



CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county. This newsletter outlines products, services, news and events CORPO is providing its member counties.

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CORPO Committee / Subcommittee Meetings

The CORPO committee met on January 6th. Among the items on the agenda was a new meeting schedule. The first Monday in both May and November was adopted. Therefore, the next CORPO Committee meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on May 4, 2020 at MORPC.

CORPO county subcommittee meetings will be scheduled for dates in April. The focus areas of this next round of subcommittee meetings will be the CORPO PWP, TIP cycle, special projects, CORPO Committee membership and the 2020 census.

Staff will share the Census Bureau's response to our recommended census boundary changes discussed at previous subcommittee meetings.

Any comments or questions related to CORPO meetings may be directed to mborger@morpc.org.

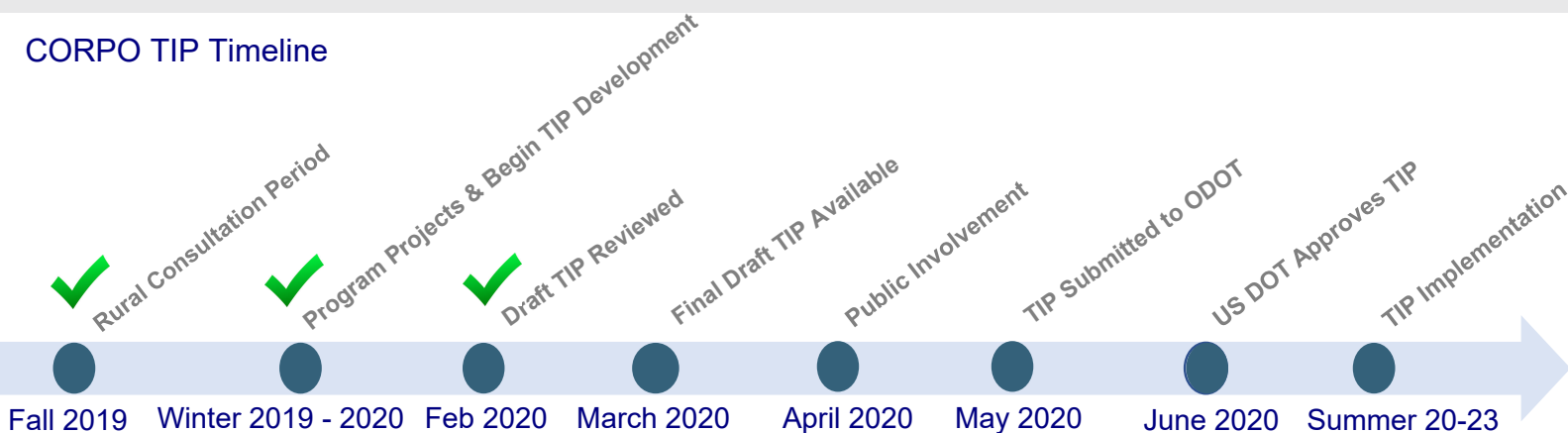
CORPO Planning Work Program (PWP)

At the January CORPO meeting staff asked CORPO members to provide feedback on the initiation letter from ODOT for the 2021 PWP. The PWP is essentially the scope of work for CORPO, and staff would like to ensure that the needs of members are being met. Feedback will be incorporated into the draft FY 2021 PWP and submitted to ODOT in March 2020. Once the draft document is ready for review it will be posted on the CORPO website.

CORPO TIP

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) related tasks will continue over the next three months. CORPO held rural consultation in the Fall 2019 and recently compiled a draft document to be reviewed by ODOT. The next phase will be a public comment period per the timeline below:

CORPO TIP Timeline



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Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway & Union Counties

IMPORTANT NEWS AND EVENTS

Central Ohio Incubator Showcase

MORPC will be showcasing workplace incubators on YouTube during the first week of March. The Marysville Entrepreneurial Center will be featured as well as incubators in Franklin, Perry and Delaware Counties. They will be great examples of workplace incubators in our region. For more information please check MORPC.org or contact Eileen Leuby at eleuby@morpc.org.

Central Ohio Mobility Management

MORPC recently developed a mobility management program for Franklin County and will coordinate with mobility providers for people with disabilities, lower incomes and older adults. Program work will include involvement with regional stakeholders to address gaps in transportation and increase awareness of mobility options for these populations. The program is intended to increase quality of life through trip arrangement and awareness of eligibility. MORPC's new Mobility Manager will be Lexi Petrella and she will be working with five additional Mobility Managers in the CORPO area. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact her at lpetrella@morpc.org.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

- ODOT recently announced that they will be offering 100% safety funding to local governments that submit abbreviated and formal safety applications in 2020. Previously, typically 10% local match was required. Applications are accepted twice a year and the deadlines are April 30 and September 30. For more information please visit: For more <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/ProgramManagement/HighwaySafety/HSIP/Pages/default.aspx>
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a \$20.4 billion plan to subsidize the construction of high-speed broadband networks in rural America. The Rural Digital Opportunities Fund will help internet service providers deploy service over the next ten years in areas with less than 25 mbps available. Please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/rural-digital-opportunity-fund> Local providers in your area may be eligible to apply.
- Starting in calendar year 2020, ODOT has changed the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application cycle. The new schedule allows applicants the opportunity to apply for multiple ODOT funding sources in the same application year. Please visit: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/TAP.aspx>

The new schedule is as follows:

- Letters of Interest Link Goes Live October 1, 2020
 - Letter of Interest Due October 31, 2020
 - ODOT's Eligibility Review November 1-30, 2020
 - TAP Application Link Goes Live December 1, 2020
 - TAP Applications Due January 31, 2020
 - Award Notification April, 2020
- ODOT's Township Safety Sign Grant Program is currently accepting applications through Friday, June 5, 2020. This Grant provides up to \$50,000 per township for safety sign materials geared toward alleviating safety issues. Please visit: http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/Township_Safety_Sign_Grant_Program.aspx for more info and application link.
 - CORPO staff can help with funding application assistance.

