



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ATC)

Q2 Meeting – May 22, 2024



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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Orange Township Active Transportation Plan
- Dublin Speed Management Plan
- National Safety Council
- MORPC Updates
- Member Roundtable
- Other Business



ORANGE TOWNSHIP ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



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CITY OF DUBLIN SPEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



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MORPC UPDATES



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Federal Discretionary Grants

- RAISE – February 2024
 - City of Columbus
 - Linden Green Line
 - Franklin County Engineer's Office
 - Alum Creek Dr
 - MORPC
 - 15 County AT & Trails Plan
 - City of Heath
 - Thornwood Dr
- ATIIP – June 2024
 - City of Columbus & MORPC
 - Others?



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY24



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SS4A FY24

- **The final deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grant applications is Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**
- Applicants are encouraged to review the [NOFO amendment](#), published on April 16, 2024, for the latest updates on the SS4A FY 2024 funding opportunity.
- A final round of questions and answers is now available on the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) page](#) of the SS4A website. New FAQs as of April 1, 2024, can be found by searching for ***NEW*** in the title.

Applications for 2024

- MORPC & OSU IBRC
 - Award of \$2M announced May 17!
- City of Reynoldsburg
 - Brice Road Corridor Reconstruction
- Ohio State University
 - Protecting Vulnerable Roadway Users: A Multimodal Safety Plan
- City of Obetz
- Others?

2024 - 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

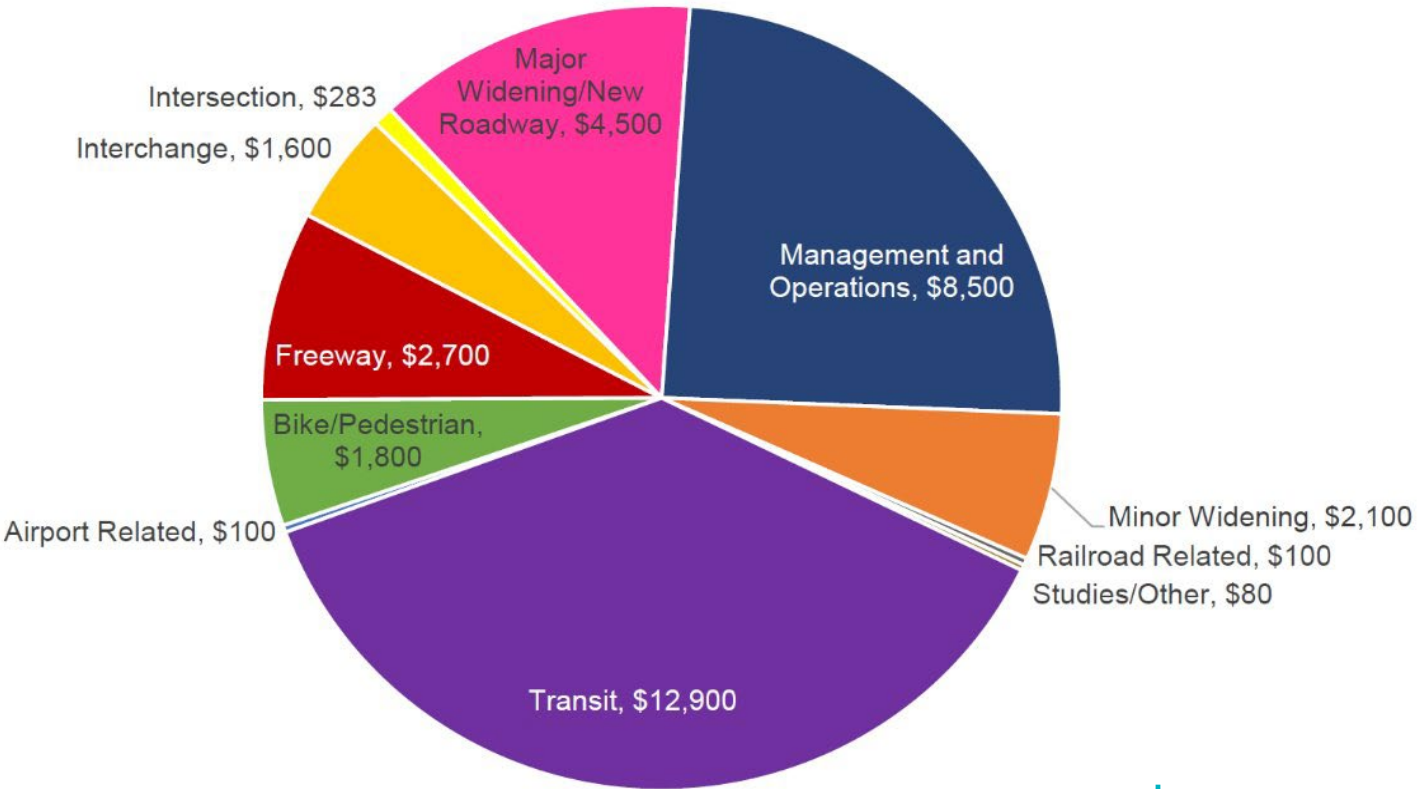


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INCLUDED PROJECTS

(costs in millions)



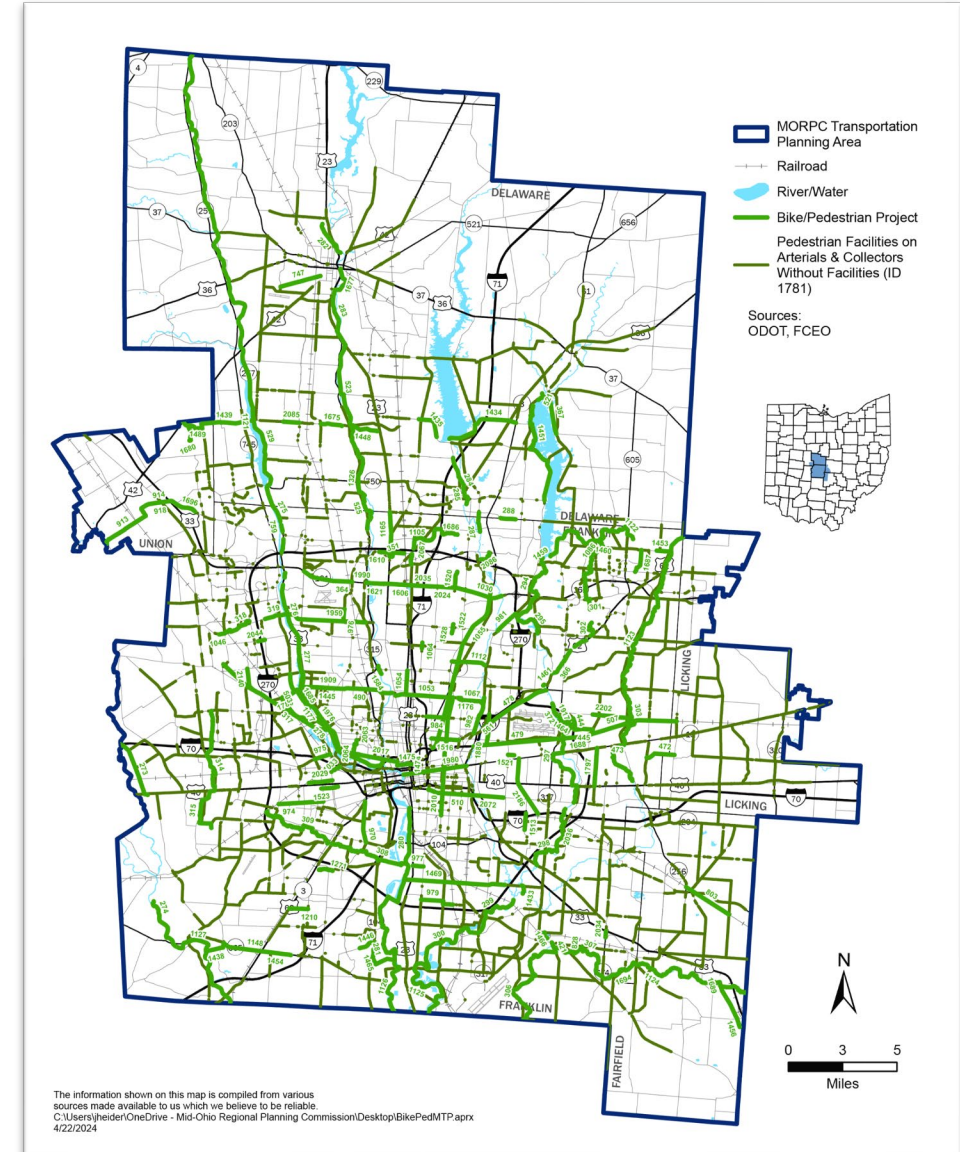
Total: \$35 billion



Webmap available at: www.morpc.org/mtp2050

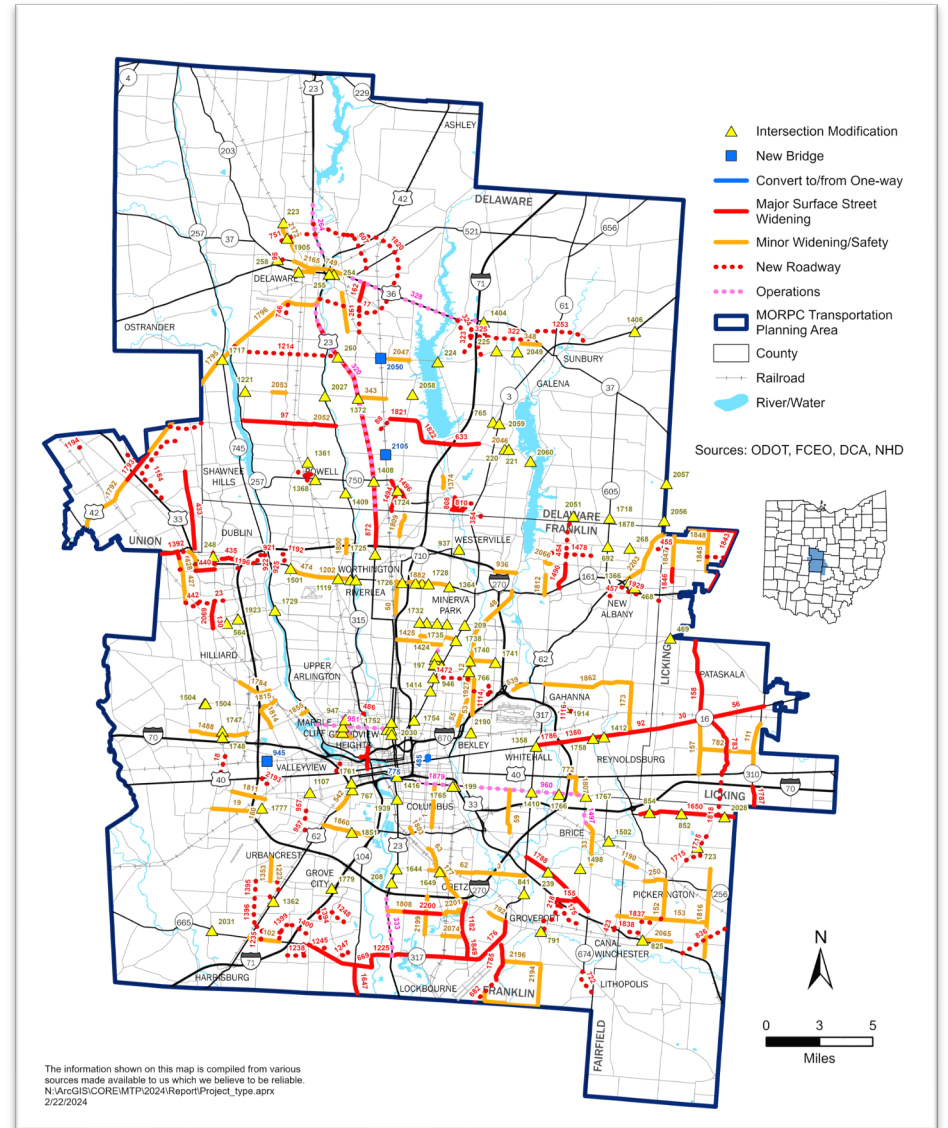
BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

- Adds 725 miles of stand-alone bike and/or pedestrian facilities
- Assumes full implementation of COG Vision by 2050
- Adds pedestrian facilities on every arterial and collector in urban area without existing facilities

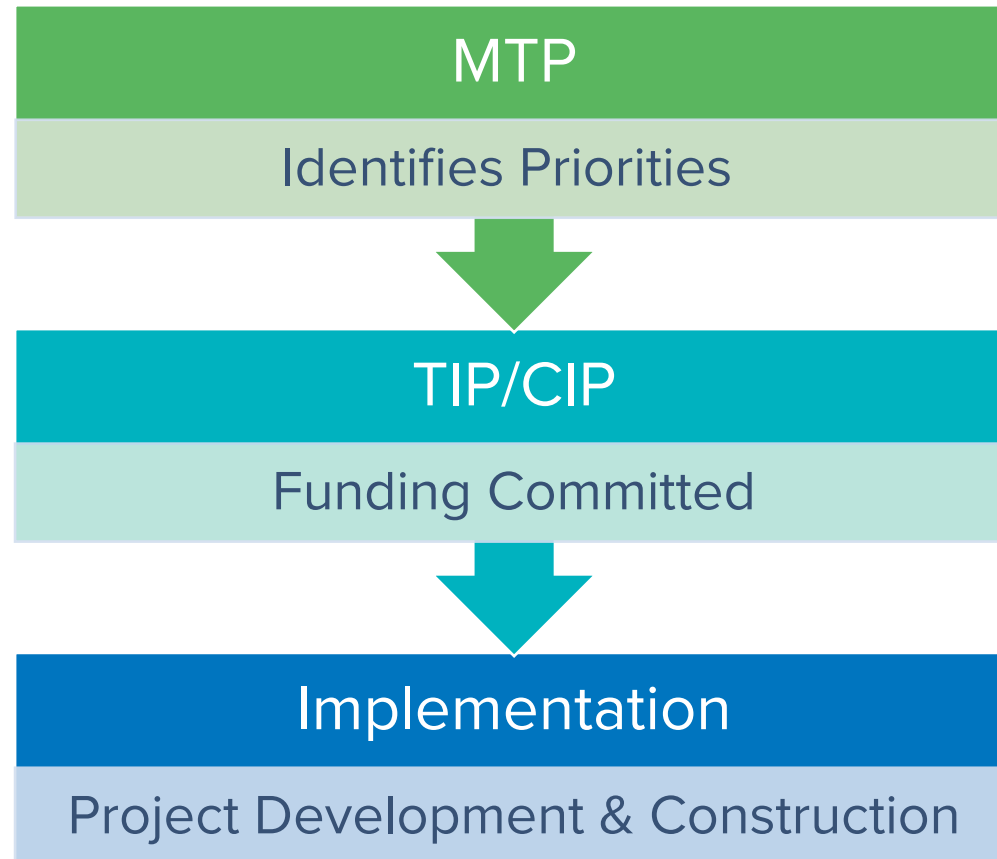


NON-FREEWAY ROADWAY PROJECTS

- Add 95 miles of new roadway connections
- Add 94 miles of through lane additions
- Modify 122 roadway miles with minor widening/safety improvements
- Modify 117 intersections



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION & WHAT'S NEXT



SCIP/LTIP FUNDING FOR SFY 2026



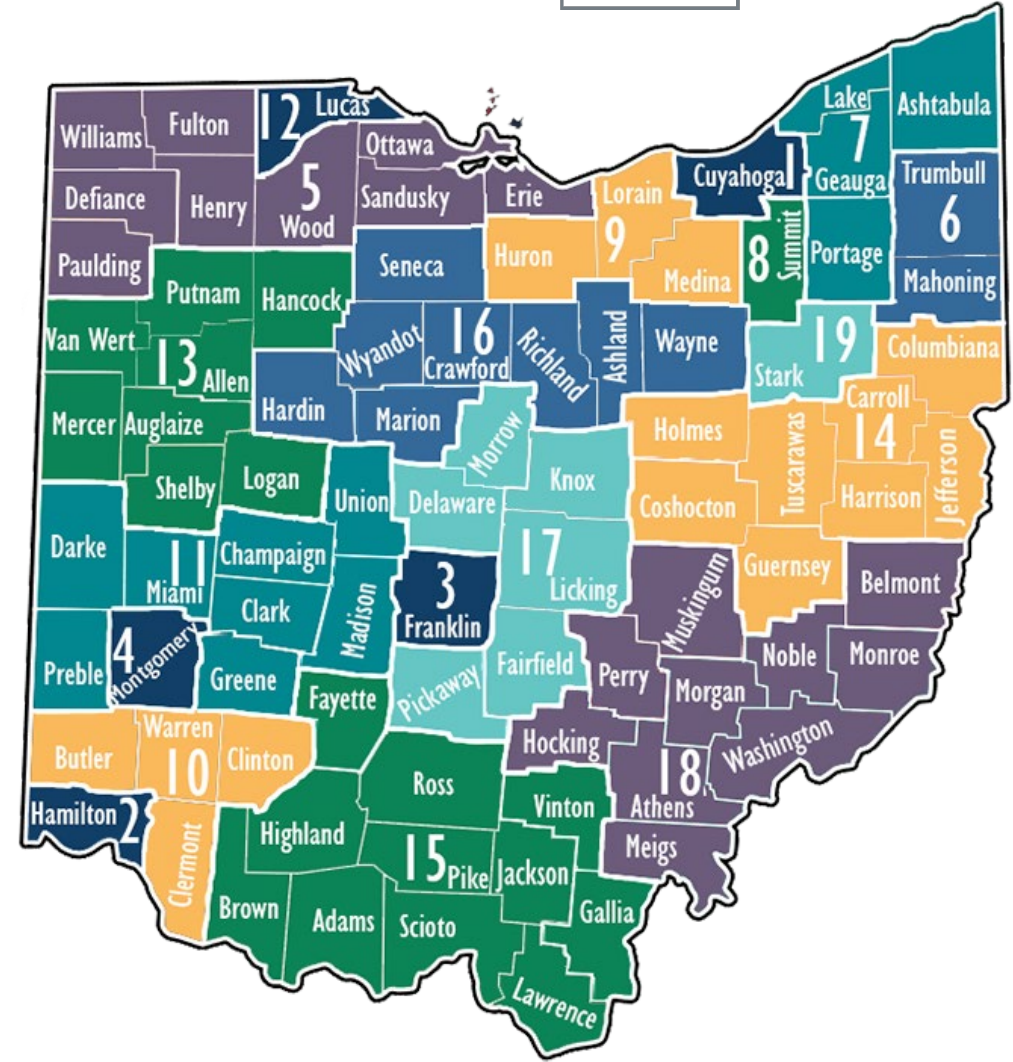
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Introduction



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- MORPC administers OPWC District 3 (Franklin County)
- All jurisdictions which have the majority of their population residing in Franklin County would apply for OPWC funding through D3
- Information on other OPWC Districts is available here: <https://publicworks.ohio.gov/districts>
- Applications are now open for SFY 2026 State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP) and Local Transportation Improvements Program (LTIP) funding in District 3



OPWC Infrastructure Funding for SFY 2026



- MORPC administers OPWC District 3 (Franklin County)
- Applications for SFY 2026 Infrastructure Funding are open now through **August 30th, 2024.**
- Eligible Project Types
 - Roads
 - Bridges
 - Water
 - Wastewater
 - Stormwater
 - **(New for this Round) Stand-alone bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects along a roadway to enhance safety**
- MORPC held a virtual applicant workshop on Tuesday, May 21st at 3:30 p.m.
- Workshop recording and application materials/instructions are available on MORPC's website at the link below:

<https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/local-infrastructure-funding-from-ohio-public-works/>
- Contact Tom Graham (tgraham@morpc.org) with any questions.

SFY 2026 Allocations



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Program	Allocation
SCIP	\$19,582,000
Revolving Loan Program (RLP)	\$4,537,000
LTIP	\$7,251,000
Total	\$31,370,000

MORPC- ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING



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MORPC-Attributable Funding

- Approximately \$48 Million Annual Budget
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) ~\$28M/yr
 - Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) ~\$14M/yr
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) ~\$3M/yr
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) ~\$3M/yr
- Pending requests to modify outstanding commitment
- Solicit Project Applications Every Two Years
 - Updates to previous funding commitments
 - Applications for new commitments

Funding Management Process

- 2 Year Cycle



Application Timeline 2024-25



- **May:** MORPC adopted Policies
- **May 22:** MORPC hosts applicant workshop at 2:30
- **July 12:** Commitment Update Form due
- **July 19:** Screening Applications for new funding due
- **Mid August:** Staff completes review of Updates. Provide feedback to applicants and revised forecast of available funding
- **October 2:** Final Applications due
- **October 4:** Ad-interim AFC members change
- **October - December:** Staff review and score applications & AFC review and recommends funding commitments
- **January 2025:** Draft list of funding commitments available for public review and comment
- **March 2025:** MORPC Adopts list of attributable funding commitments

Eligible Activities



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- Roads & bridges
 - Reconstruction & maintenance
 - Intersection or corridor signalization and other operational modifications
 - Widen existing facility
 - New facilities
- Transit
- Construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities (on- or off-road)
- Primarily for capital (not operating)

Estimated Funding Available by Category



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Category	Min. %	Max. %	Current Commitments for SFYs 2025-31*	Current Commitments for SFYs 2032+	Range Available for New Projects
Roadway Capacity & Operational Changes	30%	60%	\$91,246,165	\$0	\$0M to \$72.4M
Preservation	10%	15%	\$34,960,085	\$0	\$0M to \$7M
Bike & Ped	15%	25%	\$61,860,731	\$0	\$0M to \$8M
Transit	5%	15%	\$20,620,000	\$0	\$0M to \$22M
Interchange/Freeway	0%	N/A	\$9,664,016	\$6,497,059	N/A
Other	0%	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A
Programs	0%	5%	\$13,550,000	\$0	N/A
		Total	\$231,900,996	\$6,497,059	
			Available for New Commitments:	\$72,400,000	

- Pending requests to modify projects requiring commitment updates

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MORPC COMPLETE STREETS POLICY



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Policy Sections

1. Complete Streets Defined
2. Background and Vision
3. Purpose
4. Applicability and Review Process
5. Policy
 1. Requirements
 2. Recommendations
6. Appeal Process
7. Design
8. Implementation and Evaluation

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MORPC shall, at a minimum, evaluate this policy every two years in alignment with the updates to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds. The review will be completed in advance of **or in tandem with** updates to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds so that any changes to the Complete Streets Policy may be incorporated into that update. This evaluation may include recommendations for amendments to the Complete Streets Policy and subsequently be considered for adoption by the Transportation Policy Committee.

In order to evaluate the progress resulting from the policy, as well as potential needs for updating the policy, MORPC staff will document information related to project compliance with the policy. This **may will** include regular reports **to the MORPC Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, and Active Transportation Committee** on project progress through the Complete Streets Review Process, as well as summaries of the challenges encountered, and resolutions made throughout the review process.

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PLANNING PHASE¹



PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE



ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PHASE



FINAL ENGINEERING PHASE

NOTE:

MORPC staff should review the LPA Scope of Services form and participate in the Project Scoping/Kick-Off Meeting.

Programming Package

The LPA must complete the programming package provided by ODOT, which includes the LPA Scope of Services form.

Project Start-Up

ODOT Project Manager will convene a Project Scoping / Kick-Off Meeting with the LPA and relevant stakeholders. During this meeting, the Scope of Services will be finalized and approved.

Field Review

ODOT District staff and sometimes other members of the project team visit the project site to confirm the problem and discuss solutions that could be proposed.

¹ When MORPC commits funding to a project, it is typically at the beginning of the Planning Phase.

NOTE:

MORPC staff should review FS and AER documents on relevant projects, and complete a full review of Stage 1 documents.

Feasibility Study (FS)

For most projects, the FS is the only documentation explaining how the preferred alternative was chosen. For complex projects, the FS narrows the alternatives to be refined in the AER.

Alternative Evaluation Report (AER)

For projects where an AER is necessary, the preferred alternative is identified upon completion of the AER.

NEPA Studies

Identify Preferred Alternative

Update Cost Estimate

Stage 1/Stage 2 Design

Although each project is unique, Stage 1 should include schematic plans, typical sections, and preliminary pavement marking plans for review.

Public/Stakeholder Involvement

NOTE:

MORPC staff should review Stage 2 documents pertaining to signage, pavement markings, and signals.

Stage 1/Stage 2 Approval

Stage 2 design is typically where the majority of the design detailing and plan preparation takes place. At the end of the Stage 2 Detailed Design, all design issues of any significance should be resolved.

NEPA Approval

ROW Plans

Update Cost Estimate

Public/Stakeholder Involvement

Note: This document was produced by MORPC to illustrate how the MORPC Complete Streets Review fits into the ODOT Project Development Process.

NOTE:

MORPC staff should review Stage 3 documents to ensure that all previous suggestions were addressed.

Stage 3 Approval

Stage 3 Detailed Design should complete the design and detailing of the project. The plans are reviewed to ensure they reflect current field conditions, design standards, policies, specifications, and to confirm their compliance with all environmental commitments and mitigation plans.

Permit Approval

ROW/Utility Acquisition & Relocation

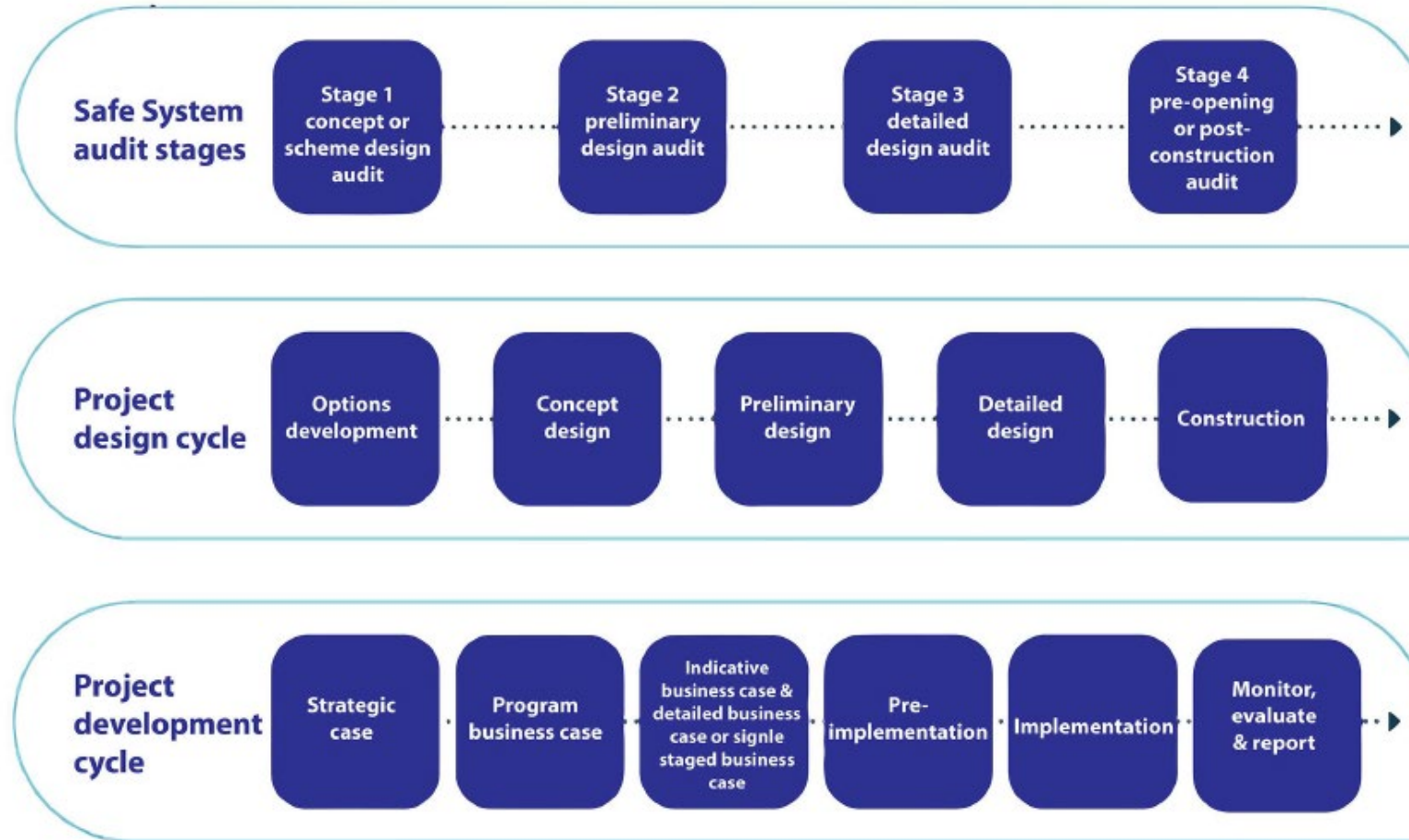
Update Cost Estimate

Final Plan Package

Mitigation

Public/Stakeholder Involvement

Safe System Audit Stages within Project Development



Source: Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency;
FHWA Global Benchmarking Report – Improving Pedestrian Safety on Urban Arterials



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POTENTIAL 2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

EARLY SUMMER 2024

Begin Program Guide Review & Update

- Send MORPC team your thoughts/feedback on current program!

LATE SUMMER 2024

2024 Program Completion AND 2025 Program Launch

- MORPC staff will complete 2024 program services
- CAC, TAC, & TPC will review 2025 Program Guide for approval
- **Call for applications in *August (tentatively)***

EARLY FALL 2024

2025 Program Application

- Deadline for applications in early *September (tentatively)*
- Award announcements and kick-off meetings before the end of 2024!

(Current) Technical Assistance Activities



Active Transportation Planning

Active Transportation Project Prioritization

Complete Streets Policy Development

Transit Supportive Infrastructure Planning

Central Ohio Greenways Visioning

Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement

Trail Access & Connectivity Planning

Trail Town Planning

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Complete Streets Safety Audit

Systemic Pedestrian Safety Analysis

Safety Action Plan Development

Land Use Planning

Transit Oriented Development Planning

Conceptual Development Framework

Speed Management or Traffic Calming Plan

Other

Write your own Scope of Work

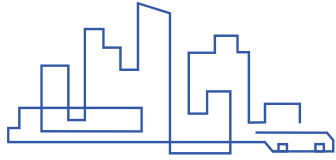
Brainstorming Session

- Other Service Ideas?
- Getting from Plan to Implementation
 - What do you need?
 - Is a consultant necessary?
 - Help developing SOW?

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Moving our region. Together.

LINKUS UPDATES

Active Transportation Committee – 5.22.2024

Rapid Transit Corridor Updates

- **West Broad**

- 90% Design by the end of 2024
- Awarded \$42M from NAE grant
- Awarded \$15M from ODOT TRAC
- Awarded \$1.2M from FTA for TOD study

- **East Main**

- 60% Design by the end of 2024
- Compiling reasonable financial plan
- Beginning NEPA

- **Northwest**

- Early traffic work being conducted
- 30% Design process beginning in 2024
- Entry into FTA CIG program in 2024

WEST BROAD NOW

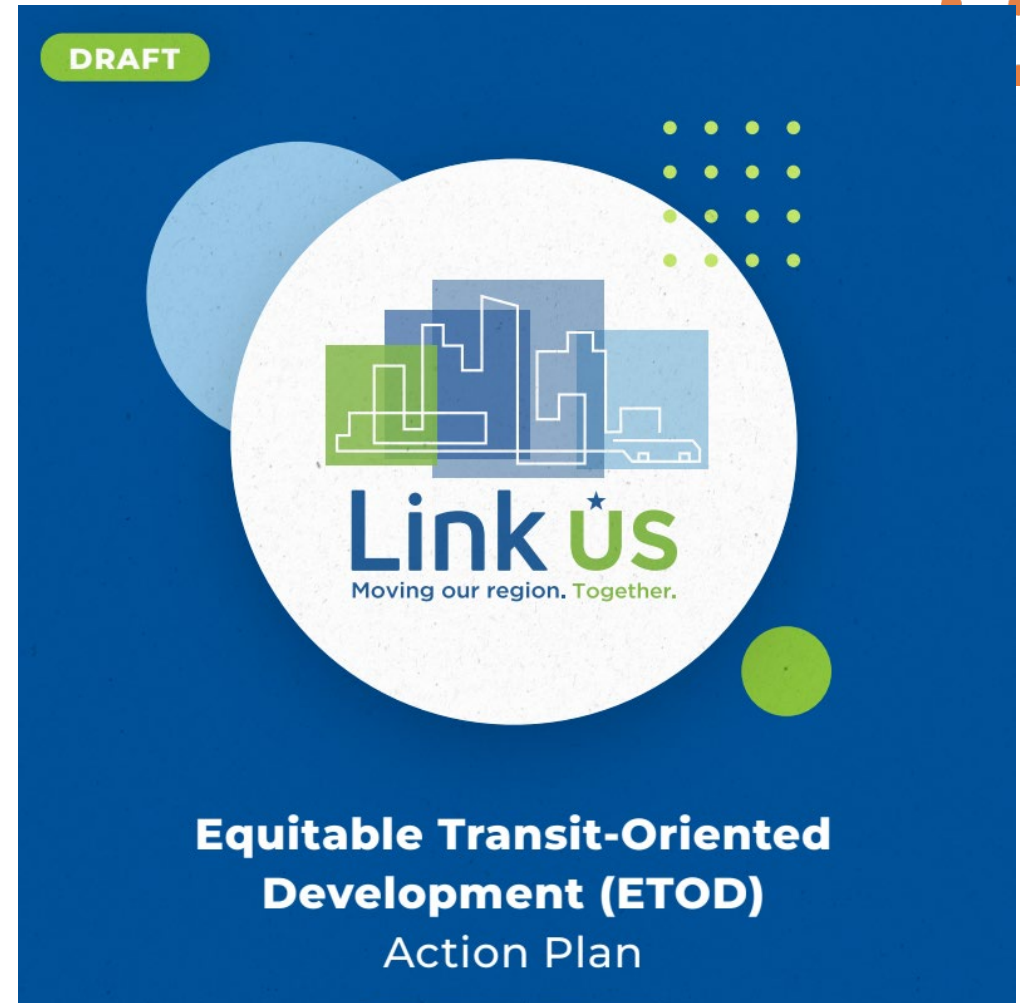


FUTURE WEST BROAD

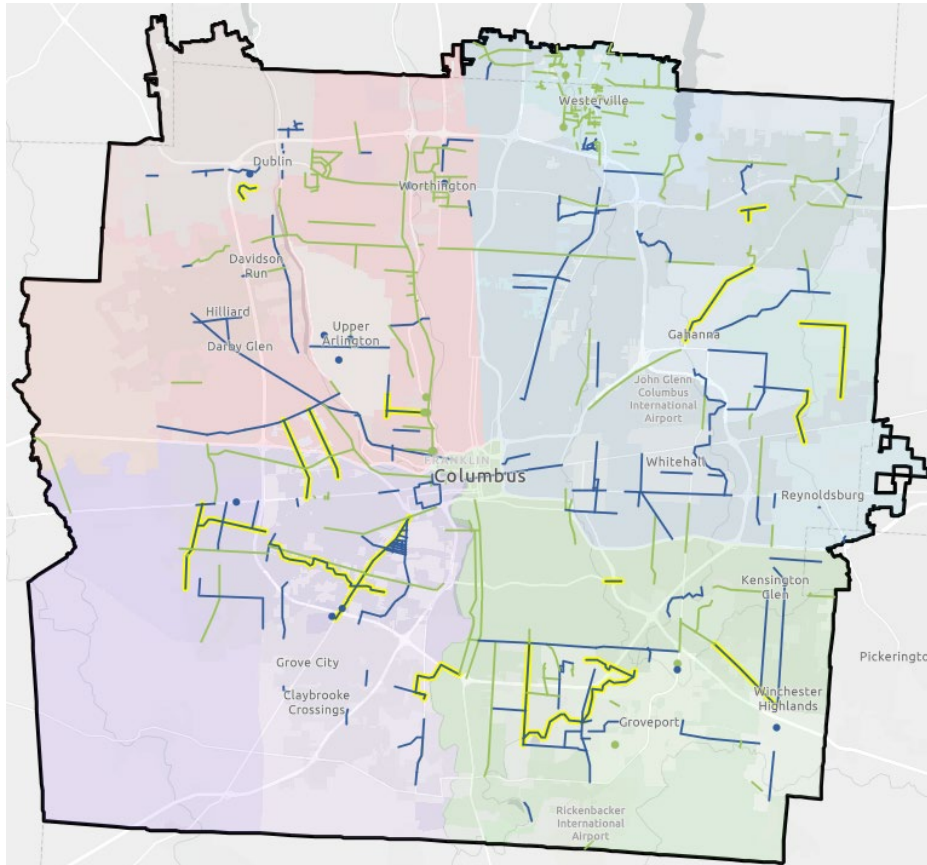


Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD)

- **May 1 and June 5:** ETOD Steering Committee mtgs
- **June 21:** ETOD Advisory Group (300+)
- **June:** ETOD Action Plan release
- **July:** Further community discussion for implementation strategies, ULI events, etc.
- **NOTE: City of Columbus Zone-In zoning code re-write fully supports LinkUS and is a vital partner initiative!**



TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE



NORTHWEST

44 projects
~\$198M

NORTHEAST

40 projects
~\$129M

SOUTHWEST

30 projects
~\$143M

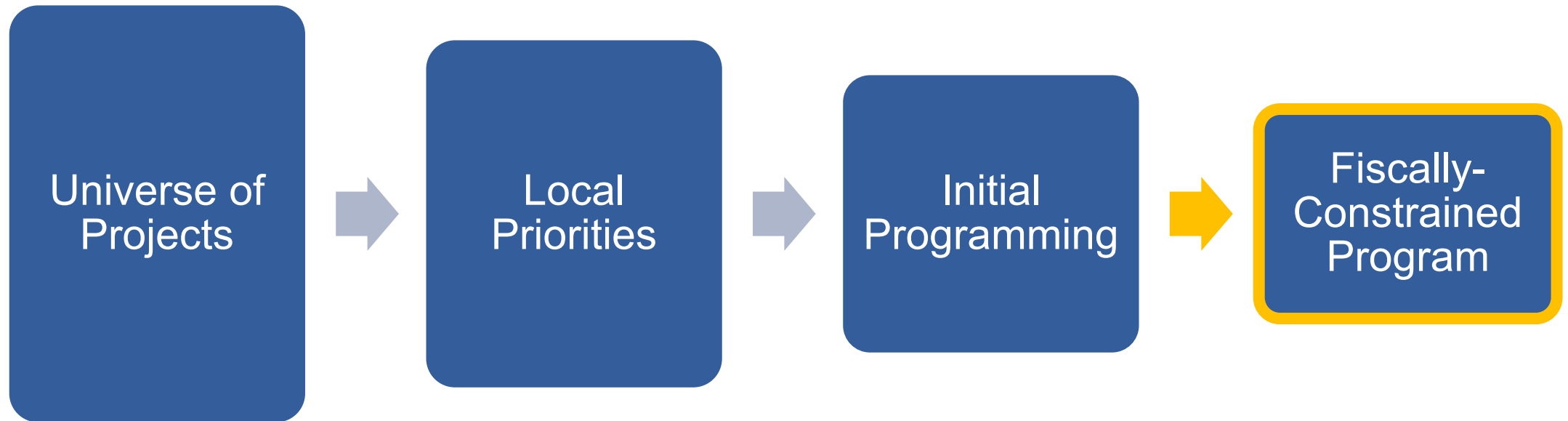
SOUTHEAST

29 projects
~\$191M

TOTAL

143 projects
~\$661M

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TASKS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

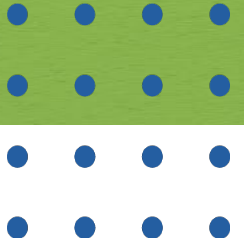
BEFORE FINAL CIP ADOPTION

- **Virtual public open house (late June)**
 - MORPC-organized and led
 - Interactive map, project profiles
 - Two-week public comment period, subject to schedule

AFTER CIP ADOPTION

- **Regional engagement (through November)**
 - Integration with larger LinkUS outreach materials
 - TSI-specific events?

NEXT STEPS

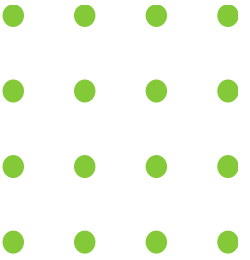


- Continue engagement of community, government, non-profit, and business stakeholders
- Continue corridor design and federal grants process
- **COTA staff bring ballot language for board consideration (today)**
- Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Action Plan (June)
- Plans for expanding sidewalks, bike paths and trails (August)
- COTA levy (November)

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MEMBER ROUNDTABLE



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America Walks Walking College Fellowship 2024

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Columbus, OH



Anna Piper
Columbus, OH



<https://americawalks.org/2024-walking-college-fellows-amp-mentors/>



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MORPC – REGIONAL SAFETY FORUM



SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Emphasis on Safe System Approach



OTHER RELEVANT UPDATES

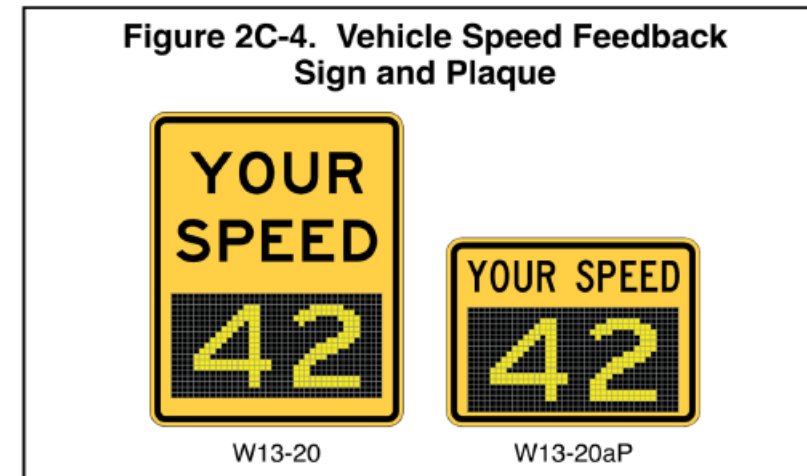
As part of the ongoing review of the recently released 11th Edition of Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Ohio DOT has released an [Early Adoption List](#) of items in the new MUTCD that have been deemed acceptable to start utilizing immediately.

For any questions contact:

- Kevin Fiant, P.E., Traffic Control Standards Engineer at 614-275-1349 or Kevin.Fiant@dot.ohio.gov
- Jonathan Young, P.E., Traffic Control Section Head at 614-752-9967 or Jonathan.Young@dot.ohio.gov

“Did You Know?”

As per MUTCD 2C.13, paragraph 04, the sign legend, “shall be a black legend on yellow retroreflective background”. Additionally, “the changeable legend displaying the speed of the approaching vehicle shall be a yellow luminous legend on a black opaque background.” and, “The Vehicle Speed Feedback sign and plaque shall not flash, strobe, change color, or use other animated elements integrated into the changeable legend display.”



2024 APBP Webinars

- Wednesday, June 12
 - Shifting Away From Car Culture
Neighboring the Motor City
- Wednesday, July 17
 - Pop-Up Traffic Calming and Placemaking
for Small Urban and Rural Communities
- Wednesday, Aug 21
 - Bike Comfort: Expanding our
Understanding Through Data and Empathy

Email Jordan Petrov to participate in
virtual viewing party for APBP webinars:
jpetrov@morpc.org



Additional Training

[Setting Appropriate Speed Limits for All Road Users](#)

- A webinar sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety
- **May 23, 2024**
- 1:00-2:30 pm ET

Registration is now open for the following free session from FHWA:

[Advancing Implementation of the Safe System Approach](#)

June 13 at ODOT Central Office in Columbus
(in person!)



THANK YOU!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, August 28

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