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MORPC Prioritizes and Approves Projects for TRAC's 2014-2015 Major/New Program

(Columbus –October 9, 2014) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) today prioritized four projects seeking funding from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The TRAC has accepted Major/New Project applications for their 2014 project selection round. Major/New Projects are transportation projects that have a total project cost greater than \$12 million and “which add transportation capacity, and are critical to the mobility, economic development, and quality of life of the citizens of Ohio.”

The four TRAC projects in priority order include:

1. ODOT District 6: I-70/I-71/SR 315 Project (Innerbelt Phase 4A)
The overall set of I-70/I-71 Columbus Crossroads projects seek to increase safety and reduce congestion on the I-70/I-71/SR 315 highway network surrounding downtown Columbus. This request is for funding to construct phase 4A of the overall improvements.
Requesting \$53.27 million for construction
2. ODOT District 6: I-70/I-71/SR 315 Project (Innerbelt Phase 6B)
The overall set of I-70/I-71 Columbus Crossroads projects seek to increase safety and reduce congestion on the I-70/I-71/SR 315 highway network surrounding downtown Columbus. This request is for detail design funding for phase 6B of the overall improvements.
Requesting \$5 million for detailed design
3. ODOT District 6: Far East Freeway: I-70/I-270/Brice Road Interchange Improvements
The project will replace the southbound I-270 to eastbound I-70 loop ramp with a flyover ramp and construct auxiliary lanes along eastbound I-70 between I-270 and Brice Road.
Requesting \$7 million for detailed design
4. ODOT District 6: South Outerbelt Phase 3
This project seeks to reduce congestion and increase capacity on I-270 between I-71 and US 23 by widening I-270 and modifying the interchanges at US 23, I-71 and Stringtown Road.
Requesting \$4.5 million for detailed design

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A description of each project can be found at morpc.org/transportation/funding/TRAC.asp. MORPC will transmit the ranked list of projects to TRAC for the October 15 Central Ohio public hearing.

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