



# 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 Meetings

The CORPO Committee met on May 4 and adopted both the CORPO 2021 - 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) as well as the CORPO 2021 - 2024 CORPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The next CORPO Committee meeting will be held at the MORPC office on November 2, 2020. Virtual meeting options and safety protocols will be in place.

## CORPO Planning Work Program (PWP)

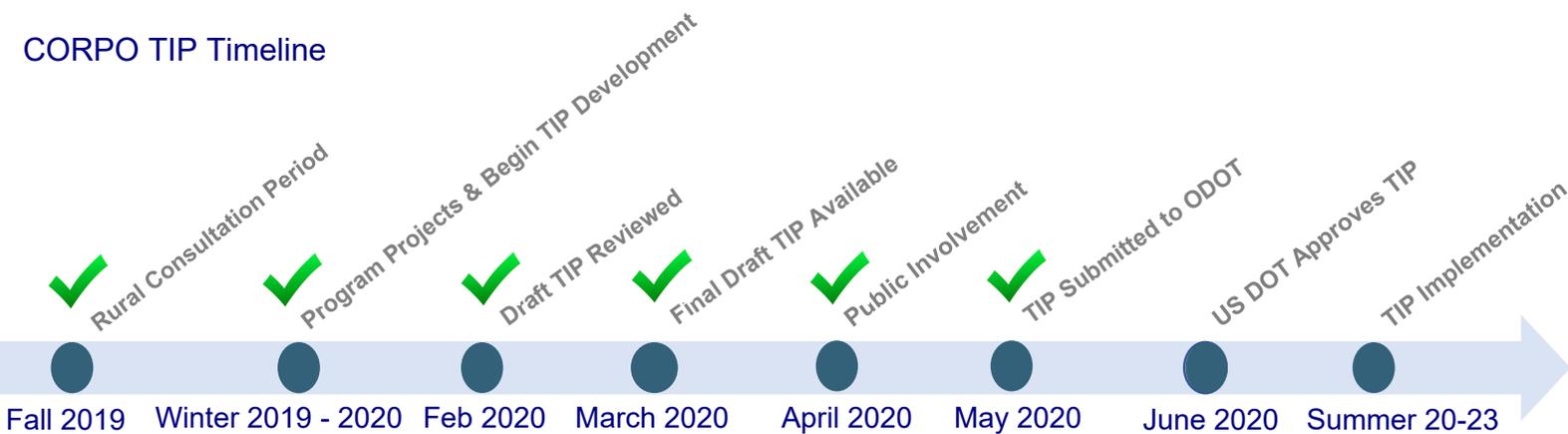
The 2021 CORPO PWP outlines the agreed upon scope of work between CORPO members, staff and ODOT. The 2021 PWP outlines numerous work activities for the year which includes thoroughfare, active transportation, freeway access, safety and mobility planning. The 2021 PWP may be found by clicking the PWP link on the CORPO website: <https://www.morpc.org/committees/corpo/>

## CORPO TIP

After nearly a year of planning, the first CORPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was completed. The CORPO Committee is now awaiting approval from US DOT. To view the 2021 - 2024 CORPO TIP and the included project list please visit: <https://www.morpc.org/committees/corpo/> and click on the 2021 - 2024 TIP link.

Updated CORPO TIP Timeline:

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[morpc.org/corpo](http://morpc.org/corpo)

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

## IMPORTANT NEWS AND EVENTS

### Accelerating Innovative Mobility Challenge Grant (AIM)

On May 13, CORPO Chair, Commissioner Mark Forrest signed a letter supporting MORPC, along with COTA's application to the AIM Grant Challenge. Funds would be used to develop model innovative solutions and shared data that can be replicated throughout the region for mobility options and integration. Currently, COTA is partnering with five Central Ohio counties in this initiative; Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Madison and Pickaway. For more information please visit: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding>

### Central Ohio Mobility Management Peer Exchange

On May 5th, CORPO staff participated in the first ever Central Ohio Mobility Management Peer Exchange. The event was co-hosted by MORPC, COTA and ODOT and welcomed transit providers, mobility managers and related stakeholders to discuss regional mobility planning, best practices, issues and barriers, Covid 19 related changes, existing pilots / studies and how we may all better coordinate going forward. A second event is already in the works and if you'd like to be included or if you have questions or comments please feel free to contact MORPC's new Mobility Manager at [lpetrella@morpc.org](mailto:lpetrella@morpc.org).

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

- ODOT's Small City Program is now accepting applications for the 2020 solicitation cycle. Applications are for construction award during SFY 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024). The application deadline is June 15, 2020 and the following CORPO area cities are eligible; Mt. Vernon, London and Circleville. For more information please visit: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/Small-City.aspx>
- The Safety Sign Grant Program is accepting applications from eligible townships in Ohio. Applications will be accepted through Friday, June 2020 and provided awards can be up to \$50,000 per eligible township. The following CORPO area townships; (Fairfield) Clearcreek, Greenfield, Pleasant, Rushcreek, (Knox) Hilliar, Liberty, Pleasant (Morrow) Bennington, Harmony, South Bloomfield, Washington (Pickaway) Madison, Scioto, Walnut (Union) Allen, Jerome, should register for discussion sessions here: Please visit: [http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/LTAP/Upcoming%20Webinars/Ohio\\_Township\\_Sign\\_Grant\\_Program\\_Townhall\\_Meetings.pdf](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/LTAP/Upcoming%20Webinars/Ohio_Township_Sign_Grant_Program_Townhall_Meetings.pdf)

*CORPO staff is available to assist with funding application and technical assistance.*

## COVID 19 / CARES ACT

On May 6, the Ohio Senate unanimously passed legislation to disburse about a quarter of the state's allocation of federal funding for local governments' pandemic expenses. Ohio received about \$4.5 billion from the federal CARES Act, with about \$2 billion of that meant for local governments to pay costs related to the pandemic. Of that \$2 billion, nearly \$800 million went directly to six jurisdictions with more than 500,000 residents. The roughly \$1.2 billion remaining is to be distributed by the state to less populous jurisdictions. For additional information on how the CARES ACT will impact your county please contact Joe Garrity, *Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives* at [jgarrity@morpc.org](mailto:jgarrity@morpc.org).

