# MORPC-Attributable Funding

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# WHAT ARE MORPC-ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS?



Federal transportation funds allocated to urban areas with a population over 50,000



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# **Approximately \$37 Million Available Annually**

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) ~\$23 million
- Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) ~\$12 million
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) ~\$2 million

# ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE



- MORPC Committees
  - Transportation Policy Committee (TPC): 1 appointed by chair
  - Community Advisory Committee (CAC): 2 appointed by chair
  - Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): All members with the same voting rights as listed in the TAC bylaws
  - MORPC Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC): 2 appointed by chair
- Non-voting
  - Metro Parks: 1 appointed
  - Sierra Club: 1 appointed
  - Rails-to-Trails Conservancy: 1 appointed
  - Clean Fuels Ohio: 1 appointed
  - MORPC staff: 3 appointed
- Representatives of local agencies with a future funding commitment OR that submitted a final
  application on the most recent deadline date, if those agencies are not already represented (1 per
  community applicant)

# ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING PROCESS





#### WHO RECEIVES FUNDS AND WHEN?



Public agencies in the metropolitan planning area can apply for funds

Projects must be "regionally significant"

- Federal-aid system is eligible
- Typically eligible
  - Bridges
  - Transit
  - Sidewalk and multi-use path projects

# MORPC solicits applications every two years

- Updates to previous funding commitments
- Applications for new commitments

Next application cycle begins in summer 2020

# **PROJECT TYPES**



ACTIVITY CATEGORY	TARGET RANGE
System Preservation	10-15%
Minor Widening, Intersections and Signals	20-30%
Major Widening and New Roadway	40-50%
Bike and Pedestrian	5-15%
Transit	5-15%
Other	N/A

# **SCORING CRITERIA**



- 1. Reduce per capita **energy** consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.
- 2. Protect **natural resources** and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
- 3. Position Central Ohio to attract and retain **economic opportunity** to prosper as a region and compete globally.
- 4. Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life.
- 5. Increase regional **collaboration** and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.
- 6. Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people.

#### PROJECT EXAMPLES



- Franklin County bridge replacements
  - Winchester Pike over Georges Creek
  - Agler Road over Alum Creek
  - Trabue Road over the Scioto River
- Columbus Traffic Signal System, Phase F
- Delaware's "Point" project
- Bike and pedestrian improvements on surface streets associated with the I-70/I-71 Columbus Crossroads project
- COTA bus replacements fueled by compressed natural gas

## PROJECT MONITORING



MORPC staff monitors projects as they progress.

- Preliminary Engineering
- NEPA
- Right-of-Way
- Construction

The Complete Streets Committee evaluates construction plans for compliance with the Complete Streets Policy.

# **2020 TIMELINE**

- MAY 1: Solicitation of applications
- JUNE 3: Applicant workshop
- JULY 10: Commitment update form due by 5 PM
- JULY 17: Screening applications due by 5 PM
- OCTOBER 9: Final applications due by 5 PM
- DECEMBER 2: AFC reviews staff's preliminary scoring



# **2021 TIMELINE**

- JANUARY 20: AFC meets to develop the draft recommendation
- FEBRUARY 8: Start of public comment period
- APRIL 7: AFC approves final recommendations
- APRIL: Approvals by MORPC's committees
  - Community Advisory Committee
  - Transportation Advisory Committee
  - Transportation Policy Committee



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