



**INTRODUCTION TO 2016-2040 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the metropolitan Columbus area, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) conducts a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. Every 4 years, the results of the process produce a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that looks at least 20 years into the future.

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As our region continues to grow and funding availability becomes more limited, Central Ohio must be prepared with innovative transportation solutions to address increasing infrastructure needs. The MTP is a long-range planning document that brings together local governments from around Central Ohio and other local, state, and federal agencies to identify and coordinate transportation goals and policies over the next two decades.

The MTP will identify transportation needs, strategies and projects, and provide the basis for how federal transportation funding will be spent to improve highways, transit, freight, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities.

The current MTP planning area includes: Franklin and Delaware Counties, the City of Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and the townships of Violet and Bloom in Fairfield County.



**GOALS AND PROPOSED OBJECTIVES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The MTP is being developed around a set of goals that give direction to making regionally based investments in the transportation system. These goals were adopted by MORPC in December 2014. The progress of each goal will be measured by several objectives. For each objective, the existing condition, or benchmark, is documented and used to establish short- and long-term targets (years 2020 and 2040). The goals and proposed objectives are presented here, along with one example of the benchmark and targets. Please visit [morpc.org/mtp](http://morpc.org/mtp) to view the benchmarks and targets for all of the objectives. Comments on the proposed objectives will be accepted through February 20, 2015, before being presented for adoption at MORPC’s March Committee meetings.

See reverse for proposed objectives.





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<b>GOAL:</b> Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Reduce the percentage of commuters driving alone, and increase the percentage of commuters riding transit, bicycle, or walking
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels

<b>GOAL:</b> Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Reduce emissions from mobile sources to continuously meet EPA air quality standards for each criteria pollutant
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Decrease the locations of freeway and expressway facilities that are at risk for flooding

<b>GOAL:</b> Position central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Increase the average number of jobs reachable within 20 minutes via automobile and within 40 minutes via transit
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Minimize the percentage of total vehicle miles traveled under congested conditions
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Minimize the amount of extra, or buffer, travel time necessary when planning expected trip travel time

<b>GOAL:</b> Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Encourage and support MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Target roadway infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs and increase sidewalk coverage of arterials and collectors
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Target transit and bikeway infrastructure development to serve a higher number or people

A benchmark and targets, like the example shown here, will be established for each objective. Visit [morpc.org/mtp](http://morpc.org/mtp) to view all proposed benchmarks and targets.



Benchmark	2020 Target	2040 Target
13% of MORPC member communities have adopted complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.	45% of MORPC member communities have adopted complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.	100% of MORPC member communities have adopted complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.



<b>GOAL:</b> Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Increase the percentage of funding from non-public sources on transportation projects on the National Highway System (NHS)
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Increase the number of innovative initiatives utilized for projects on the National Highway System (NHS)
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Increase the percentage of National Highway System (NHS) facilities employing coordinated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Increase the number of transit vehicles and facilities with surveillance capabilities and increase the miles of National Highway System facilities under video surveillance

<b>GOAL:</b> Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Minimize the difference in trip travel time for disadvantaged populations relative to the regional trip travel time
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Maintain infrastructure in a state of good repair by minimizing the percentage of bridges with poor General Appraisals, minimizing pavement miles in unacceptable conditions, maintaining transit fleet of a useful life, and incorporating bike facilities
	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Reduce the number of fatal crashes and serious injury crashes

