



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ATC)

Q3 Meeting – August 28, 2024



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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Public Health and the Built Environment
- Safety Towns in Central Ohio
- ODOT Manual Updates
- ~~Central Ohio Greenways
Wayfinding Strategy~~
- MORPC Updates
- Member Roundtable



PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Josie Bonnette, Delaware Public Health District
Professor Chris Fink, Ohio Wesleyan University



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SAFETY TOWNS IN CENTRAL OHIO

Abbey Trimble, Delaware Public Health District

Katie Higgins, Nationwide Children's Hospital



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ODOT MANUAL UPDATES

Jen Alford, ODOT



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Elliott Lewis, MORPC



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LINKUS AND ISSUE 47

MORE COTA

MORE SIDEWALKS

MORE OPPORTUNITY

August 27, 2024

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THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

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Moving our region. Together.

BUILDING A WORLD-CLASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

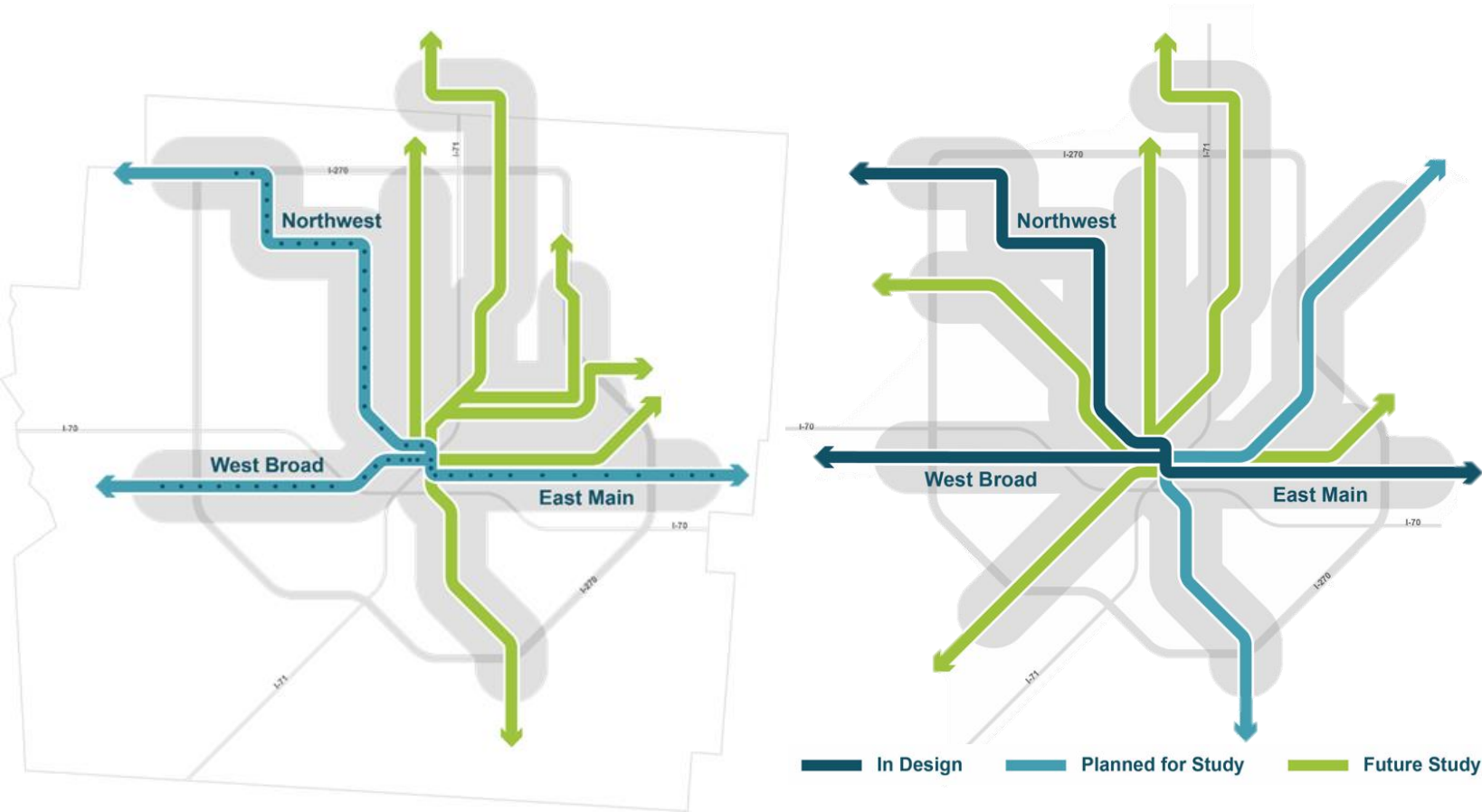
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COTA's Board of Trustees voted to place a ballot initiative **on the November 2024 ballot** to help fund LinkUS, COTA's comprehensive transit and growth plan.





LINKUS CORRIDOR MAPS



SIDEWALKS, BIKEWAYS, TRAILS

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY



\$60 million

Average annual investment

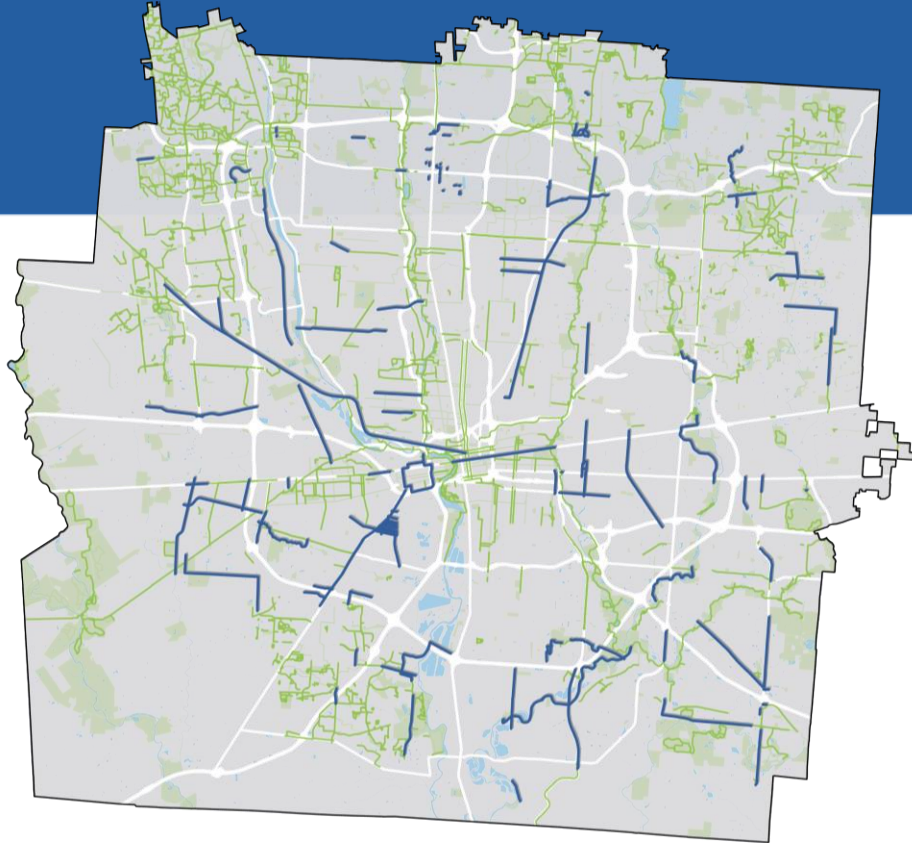


500+ miles

Of sidewalks, trails, and
bikeways by 2050

SIDEWALKS, BIKEWAYS, TRAILS

PROPOSED PROJECTS



BY 2030:

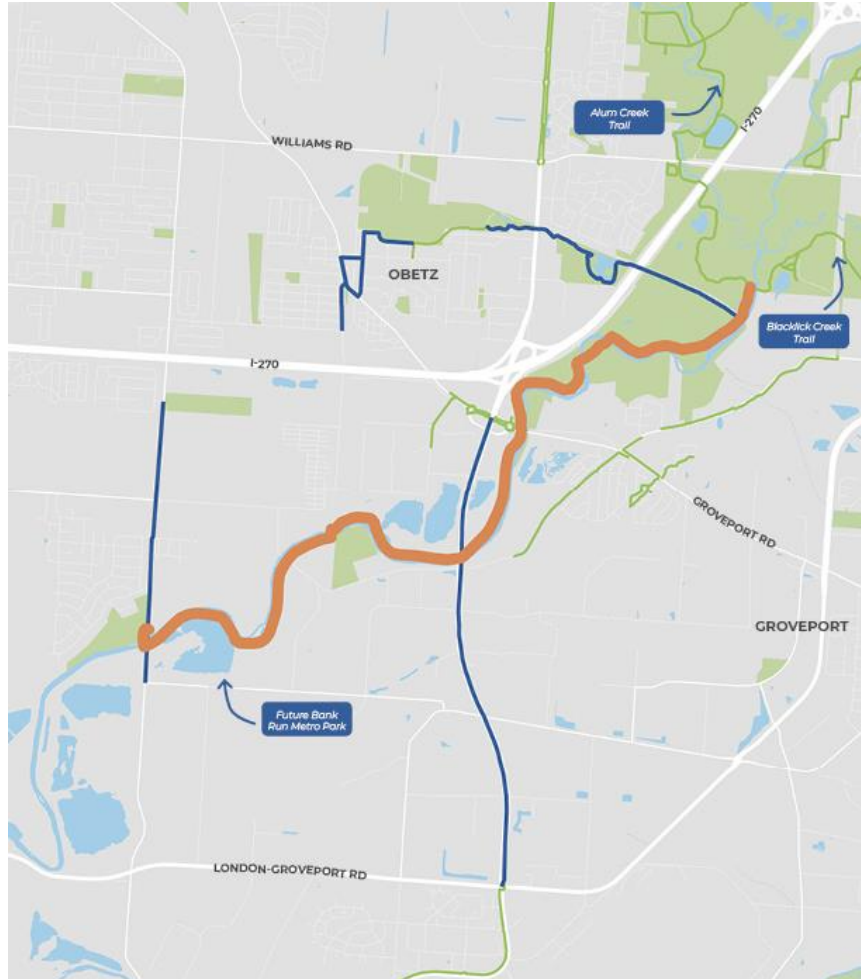
83 projects constructed or in development

150+ miles of new sidewalks, bikeways, and trails

~\$256 million invested across the region

EXAMPLE PROJECT (SE):

BIG WALNUT SOUTH BRANCH TRAIL



- More than five miles of new greenway connecting Columbus, Groveport, Obetz and Hamilton Township.
- Integrates with other planned projects connecting to planned residential developments, schools, local parks and the new Bank Run Metro Park
- Connects to COTA Line #22, an important link for the Rickenbacker area



NEXT STEPS

- Continue engagement of community, government, non-profit and business stakeholders
- Continue corridor design and federal grants process
- Plans for expanding sidewalks, bikeways and trails (August)
 - morpc.org/moresidewalks
- COTA levy (November)

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit our website at **LinkUSColumbus.com** and sign up for project updates.
- Send us an email at **info@LinkUSColumbus.com** with questions and comments.
- Follow us on social media **@LinkUSColumbus** to keep up with the latest happenings about LinkUS.
- Check out our YouTube channel **@LinkUSColumbus** for program videos and presentations.



MORPC- ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING

Tom Graham, MORPC



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Projection of Available Funds



- Updates to projected funding allocations alongside significant requested increases to outstanding commitments reduced the total amount of available funding

Attributable Funds Available in SFYs 2025-2031

Projected Allocation:	\$361,200,000
Amount to Commit:	\$335,800,000

Category	Min. %	Max. %	Min. Allocation (Alloc. × Min. %)	Max. Allocation (Alloc. × Max. %)	Updated Commitments Requested for SFYs 2025-31*	Updated Commitments Requested for SFYs 2032+	Range Available for New Projects
Roadway Capacity & Operational Changes	30%	60%	\$88,600,000	\$177,300,000	\$115,712,114	\$0	\$0M to \$50.4M
Preservation	10%	15%	\$29,500,000	\$44,300,000	\$42,721,002	\$0	\$0M to \$2M
Bike & Ped	15%	25%	\$44,300,000	\$73,900,000	\$66,039,709	\$0	\$0M to \$8M
Transit	5%	15%	\$14,800,000	\$44,300,000	\$20,620,000	\$0	\$0M to \$24M
Interchange/Freeway	0%	N/A	\$0	N/A	\$24,664,016	\$6,497,059	N/A
Other	0%	N/A	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A
Programs	0%	5%	\$0	\$18,100,000	\$15,675,000	\$0	N/A
Total:					\$285,431,841	\$6,497,059	

Available for New Commitments:	\$50,400,000
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Summary of Screening Applications



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- 22 screening applications were submitted on July 19th, 2024

Screening Application Requests by Activity Category - 7.19.2024

Category	Range Available for New Projects	Number of Applications	Screening Application MORPC Funds Requested (Inflated)	Screening Application MORPC Funds Requested (2024 \$)
Roadway Capacity & Operational Changes	\$0M to \$34.5M	9	\$ 100,578,881	\$ 82,361,694
Preservation	\$0	5	\$ 50,455,765	\$ 39,497,823
Bike & Ped	\$0M to \$3M	6	\$ 35,028,494	\$ 28,104,497
Transit	\$0M to \$21M	2	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000
	\$34,500,000	22	\$208,063,140	\$171,964,014



Summary of Screening Applications

- Six bike/ped projects submitted screening applications
 - City of Columbus
 - SR-161 SUP – Cleveland Ave to Alum Creek Trail
 - Big Walnut Trail – Cherrybottom Park to Morse Rd
 - City of Gahanna
 - Big Walnut Trail – Rocky Fork Dr to Tech Center Dr
 - City of Worthington
 - E Wilson Bridge SUP – High St to Eastview Dr
 - Worthington Mile SUP – On High St from Wilson Bridge Rd to Wesley Blvd
 - Franklin County
 - Groveport Rd SUP – Blacklick St to east of Walnut St

Summary of Screening Applications



- The six bike/ped projects requested a total of \$35M
- Additionally, the East Broad Capital Trail was submitted by Columbus in the Roadway Capacity and Operational Changes category.
- All projects which receive Attributable Funds are required to comply with MORPC's Complete Streets Policy.

Timeline and Next Steps

Sep. 27th – Final Applications are due by 5 p.m.

Oct. 2nd – AFC meets at 10 a.m. to approve modifications to existing funding commitments and hear applicant presentations for new applications

Nov. 6th – AFC meets at 10 a.m. to review preliminary draft scoring and ranking of applications

Dec. 4th – AFC meets at 10 a.m. to develop draft funding commitments

Dec. 18th – AFC meets at 10 a.m. to approve draft funding commitments for public comment

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MORPC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Technical Assistance

Program Overview

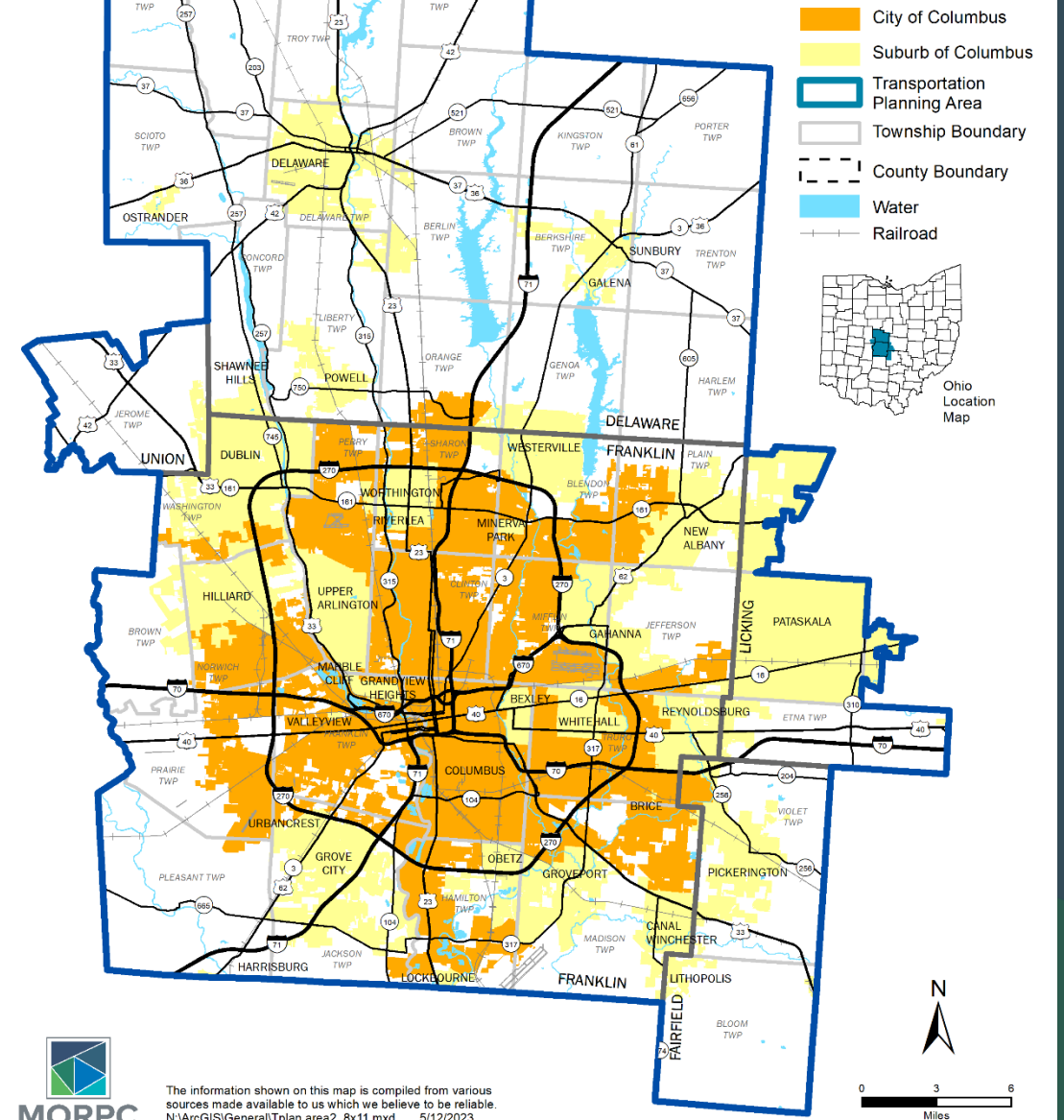
- Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) **provides MORPC staff assistance** to eligible members within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Community-based **planning services that advance community goals overlapping with the MTP** through implementation of specific MTP strategies
- **Awarded through a committee-evaluated, competitive application process**, with services completed in 6-12 months
- Project identification, prioritization of project development next steps

www.morpc.org/programs-services/technical-assistance-program



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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Planning Area



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2024 Program Services



Applicant Agency	Requested Activity	Emphasis
Jefferson Township	Active Transportation Project Prioritization	Recreational Walking & Biking
Franklin Township	Active Transportation Project Prioritization	Sidewalk Gaps & Safe Routes to Schools

Jefferson Township

• Key Study Components

- Public Survey, 652 responses
 - Strong support for walking & biking
- Public Survey & Two (2) Community Workshops
 - Over 650 survey responses
 - ~25 township residents
 - Agency partner input
 - Community Input >> Vision & Goals, Project Priorities
- Geospatial Analysis
 - Network analysis to inform priorities
 - (1) Neighborhood Interconnectivity and (2) Access to Parks & Trails

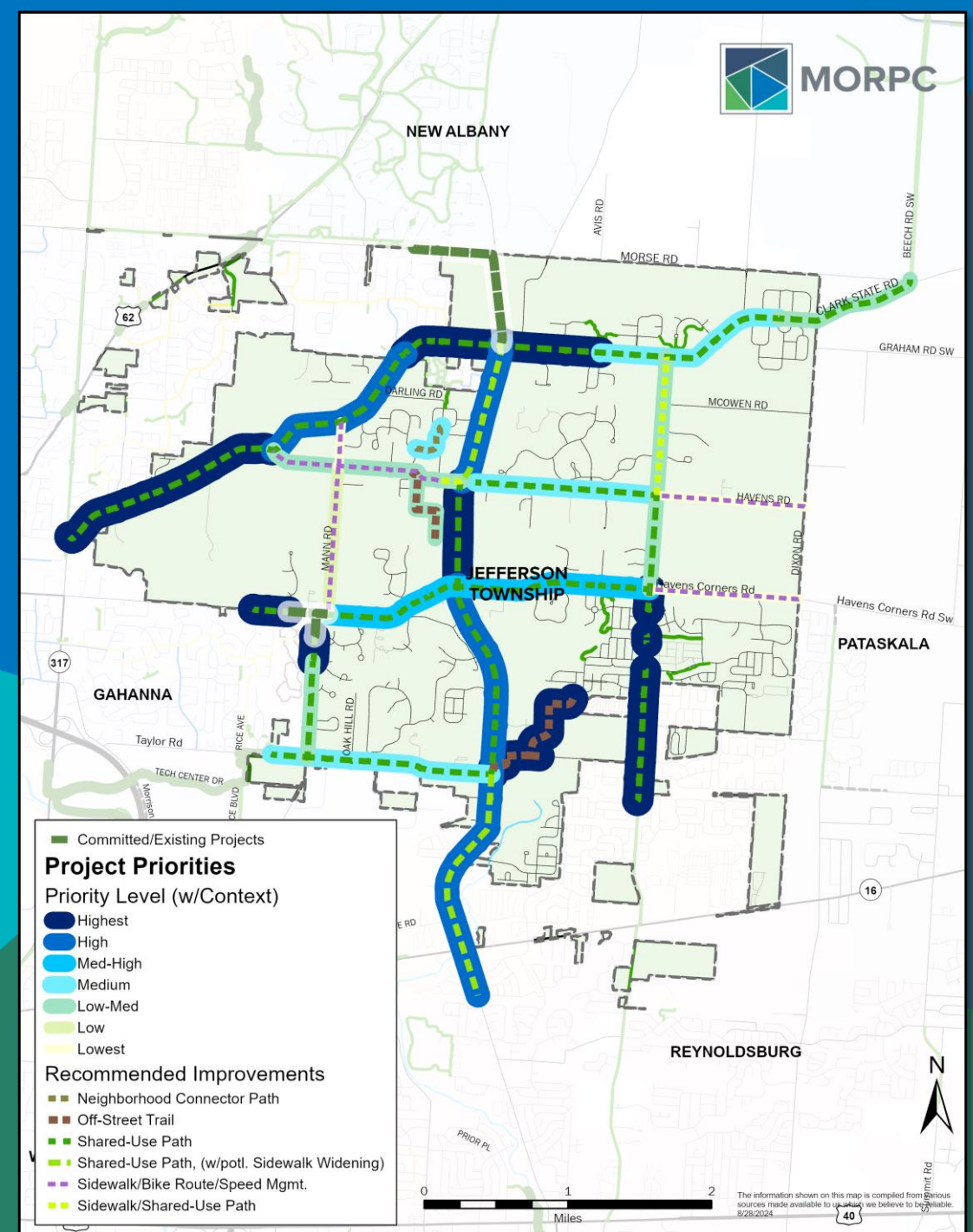
• Project Priorities

- Existing Plans, **Community Input**, Analysis Results
- Township's 5-year CIP, External funding, Coordination with partners

• Study & Plan completion late September



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Franklin Township

- **Key Study Components**

- Geospatial analysis
 - Walk sheds, schools as destinations
 - **Next:** additional destinations, corridor scenarios
- Stakeholder Workshop
 - Discussed opportunities & challenges
 - Columbus Bike+ coordination
- Walk Audit – completed Thursday, June 20th

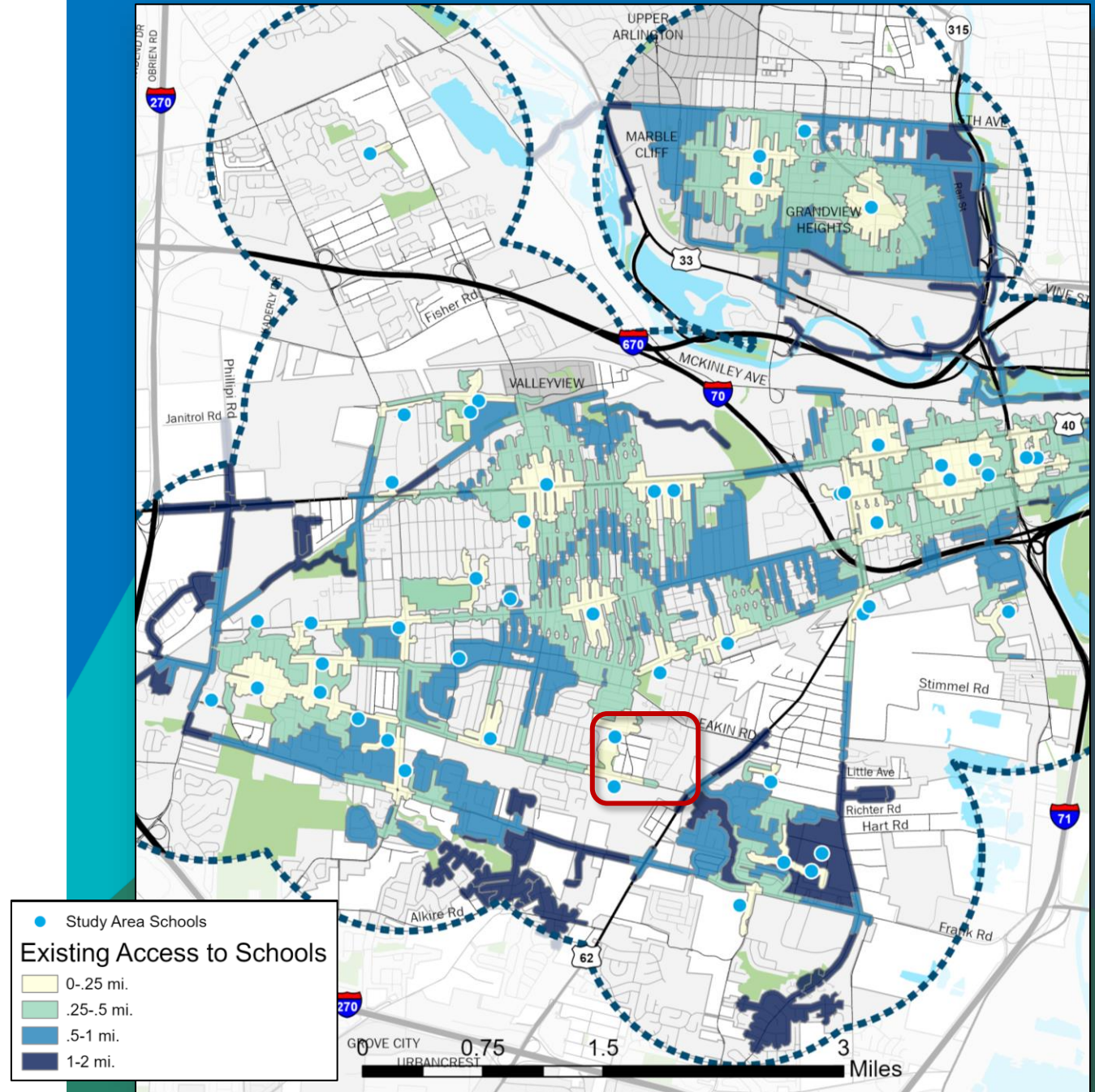
- **Main Deliverable Items / Next Steps**

- Walk Audit Summary Report
- Neighborhood Sidewalk Fact Sheets
- Major Corridor Analysis
- Implementation & Partner Coordination Plan

- **Study / Plan completion late October**



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2025 Technical Assistance Activities



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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

Other

Write your own Scope of Work

Important Dates for 2025 Program Cycle



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July 22, 2024

- 2025 DRAFT Program Guide Posted Online

September 4, 2024

- **CAC/TAC Meetings for Final Approval**

★ September 16, 2024

- **Call for Applications**

September 18, 2024

- Informational Webinar

October 11, 2024

- **Deadline to Submit Applications**

November 15, 2024

- Awardees Notified

End of Nov

- **Kick-off Meetings with Awardees**

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MEMBER ROUNDTABLE



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Accessibility at Mid-Block Crossings



Accessibility at Mid-Block Crossings

- Rectangular rapid flashing beacons with audible message (R307.8.4 of PROWAG)
- Proper grading of midblock crosswalks not to exceed street grade (R302.5.2.4)
- Truncated domes (R305.1 - R305.1.4)
- High contrast in coloration (R305.1.3)
- Refuge islands (R305.2.4)
- Other considerations:
 - Speed bumps or other traffic-calming
 - Curb extensions
 - Frequent maintenance
 - Bright lighting
 - Unobstructed sight lines
 - Introducing stop signs or lights



MORPC SAFETY FORUM 2024



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September 26, 2024
Wigwam Event Center
Pickerington, Ohio

Hear from engaging speakers, participate in a Safe System Approach implementation workshop, share resources and ideas, and network with colleagues from around Central Ohio on various aspects of traffic safety.



Scan QR Code or Visit:
www.morpc.org/event/ssco



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THANK YOU!

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2024 APBP Webinars

- Wednesday, September 18
 - Planning for New Forms of Micromobility
- Wednesday, October 16
 - Moving from World Class Trails to Fully Connected Mobility Networks
- Wednesday, November 20
 - Multi-benefit Corridors: Designing Our Streets for Multisystem Benefits

Email Jordan Petrov to participate in virtual viewing party for APBP webinars:
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THANK YOU!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, October 23

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