created a testing area for Connected Vehicle (CV) and Autonomous Vehicle (AV) technology, including all traffic signals in Marysville having vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) technology to test these applications in a small city environment..

Safety

Safety is a critical aspect in transportation planning. Building upon information included in the transportation plan, CORPO will assist its members in addressing high-crash locations. Crash data will continue to be analyzed to identify safety needs. In the future, CORPO anticipates working with MORPC, stakeholders and member governments to continue to provide needed education to the public and local governments about the rules of the road, such as safely navigating modern roundabouts, driving without distractions, or yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

CATEGORY 600: TRANSPORTATION

A. Key Issues

The CORPO Prospectus identifies the following key issues in transportation planning:

- Special planning for the elderly and people with disabilities
- Consideration of existing private transportation services and their role in public transportation
- Asset Management
- Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy
- Water Quality/Greenways
- Development Patterns
- Transportation Funding
- Access Management
- Corridor Studies and Thoroughfare Plans
- Planning Data Technology
- Data Collection and Sharing
- Transit
- Freight
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Safety
- Active Transportation Systems
- Utilities and Broadband Deployment
- Equity

B. Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives for the 2018-2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan were adopted in January 2017. These guided the development of the 2018-2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was adopted in May 2018 with an executive summary completed and adopted in December 2018.

Goals and Objectives:

- Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System in a State of Good Repair
 - Minimize the number of bridges structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
 - Maximize the miles of pavement in acceptable condition
 - Maximize resources dedicated to maintain and improve the condition of the transportation system
- A Safe Transportation System for All Users
 - Minimize crashes including pedestrian- and bicycle-related crashes
 - Promote system user education to minimize unsafe driving behaviors such as a lack of seatbelt use, distracted driving, impaired driving and others
- Accessibility and Mobility Options for all Users
 - Build facilities that accommodate all users such as those using transit, walking and bicycling
 - Expand public transportation within and between communities

- Expand the bicycle and pedestrian networks
- Expand options that assist those living in poverty or in areas with lower accessibility in reaching employment, healthcare or services
- An Integrated, Connected and Coordinated Transportation System
 - Increase outreach to advocacy and community groups including area residents, local governments, agencies and organizations
 - Improve connections between regions by utilizing various modes of transportation, including passenger rail
 - Increase local community collaboration and coordination efforts to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes
- A Transportation System that Promotes a Collaborative and Focused Approach to support Economic Vitality
 - Improve strategic freight-related facilities (e.g., highway, rail, intermodal, etc.)
 - Develop priority multipurpose corridors (e.g., utilities, water, broadband, fiber, etc.)
 - Maximize return on investment to position the region to compete globally and efficiently
 - Provide transportation facilities that enhance the transition between rural and urban areas
 - Enhance engagement with regional partners and voices
- Preserve and Enhance Environmental Resources and Sustainability through the Transportation System
 - Increase use of non-single-occupant vehicles (local transit, intercity transit, ridesharing, biking, walking)
 - Provide transportation facilities consistent with local land use, environmental and sustainability plans

The status and proposed future actions for the work expressed in these key issues and goals are outlined in the following work element descriptions.

FY 2023 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WORK ELEMENTS

No. 60193-3000

Short Range Planning

Short-range planning services help members make progress on the objectives established in the CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP). The IIJA encourages areas to be innovative in the way they manage and operate the system to ensure people and goods move efficiently, safely, and in the most secure way possible. CORPO will support the management and operation of the transportation system by reporting on its conditions and identifying resources to meet established performance measures.

The IIJA continued a core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities. This law requires state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to address safety issues in their regions. CORPO’s safety planning work will help the state meet this requirement.

Active transportation planning ensures that non-motorized transportation facilities are constructed as part of a multi-modal transportation system and that performance measures are in place to guide engineering, education, and enforcement practices that enhance their usage and the safety of non- motorists.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Condition report of highway system and funding: Assess current condition of highway system by collecting pavement condition summaries from ODOT and local agencies. Assist members in Identifying resources needed to bring it to an acceptable standard and in applying for funding. Coordinate effort with the ODOT Asset Management System	CORPO/Local Governments	As needed for TIP and CTP
Safety planning and safety funding applications: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist them with their applications for safety funding. Conduct special studies and projects related to transportation safety such as intersection modifications as requested by members or ODOT.	CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments/Others	Ongoing
Active transportation planning: Assist local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing active transportation infrastructure that includes both bike and pedestrian facility. Assist members with trail planning development and complete streets.	CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments	Ongoing
Transit Planning: Coordinate with both public and private transit and mobility providers on public transit and human services planning. Assist members with related grant applications (5310, 5307, OTP2, Etc), planning documents and meeting planning.	CORPO / MORPC/ Local governments and Transit Agencies	Ongoing

Budget:

Total Work Element \$40,000 \$32,000 FHWA, \$4,000 ODOT, \$4,000 MORPC

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Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

This element is to prepare and continue to maintain an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through this element. CORPO will identify federal, state and other resources to make local improvements and coordinate them with traditional federal resources.

This element also involves the monitoring and coordination of progress for projects in the TIP, including the projects awarded funds through CORPOS Dedicated Funds Program. As- needed amendments to the TIP are completed. Periodic reports concerning the status of federal funds are made to the CORPO committees. CORPO also participates in public involvement opportunities conducted as part of the development of regionally significant transportation improvements including transit projects.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Transportation Improvement Program: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP. Coordinate with ODOT Central Office on TIP updates and amendment schedules. Coordinate with all appropriate parties on the development of the 2024-2027 TIP. Monitor projects awarded funds through CORPO's Dedicated Funds program.	CORPO	Ongoing Adopted 24-27 TIP May 2023
Collaboration on project delivery and financing options for projects: As needed, work with local jurisdictions to identify project funding mechanisms and coordinate them with the use of federal, state and other locally available resources, including coordination with OPWC's SCIP-/LTIP-funded projects. Assist with special funding opportunities such as CORPO Dedicated Funds, Transit related funding, and Discretionary funding opportunities. Work with our public and private partners to bring projects that are extremely time-sensitive online as quickly as possible.	CORPO & Local Agencies	Ongoing

Budget:

Total Work Element \$50,000 \$40,000 FHWA, \$5,000 ODOT, \$5,000 MORPC

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Data and Analysis

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to analyze data and develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, CORPO intends to function as a resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Provide GIS and technical assistance to members: Coordinate with the modeling team to be responsive to new data needs associated with the travel demand model. Prepare land use forecasts for traffic studies. Provide demographic and economic data for studies as needed.	CORPO	As Needed
Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making: Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the region.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed
Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents, academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed
2050 Population and Employment Projections: Working with local agencies, look at trends and future land use and economic development plans to develop projections.	CORPO/Local Agencies	July 2022

Budget:

Total Work Element \$38,609 \$30,887 FHWA, \$3,861 ODOT, \$3,861 MORPC

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Long Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

This work element is the creation and maintenance of the Long-Range Rural Transportation Plan and related activities. The plan examines the region's transportation needs at least 20 years into the future and proposes a multimodal network to meet the region's needs. Work includes maintenance activities for the current 2018-2040 long-range rural transportation plan completed in 2018. This activity also includes coordination with local governments and other transportation agencies, participating in special long-range planning efforts, monitoring, and reporting on federal and state transportation legislation, regulations, and policies, and integrating transportation into other regional planning efforts.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
The 2018 – 2040 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Amend as needed.	CORPO	As Needed
2023 – 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan: Through stakeholder and public involvement, review and update CTP goals and objectives, develop performance measures, identify transportation infrastructure and mobility needs, and prioritize projects. Document plan and development process.	CORPO	Goals & objectives June 2022 full plan May 2023
Knox and Morrow County Freeway/Expressway Access Study: Building upon work done in previous fiscal years, Develop the working group, document travel and other mobility issues in southern Knox and Morrow counties. Develop future population and employment forecasts, analyze future travel conditions and develop strategies and concepts to address travel and mobility issues.	CORPO/Knox County/Morrow County	June 2022
Industrial Parkway Study Support: provide information on existing and future travel information on the industrial Parkway Corridor from Dublin to Marysville to support the Union County Engineer's study of the corridor.	CORPO/Union County	December 2022
Fairfield County Active Transportation Plan: Assist Fairfield County in development of countywide active transportation plan.	CORPO/Fairfield County	
Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Coordinate with special studies and projects that are in the early steps of development. Coordinate with ODOT on implementing strategies in A045, Walk.Bike.Ohio and Transport Ohio within CORPO.	CORPO/MORPC	As Needed
Complete other long-range system studies: Use regional data and resources and technical expertise in highway, thoroughfare, transit, pedestrian, access management, freight and bikeway planning to analyze specific long-range transportation needs to assist members.	CORPO/Local Governments	Ongoing

Budget:

Total Work Element \$94,652 \$75,722 FHWA, \$9,465 ODOT, \$9,465 MORPC

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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization
CORPO Committee

FROM: Mike Borger, Program Manager
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

DATE: 04/25/2022

SUBJECT: Resolution 3-22: Adopting the 2023 - 2050 CORPO CTP Goals and Objectives

The attached resolution adopts goals and objectives to be used in developing the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP). The CTP is the long-range, regional transportation plan, updated by CORPO every five years. The goals are six statements around which the CTP will be developed. The goals are meant to address broad regional issues that can be impacted through a wide range of transportation strategies and projects. The objectives generally describe key focus areas for how CORPO can advance each goal.

The proposed goals and objectives, listed in Attachment 1, were carried forward to be consistent with those of the currently adopted 2018-2040 CORPO Transportation Plan as well as other regional plans and initiatives recently completed and underway by CORPO and regional partners. The proposed goals were presented during the CORPO County Subcommittee meetings in early April and CORPO staff requested that comments be returned to them by April 20th, 2022.

These goals and objectives will be used for developing performance measures to monitor how the region is advancing the adopted goals, as well as for developing criteria for evaluating strategies to be included in the CTP. The measurable objectives and the criteria will be brought before the CORPO Committee for approval in November.

Attachment: Resolution 3-22: Adopting the 2023 - 2050 CORPO CTP Goals and Objectives

RESOLUTION 3-22

"Adopting the 2023 - 2050 CORPO CTP Goals and Objectives"

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) Committee is designated as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO is responsible for the development of the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the CORPO bylaws, a draft list of 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives were reviewed by CORPO staff, CORPO County Subcommittees and the CORPO Committee; and

WHEREAS, a draft list of 2022 -2055 CORPO Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives was released for public review and comment on April 4th, 2022, with the public comment period ending on April 20th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, comments were received on the draft list of 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives and revisions to the draft list were made which considered those comments and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO staff recommended approval of these goals and objectives to the CORPO Committee at its meeting on May 2nd, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives, as shown in Attachment 1, are consistent with the bylaws and guidance of the CORPO Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

Section 1. That it adopts the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That the CORPO 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.

Mark Forrest, Chair
CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Date

Prepared by: CORPO Staff

Attachment 1:

1. 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives

Resolution 3-22 Attachment 1: **Adopting the 2023 - 2050 CORPO CTP Goals and Objectives**

- **Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System in a State of Good Repair**
 - Minimize the number of bridges structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
 - Maximize the miles of pavement in acceptable condition.
 - Maximize the miles of bike and pedestrian paths in acceptable condition

- **A Safe Transportation System for All Users**
 - Minimize crashes including pedestrian and bicycle related crashes
 - Improve user education to minimize unsafe driving behaviors such as a lack of seatbelt use, distracted driving, impaired driving, and others

- **Accessibility and Mobility Options for all Users**
 - Increase mobility options to improve accessibility for all population groups
 - Expand bicycle and pedestrian networks

- **An Integrated, Connected and Coordinated Transportation System**
 - Better connect CORPO Communities with each other
 - Provide transportation facilities that enhance the transition between rural, urban and other adjacent areas
 - Improve and expand modal connection locations
 - Increase outreach, coordination and collaboration among local governments, area residents, businesses and other community groups and organizations

- **A Transportation System that Supports a Collaborative and Focused Approach to Achieve Economic Vitality**
 - Improve strategic freight related facilities (e.g., highway, rail, intermodal, etc.)

- Increase access to employment areas and sites
- Develop multipurpose corridors (e.g., utilities, water, broadband, fiber, etc.)

- **Preserve and Enhance Environmental Resources and Sustainability through the Transportation System**
 - Increase use of non-single occupant vehicles (local transit, intercity transit, ridesharing, biking, walking)
 - Provide transportation facilities consistent with land use, environmental and sustainability plans