



# 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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## ACCESS OHIO 2045

ODOT's Access 2045 Plan has been completed and is now available online! As Ohio's long-range transportation plan, it will guide Ohio's transportation policies and investment strategies for the next 25 years. Visit: [Access.Ohio.gov](http://Access.Ohio.gov) and spread the word.

## CORPO TRAC APPLICATIONS

CORPO submitted four letters of support for the 2021 TRAC cycle. Supported projects include:

- (Fairfield) I-70 at Taylor Rd. and SR 256 Interchange Improvements
- Fairfield) US 33 at Pickerington Rd. Interchange
- (Madison) I-70 and SR 29 Interchange Improvements
- (Knox) SR-13 Relocation Improvement Project

## LANCASTER TRUCK ORIGIN-DESTINATION ANALYSIS

Borne out of a data request regarding an Economic Development Administration (EDA) award for the Ewing St. Connector in the City of Lancaster, city representatives and CORPO Staff have been working to analyze truck origin and destination data in the city. Truck traffic in the city center is a focus area as it has created issues with event planning, economic development and maintenance. By accessing origin and destination through the Inrix StreetLight data set, staff has been able to determine the origin and destination of these vehicles within the city. The goal, once the activity is complete is for the city to be able to take the next step to solve these issues. More to come on this!

## RTPO DEDICATED FUNDING

The passing of Ohio HB74 (ODOT's transportation budget) created, among other things, dedicated funding for RTPOs like CORPO. The allocated amount is \$2.6 million per year for rural transportation planning grant programs. CORPO staff will be meeting with ODOT and other RTPOs to discuss this new funding opportunity on Monday, June 7. CORPO will be providing additional information to members after the meeting.

## CORPO PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (PWP)

The CORPO Committee adopted CORPO's 2022 Planning Work Program on May 3, 2021. The 2022 CORPO PWP outlines the agreed upon scope of work between CORPO members, staff and ODOT. The 2022 PWP outlines numerous work activities for the year which includes thoroughfare, active transportation, freeway access, safety and mobility planning. Visit <https://www.morpc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CORPO-PWP-2022.pdf>

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- ❖ CORPO County Subcommittee meetings have been scheduled in Knox, Fairfield, Madison, Morrow and Union Counties between September 13 – 17, 2021. The meetings will be held in person.
- ❖ Join the Council of Developmental Finance Agencies (CDFA) on Tuesday, June 1 at 2:00 for the *Assembling Capital for Rural Development* webinar. Learn how rural communities are utilizing financing sources for numerous project types. Visit <https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/webcasts.nsf/register?open&set=rdfws&events=6507209887> to register.
- ❖ Grant Camp Week runs from June 7 through 11 and will cover private and public sources of funding for community development projects. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grant-camp-week-tickets-155528119793>.
- ❖ MORPC is hosting a Regional Housing Strategy Speaker Series. Visit <https://www.morpc.org/news/regional-housing-remains-a-focus-with-upcoming-speaker-series/>
  - 6/16 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. *A ZIP Code Shouldn't Determine Outcomes, But it Does.*
  - August 2021 (TBA) 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. *A Return to the 15-minute Cities*
- ❖ The MORPC Rural Forum will take place in three parts:
  - 6/22 *Harvesting A Modern Rural Government*
  - 7/13 *Cultivating Your Next Leaders*
  - 8/3 *Establishing Beneficial Zoning Rules*

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## FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

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

- ❖ **Small Cities** - The Small City Program provides federal funds to small cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999 that are not located within a Metropolitan Planning Organizations' boundaries. The Small City Application funding period opens from May 1 to June 15, 2021. Within CORPO, Circleville, London, Marysville and Mt. Vernon are eligible. Visit <https://www.morpc.org/committees/corpo/#> for more information.
- ❖ **NCMM Community Mobility Design Challenge 2021** - This challenge allows multi-sector community teams to develop promising mobility solutions that are inspired and informed by the results of community research. The challenge will support communities in seeking innovative ways to address the personal well-being of community members who face transportation barriers to recreation and physical activities, healthy food, personal safety, economic opportunity, or community and peer support opportunities. Communities should enter the challenge with a clear, well-researched understanding of the needs in their community, not a proposed solution. Once the work of this Design Challenge 2021 is complete, teams will have designed and tested a solution that is feasible, effective, and sustainable. The deadline for applications is July 12, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Visit <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/challenge-2021/> for more information.
- ❖ **Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals (ORIL)** - ORIL is conducting a study on *Asset Management Practices by Local Public Agencies in Ohio*. The main objective of this study is to document the current methods used by local public agencies (LPAs) in Ohio for collecting, storing, analyzing, and using the transportation asset data as well as the associated costs. As part of the study a survey was developed. Please view and complete the survey [https://akron.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cCOvpOx31Q8Msm2](https://akron.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cCOvpOx31Q8Msm2) by June 15, 2021.