



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ATC)

Q4 Meeting – October 23, 2024



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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Committee Updates
- LinkUS Update
- Columbus Shared Mobility Planning
- Columbus Bike+ Plan Update
- Central Ohio Greenways (COG)
Wayfinding Strategy
- Member Roundtable
- Other Business



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Lauren Cardoni, MORPC



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ATC Action Plan & Committee Chairs



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Two Chairs will be appointed within the ATC every two years beginning in 2022 with the new leadership recognized during the first meeting of the year. The Chairs are expected to assist MORPC staff with developing agendas for and leading quarterly committee meetings, appoint Working Group chairs as needed, and report relevant ATC updates to TAC meetings on a quarterly basis.

5. Would you be interested in serving as a future co-chair of the Committee, either for the 2025-2026 period or sometime in the future?

[More Details](#)

Insights

- Yes, in 2025-2026 1
- Yes, sometime in the future 4
- No 10



ATC MEETING FEEDBACK SURVEY



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6. Should the Committee maintain the current quarterly meeting schedule?

[More Details](#)

Insights

- Yes 14
- No, it should meet **more** freque... 1
- No, it should meet **less** frequently 0



16 Responses

04:05 Average time to complete

MORPC Active Transportation Committee 2024 Meeting Feedback Survey



ATC MEETING FEEDBACK SURVEY



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7. The Committee has been meeting quarterly on Wednesday mornings. Generally, are Wednesday mornings a good time for you for Committee meetings?

[More Details](#)

 Insights

 Yes	14
 No	2



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Committee 2024 Meeting
Feedback Survey



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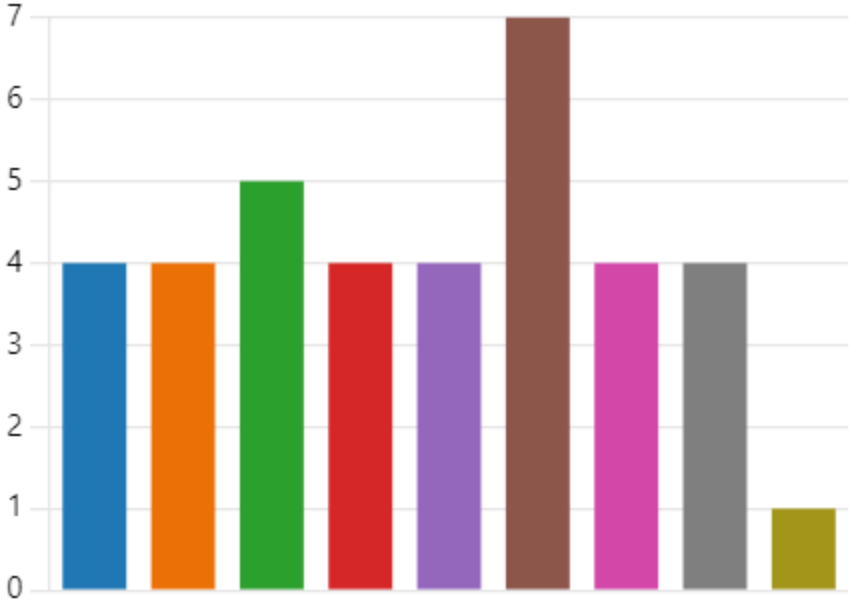


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8. Should meeting times need to be moved, what other time slots could you accommodate?

[More Details](#)

- Monday mornings 4
- Monday afternoons 4
- Tuesday mornings 5
- Tuesday afternoons 4
- Wednesday afternoons 4
- Thursday mornings 7
- Thursday afternoons 4
- Friday mornings 4
- Friday afternoons 1



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LINKUS UPDATE

Elliott Lewis, MORPC



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LINKUS UPDATE

Active Transportation
Committee

October 23, 2024

COTA

Franklin County
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

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THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GRITHER, MAYOR

COLUMBUS
PARTNERSHIP



Link ^{us}
Moving our region. Together.

2026–2030 TSI CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



83 PROJECTS
\$262M (2024 \$)

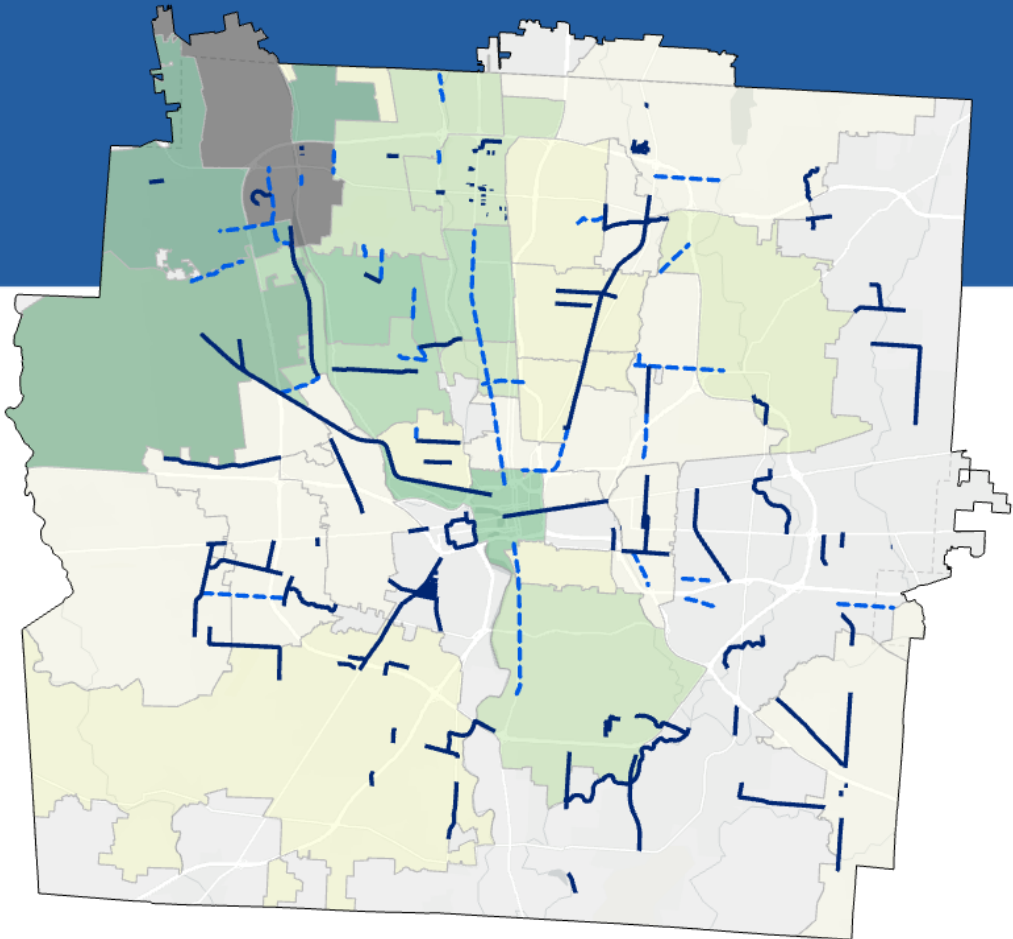
**150+ MILES OF
IMPROVEMENTS**

**55 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
PROJECTS**

**65 PROJECTS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION BY 2030**

35 JURISDICTIONS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



216 total comments

- 192 supportive
- 15 neutral
- 10 opposing

Largely supportive of the program in general or additional projects

- Connections between projects
- Sidewalks and greenways
- Short gaps in existing network

High concentration of comments in NW



FUTURE MEETINGS AND ANNUAL CIP UPDATES



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Q1/Q2 2025

- Formalization of funding commitments, COTA Board approval

Q3 2025

- Solicit project updates, new proposals, convene TWGs
- Public engagement
- TCC meet to review public input, potential CIP changes

Q4 2025

- TCC, LC meet to approve CIB, CIP

Q1 2026

- Modified and new funding commitments, COTA Board approval
- Funds available for 2026 commitments



NEXT STEPS

- Continue engagement of community, government, non-profit and business stakeholders
- Continue corridor design and federal grants process
- COTA levy in 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.



COLUMBUS SHARED MOBILITY PLANNING

Kristian Sims,
Columbus Department of Public Service



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COLUMBUS BIKE+ PLAN UPDATE

Brian Ashworth,
Columbus Department of Public Service



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COG WAYFINDING STRATEGY

Melinda Vonstein, MORPC



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CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS

COG Wayfinding Strategy: *Beyond Maps and Signage*



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CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAY— Advancing access, connectivity, health, and more



VISION

A world-class network of trails easily accessible to every Central Ohioan

MISSION

Increase Greenways trails mileage and usage for recreation and transportation needs



CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS: opening access to the region's waterways



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CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS: opening access to the Communities



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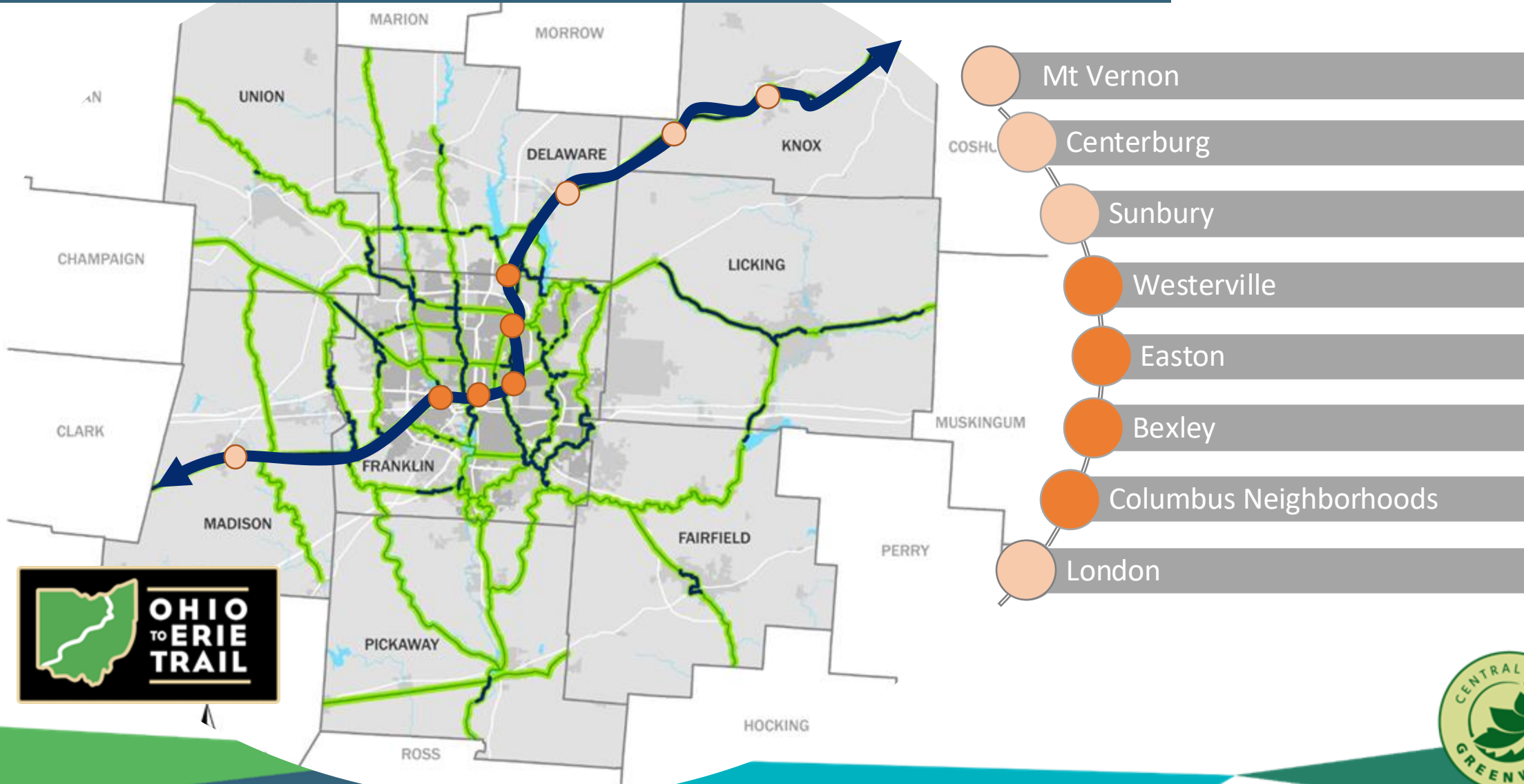


TRAIL TOWN FRAMEWOK

*“To be a Trail Town is to make the decision to pay attention to trails” –
and invest in them.*



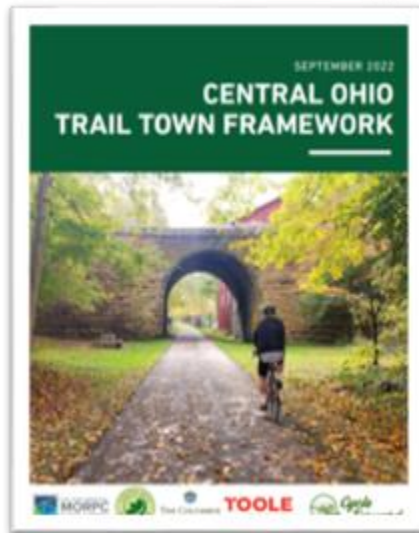
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EXPANDING TRAIL USE - in alignment with ODOT's Walk Bike Ohio Plan

Current Projects and Partnerships

- Trail Towns Framework
- Outdoor Trails Pass – Experience Columbus
- Tourism Partnerships – Ohio to Erie Trail and Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Central Ohio Blueways
- RAPID 5 Partnership



COG WAYFINDING STRATEGY



BEYOND MAPS & SIGNS

A WAYFINDING STRATEGY GUIDE FOR THE CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS

March 2024



TACTICS

TRAILHEADS
Chapter 4

MAPS & SIGNS
Chapter 5

TECHNOLOGY
Chapter 6

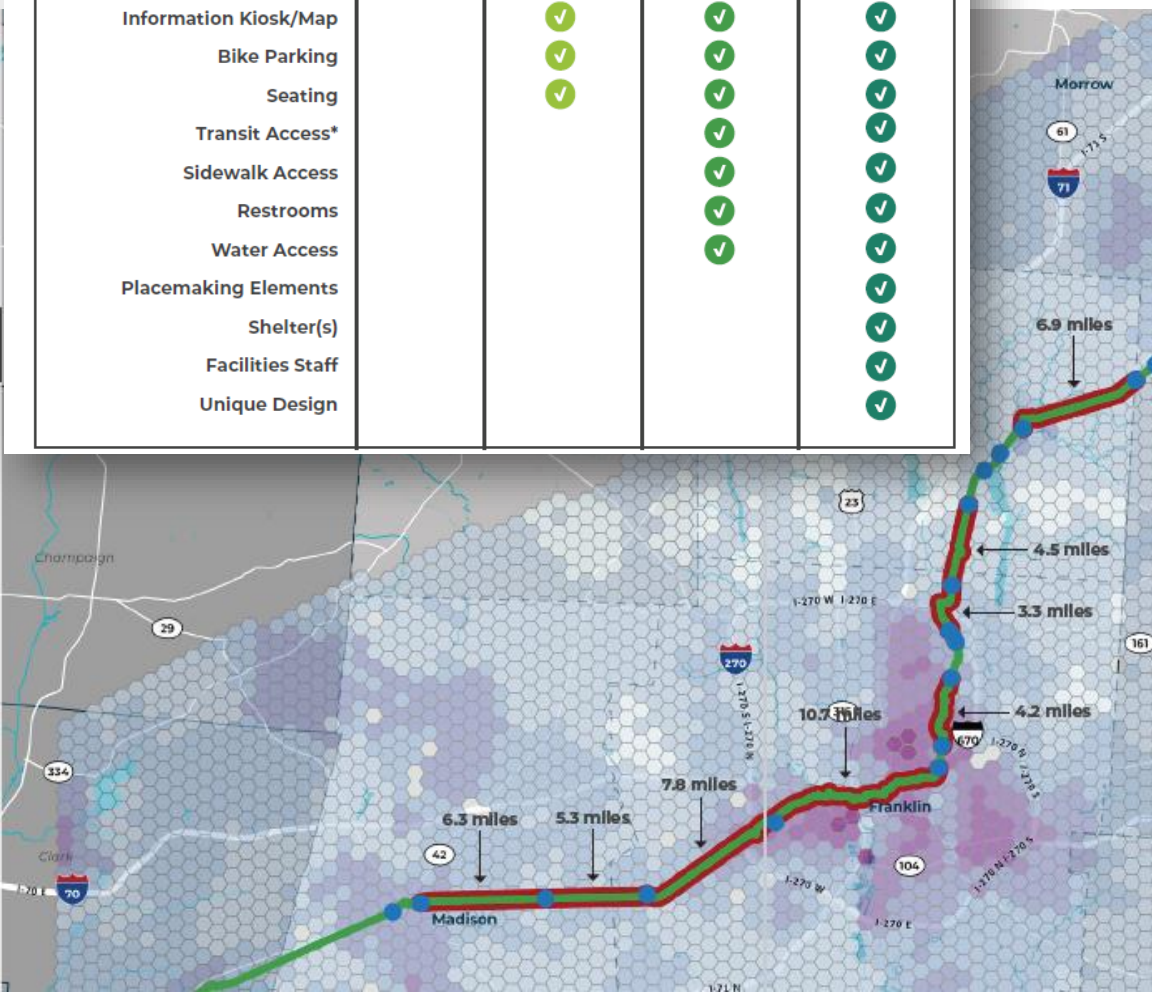
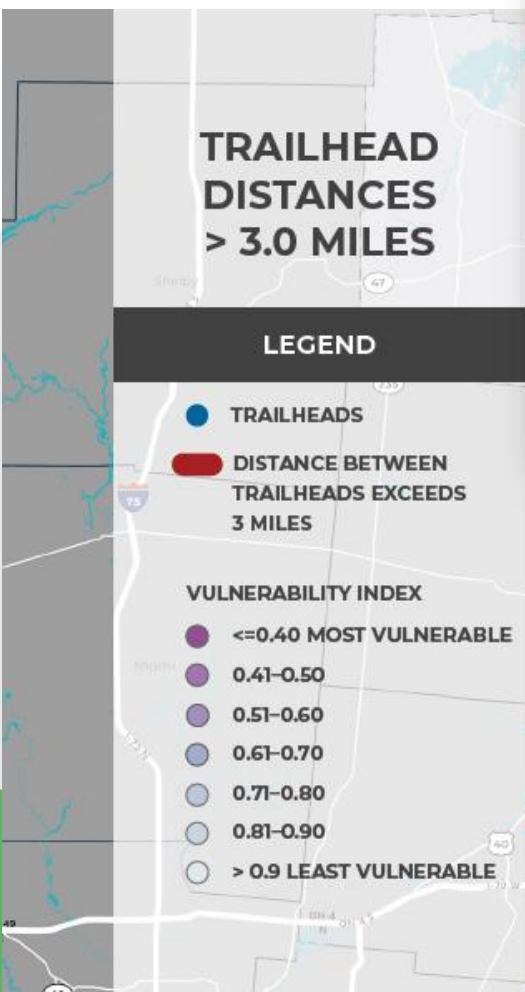
CREATIVE
ELEMENTS
Chapter 7

TRAIL
AMBASSADORS
Chapter 8

DATA COLLECTION AND TRAILHEADS

>>>> Trailhead Categories

FEATURE REQUIREMENTS	ACCESS POINTS	TRAILHEAD LEVELS		
		BASIC	ENHANCED	PREMIER
Access to Streets & Roadways	✓	✓	✓	✓
Information Kiosk/Map		✓	✓	✓
Bike Parking		✓	✓	✓
Seating		✓	✓	✓
Transit Access*			✓	✓
Sidewalk Access			✓	✓
Restrooms			✓	✓
Water Access			✓	✓
Placemaking Elements				✓
Shelter(s)				✓
Facilities Staff				✓
Unique Design				✓



An Easy-to-use Asset Collection Tool

Contact MORPC for access to the online form developed to facilitate the Ohio to Erie Trail asset inventory.



SIGN STANDARDS



>>>>> Refreshed COG Standard



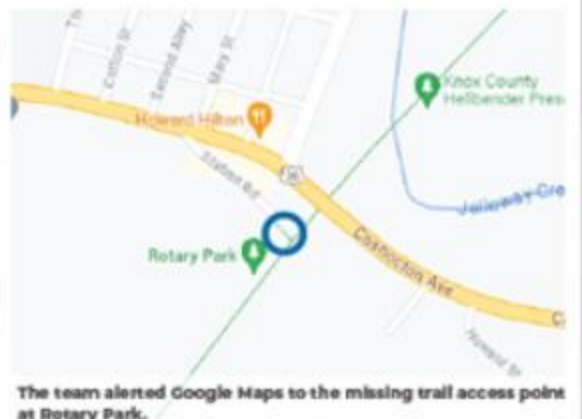
SIGN SYSTEMS ENCOUNTERED

COG WAYFINDING TECHNOLOGY



>>>>> Improve Data At The Source

>>>>> Improve Count Data



CREATIVE ELEMENTS

>>>>Creative Cross Walks



ODOT developed crosswalks such as these could enhance crosswalk safety and help provide on a route that has diverged from a trail. Though creative crosswalks are self being installed in the U.S. and are not always approved for regular highways, the treatment should be applied when possible. The artwork, when a trail crosses a road.

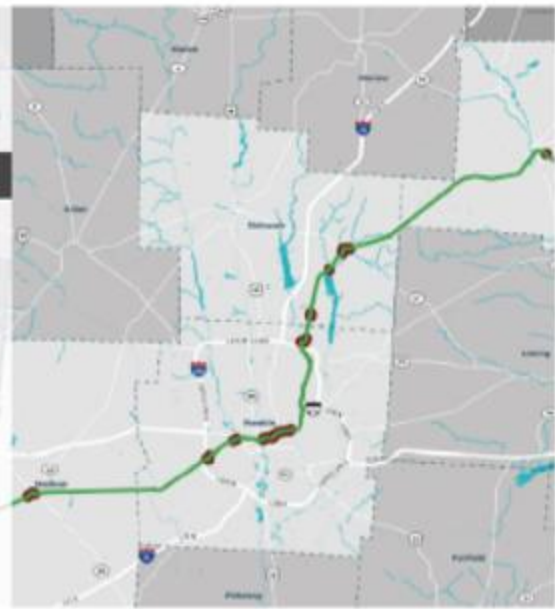
ON-ROAD ROUTE SEGMENTS

LEGEND

ON-ROAD SEGMENTS OF THE OHIO TO ERIE TRAIL

The places indicated in red on this map are those where the Ohio to Erie Trail route is on road.

SCALE: 1" = 6 mi.
5 mi.

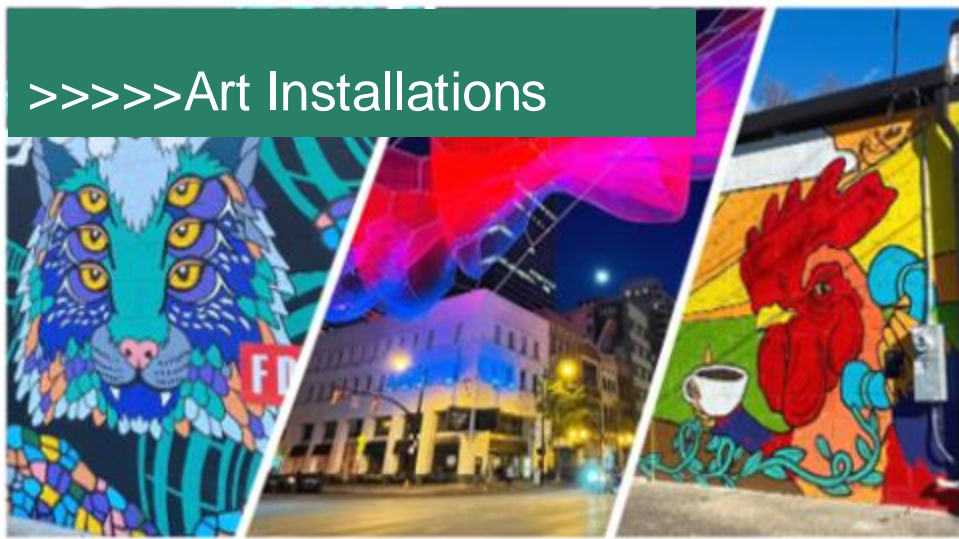


>>>>Curated Itineraries

2023 Columbus Outdoor Trails Pass



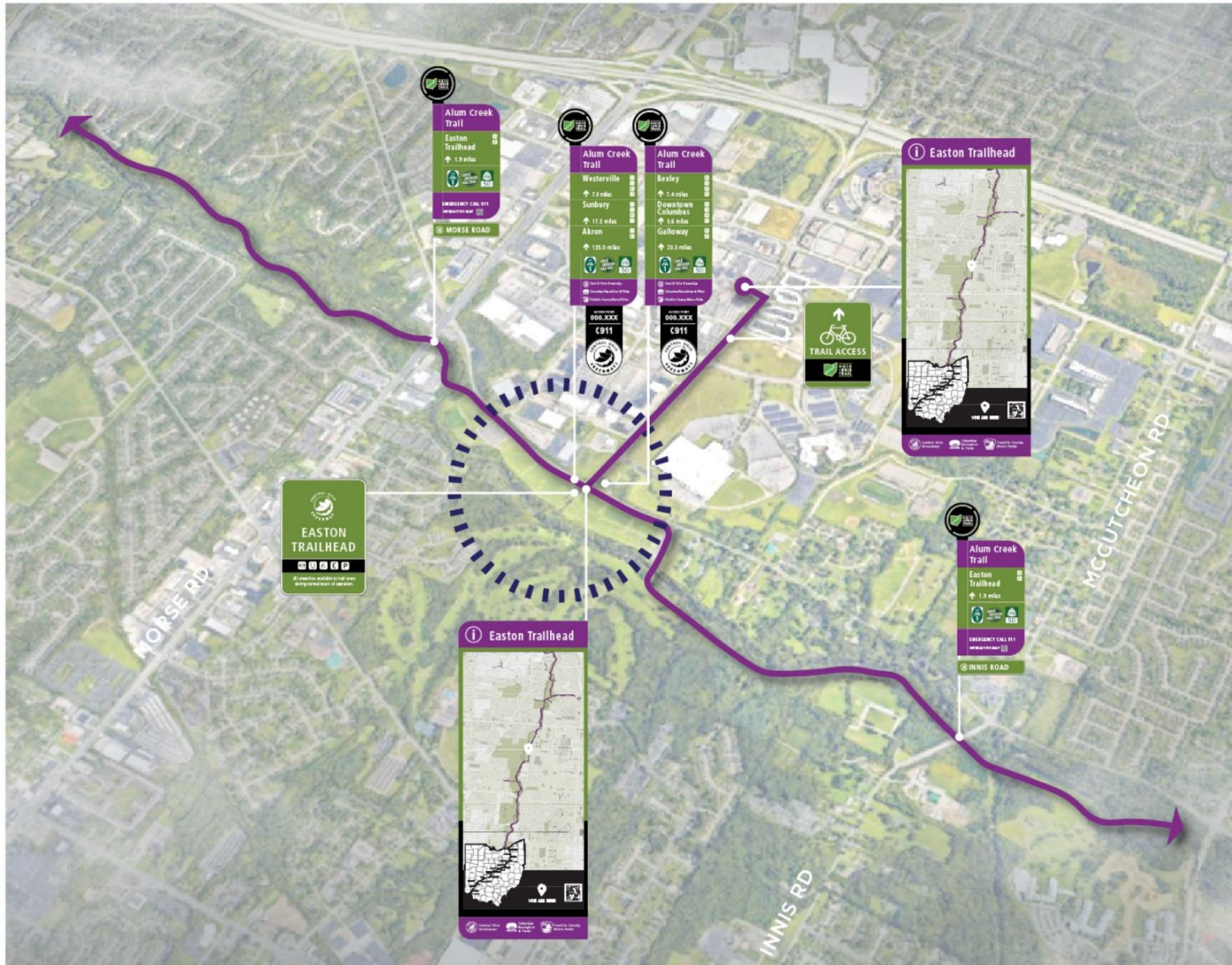
>>>>Art Installations

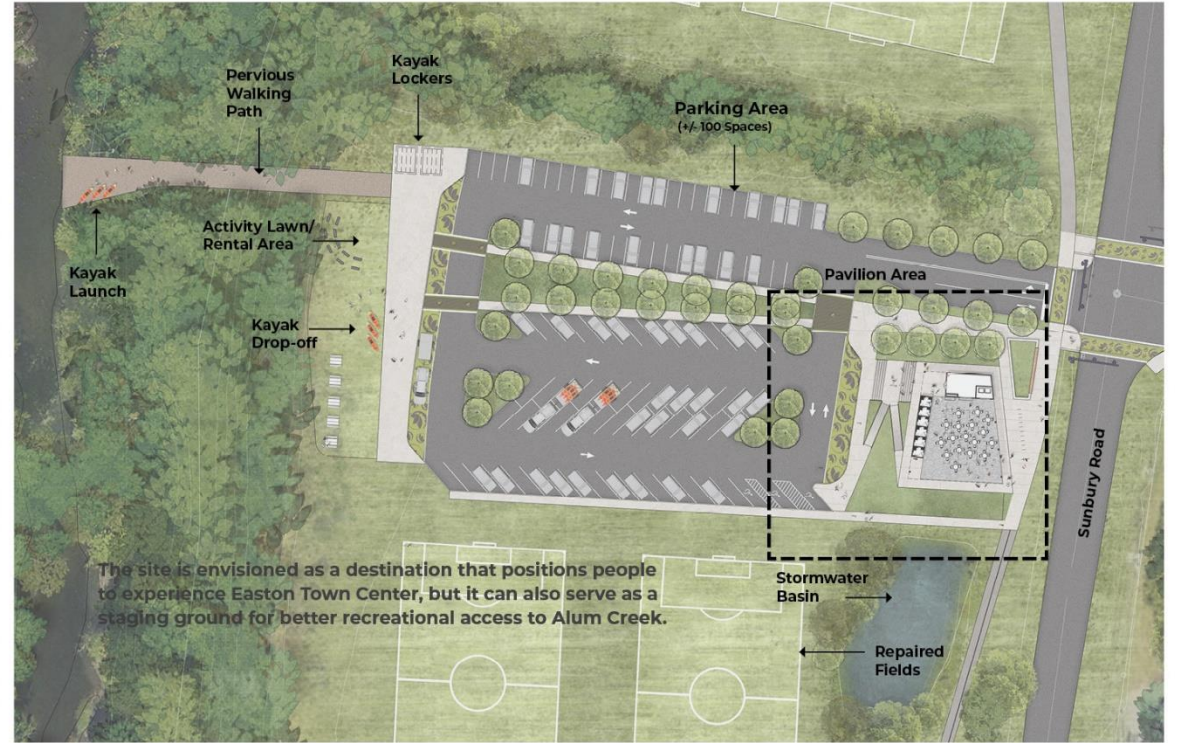


There are 13 sites with creative elements along this segment of the Ohio to Erie Trail — murals, sculptures, creative bike racks, historic structures, and community art projects. Long stretches of trail, however, feature no creative elements at all.



CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS WAYFINDING STRATEGY









NEXT STEPS



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TRAIL TOWNS IN THE NATION'S HEARTLAND

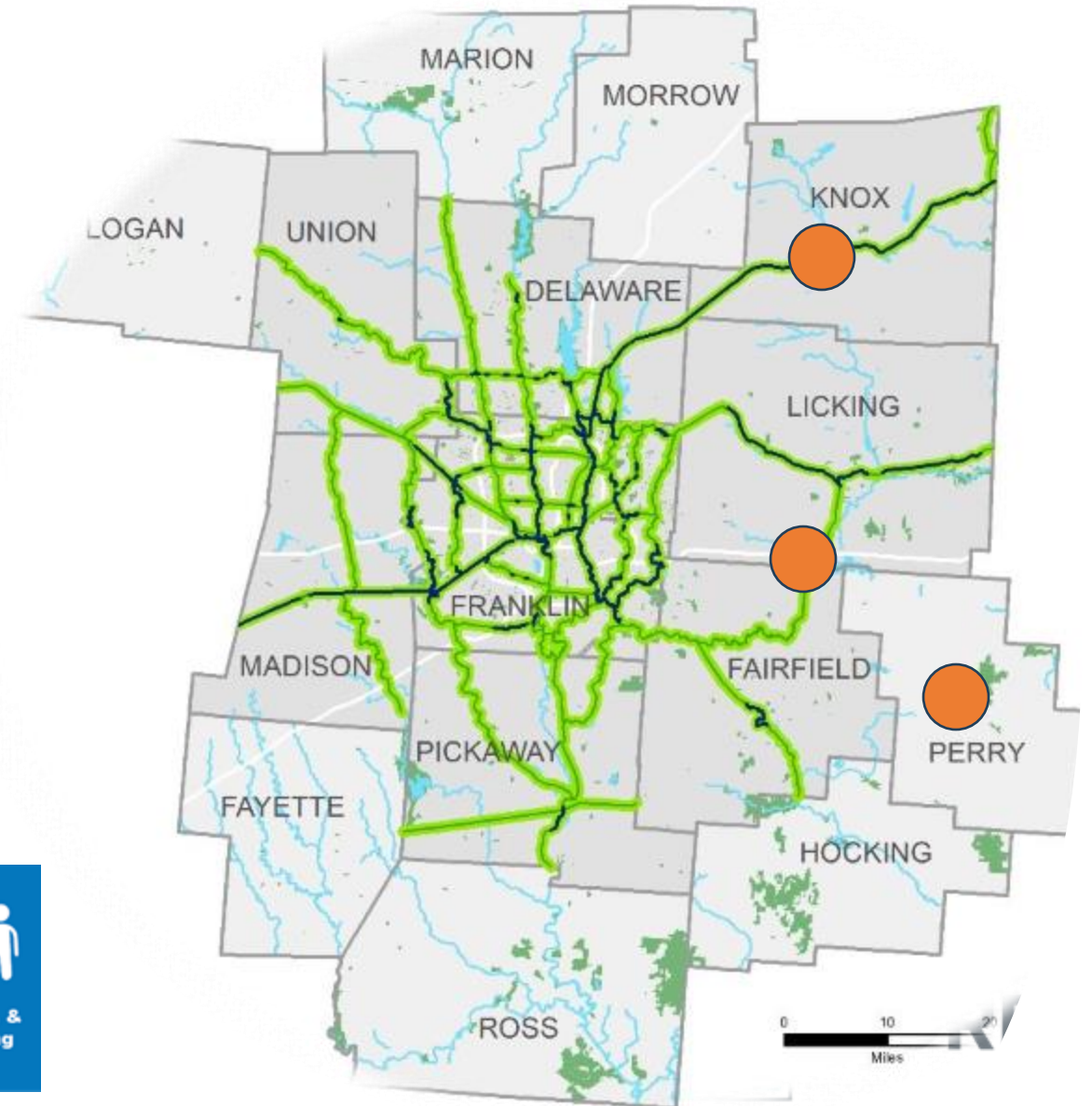


A Premier Trailhead Experience



TRAIL TOWNS IN THE NATION'S HEARTLAND

- RAISE APPLICATION 2024
 - MERIT DISTINCTION
- Regional Trail and Bikeways Plan
- Local Trail Town Plan
 - Village of Shawnee
 - Buckeye Trail Association
 - Buckeye Lake Area
 - Bike Buckeye Lake
 - City of Mt Vernon
 - Ohio to Erie Trail Board
- Community Based Public Engagement
- Economic Impact Study

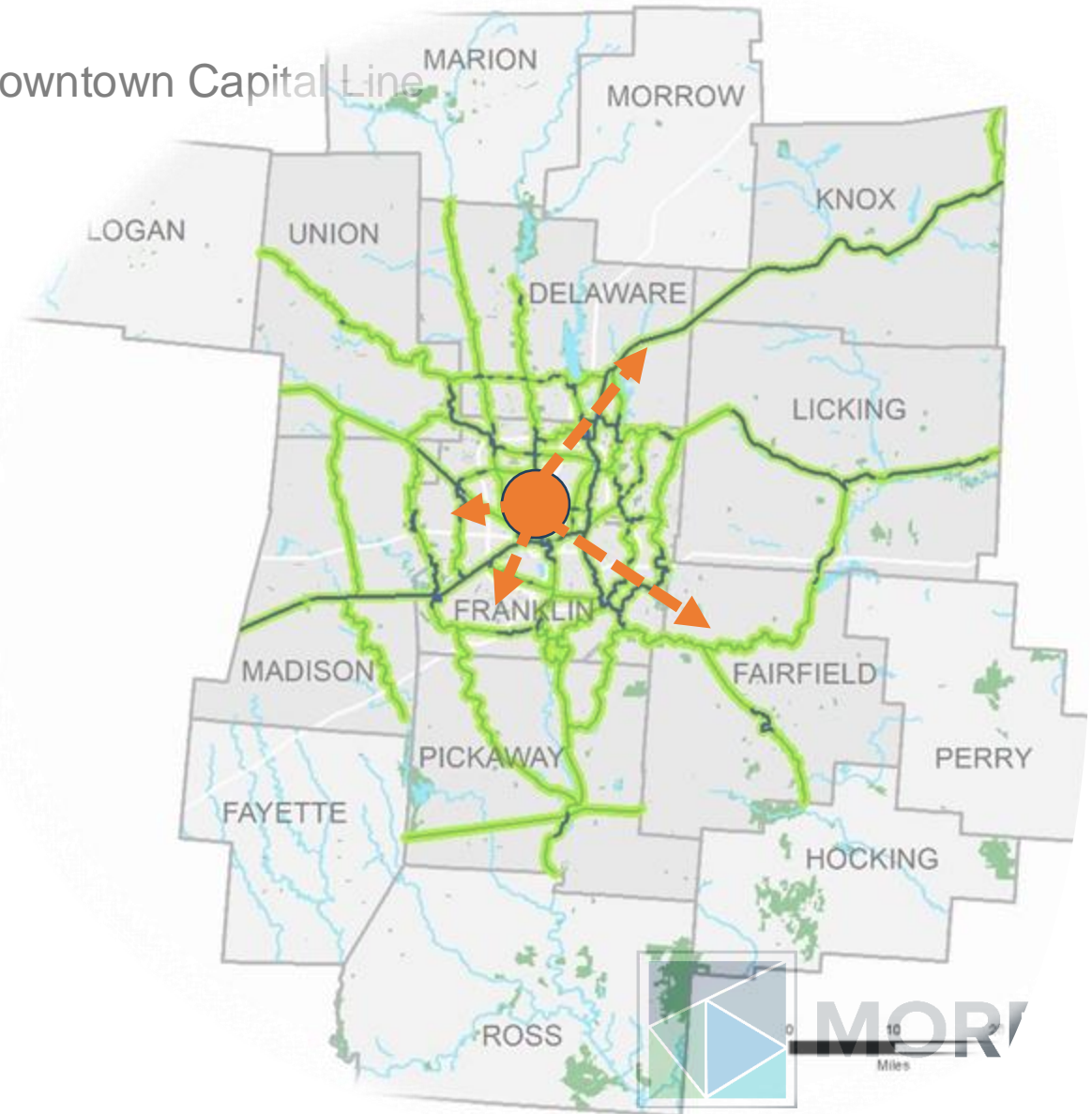




TRAIL TOWN AMBASSADOR TRAINING PROGRAM



- ATIP Application submitted summer 2024
- Connect people to Major \$100 Million+ investment downtown Capital Line
 - Develop intention connections to downtown



FROM VISION TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION



OTHER WORK – SUPPORTING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

SUPPORTING USE OF TRAILS NOW

- TOURISM PARTNERSHIP – Curated Itineraries
- DETOURS & CLOSURES – Best practices and technical assistance

RESEARCH BUILDING THE CASE FOR INVESTMENT

- SOCIAL CONNECTION RESEARCH
- NATURAL ASSET INDEX





MEMBER ROUNDTABLE



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FUNDING UPDATES



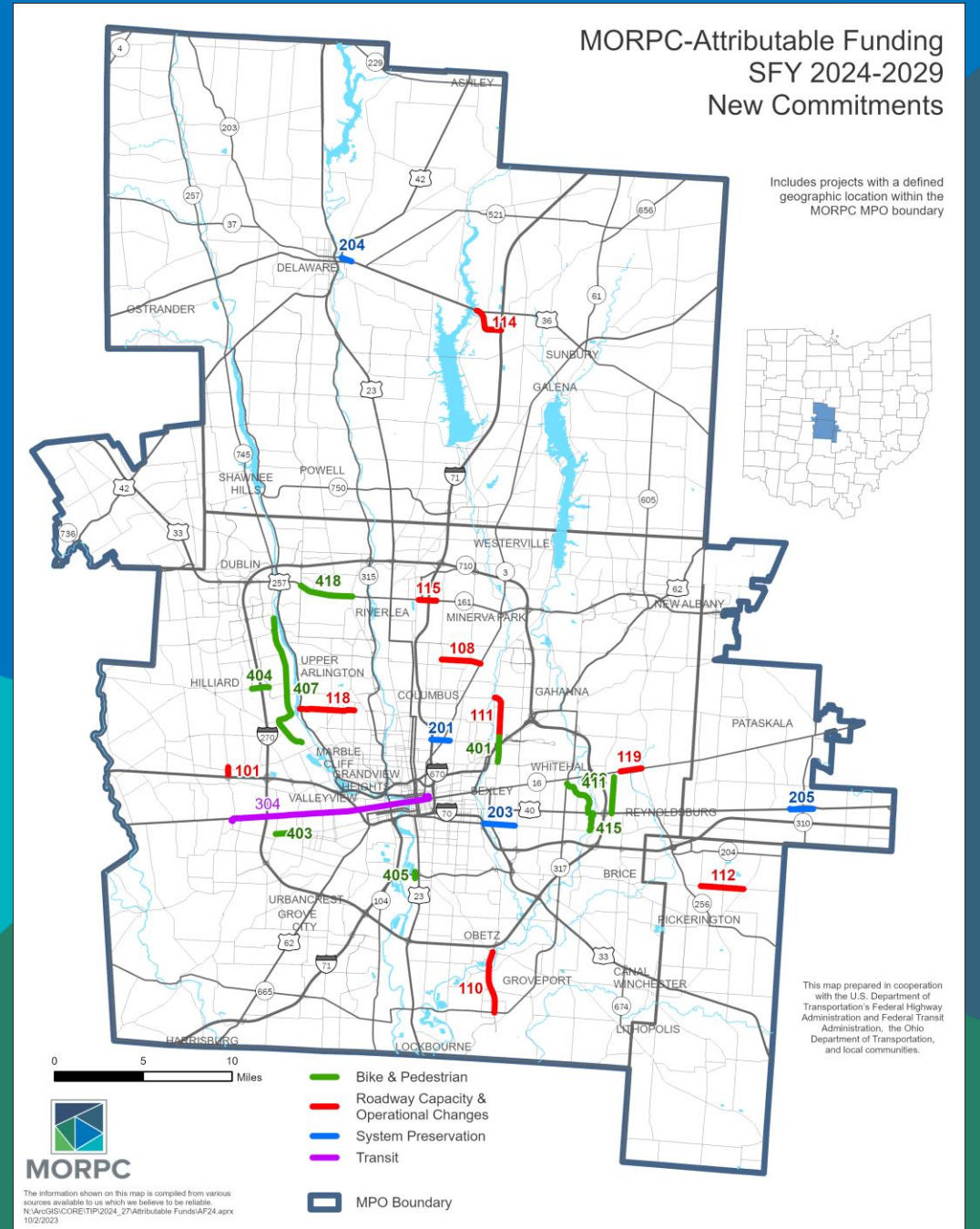
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MORPC-ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING PROGRAM

Stand-Alone Bike and Pedestrian Project Funding

- 2020 Funding Cycle - \$4.3M Committed
- 2022 Funding Cycle - **\$58.3M Committed**
- 2024 Funding Cycle:
 - Approximately \$50M total available
 - \$18M requested for bike/ped projects

ALSO: MORPC Complete Streets Policy applies to all roadway projects receiving these funds.



STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Clean Ohio Trail Fund
- State Capital Budget
- MORPC Attributable Funds
- CORPO Dedicated Funds
- ODOT Transportation Alternatives (TAP)
- ODOT HSIP
- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
- Federal Discretionary
 - RAISE
 - SS4A
 - ATIIP
 - Reconnecting Communities

Applications Open Now

- Clean Ohio Trail Fund (DUE: March 15)
- ODOT TAP (DUE: November 30)
- SRTS Planning (DUE: December 2)
- ODOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Special Solicitation (Rolling application)
- HSIP (Rolling applications)

Applications Opening Soon

- RAISE Discretionary Grants (DUE: January 13)
- SRTS Project (DUE: March 7)
- HSIP (Rolling applications)

ODOT HSIP APPLICATION DEADLINES



[*Fact sheets and associated materials available on the web site](#)

ODOT SPECIAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Beginning in October [2024], ODOT is offering a special solicitation for a variety of pedestrian or bicycle related projects, with an emphasis on projects that can be completed in the short term.

- **Who is Eligible?**

- Any political subdivision, regardless of location inside or outside of an MPO.

- **Funding Details**

- Funding will be available in FY 2025 and beyond.
- Applications can be submitted at any time, to be reviewed Quarterly (Jan 1, April 1, July 1, Oct 1).
- Most funding available at 100% (no local match)
 - Municipalities with >100,000 people must provide 20% match for infrastructure projects.
- **This special solicitation is primarily offering reimbursement funding.** Consultant assistance for planning or design are extremely limited.

- **What Types of Projects are Eligible?**

- Non-infrastructures projects, such as:
 - Education and promotion projects, temporary demonstration projects
 - Data collection
 - Plans or studies like School Travel Plans or feasibility studies
- Infrastructure projects that can be built quickly (fully in the ROW, etc.):
 - Sidewalk replacement or trail resurfacing
 - Pavement markings
 - Median islands or raised crosswalks
- Traditional infrastructure projects of statewide significance, like:
 - Projects that improve the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) of [Ohio's State and US Bike Route System](#).

For more details and to apply, please visit: [Pedestrian & Bicycle Special Solicitation | Ohio Department of Transportation](#)

MORPC PROGRAM REFRESH



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Better Infrastructure. Stronger Communities.

Identify. Advocate. Implement.

Purpose

- Advance regional, transformational projects that help communities prepare for equitable economic growth
- Formerly known as the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program

Program Pillars

- Sustainable and Equitable Economic Growth
- Infrastructure Planning and Implementation
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Timeline

- Program Launch: December 2025/January 2026
- Application Period: 30 days
 - Hosted on MORPC's website
 - Informational webinar
- Internal Evaluation: 1 month
- Release Project List: March 2025

OTHER BUSINESS



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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**

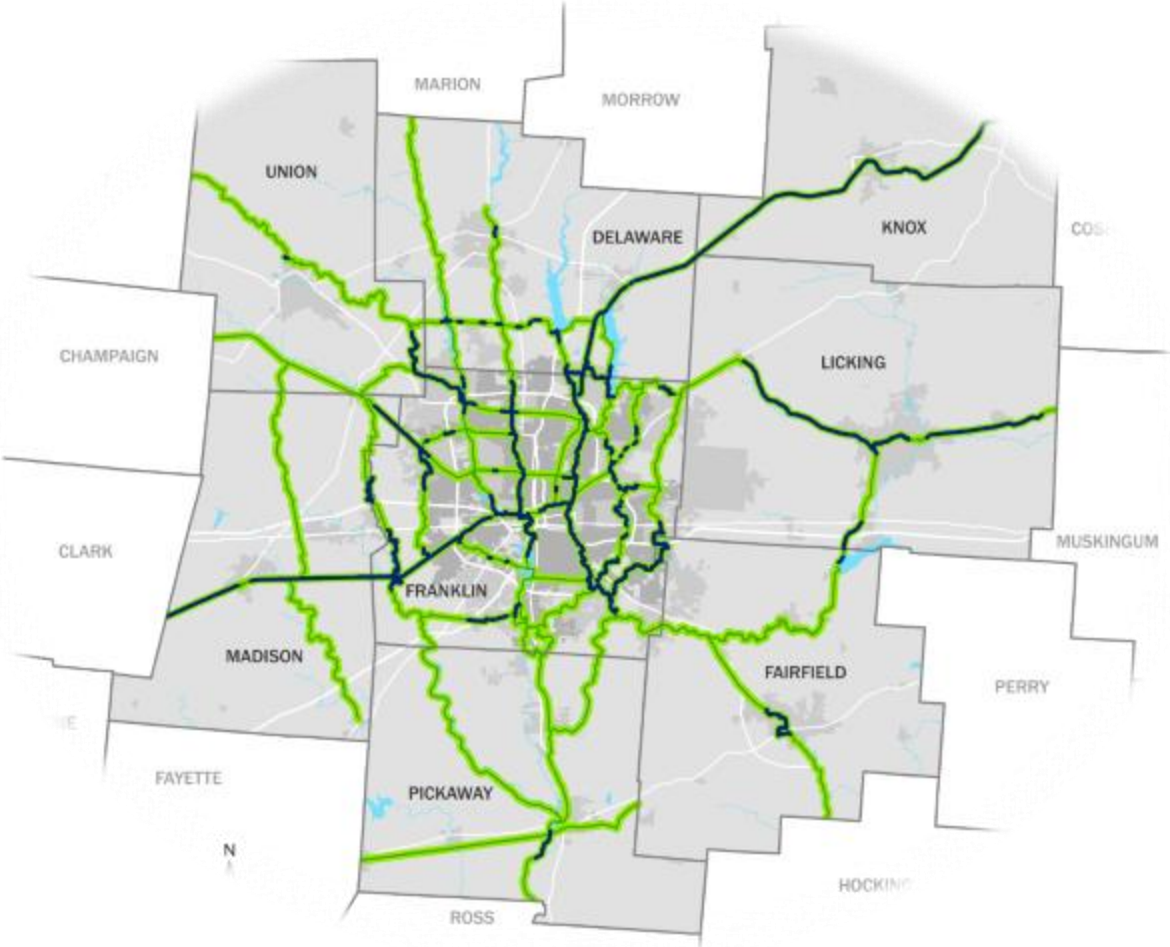
www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program

SUBREGION COLLABORATION MEETINGS



Trails and Active Transportation in the...

- Northeast Subregion: October 21, 2024
- Northwest Subregion (PARTNA): October 22, 2024
- Southeast Subregion: October 23, 2024
- Southwest Subregion: October 25, 2024



WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS IN THE U.S.

SAVE THE DATE!

November 17, 2024, 1-2 pm

Washington Gladden Park

(NE corner of Broad Street at Cleveland Ave)

Please RSVP: gptornes@gmail.com

FRIENDS
AND
FAMILY
FOR **SAFE**
STREETS
COLUMBUS

2024 APBP Webinars

- Wednesday, November 20
 - Multi-benefit Corridors: Designing Our Streets for Multisystem Benefits

- Wednesday, December 18
 - University Transportation Centers 101: An Overview of the UTC Program and Exploring How Practitioners Can Engage the Process

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



THANK YOU!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Sometime in 2025...

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