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## MORPC Proposes Over \$59 Million For New Transportation Projects

(Columbus – December 9, 2014 ) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the availability of a proposed list of new transportation projects to receive over \$59 million in federal funds from State Fiscal Years 2016 to 2021. MORPC is seeking public comment on the proposed projects through January 5, 2015.

The following 16 new projects are proposed for a funding commitment:

- **Tuttle Crossing Blvd Extension and Avery Road Widening** - \$7 million
- **Refugee Road, Wheatfield Dr to Woodstock Ave** - Major Widening - \$5.75 million
- **Sawmill Road, I-270 to Hard Rd** - Major Widening - \$3 million
- **N. Hamilton Road, Morse Rd to Chilmark Dr** - Major Widening - \$8.5 million
- **Hilliard-Rome Road at Feder Road** - Intersection Modification - \$3.18 million
- **Whitehall Traffic Signal System Interconnect Upgrade** - \$1.29 million
- **Grandview Heights Traffic Signal System Interconnect Upgrade** - \$681,000
- **New Albany Traffic Signal System Upgrade** - \$935,000
- **Bexley Traffic Signal System interconnect Upgrade** - \$1.47 million
- **Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase E** - \$11.49 million
- **South Old 3C Highway, Tussic Street Rd to Harrison St** - Resurfacing - \$1.6 million
- **Reed Road, Lane Rd. to Henderson Rd** - Reconstruction - \$1.16 million
- **Johnstown Road, Alum Creek Trail to Cassady Ave** - Multi-Use Path/Bike Lanes - \$1.11 million
- **Olentangy Trail, Olentangy River Rd./Bethel Rd to Antrim Park** - Multi-Use Path - \$1.85 million
- **Refugee Road, Winchester Pike to Hamilton Road** - Multi-Use Path/Sidewalk - \$3.53 million
- **COTA –Compressed Natural Gas Bus Purchase** - \$6.6 million

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Every two years, MORPC solicits projects to receive federal transportation funding in the MORPC transportation planning area – Franklin and Delaware counties, the City of Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and the City of Pickerington, the villages of Carroll and Lithopolis, and Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County. Examples of the types of projects eligible for funding include transportation improvements such as highways, public transit, bikeways, pedestrian facilities, bridges and traffic signal upgrades.

MORPC's Attributable Funding Committee is proposing to recommend funding for 35 projects that MORPC previously had committed monies to, while 16 new projects were proposed for funding. A total of nearly \$253 million in both previously committed projects, as well as new projects, is being proposed for funding.

The project listing will be acted upon by MORPC on March 12, 2015, and once approved it will become part of the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a four-year financially balanced listing of federal, state and locally funded projects that are scheduled for some phase of implementation or development in a four-year time period.

Copies of the draft listing are available by calling MORPC at (614) 228-2663 or can be viewed online at <http://www.morpc.org/transfunding>. If you have any questions about proposed projects, please submit comments in writing to Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 by 5 p.m., January 5, 2015, or submit via email at [tip@morpc.org](mailto:tip@morpc.org).

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