

Active Transportation Working Group

April 22, 2020



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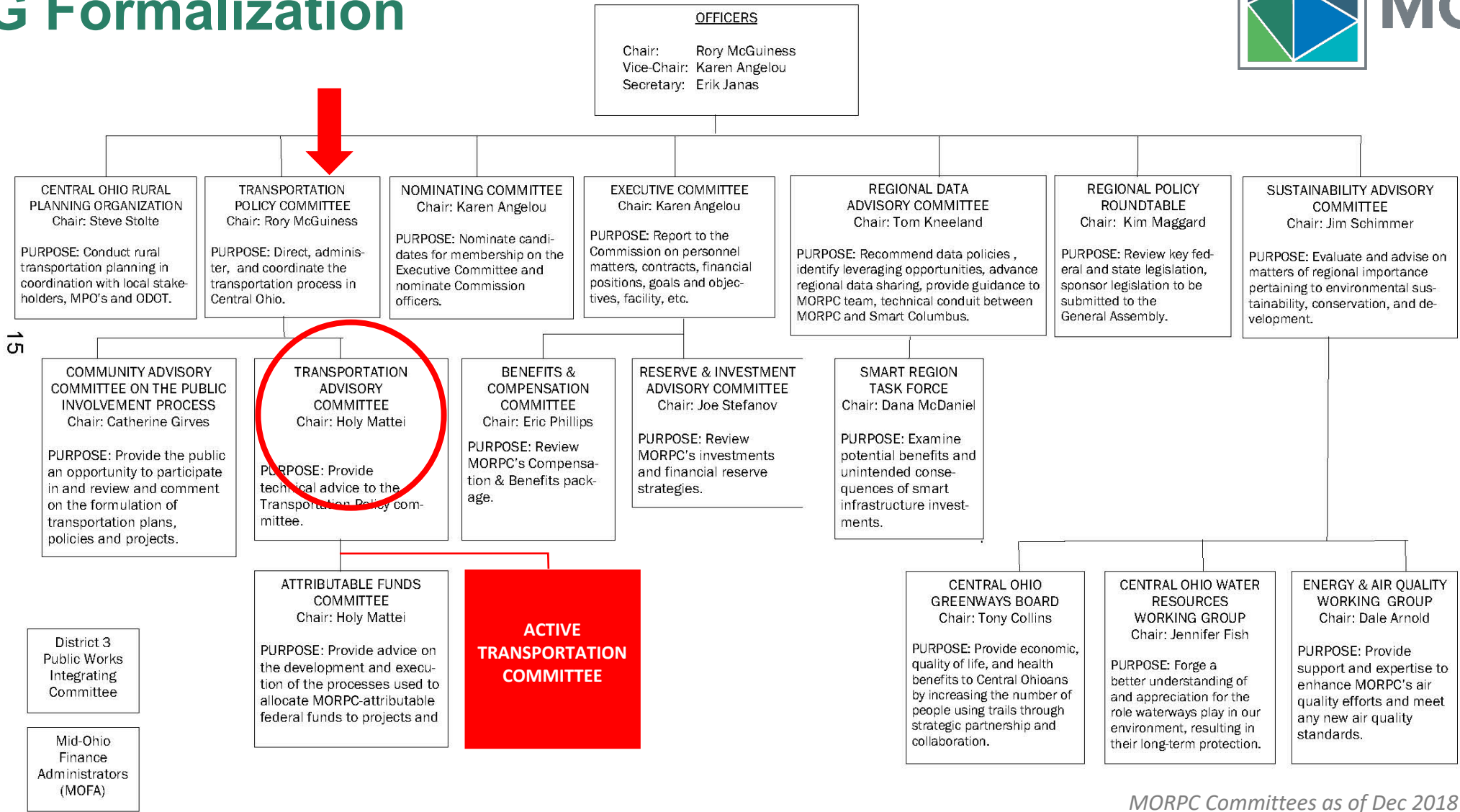
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ATWG Formalization



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MORPC Committees as of Dec 2018

Action Plan



MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

Action Plan

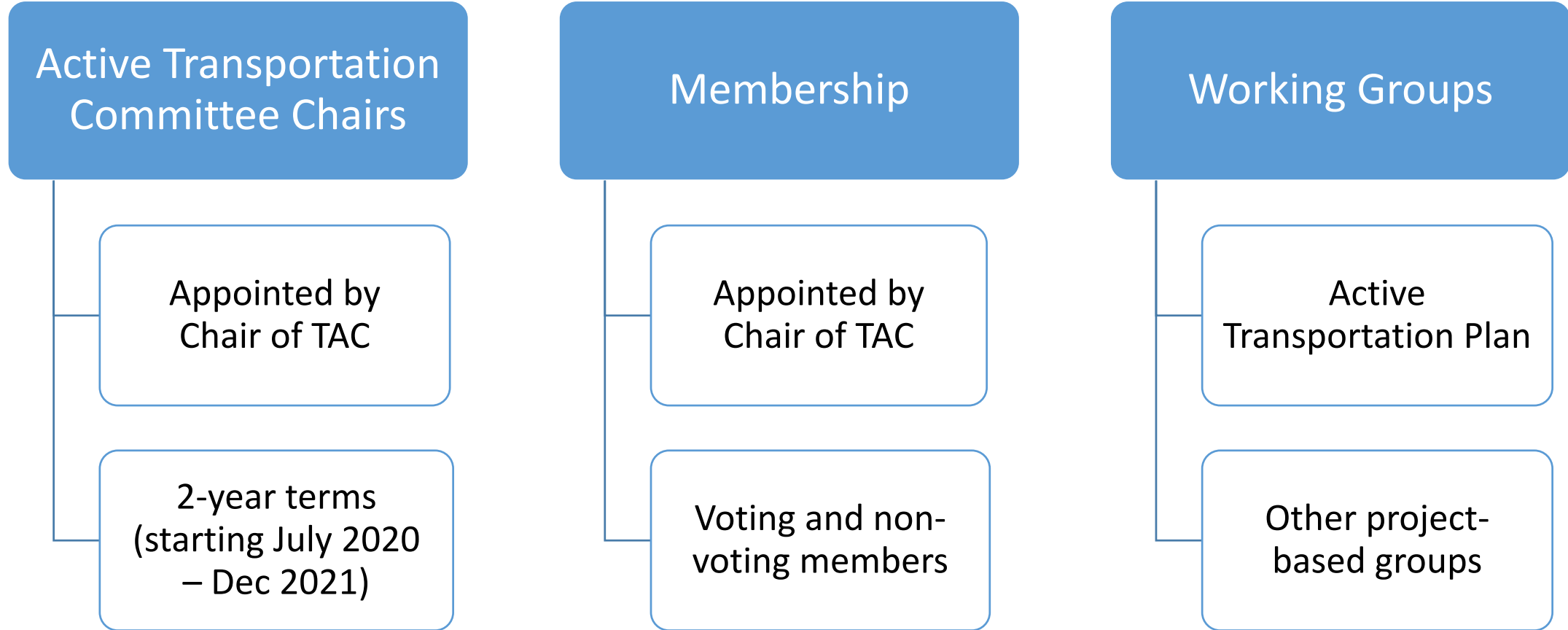


GOALS:

1. Advocate for and pursue the implementation of innovative and low-stress active transportation infrastructure throughout Central Ohio.
 - Through policies, programs, initiatives, and resources for MORPC members
2. Collaborate on and coordinate efforts to significantly reduce severe injuries and fatalities for people walking and bicycling in our region.
 - By supporting Safety Plan implementation
3. Increase regional stakeholders' understanding of the sustainability, economic, social, and transportation benefits of a connected active transportation network.
 - Through education opportunities like Central Ohio Greenways Forum or Summit on Sustainability

Action Plan

OTHER ACTION PLAN ELEMENTS:





MORPC Attributable Funds

APRIL 2020



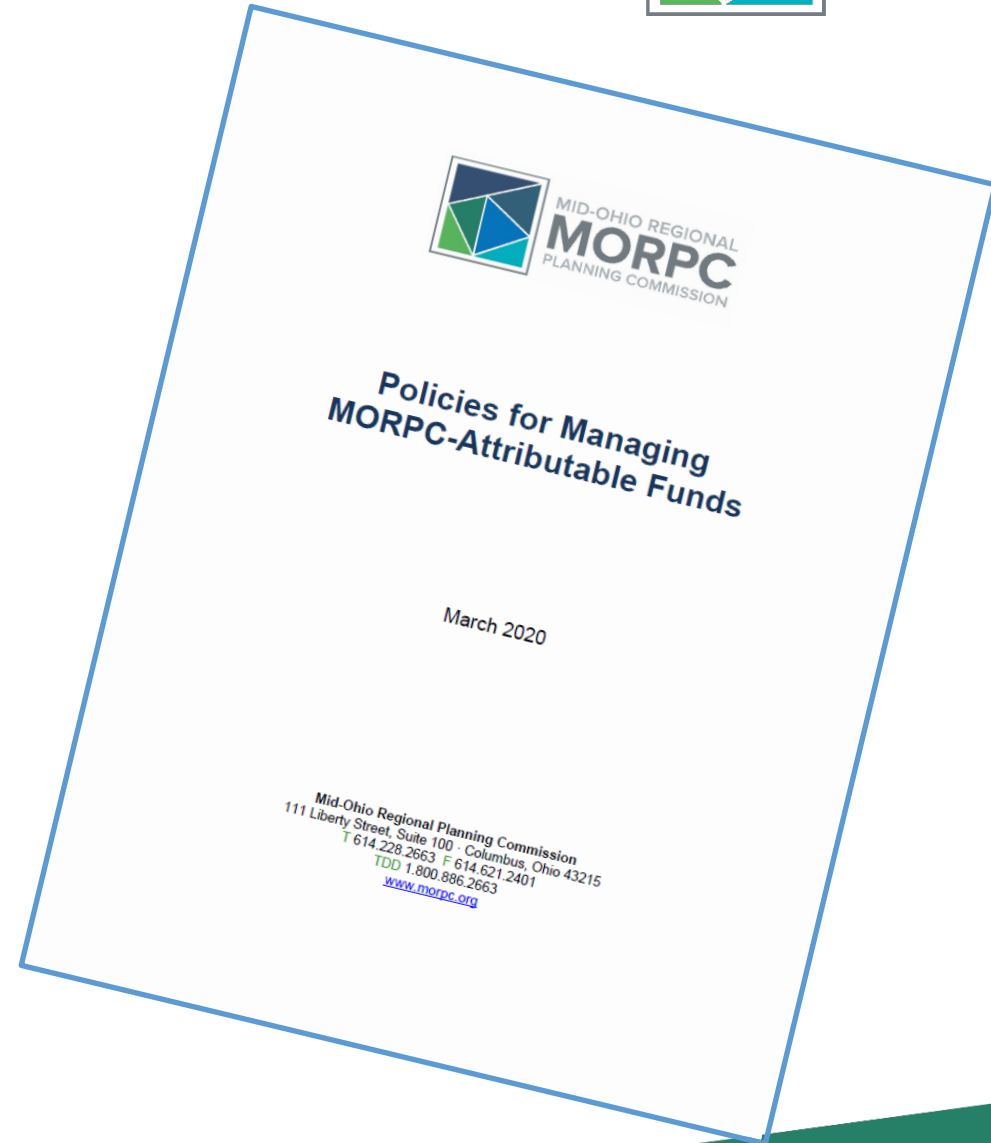
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Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds



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- 1) Introduction
- 2) Attributable Funds Committee
- 3) Process Milestones & Timeline
- 4) Eligibility & Requirements
- 5) Activity Categories
- 6) Application Process for New Funding
- 7) Evaluation & Selection Process
- 8) Project Development Requirements
- 9) Maintaining Funding Commitments
- 10) Other Policies for Program Management



MORPC-Attributable Funding

Approximately \$37 Million Annual Budget

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) ~\$23M/yr
- Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) ~\$12M/yr
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) ~\$2M/yr

Solicit Project Applications Every Two Years

- Updates to previous funding commitments
- Applications for new commitments



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Policies Review

- Began May 2019 with AFC session to brainstorm changes
- Meetings September to December
 - Staff presented changes
 - AFC members discussed, commented, and directed
- Policies Adopted in March



Changes for 2020



- Adjusting the schedule for the applications
- Providing additional data for which the evaluation of projects will be based on prior to the screening applications being due
- Example information for some open ended questions
- Incorporating language with regard to the new Smarts Streets Policy
- Clarifying language on who pays interest on SIB loans

Funding Management Process

2 Year Cycle



Application Timeline 2020-21

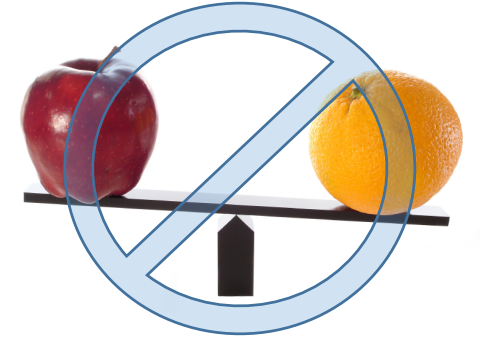


- **March:** MORPC adopts Policies
- **June 3:** MORPC hosts applicant workshop, 2:30
- **July 10:** Commitment Update Form due
- **July 17:** Screening Applications for new funding due
- **Early August:** Staff completes review of Updates. Provide feedback to applicants and revised forecast of available funding
- **October 9:** Final Applications due
- **November 4:** Ad-interim AFC members change
- **October - January:** Staff review and score applications & AFC review and recommends funding commitments
- **February 2021:** Draft list of funding commitments available for public review and comment
- **May 2021:** MORPC Adopts list of attributable funding commitments

Activity Categories



- Major Widening/New Roadway
 - Add through lanes or new roadways
 - New or expanded interchanges
- Minor Widening/Intersections/Signals
 - Add center turn lane
 - Expand intersection capacity
 - Coordinated signal systems
- System Preservation
 - Replace existing infrastructure only
 - No capacity addition
- Public Transit
 - Replace vehicles
 - Park & rides, transit centers
 - Enhanced bus stops
 - New service capital projects
- Bike and Pedestrian
 - Add path, bike lanes, sidewalks
 - Not part of a larger project
- Other
 - Does not fit others categories
 - Education & enforcement
 - Engine retrofits, alternative fuels stations, etc.



Funding Targets



- Identify best projects in each category
- Some criteria differ by category
- For FY 2022+

	Major Widening / New Roadway	Minor widening/ Intersections / Signals	System Preservation	Transit	Bike & Pedestrian
Min %	40	20	10	5	5
Max %	50	30	15	15	15

Major Requirements



- Public agencies only
- For capital (not operating)
- Roadways on federal-aid system
 - Bridges can be on any road
- In Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - Individually listed
 - Included in line item
- 20 percent cash match
- Preliminary engineering (PE) & design ineligible
- Project Development
 - Follow ODOT project development process
 - Complete Streets Policy
 - Smart Streets Policy
 - Formal updates every 2 years

Screening Application



- Assess eligibility
- Establish Activity Category
- Determine funding demand
- Understand stage of development
- Review schedule & costs
- MTP Project ID Number
- Scope
 - Location
 - Limits
 - Activity Category
- Project schedule
- Project cost and funding requested

Screening Application Feedback

- Eligibility issues
- Confirm Activity Category
- General competitiveness
- Information needed on Final Application
- Complete Streets assistance
- Guidance for Final Application

Final Application

- Detailed scope, schedule, cost, etc.
 - Origin and planning to date of project
 - Expected environmental process path
 - How expected to comply with complete streets policy
 - Considerations for smarts streets policy
 - Engineer certified cost estimate
- Incorporate and respond to feedback
- Questions related to scoring
- Public agency authorization
 - Signature
 - Resolution



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Evaluation Information

- Questions reference project selection criteria for project categories
- Grouped by MTP goal
- Some questions do not apply to certain categories
- Feedback will give guidance for which questions need a response



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MTP Goals (criteria areas)

- Attract and retain economic opportunity
- Preserve and protect natural resources
- Promote energy reduction & production of energy from renewable resources
- Increase collaboration to maximize return on public expenditures
- Promote public investments that benefit the health, safety and welfare of people
- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life

Project Scoring



- Evaluation criteria for each Activity Category
- Staff performs initial scoring
- Confirm Activity Category
- Quantitative and qualitative measures
- Scored on 10 point scale for each of 6 goals
 - Relative to applications in its category
 - Brief rationale for each score
- Policies show questions used for each criterion
- Weights applied to score for each goal
- Weights differ by Activity Category
- Penalties for missing items, not responding to requests

AFC Review & Recommendation

- Reviews scoring & ranking
- Determines best applications by category
- Recommends a program of commitments within targets by category



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<https://www.morpc.org/program-service/morpc-attributable-funding-for-transportation/>



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DRAFT PLAN OVERVIEW

APRIL 2020

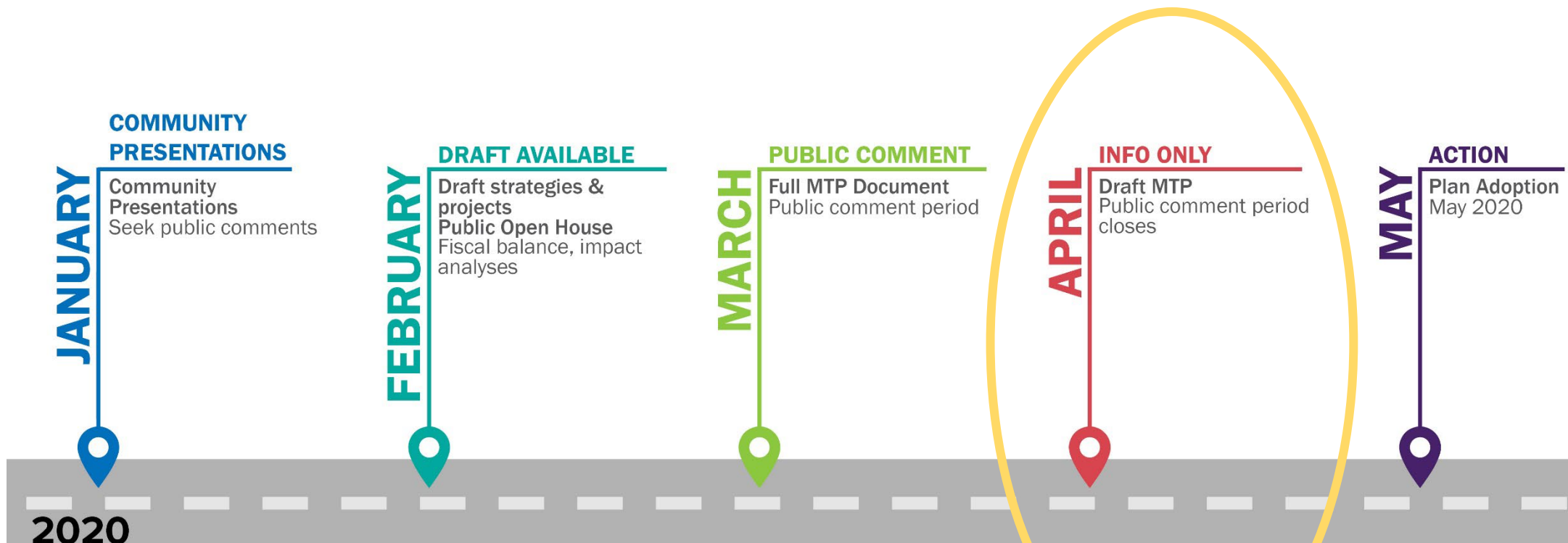
2020-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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



DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the MORPC website. The address bar shows 'morpc.org/mtp2050/' and is circled in yellow. The page title is 'Open Comment Period – Draft Plan'. The text states: 'MORPC is currently accepting public comments on the draft plan for the MTP. The following is a breakdown by chapter:'. Below this, there is a list of links for each chapter of the plan, from Chapter 1 to Chapter 9. The links are: '2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Table of Contents', 'Chapter 1 – Plan Purpose & Development', 'Chapter 2 – Regional Trends', 'Chapter 3 – The Transportation System', 'Chapter 4 – System Management', 'Chapter 5 – Demand Management', 'Chapter 6 – System Development', 'Chapter 7 – Project Evaluation & Fiscal Constraint', 'Chapter 8 – Summary of Strategies & Projects', and 'Chapter 9 – Plan Implementation & Monitoring'.

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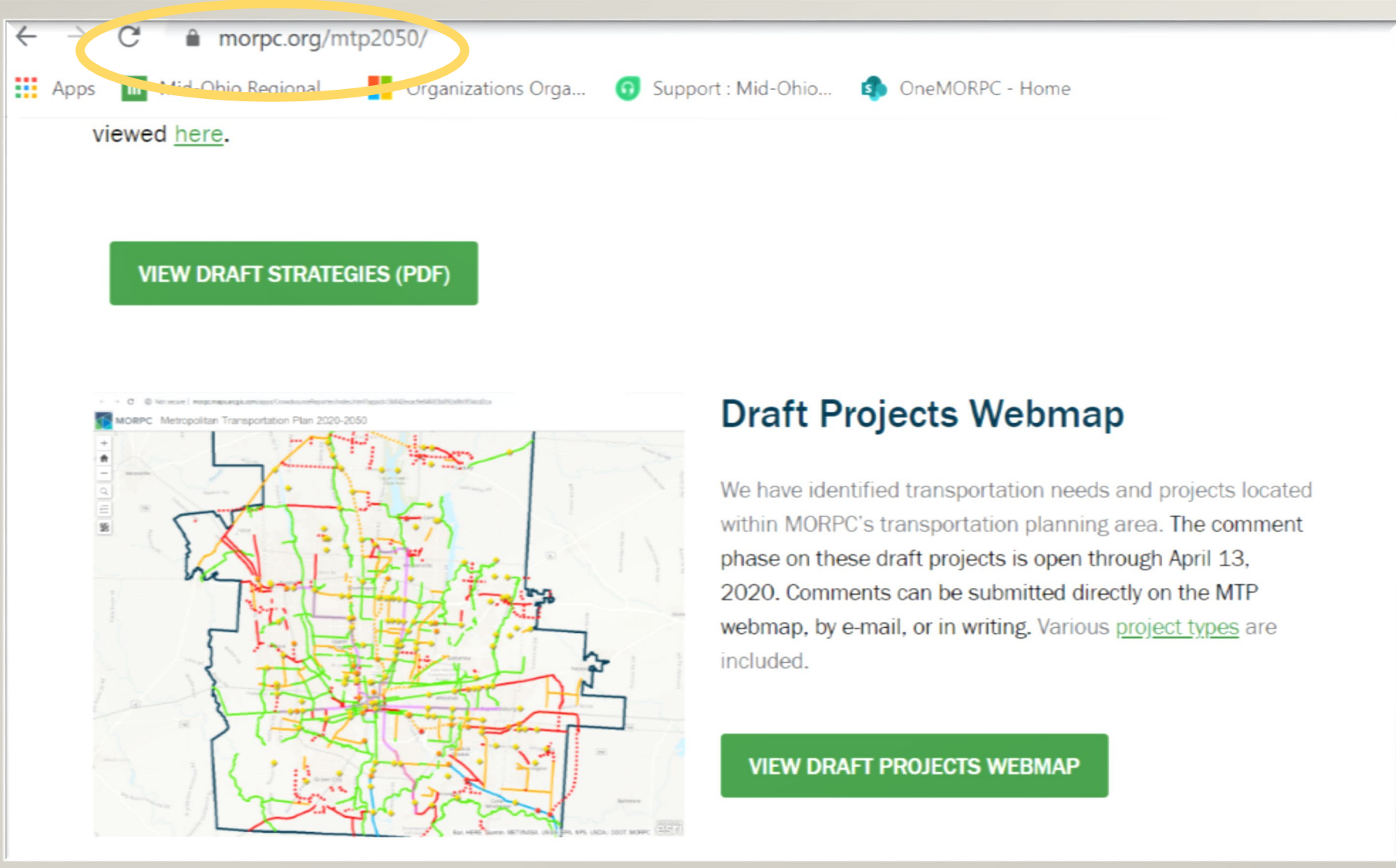
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VIEW DRAFT STRATEGIES (PDF)

MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2020-2050



Draft Projects Webmap

We have identified transportation needs and projects located within MORPC's transportation planning area. The comment phase on these draft projects is open through April 13, 2020. Comments can be submitted directly on the MTP webmap, by e-mail, or in writing. Various [project types](#) are included.

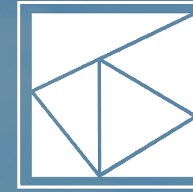
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REGIONAL STRATEGIES

- System Management
 - Physical Preservation
 - Operations
 - Safety & Security
 - Demand Management
 - *Monitored through Performance Measures & Targets*
- System Development
 - Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure
 - Transit Infrastructure
 - Freight Rail Infrastructure
 - Multimodal Infrastructure Connections
 - Roadway Infrastructure



SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- **Transit - \$12.9 billion**

- Five high-capacity transit projects covering 36 miles
- Maintain and expand COTA and DCT service
- Replacement vehicles and other capital expenses

- **Bicycle & Pedestrian - \$830 million**

- 415 miles of stand-alone bike and/or pedestrian facilities

- **Freeways - \$3.6 billion**

- 26 miles of freeways widened
- 17 miles of four-lane divided roadways converted to freeways
- 42 miles with lane management along freeways
- 25 interchange modifications
- 6 new interchanges

- **Non-Freeway Roadways - \$4 billion**

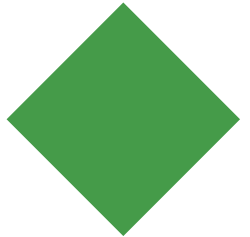
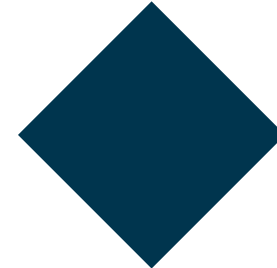
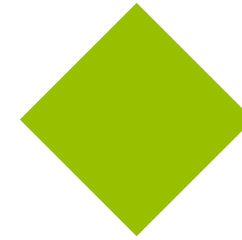
- 100 miles of new roadway connections
- 86 miles with through lane additions
- 119 miles with minor widening/safety improvements
- 152 intersections modifications



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MTP WEBMAP

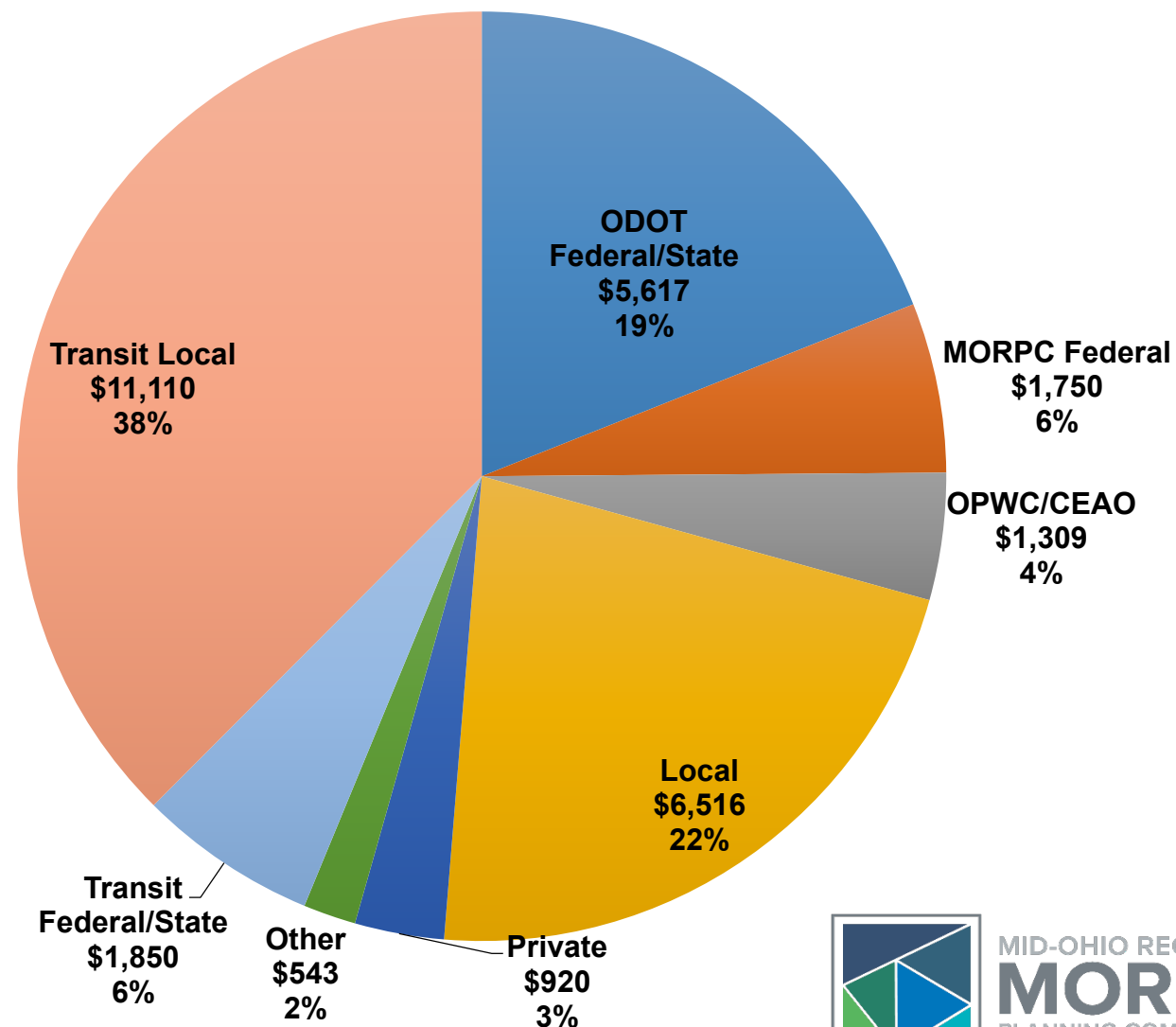
- Draft projects viewable on interactive webmap
 - Zoom
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 - Click for project info
- www.morpc.org/mtp2050





DRAFT FISCAL ANALYSIS – RESOURCES

- Federal – generally controlled through ODOT or MORPC program
- State – ODOT programs, Ohio Public Works Commission, or County Engineers Association of Ohio
- Local agency or private
- Assumes modest growth of current funding levels with some new funding in the region

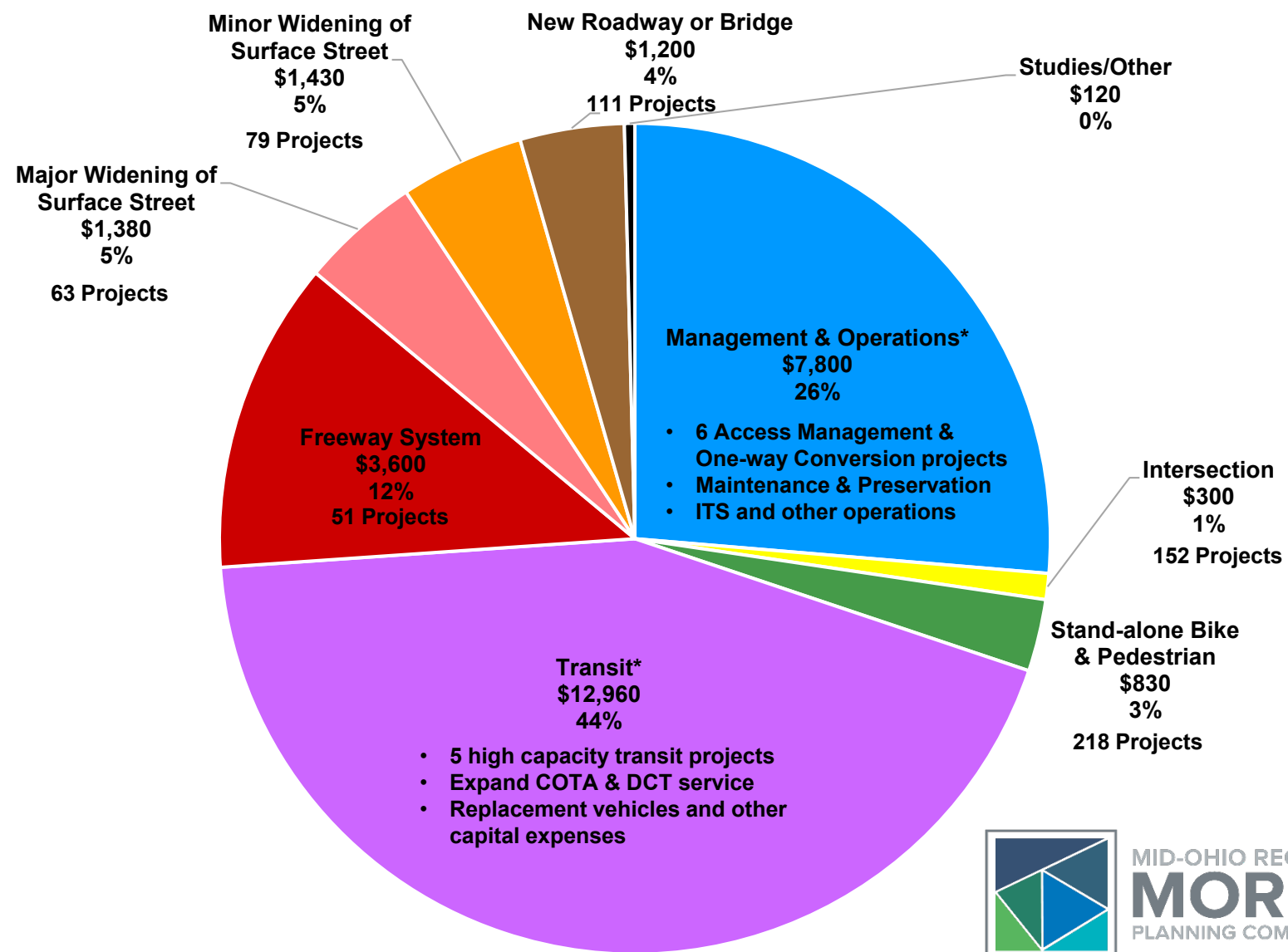




DRAFT FISCAL ANALYSIS – EXPENDITURES

- Maintain and manage existing system
- Expand the system

Total: \$29.6 billion



*cost includes activities in addition to specific projects



PLAN MONITORING & IMPLEMENTATION



- Measurable Objectives and Targets reported in annual Report Card





PUBLIC OUTREACH

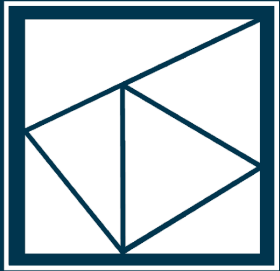
- Newsletters
- Interactive Webmap - over 800 comments, and counting!
- 60+ presentations to community and neighborhood groups
- Calls, emails, letters
- Regular updates to MORPC Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Policy Committees

NEXT STEPS

- Incorporate final comments
 - April 13, 2020 – Public comment period closed
- May 2020 – Plan Adoption



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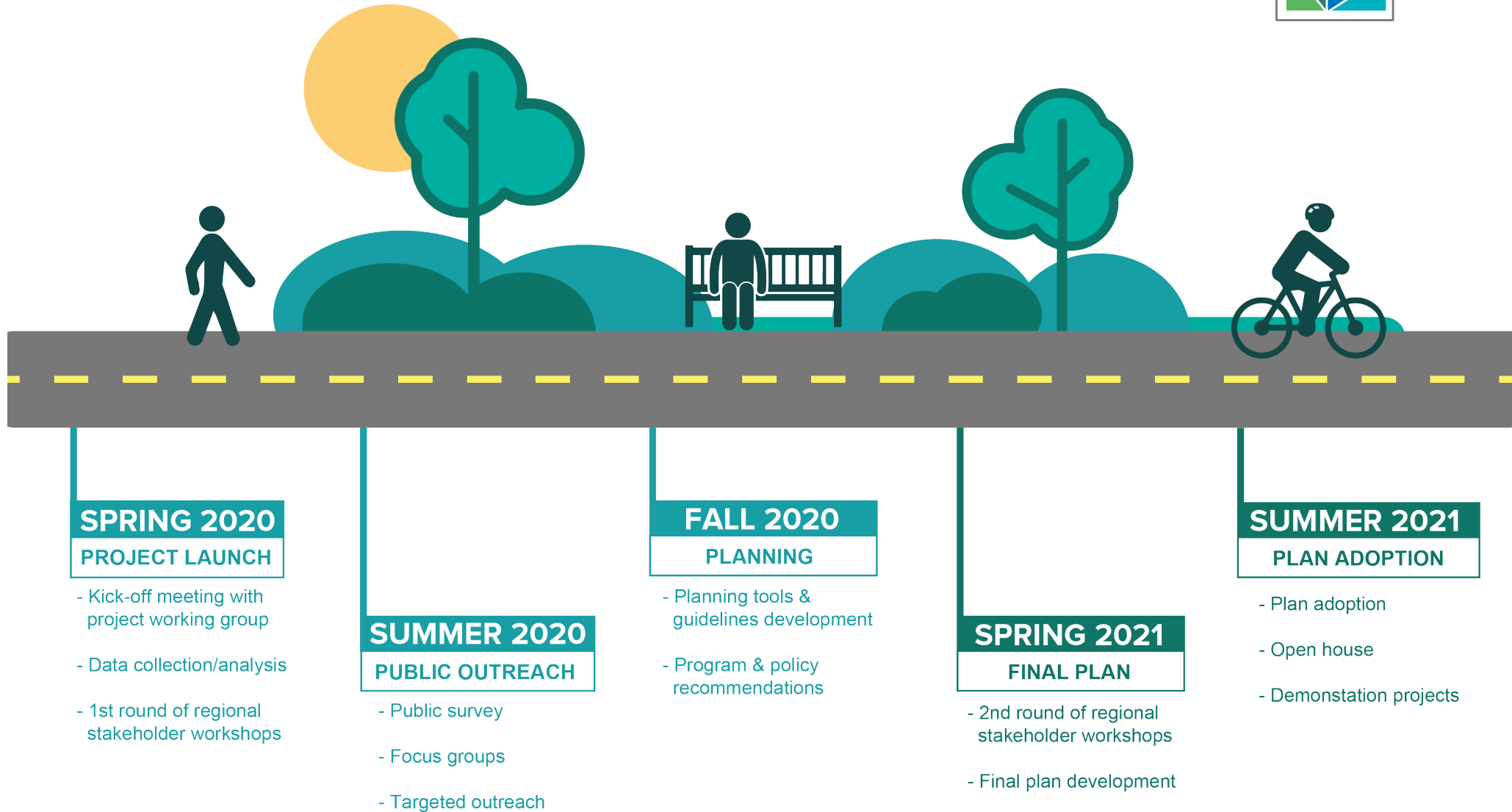
Updates - MORPC ATWG (4.22.2020)



Regional ATP Update



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Regional Complete Streets Policy Update



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Project Status Update

First few policy sections drafted

March meeting postponed

Overall Timeline

Alignment with Attributable Funding

Final Policy by End of 2020

Key Changes

Green Streets

Simplified Policy Structure

Updates and Announcements

April 2020



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Legislative Update



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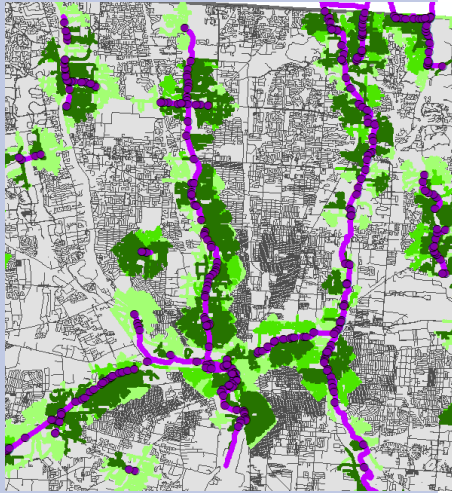
Central Ohio Greenways

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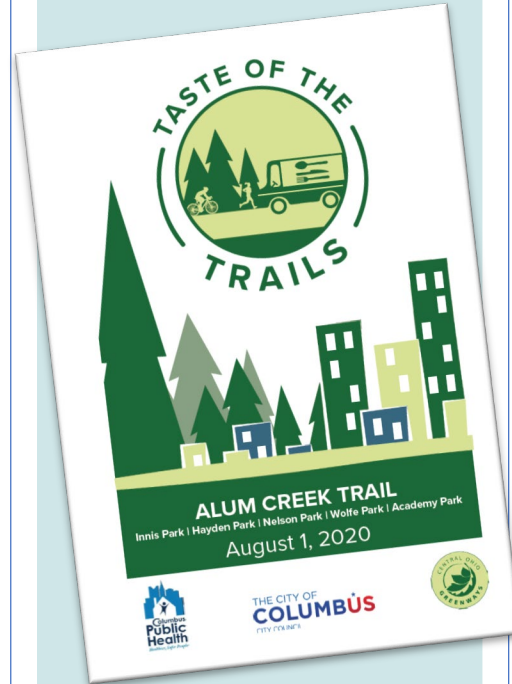


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COG Updates



Prioritize



Brand/Identity

- Fundraising entity?
- Staffing Model?
- Trial ownership?
- Maintenance agreements?

Business Model



Partnership

TDM Program

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BUILD OFF OF THE BIKING MOMENTUM



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- More people are biking around the country
 - New York saw a 52% spike
 - Chicago bike share doubled in early May
- Alternative for people who depend on transit
- Mobility option for essential workers
- Meet recommended physical activity guidelines
 - Reduce Stress
 - Support immune system



WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

- Business priorities changing based on economy
- Less people using transit – more people using single occupancy vehicles
- Less people using transit – more people biking, walking, and carpooling



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MODE SHIFT CAMPAIGN CALENDAR 2020

January	February Ohio Loves Transit Week	March
April	May Bike Month	June Commuter Challenge Month <i>Linden Block Party</i>
July	August	September <i>Westerville Block Party Event</i> Transit Challenge Month
October Rideshare Month	November	December



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April	May Bike Month	June
July	August Bike Campaign Month <i>Mobility Block Party at Taste of the Trails</i>	September
October Commuter Challenge	November	December



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BIKE MONTH(S)



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- Normally: try it out, make it a habit
- Now: **dust off your bike**, go for a ride
 - Expanded target audience: interested but concerned + the bygone strong and fearless parents who stopped riding when they had kids
 - Practical ideas
 - Educational videos
 - Live demos, classes, Q+As (bike commuting 101, fix it classes, etc.)
 - Mobile bike repair or shop visits
 - Special newsletters
 - Push bike media, like documentaries
- Developing a new habit takes work and dedication
 - On average, it takes more than 2 months before a new behavior becomes automatic
 - Practical ideas
 - Test ride to work
 - Solo challenges
 - Make it an adventure or mission (support local businesses, city nature challenge, geocaching, bingo card)
 - Ride with kids
 - Offer advanced EDU (how to ride in the rain, how to track rides, how to bike to work)

We want those that took up biking during the pandemic to stick with it!



CENTRAL OHIO COMMUTER CHALLENGE



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- Take advantage of weather messaging
- Connection to COTA campaign
- Different tone than previous Commuter Challenged
 - Comfort and encouragement
 - More of a push of intrinsic values
- More to come!



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Technical Assistance

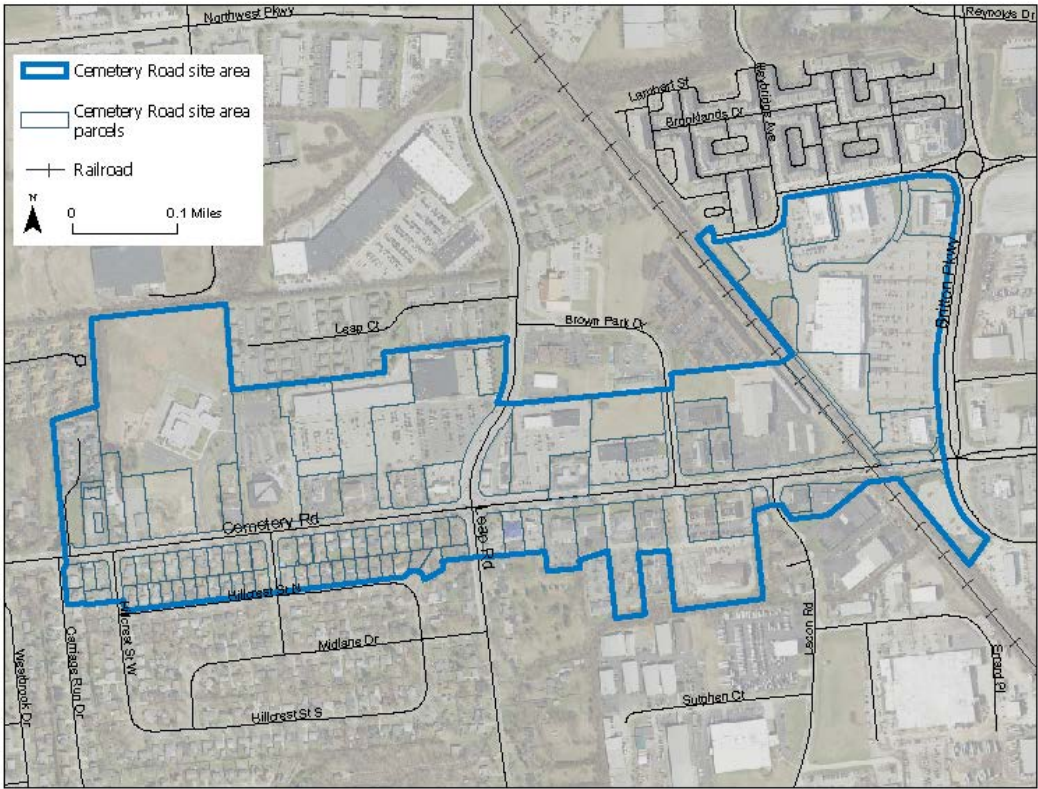
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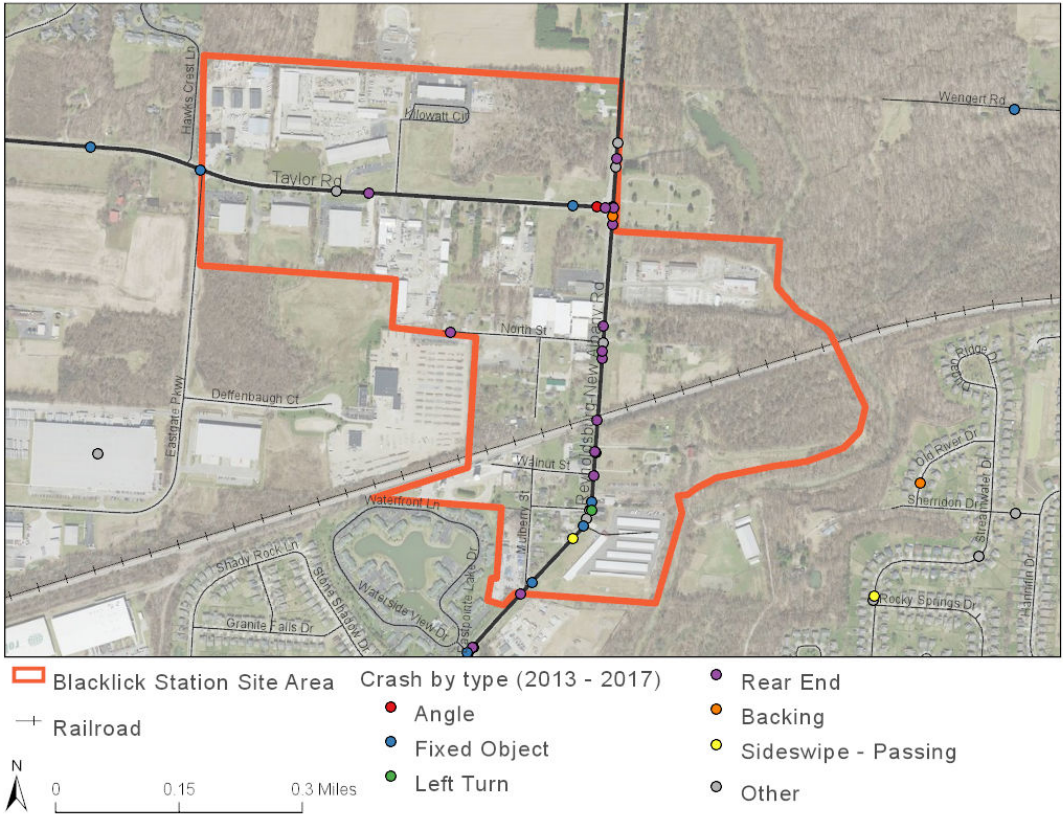
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Technical Assistance Program

Hilliard



Jefferson Township



Technical Assistance Program



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Franklin County

- Context-sensitive roadway classification
- Design guidance
- Complete Streets Policy implementation guidance

Columbus

- Speed management framework
- Data-informed GIS tool
- Speed management tool implementation guidance

Westerville

- Cleveland Avenue corridor
- Considerations for transit-oriented development

Spring 2020 Trail Counts

April 2020



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING 2020 TRAIL COUNTS



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Starting on April 20, 2020!

We're changing things up this year and letting you choose when you count! Pick any day that you're available, whether during the week or on the weekend, and any **two-hour period** that works best for you!

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission needs your help to conduct bicyclist and pedestrian traffic counts throughout Central Ohio. These counts will give us a better understanding of pedestrian and bicyclist volumes and trends in our region.

To volunteer for this important project, please register by following the link below.

Register: bit.ly/spring2020counts

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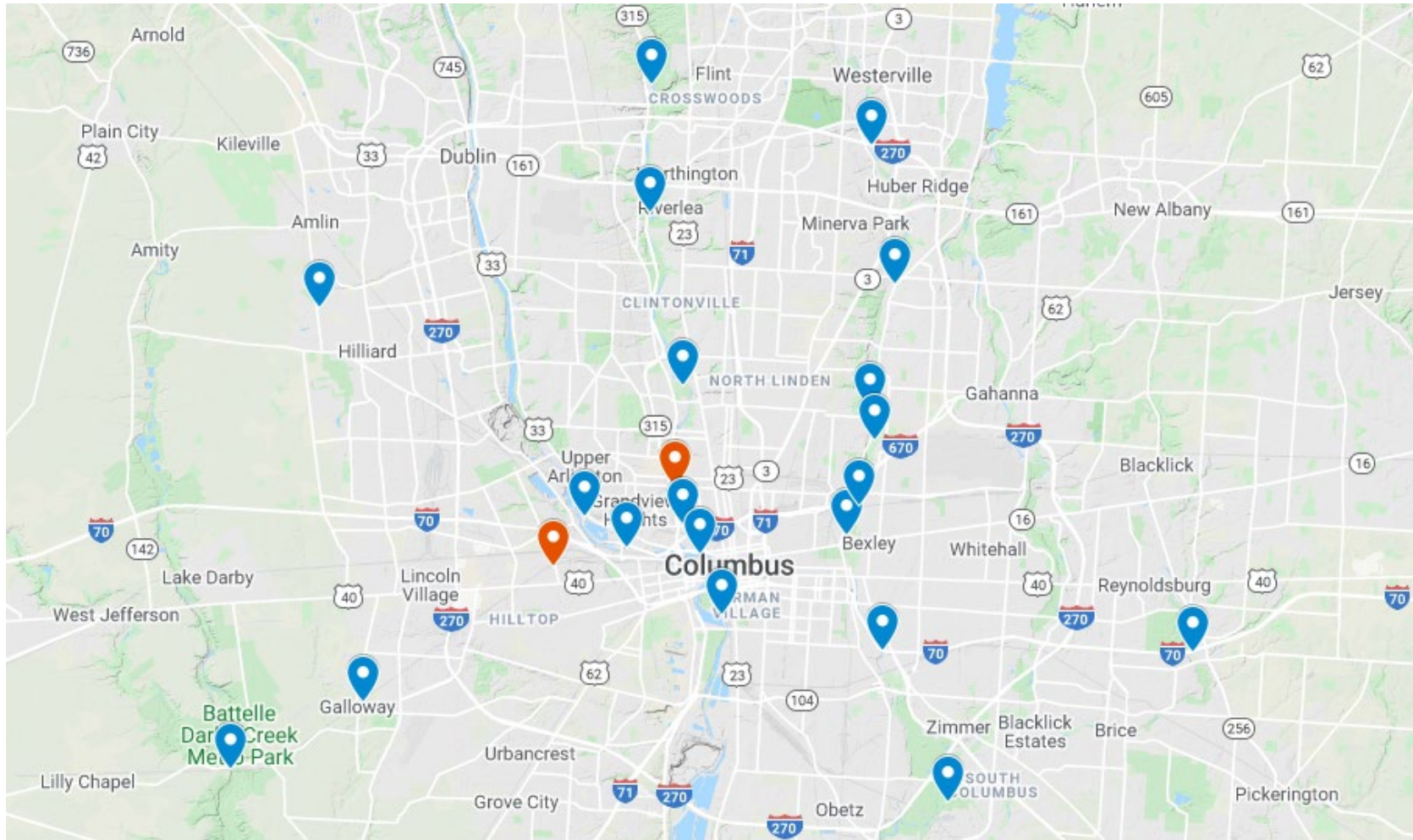
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Spring 2020 Trail Count Locations



COUNT STRATEGY:

- April 20 – May 16
- 22 permanent trail count equipment locations
- Equipment validation

Training Opportunities

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Upcoming Webinars & Available Resources



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- **New FHWA Bicycle Facility Design Course**
 - New, 8-hour, web-based course, offered by NHI at **no cost**.
 - Online training on planning, designing, and implementing bicycle facilities.
- **Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) Webinar Series**
 - Provided by the Ohio LTAP Center
 - Four-part series to review the STEP guidance and an update to Ohio's application of the Proven Safety Countermeasures

1. ~~Tuesday, April 21, 2020~~
~~11:00 AM to 12:30 PM EDT~~
~~[Register Here](#)~~

2. Thursday, April 23, 2020
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM EDT
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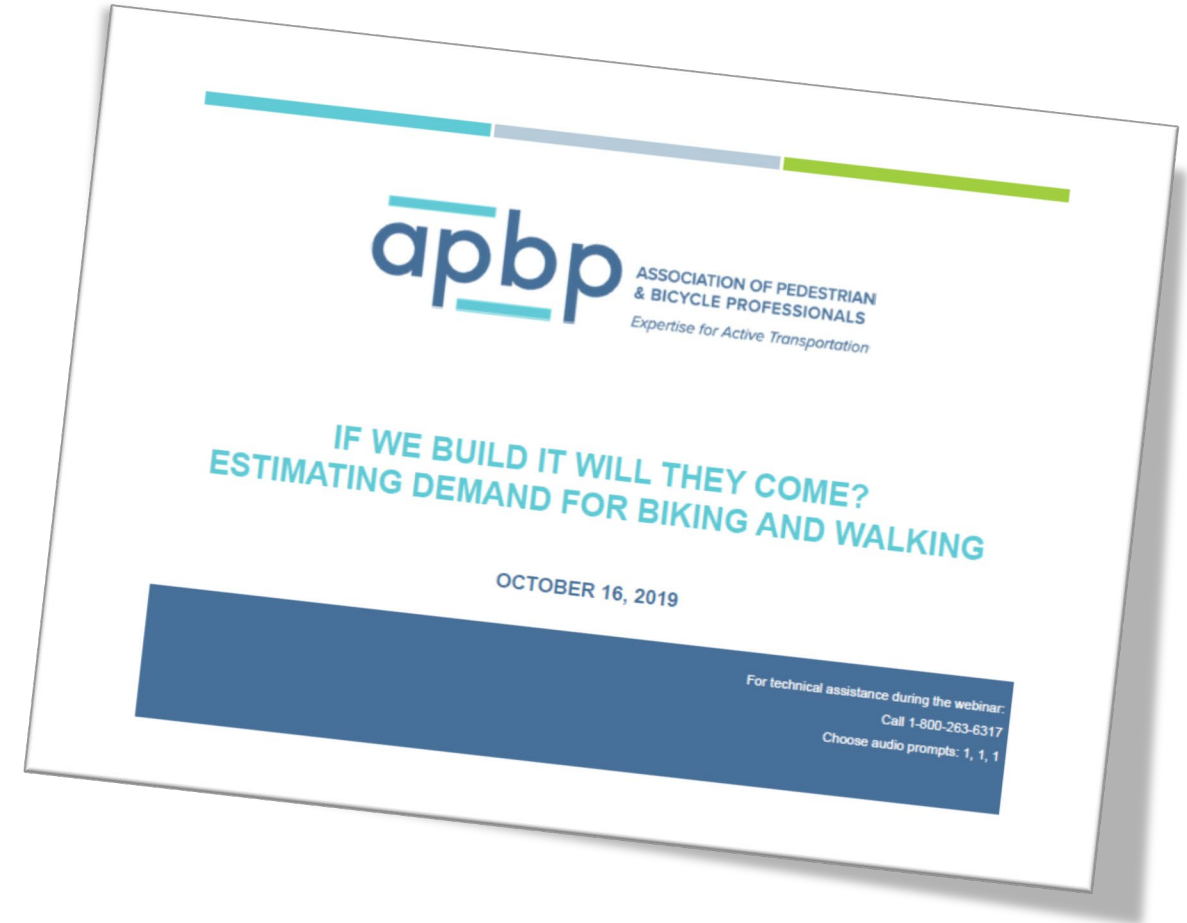
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4. Thursday, April 30, 2020
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4. Tuesday, May 5, 2020
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM EDT
[Register Here](#)



- Upcoming 2020 Webinars
 - **May 20** – 2020 Vision: Through the Lens of Equity
 - **June 17** – Taking Steps Toward Measuring the Pedestrian Environment
 - **July 15** – Victim Blaming in Crash Reporting: What it is and How to Stop it.
- Webinars hosted at MORPC (typically)
 - **Not likely to host again until at least June**
- Participate in post-webinar discussion



THANK YOU!

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