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MORPC updates Transportation Public Involvement Plan to include FTAs Section 5307 Program of Projects

(Columbus – July 1, 2015) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has updated the Transportation Public Involvement Plan to include the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Section 5307 Program of Projects. MORPC transportation planning area for the Public Involvement Plan includes Delaware and Franklin counties, Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County and Jerome Township in Union County. The Public Involvement Plan is designed to provide the public opportunity to participate in, review, and comment on the formulation of transportation policies, plans such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other transportation programs.

This process provides a set of procedures to be consistently and comprehensively applied to incorporate the public's involvement in the transportation planning process including the planning and development of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATABus) programs and projects. The public involvement process for the TIP will also satisfy Section 5307 public involvement requirements for the Program of Projects.

The Program of Projects is a list of projects proposed by COTA and DATABus for funding from Section 5307 allotment. The Program of Projects must include:

- A description of each project to be funded
- Total project costs
- Local & federal share for each project

Section 5307 Program of Projects can be found in MORPC's 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). To view Section 5307 Program of Projects visit www.morpc.org/tip, Table 10. Summary of Projects by Federal Fund Type.

To review the draft 2015 Transportation Public Involvement Plan, please visit www.morpc.org/transportation/public-involvement. Comments on the draft Transportation Public Involvement Plan are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2015 to Bernice Cage, MORPC Public Information & Diversity Officer, via email bcage@morpc.org or in writing to 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH, 43215.

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