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Attributable Funds Public Comment Period Summary *2024 Solicitation*

Introduction

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) conducted a public review and comment period for proposed Attributable Funding commitments for the 2024 solicitation from January 13 to February 12, 2025. The draft funding recommendations include updates to 31 existing commitments, 7 proposed new funding commitments, and 13 projects not recommended for funding. MORPC compiled a report on the proposed funding commitments including an overview of the MORPC-Attributable Funding program, a summary of draft funding recommendations, and detailed project information. The public was able to provide feedback on recommendations via email, phone, in writing, using an interactive web map, or commenting on social media posts.

Comments Received from the Public

Over the 30-day public comment period, MORPC received 118 total comments. The public comments are summarized below. Most comments were project-specific and were either in support of or in opposition to a project. Comments categorized as “other” did not specifically express support or opposition to a project but provided additional comments related to the project. Six comments were not related to projects considered for MORPC-Attributable Funds. One comment expressed support for a project which did not receive MORPC-Attributable Funding, the Big Walnut Trail in the City of Gahanna.

Table 1. Comments Received on Proposed New Funding Commitments

ID	Project Name	Support	Oppose	Other	Total
101	Trabue Road at Walcutt Road	14	4	2	20
103	East Broad Capital Trail	9	0	0	9
105	The Emerald Connector	4	0	0	4
106	Southwest Regional Medical and Innovation Gateway Overpass	6	0	0	6
204	Cooke Road, Phase 2 (Glenmawr Avenue to Karl Road)	7	0	0	7
301	E. Main Street BRT	19	0	0	19
405	Big Walnut Trail- Cherrybottom Park to Morse Road	8	0	1	9
	Total	67	4	3	74

Table 2. Comments Received on Proposed Updated Funding Commitments

ID	Project Name	Support	Oppose	Other	Total
117	Orange Road under CSX/NS Grade Separation	1	0	0	1
119	Sancus Boulevard, from Worthington Woods Boulevard to Lazelle Road	1	0	0	1
123	SR 161 and Linworth Road Improvements	0	0	1	1
173	COTA W Broad St High Capacity Transit Corridor and transit service upgrades	7	0	1	8
343	Hilliard Rome Rd at Renner Rd, Intersection modification	5	0	3	8
345	Zollinger Rd from Riverside Dr to North Star Rd, Bicycle lanes, from 4 lanes to 3 lanes	2	0	0	2
348	SR 37 from US 42 to Foley St, Reconstruction, from 2 lanes to 3 lanes	0	1	0	1
350	Big Walnut Trail from Refugee Rd to East Main St, Multi-use path, from 0 lanes to 2 lanes	1	0	0	1
353	Dublin Rd from Quarry Trails Metro Park to Limestone Ridge Dr, Multi-use path	3	0	0	3
354	Scioto Trail Bridge at SR 104, Multi-use path	1	0	0	1
355	Cemetery Rd from Britton Pkwy to Trueman Blvd, Multi-use path	1	0	0	1
356	Fairway Blvd from East Main St to S Hamilton Rd, Multi-use path	1	4	0	5
357	SR 161 from Sawmill Rd to West of Linworth Rd, Multi-use path	4	0	0	4
	Total	27	5	5	37

Note: Only projects which received at least one comment are included in the table above.

General Summary of Comments:

- Transit-related comments were overwhelmingly supportive of the West Broad BRT and East Main BRT. Many commenters emphasized the need and desire for dedicated bus lanes throughout the entirety of the BRT corridors.
- Comments were highly supportive of bicycle and pedestrian projects and roadway projects that also include bicycle and pedestrian components. Commenters provided many specific suggestions for safety enhancements, such as fully separated bicycle facilities, physical barriers between vehicular and cyclist traffic, raised crosswalks, improved crossings, lighting, reduction of vehicle speeds, and other design suggestions.
- Commenters were mixed in their opinions of projects intended to improve congestion and safety, particularly of projects adding turn lanes and roundabouts.
- Commenters were supportive of projects that will provide new connections over interstates and were especially supportive of the bicycle and pedestrian components included as part of the projects.

Summary of Project-Specific Comments:

Projects which received many comments or received more comments in opposition to the project as compared to in support of the project are summarized below.

Trabue Road at Walcutt Road

- Some commenters were concerned that the roundabout may not solve issues with congestion at Trabue and Walcutt, particularly given the large amount of freight traffic.
- Commenters were very supportive of the shared-use path included in this project. Commenters would like the project to include protective infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, particularly at conflict-points like driveways and intersections.

West Broad and East Main BRT Corridors

- Comments emphasized the importance of dedicated bus lanes for the entirety of the corridors.
- Commenters want additional infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians on the entirety of the corridors, such as protected bike lanes or shared-use paths, improved sidewalks, improved crossings, and bike parking and storage.

Hilliard Rome Road and Renner Road

- Commenters provided suggestions to improve traffic flow and access to businesses in the area while reducing congestion and improving safety issues.

Fairway Boulevard from East Main St to S Hamilton Rd, Multi-use path

- Commenters expressed opposition to the project due to the requirement for local match and the perception that the proposed path will not connect to other shared-use paths or bike lanes.
- Commenters were opposed to other projects along or near Fairway Boulevard that are not funded through MORPC-Attributable Funds, including a roundabout and a proposed housing development.