

# Active Transportation Committee

January 20, 2022

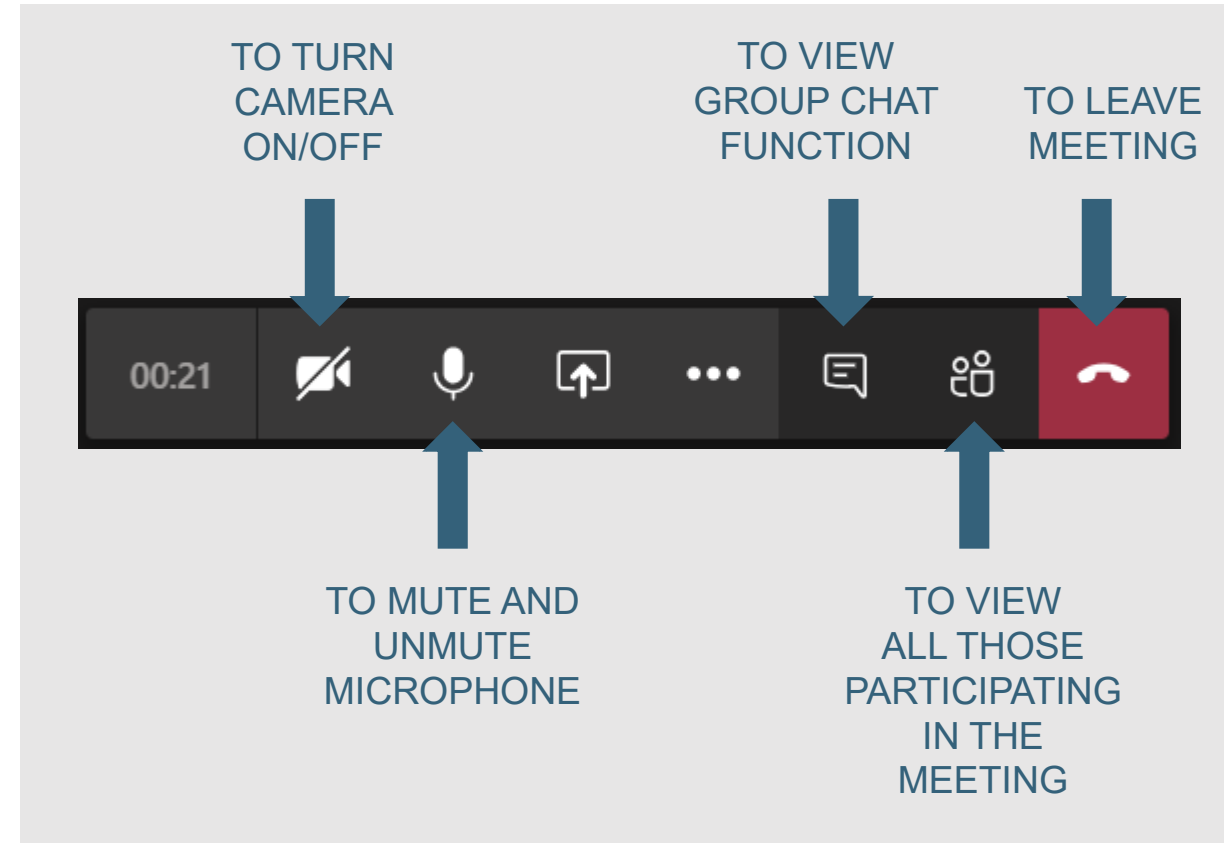


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# WELCOME!

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- **Questions** can be input into the chat function.



# Agenda

- Welcome and Logistics
- Committee and Member Updates
- ODOT Active Transportation Updates
- Member Roundtable
- 2022 Planning
- Other



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# Committee and Member Updates

*Lauren Cardoni, MORPC*

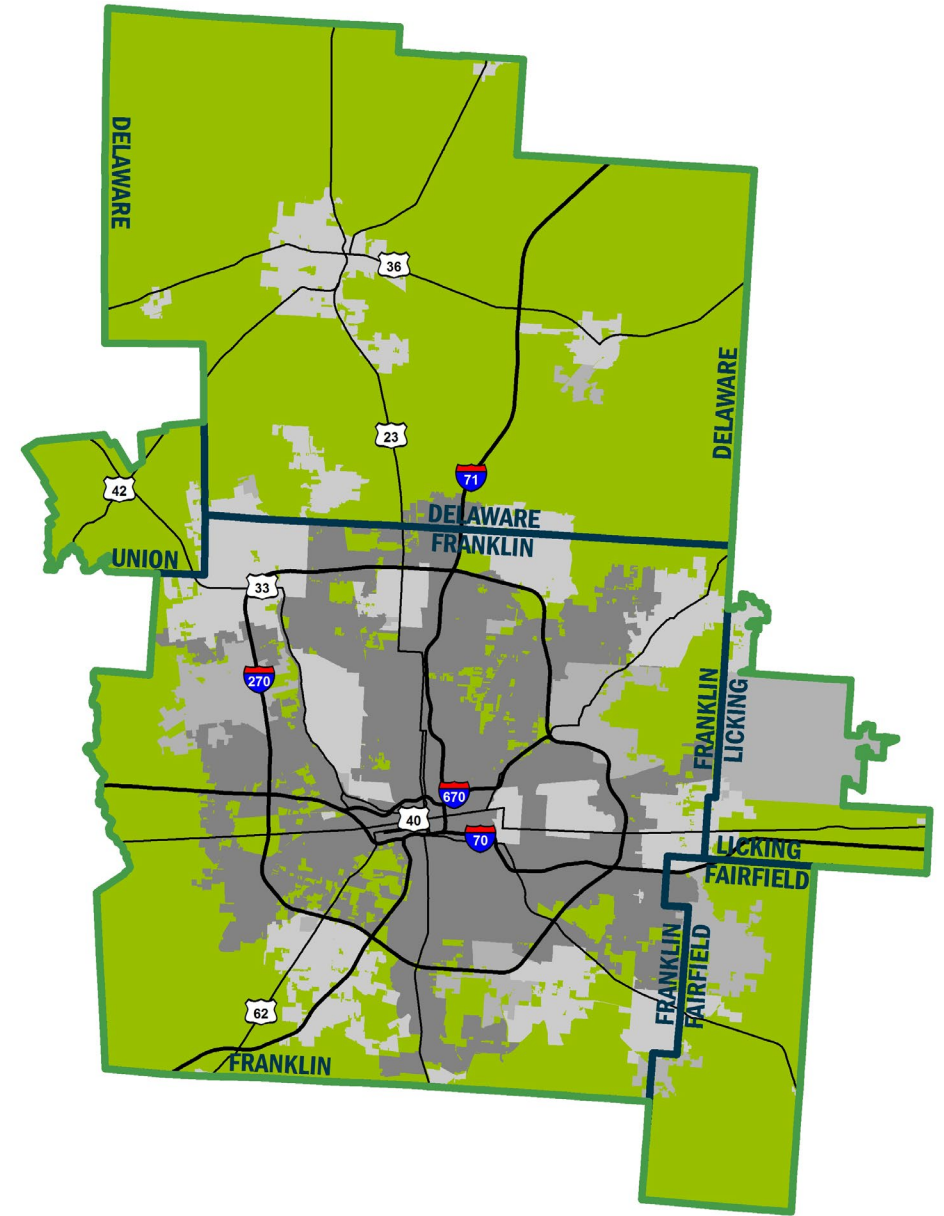


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# ATC 2022 Committee Updates

## INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

- Planners, engineers, etc.
- Cities, villages, townships
- Public, private
- State, county agencies
- Who's missing from the table?



# ATC 2022 Committee Updates



## NEW MEMBERS!

- **Berlin Township**, Ron Bullard
- **Blendon Township**, Bryan Rhoads
- **Brown Township**, Joe Martin
- **City of Canal Winchester**, Matt Peoples
- **City of Delaware**, Jessica Ormeroid
- **City of Gahanna**, Grant Crawford
- **City of Grandview Heights**, P'Elizabeth Koelker
- **City of Groveport**, Steve Farst
- **City of Powell**, Andrew White
- **City of Reynoldsburg**
- **Clinton Township**, Matt Huffman
- **COTA**, Amber Boyd
- **Delaware County Engineer**, Tiffany Jenkins
- **Delaware County Regional Planning Commission**, Scott Sanders
- **Franklin County Public Health**, Olabisi Eddy
- **Franklin Township**, Steve Mazer
- **Jefferson Township**, Mike Anderson
- **Norwich Township**, Jamie Fisher
- **Plain Township**, Ben Collins
- **Prairie Township**, Dave McAninch
- **Violet Township**, Robin Duffee
- **Washington Township**, Eric Richter

# ATC 2022 Committee Updates



## Meeting Schedule

*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10am to noon*

- ~~January 20~~
- April 21
- July 21
- October 20

## Co-Chairs

*Current Co-Chairs:*

- Jennifer Alford, City of Westerville
- Scott Ulrich, Columbus Public Health

## Mission:

To **collaborate on** a regional level toward the development of a **safe, equitable, comfortable, and connected network** of active transportation facilities across Central Ohio that provides access **for people of all ages and abilities** to get to the places they need and want to go.



# ATC Action Plan



## Goals:

1. Advocate for and **pursue the implementation** of innovative and **low-stress active transportation infrastructure** throughout Central Ohio.
2. **Collaborate** on and coordinate efforts **to significantly reduce severe injuries and fatalities** for **people walking and bicycling** or using active transportation facilities throughout our region.
3. **Increase regional stakeholders' understanding** of the sustainability, economic, health, social, and transportation **benefits of a connected active transportation network**.

# ATC 2022 Strategy – Working Groups



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- Working Groups may be formed to help reach Action Plan goals
- Working Groups will meet based on schedule agreed upon by members
- Working Groups will exist for project duration or until ATC Chairs and Working Group chair deem necessary

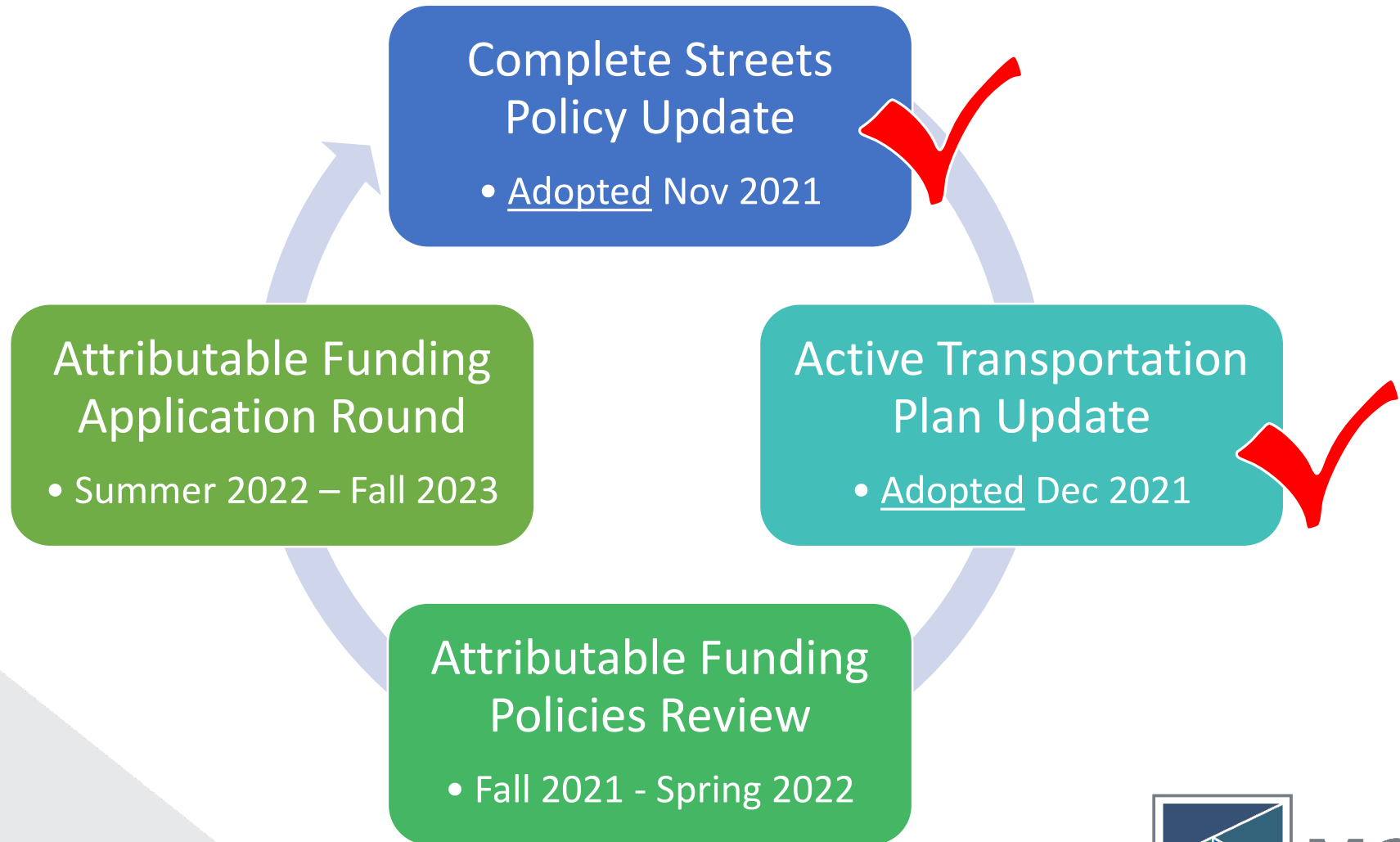
## Potential Working Groups:

- Active Transportation Plan Implementation
- Complete Streets Policy Review (odd years)

## Other:

- Peer Review Opportunities

# 2021 Active Transportation Planning



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# Complete Streets Resources



## Updated MORPC CS Policy:

- Emphasis on people of all ages & abilities, vulnerable road user safety and comfort
- **NEW:** Guiding Principles
- **UPDATED:** Applicability and Review Process
- **UPDATED:** Policy Requirements & Recommendations
- **UPDATED:** Appeal Process
- **NEW:** Section 7. Design
- **UPDATED:** Implementation & Evaluation

[www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets](http://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets)

## Local Policies / Resolutions:

- [Columbus – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Delaware – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Dublin – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Franklin County – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Hilliard – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Gahanna – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Liberty Township – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Upper Arlington – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Westerville – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Worthington – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- Who's Next?!

# Central Ohio Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

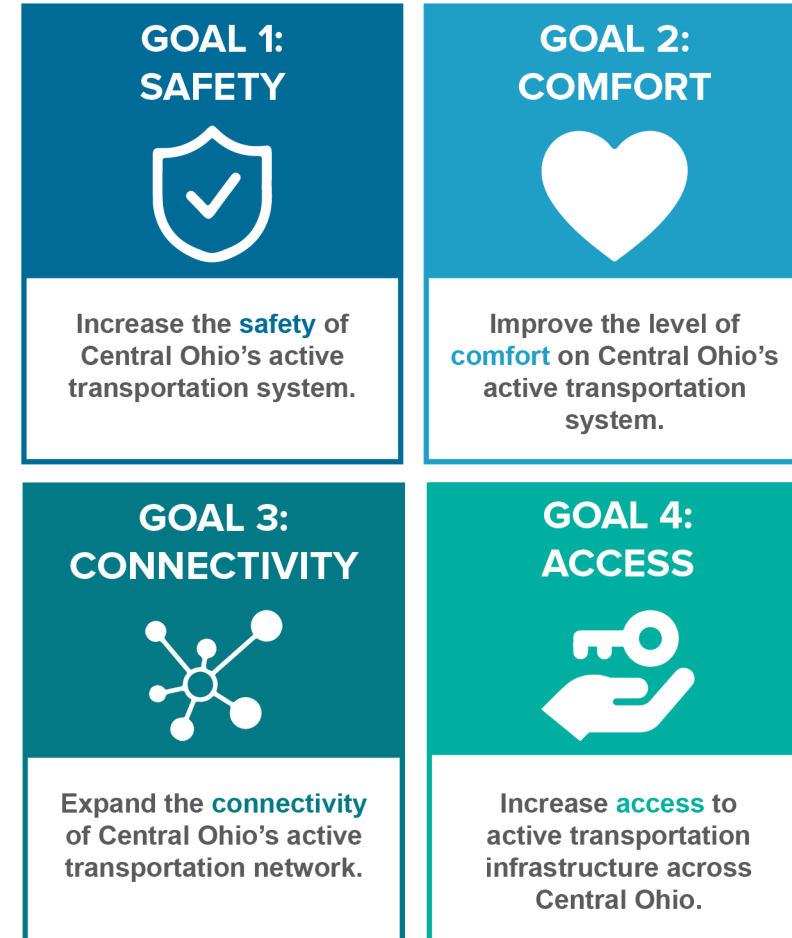


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## Key Plan Components:

- ATP Story Map
- Current Conditions Assessment
  - Safety Memo
  - Trip Analysis Memo
- Interactive Web Map
- Design Guidance
- Action Plan
- Public Input Memo

[www.morpc.org/ATP](http://www.morpc.org/ATP)



# ODOT Active Transportation Updates

*Jeremy Thompson, ODOT*



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# Member Roundtable

*Tell us what you have planned!*



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# 2022 Planning

*Updates from MORPC Staff*



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# MORPC-Attributable Funding



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- 2-Year Cycle
- Policies review in Fall of odd years
- Funding applications open Summer of even years
- Awards determined by Spring of odd years
- Upcoming funding cycle: 2022
  - Applications: Summer 2022
  - Awards: Spring 2023

**Thomas Graham**

*Associate Planner*

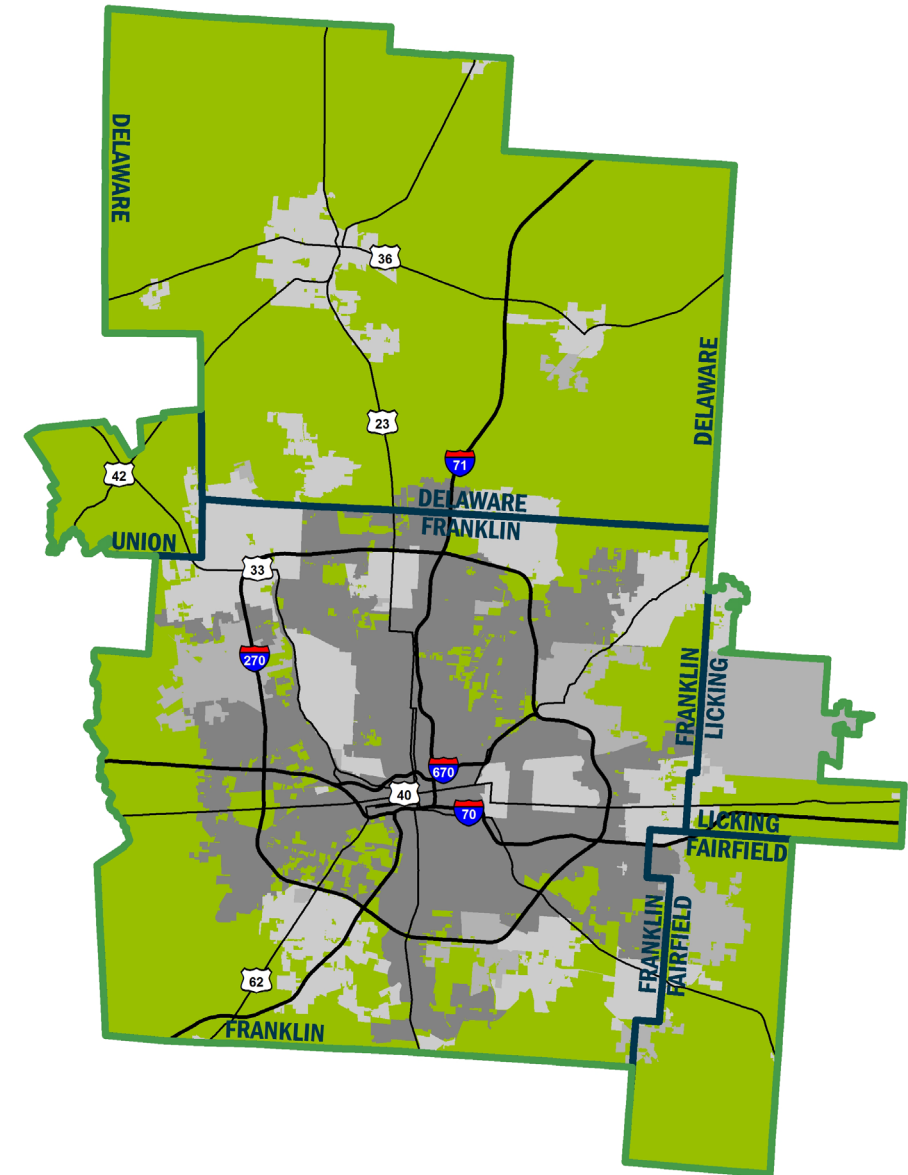
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# Technical Assistance Program

- Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) **provides MORPC staff assistance** to local government members within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Community-based **planning services that advance the goals in the MTP** through implementation of specific MTP strategies
- **Awarded through a competitive application process**, evaluated by committee
- Services **completed within 6-9 months**



# Technical Assistance Activity Types



# Technical Assistance Program Timeline

January 14,  
2022

- **Deadline to Submit Applications**

February 4,  
2022

- Awardees Notified



[March 2022]

- Begin Technical Assistance

[November  
2022]

- Completion of Technical Assistance

# Technical Assistance Program Applicants

Applicant Agency	Requested Activity
Violet Township - Pickerington, OH	Active Transportation Project Prioritization
Franklin Township	Active Transportation Project Prioritization
Franklin County Metro Parks	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
City of Sunbury	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
City of Columbus	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
City of Dublin	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement

# Past Technical Assistance Services

## 2020-2021 Technical Assistance

- **City of Hilliard** – Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework
- **Franklin County** – Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit
- **Jefferson Township** – Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework
- **City of Columbus** – Speed Management and Traffic Calming Framework
- **City of Westerville** – Cleveland Avenue Corridor Visioning

## Technical Assistance Pilot Program

- **City of Delaware** – Complete Streets Policy
- **City of Westerville** – Brooksedge Office Park Redevelopment Framework
- **City of Worthington** – Complete Streets Policy
- **Violet Township** – Community Center Development Framework

*Past services info sheets available at:*  
[www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program](http://www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program)

# 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan



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## What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?

- Identifies regional transportation strategies and projects
- Long-range (20+ years)
- Fiscally constrained
- Formal document submitted to ODOT and USDOT every 4 years

*Guides the work of MORPC and regional and local planning partners*

*Projects must be included in MTP to be eligible for federal transportation dollars*

# MTP Milestones

**2022**

- Develop and adopt 2050 population and employment growth projections
- Review, update, adopt Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, Targets

**2023**

- Compile candidate strategies and projects
- Interactive webmap
- Strategy and project evaluation

**2024**

- Full draft document
- Public comment period
- May: MTP Adoption

**Public Involvement**



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# New Federal Infrastructure Bill

## IIJA → Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

### EXISTING FORMULA FUNDS:

- Significant increase in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding
- States may use portion of TAP funding for staffing and to offer technical assistance
- State flexibility on local match
  - Potential to use HSIP as local match
- New requirements associated w/HSIP funds
  - Focus on vulnerable roadway users
- Dedicated state and regional planning funds:
  - Complete Streets policies, standards, plans
  - Active transportation plans

### DISCRETIONARY FUNDS:

#### NEW PROGRAMS

- Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program
- Safe Streets and Roads for All
- Much of the funding can go directly to LPAs

#### EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Increases to RAISE, INFRA, etc.

MORPC will have staff to assist with grant funding applications

# Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) 2022 Webinars



- MORPC to continue hosting APBP Monthly Webinar viewings in 2022
- All APBP webinars begin at 3:00 pm ET on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Monthly webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit

→ Email [lcardon@morpc.org](mailto:lcardon@morpc.org) to attend

- Upcoming:
  - **February 16, 2022** | Accommodating Active Transportation through Work Zones
  - **March 16, 2022** | *Webinar title, description and more info coming soon!*
  - **April 20, 2022** | Transforming the Experience for People on Bikes
  - **May 18, 2022** | Introducing the Safer Streets Priority Finder
  - **June 15, 2022** | Bicycling & Walking in Communities of Fewer Than 10,000 People
  - **July 20, 2022** | New Pedestrian Treatments for High-Speed, High-Volume, Multi-lane Roads



# SAVE THE DATE

- March 16, 2022
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Greater Columbus Convention Center



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# THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING:  
Thursday, April 21  
10:00 am

