



# 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 DEDICATED FUNDING

The CORPO Dedicated Funds Program will make available just under \$1 million of funding for member selected, eligible projects within the CORPO region. On November 1, 2021 the CORPO Committee passed a resolution adopting policies for managing the recently developed *CORPO Dedicated Funds Program*. Within these policies both a timeline as well an application process were established.

**12/17/2021**

Applications Due by  
5pm

**02/08/2022**

CORPO Committee  
Meets to Make  
Recommendations

**03/14/2022**

Public Comment  
Period on  
Recommended  
Projects Closes

**03/21/2022**

CORPO Meets to  
Approve Funding  
Commitments

Remember, the following types of projects are eligible for CORPO Dedicated Funds:

- Bicycle Lanes
- Bridge Maintenance / Replacement
- Interchange Modification
- Intersection Modification
- Minor Widening
- Multi-Use Paths
- Planning Activity
- Preventive Maintenance
- Program Administration
- Reconstruction
- Resurfacing
- Sidewalks
- Street-scape Improvements
- Traffic Signals
- Transit Capital Expansion
- Transit Capital Maintenance
- Transit Service Expansion
- Travel Demand Management

For detailed information on the CORPO Dedicated Funds Program or to apply please visit: <https://www.morpc.org/committees/corpo/>

## CORPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

CORPO recently updated and adopted the *2021 CORPO Public Participation Plan*. The purpose of the plan is to be used as guide for CORPO members and staff to ensure that the public is engaged in the rural transportation planning process. The updated plan reinforces the guidance from the previous plan. The new document may be found here: <https://www.morpc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Uploaded-CORPO-Public-Participation-Plan-2021-Update.pdf>

[morpc.org/corpo](https://www.morpc.org/corpo)

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- ❖ *A Park Land Donations Considerations Event\** will be held on December 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually.
- ❖ *The Show Me The Money Webinar Series\* part three* will take place in December, Please visit: <http://transportation.ohio.gov/ltap>
  - December 15, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ *Funding Opportunities Day for Central Ohio\** will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- ❖ The next *Central Ohio Greenways Operations and Access Working Group* session will be held on March 7th, 2022 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

\*Please contact Eileen Leuby for more information.

## CORPO PROJECT UPDATE

- ❖ CORPO staff is participating with ODOT and TMACOG on the Rt. 23 Connect Study, which aims to determine the feasibility of a free-flowing connection between Columbus and Toledo Regions.
- ❖ Fairfield County will soon begin an update to the county's Active Transportation Plan. CORPO will provide assistance as needed.
- ❖ CORPO staff will assist CORPO members and MORPC with Central Ohio Greenways' Trail Town Initiative. The purpose is to develop a framework for communities along the COG trail network to identify opportunities associated with trail tourism and other active transportation benefits.
- ❖ The Madison County Thoroughfare / Access Management Plan will be completed in December.

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

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

- ❖ **Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** - The *Safe Routes to School Program* provides federal funds to enable and encourage safe walking and biking to schools. SRTS can fund up to 100% of project costs and is available for any phase, including preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way and/or construction. Applications are typically due between January and March. Visit <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/safe-routes-srts>
- ❖ **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)** - HSIP project applications are due on January 31, 2022. ODOT encourages applicants to focus on projects that will implement proactive systemic infrastructure improvements. Visit: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/highway+safety/highway-safety-improvement-program/01-systemic-safety-funding-application>
- ❖ **HSIP Abbreviated Safety Funding Application** - The abbreviated HSIP application process is meant to quickly implement safety improvements at locations with a crash pattern and safety concern. Project applications are due on March 31, 2022. Visit: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/Highway%20Safety/highway-safety-improvement-program/02-abbreviated-safety-funding-application>
- ❖ **CORPO Dedicated Funds Program** - The CORPO Dedicated Funds Program will provide funding to selected transportation projects in Central Ohio. The competitive application cycle for the CORPO Dedicated Funds Program is open until December 17, 2021. Visit: [https://morpc.formstack.com/forms/corpo\\_funding\\_application\\_2021](https://morpc.formstack.com/forms/corpo_funding_application_2021) to apply.

## NEW RURAL DATA TOOL

To help build a better foundation for leveraging rural assets, a group called Mobility lab, Inc. has developed a tool to assist state and local leaders locate important information about the communities they serve. This may come in handy while applying for recently passed funding opportunities under the Biden Administration. Please visit: <https://reenvisioning-rural-america.urban.org/>