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- Ahead: Short Range Transit Plan



LinkUS Update

MORPC Community Advisory Committee

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2050 REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION





Transit Service





8 New COTA//Plus Zones

14

New or Improved Transit Lines 5

Rapid Transit Lines **45**%

More Service

BY 2030:



Rapid Transit Corridors: West Broad, East Main and Northwest

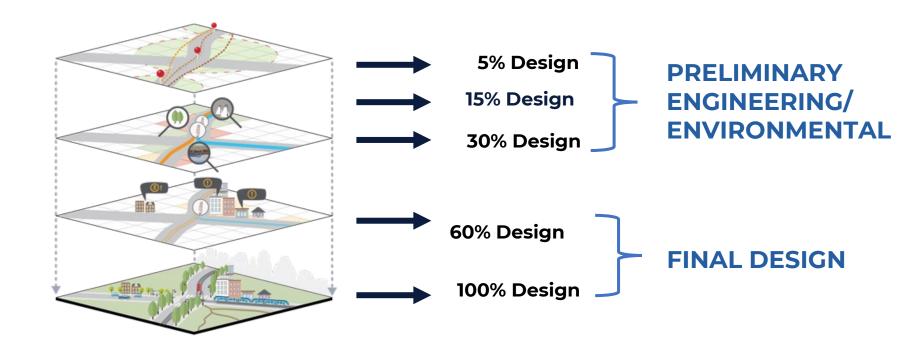
83

Community and neighborhood projects

150

New miles of sidewalks, bikeways and trails

LEVELS OF DESIGN



2026-2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



83 PROJECTS \$256M (2024 \$)

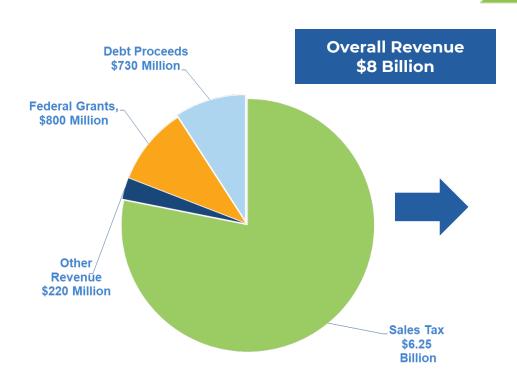
150+ MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS

55 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROJECTS

65 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY 2030

35 JURISDICTIONS

LINKUS INVESTMENT BREAKDOWN



Leverages the COTA sales tax, **now 1%** rather than .5%

to secure at least **\$800 million** in federal funding

And resulting in ~\$2 billion in new revenue by 2030 and \$8 billion by 2050

WEST BROAD CORRIDOR

PENDING FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING APPLICATIONS



\$150M

USDOT Small Starts Capital Investment Grant (Pending)

\$1.1M

USDOT Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Grant (Awarded) \$42M

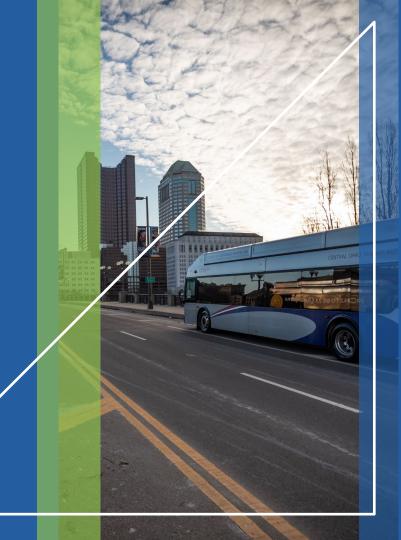
USDOT NAE Capital Construction Grant (Awarded)

\$15M

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)(Awarded)

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Short Range Transit Plan 2025-2029



What is a Short-Range Transit Plan?

Short Range Transit Plan" (SRTP), according to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is a document that outlines how a public transportation agency plans to operate and serve its community over a short period, usually around five years, detailing their service plans, operational needs, budget, and potential new transit services, all while requiring approval if they receive federal funding

Federal requirement:

Any transit agency receiving federal funds from the FTA must have an updated SRTP.

Planning horizon:

Typically covers a five-year period, while long range transit plans can extend to 20+ years.

Schedule

Nov-Dec 2024: Existing Conditions Analysis Jan-April 2025: Stakeholder Engagement, TSR Evaluation and Recommendations

May 2025: DRAFT SRTP Review June 2025: Final SRTP and Board Adoption