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## Memorandum

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Officers and Board Members  
Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

**DATE:** February 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-2-23: “**Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments**”

Proposed Resolution T-2-23 completes the biennial process of soliciting, reviewing and recommending requests for MORPC-attributable transportation funding. Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution is a summary of all the recommended commitments of MORPC-attributable funding for SFY 2023 and beyond.

Each year MORPC receives an allocation of approximately \$50 million of federal transportation funds for use in Central Ohio. MORPC-attributable funds come from four federal programs, three of which originated with ISTEA and continued under TEA-21 - SAFETEA-LU, MAP-21, FAST Act, and now the IIJA, which added a fourth federal program. These programs are:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), formerly the Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – part of large MPO CMAQ program
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

MORPC adopted its updated policies for allocating and managing MORPC-attributable funds by the passage of Resolution T-5-22. MORPC staff solicited and received applications for these funds during the summer of 2022. Over the past several months, the Attributable Funds Committee and staff members have been evaluating the applications to make funding recommendations.

With regard to CMAQ funding, staff will work within the large MPO CMAQ program process to secure the CMAQ funding. MORPC works with the other seven large MPOs to select projects for the large MPO CMAQ program. The commitments in this resolution reflect the results of the MORPC process.

The funding recommendations were made available for public review and comment from January 6, 2023, to February 8, 2023. MORPC received a total of 39 comments from the public via email during this time. These comments did not necessitate any adjustments to the funding recommendations.

In summary, as shown in the table below, Resolution T-2-23 commits approximately \$212 million in MORPC-attributable federal funding for SFY 2023 and beyond. This is for 56 projects or activities throughout the MORPC transportation planning area, 33 of which are continuations of previous commitments and 23 of which are new commitments.

### Summary of Funding Recommendations

	Total (Millions)
Previous Commitments & Cost Increases	\$178
New Commitments	\$148
Total Recommended for Funding	\$326
Total of Requests Not Recommended for Funding	\$156
Total for All Requests	\$482

Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution T-2-23

## RESOLUTION T-2-23

### **“Adopting MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments”**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is responsible for allocating certain federal transportation funds that are attributed to it; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee adopted Resolution T-10-97, "Principles for Allocation of MORPC-Attributable Federal Funding," in order to fairly allocate these funds in conformance with federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, it most recently adopted revised management tools in the Policies by Resolution T-5-22, "Adopting 'Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds'"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with these policies, in May 2022 project applications were solicited to use MORPC-attributable funding, and the applications received were reviewed by MORPC staff and the Attributable Funds Committee; and

WHEREAS, a draft list of MORPC-attributable funding recommendations was released for public review and comment on January 6, 2023, with the public comment period ending on February 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 39 comments from the public were received and no adjustments to the funding recommendations were deemed necessary as a result of these comments; and

WHEREAS, the projects, as shown in Attachment 1, are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, with regard to CMAQ funding, MORPC will work within the large MPO CMAQ process to secure CMAQ funding for CMAQ-eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on February 27, 2023 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 1, 2023, recommended approval of these funding commitments to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Section 1. That it commits to allocating its attributable federal funding to the projects in the attached program of projects at the amounts and schedules shown in Attachment 1 pending continued availability of MORPC-attributable federal funding at the levels needed for the program.
- Section 2. That staff prepare an amendment to the State Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) consistent with the attached program of projects using MORPC-attributable funds through SFY 2023.

- Section 3. That it directs staff to prepare partnering or other appropriate agreements with project sponsors outlining the MORPC-attributable funding commitment.
- Section 4. That it directs staff to continue to actively participate in the large MPO CMAQ process to ensure the projects eligible for CMAQ shown in Attachment 1 receive CMAQ funds through the large MPO CMAQ process.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all local agencies listed as sponsoring agencies in the attachments for appropriate action including ODOT reflecting the updated costs and schedules in Ellis.
- Section 6. That it emphasizes the importance of the project sponsors maintaining the project schedule and remaining within the current cost estimates, as there is no guarantee that additional MORPC-attributable funding or statewide CMAQ funding will be available should costs increase or the project be delayed.
- Section 7. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment:

1. Summary of Projects using MORPC-Attributable Funding for SFY 2023 and beyond
2. Map of Existing Commitments Proposed for Continued Funding
3. Map of Proposed Funding for New Project Requests

**Resolution T-2-23 - Attachment 1  
MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments**

**Updated Funding to Previous Commitments**

Map ID	ODOT PJD	Agency	Project Description	Construction SFY	Total 2023+	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	SFY 2027	SFY 2028/29^	SFY 2030+
929	105734	Columbus	E Broad St from I-270 to Outerbelt St, Major Widening	2024	\$11,975,596	\$1,560,000	\$10,415,596					
718	105732	Columbus	Cassady Ave from CSX Railroad to north of E 7th Ave, Minor Widening	2024	\$11,009,751	\$1,542,658	\$9,467,093					
3847	115768	Columbus	Sancus Boulevard, from Worthington Woods Boulevard to Lazelle Road	2027	\$10,034,556			\$1,151,475		\$8,883,081		
3846	115797	Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161), from Ambleside Drive to Maple Canyon Avenue	2026	\$13,403,607			\$1,880,000	\$11,523,607			
3836	114254	Columbus	SR-161 at Parkville/Spring Run, Intersection modification	2023	\$1,127,170	\$1,127,170						
3845	115566	Delaware County TID	DEL-TR114-01.93 Orange Road under CSX/NS Grade Separation	2026	\$8,387,599				\$8,387,599			
3278	105759	Franklin County	Trabue Road (Lake Shore Drive to Riverside Drive)	2024	\$9,499,581		\$9,499,581					
3852	115179	Franklin County TID	SR 161 and Linworth Road Improvements	2026	\$7,138,600		\$4,800,000		\$2,338,600			
3253	105768	Whitehall	E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification	2023	\$5,055,577	\$5,055,577						
3844	115646	Columbus	E. Broad Street, Outerbelt Street to Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road	2025	\$1,360,000		\$1,360,000					
3594	111991	Upper Arlington	Fishinger Rd from Riverside Dr. to 400 feet west of Mountview Rd, Reconstruction	2024	\$5,505,857		\$5,505,857					
3849	115410	Columbus	Downtown Signals, Rich Street Signal Replacements	2025	\$2,125,422			\$2,125,422				
3850	115411	Franklin County	East Cooke Road Phase 1	2026	\$3,055,930				\$3,055,930			
3592	NP	Columbus	Concrete Bus Pad Upgrades, , Reconstruction	2025	\$1,068,399			\$1,068,399				
3276	105739	Delaware County	Red Bank Rd from Smothers Rd to Gorsuch Rd, Resurfacing	2023	\$872,907	\$872,907						
3280	105806	Powell	Sawmill Pkwy from Seldom Seen Rd to Home Rd, Resurfacing **	2020	\$755,867	\$188,967	\$377,933	\$188,967				
3593	113309	Columbus	SR 161 at Huntley/Sinclair, Signalization	2023	\$701,668	\$701,668						
3289	112116	COTA	Corridor Initiative - Project Development and Right-of-Way	NA	\$7,520,000			\$7,520,000				
3839	112116	COTA	Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center	2023	\$3,375,000	\$3,375,000						
3595	112036	Columbus	Olentangy Trail from Northmoor Park to Clinton Como Park, Multi-use path	2024	\$5,417,132		\$5,417,132					
1331	77370	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 2D), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	28/29	\$860,769						\$860,769	
1333	77372	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4A), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	2024	\$4,855,908		\$4,855,908					
3214	103487	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Additional Phases), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	28/29	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000	
2874	96053	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4B), Interchange Modification/Major Widening	2024	\$2,775,118		\$2,775,118					
1332	77371	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 3), Interchange Modification/Major Widening	28/29	\$1,160,772						\$1,160,772	
3851	116785	Columbus	Big Walnut Trail - Little Turtle to Cherrybottom Park/Alum Creek Trail	2025	\$5,572,703			\$5,572,703				
3283	105736	Columbus	Souder Ave from W Broad St to Dublin Rd, Multi-Use Path	2023	\$3,904,938	\$3,904,938						
3089	98232	Columbus	Brice Road, from Chantry Drive to south of Channingway Boulevard	2024	\$15,000,000		\$15,000,000					
1946	88310	Dublin	I-270 at US-33/SR-161, Interchange Modification **	2015	\$17,982,619	\$598,164	\$1,223,380	\$1,260,357	\$1,298,451	\$1,337,697	\$2,797,911	\$9,466,660
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Paving the Way Program	NA	\$350,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Air Quality Awareness, Air Quality Project	NA	\$4,000,000	\$550,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$1,150,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	in insight2050, Technical Assistance Program	NA	\$1,900,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$550,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Gohio, Ridesharing	NA	\$5,100,000	\$700,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,400,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Supplemental Planning, Planning Activity	NA	\$2,750,000	\$350,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$800,000	
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Misc TBD Planning Activities	NA	\$1,200,000		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	

**New Commitments**

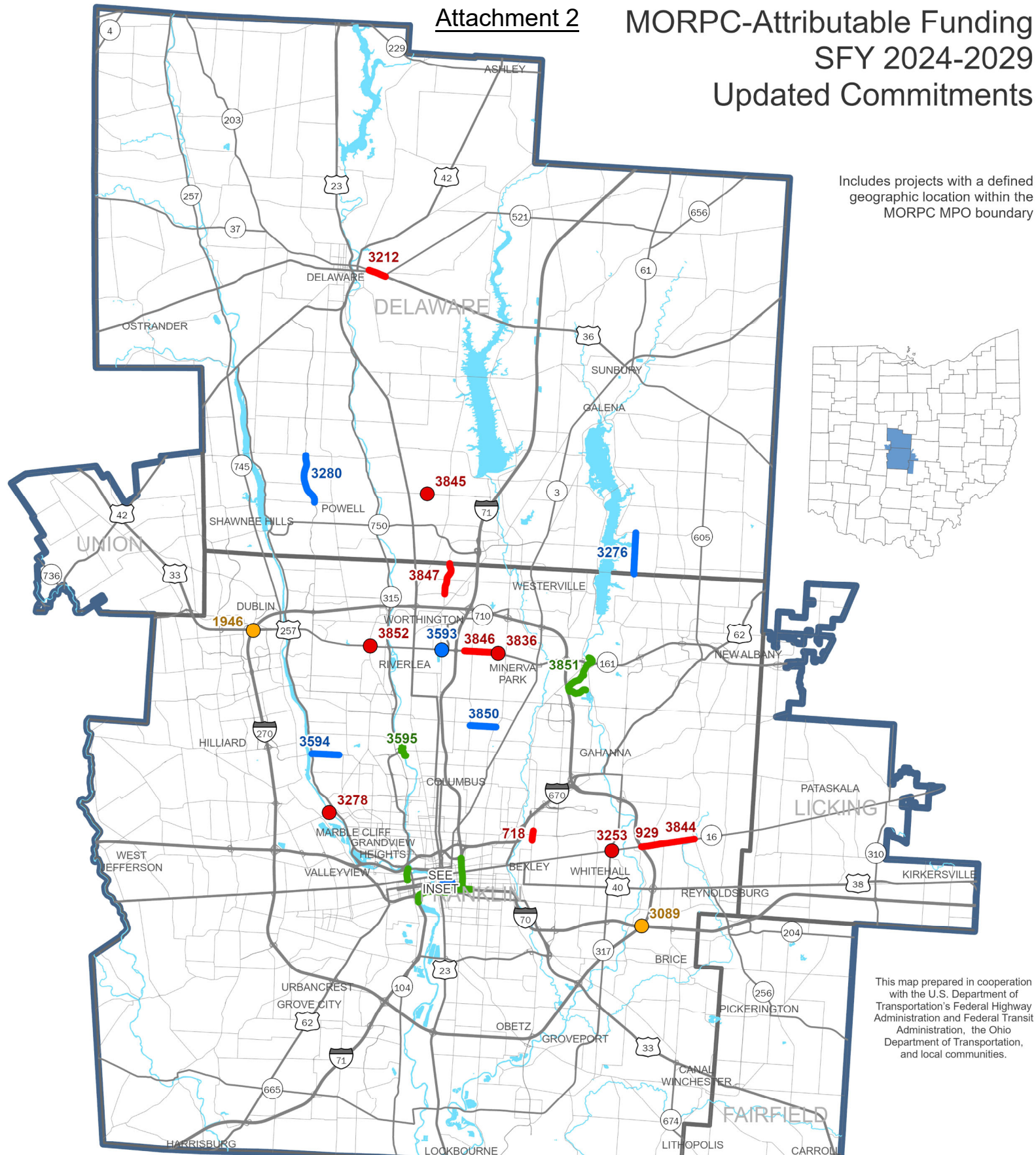
111		Franklin County	Cassady Avenue (I-670 to Agler Road)	28/29	\$10,189,663				\$573,600		\$9,616,063	
115		Columbus	SR-161 at Busch BLVD & Ambleside DR	28/29	\$11,053,364				\$970,593		\$10,082,771	
110		Franklin County TID	Alum Creek Drive (SR 317 to Groveport Road)	28/29	\$10,500,000			\$341,538			\$10,158,463	
119		Columbus	E Broad St from Outerbelt St to Reynoldsburg New Albany Rd	2025	\$7,913,607			\$7,913,607				
108		Franklin County	Ferris Road (Karl Road to Westerville Road)	28/29	\$2,583,380				\$146,823		\$2,436,557	
101		Columbus	Hilliard Rome Road at Renner Road	28/29	\$3,747,438					\$740,000	\$3,007,438	
114		Delaware County TID	Sunbury Parkway, Phase B & C	2027	\$3,000,000					\$3,000,000		
112		Fairfield County	Refugee Road Intersection Safety Improvement Project	2024	\$750,000		\$750,000					
118		Upper Arlington	Zollinger Road Mobility and Safety Improvement Project	2027	\$3,294,352					\$3,294,352		
203		Bexley	Livingston Avenue, from IR-70 to Kellner Road	28/29	\$16,593,981						\$1,787,200	\$14,806,781
201		Columbus	17th Avenue, from IR-71 to Billiter Boulevard	28/29	\$6,701,955					\$480,000	\$6,221,955	
205		Licking County TID	Etna- Pike St (Licking County TID)	2024	\$2,684,877		\$2,684,877					
204		Delaware	SR 37 (East Central) Preservation Project	2027	\$2,540,554				\$257,690	\$2,282,864		
304		COTA	LinkUS W Broad BRT Corridor Construction	2027	\$13,100,000					\$13,100,000		
415		Columbus	Big Walnut Trail--Refugee Road to East Main Street	2027	\$7,483,914					\$7,483,914		
403		Columbus	Sullivant Avenue SUP	28/29	\$4,133,352				\$720,000		\$3,413,352	
402		Columbus	McNaughten Road SUP	28/29	\$7,834,505				\$1,296,542		\$6,537,963	
407		Franklin County	Dublin Road Shared-Use Path (Quarry Trails Metro Park to Limestone Ridge Drive)	28/29	\$10,351,449				\$1,800,000		\$8,551,449	
405		Metro Parks	Scioto Trail Bridge Over SR 104 as part of the Scioto Greenway Trail Extension	2027	\$7,980,683					\$7,980,683		
404		Hilliard	Cemetery Road / I-270 Trail Overpass and Safety Improvements (CIP T-162)	2027	\$7,097,717			\$180,000		\$6,917,717		
411		Whitehall	Fairway Boulevard Multi-Use Path	2027	\$3,169,511			\$108,000		\$3,061,511		
418		Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161) SUP	28/29	\$2,266,149				\$404,456		\$1,861,693	
401		Columbus	Cassady Avenue SUP	28/29	\$3,057,201				\$300,000		\$2,757,201	

^Funding is SFY 2028/29 is not identified for a specific year. A specific year will be established when project updates are received and reviewed during the 2024 cycle

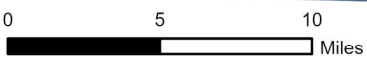
\*To maintain fiscal balance, funds for construction of these projects are committed for a later State Fiscal Year (SFY) than when the project sponsor is currently expecting the project to be ready for construction. MORPC and project sponsors will attempt to provide construction funds when the project is ready through the management of the program and various financing mechanisms.

\*\*Future funding commitments for these projects are to repay debt incurred when the project went to construction.

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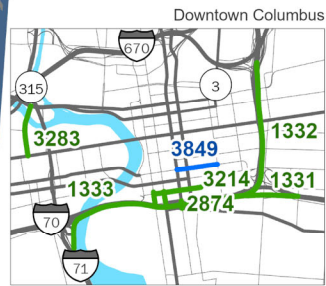


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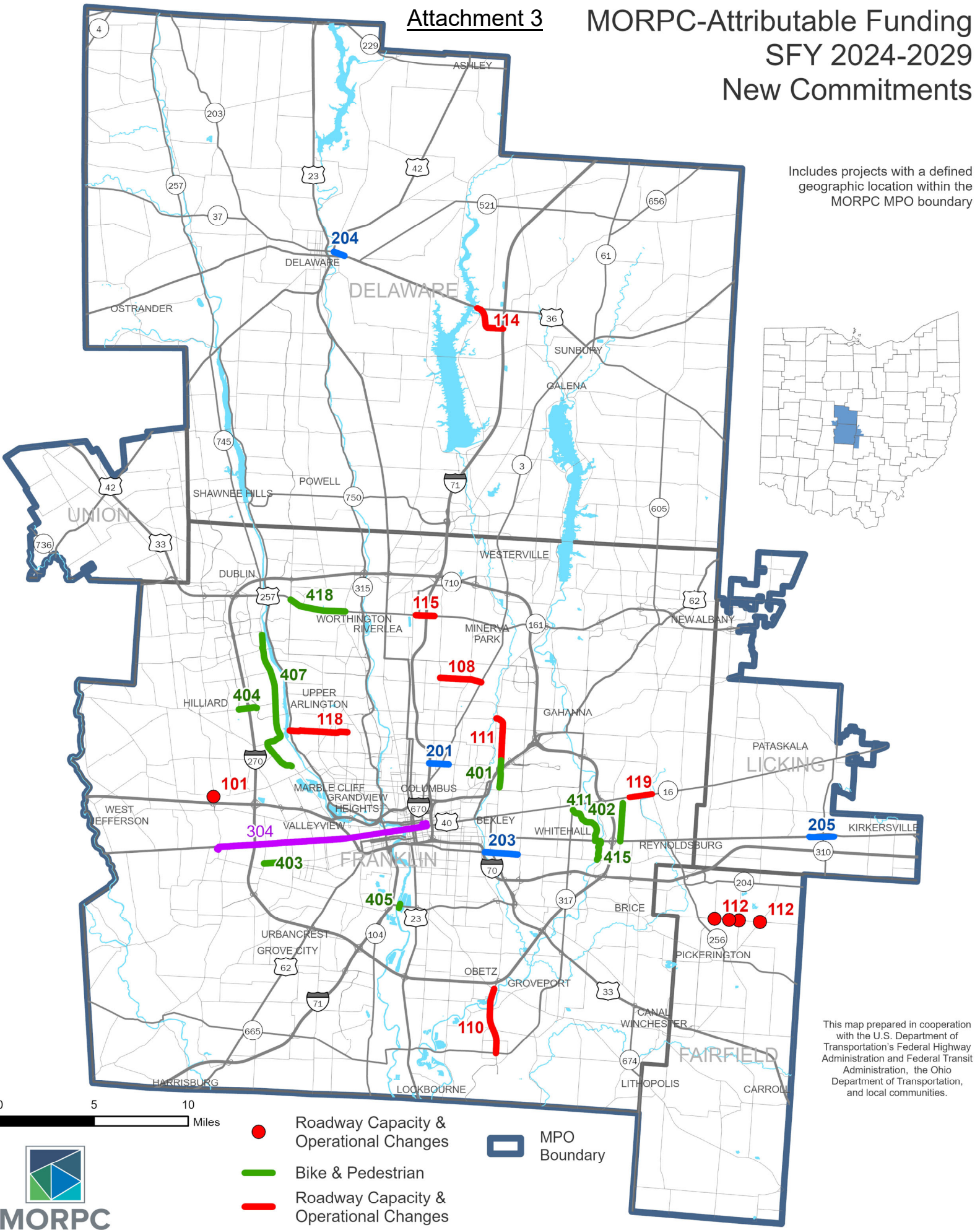
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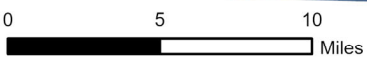


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