



# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county and facilitates regional coordination. This newsletter outlines products, services, news, and events that CORPO provides its member counties.

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## CORPO Safety Action Plan Dashboard

The final CORPO Safety Action Plan was adopted by the CORPO Committee at their May meeting. Adoption of the plan included endorsing a target to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on CORPO roadways by 2% annually. Since the adoption of the plan in May, the MORPC team has been working to create an interactive, online resource to highlight key data points and information from the plan and provide a platform to share the latest updates to data and performance on an annual basis. The dashboard is updated to include the most recent data, providing an overview of the latest five-year period, 2019-2023. This will be a continued resource for CORPO communities and public to track progress toward reducing fatalities & serious injury crashes, as well as in identifying, developing, and implementing transportation safety projects. [Access the dashboard here.](#)



## Upcoming Events

- ❖ The next CORPO Committee meeting is scheduled for **November 4 at 2:00 p.m.** and will be held in-person at MORPC.
- ❖ MORPC and the Urban Land Institute will host the upcoming [STEPZ Workshop](#) for government officials on November 19. This workshop offers an opportunity to enhance or refresh knowledge of planning and zoning processes.
- ❖ The [Southeast Area Update Luncheon](#) will be held December 4 at noon OhioHealth Pickerington Methodist Hospital. These update meetings provide an opportunity for local governments to convene and work collaboratively on short- and long-range community planning. Communities located in and around the Southeast side of the metro area are the focus.

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



## Funding Applications and Opportunities Update

CORPO Staff are available to assist with funding applications and technical assistance.

- ❖ **[Pedestrian & Bicycle Special Solicitation, ODOT-](#)** Special solicitation for projects that make walking and biking a safe, convenient, and accessible transportation option for all Ohioans. A variety of pedestrian and bicycle related projects are eligible with an emphasis on short-terms projects. ***Applications can be submitted at any time, while funding lasts.***
- ❖ **[Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\), ODOT-](#)** Provides funding for transportation alternatives projects, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and safe routes to school projects. ***The application is due November 30.***
- ❖ **[Active Transportation Plan \(ATP\) Development Assistance, ODOT-](#)** ODOT is accepting applications to assist local governments in developing active transportation plans. Selected applicants will be provided with consultant services to develop a stand-alone active transportation plan. This assistance is for planning only. ***Applications are due December 2.***
- ❖ **[Bridge Investment Program, USDOT-](#)** Focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition and expands applicant eligibilities to create opportunity for all levels of government to be direct recipients of program funds. ***Bridge grant applications are due November 1.***
- ❖ **[Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program, USDOT-](#)** Funds activities and projects that advance the use of low carbon materials and products. FWHA will make funds for this program available for non-State applicants. ***The application is due Nov. 25.***
- ❖ **[Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program, USDOT-](#)** Provides early-stage development assistance and will award grants to rural and tribal infrastructure projects for hiring staff or procuring expert firms to provide financial, technical, and legal assistance, assistance with development phase activities, and information regarding innovative financing best practices and case studies. ***Applications are likely to open later this fall.***
- ❖ **[Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\), USDOT-](#)** Funds projects that have significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements allow project sponsors at the state and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. ***Applications will likely open later this fall and be due in January 2025.***

## CORPO Quick Updates

- ❖ The **Functional Classification / National Highway System review process** will begin in November and run through August 2025. ODOT performs this review following the decennial census and it's important because it helps determine federal aid eligibility. CORPO staff will coordinate with communities to revise Functional Classification and NHS beginning in November.
- ❖ The process to develop the **2026-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** kicked off with rural consultation at the September subcommittee meetings. CORPO staff received feedback from communities and is preparing the first draft of the 2026-2029 TIP to be shared with ODOT in January 2025. [More info on the TIP here.](#)
- ❖ Two projects in CORPO were submitted to the **Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)** during the 2024 application period. Funded through ODOT's Major New Capacity Program, TRAC projects have a total cost greater than \$12 million, add capacity to the transportation system, and support economic development. The two CORPO projects are the [SR 13 Relocation project](#) in Knox County and the [US 23 & SR 762 Interchange project](#) in Pickaway County. CORPO/MORPC staff presented CORPO's priorities to the TRAC at their public hearing on October 16. More information on the projects can be found [here.](#)