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## MORPC to Amend Central Ohio's Transportation Plan to Include Two Projects

(Columbus-July 17, 2014) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces a proposed amendment to the region's 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to include two additional projects. Since the MTP adoption, two projects ODOT has been developing as maintenance/reconstruction projects have changed in scope to become major widening projects:

- Additional lane in each direction on Interstate 71 from Stringtown Road to I-70. The estimated cost of this project is \$78 million.
- Additional lane in each direction on Interstate 70 from Hilliard Rome Road to Interstate 270. The estimated cost of this project is \$52.9 million.

Detailed information on the need for the amendment, specific modifications to be made, and the requirements to approve the amendment such as fiscal balance and air quality conformity determination is posted to the Transportation Plan section of the MORPC website:

<http://www.morpc.org/transportation/metropolitan-transportation-plan/index>

Public comment on the MTP amendment and the air quality conformity analysis are being accepted through close of business on August 22, 2014. Comments can be emailed to [tplan@morpc.org](mailto:tplan@morpc.org) or faxed to 614-621-2401. MORPC anticipates presenting the amendment to its Community Advisory Committee on September 8, the Transportation Advisory Committee on September 10, and to the Transportation Policy Committee for adoption on September 18, 2014.

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