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MORPC HOSTS WORKSHOP FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS APPLICANTS \$28 MILLION AVAILABLE

(COLUMBUS - June 10, 2009) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will host a workshop on the application process to receive funding for Franklin County local public infrastructure projects through the Ohio Public Works Commission at 1:30 p.m. on June 24, 2009, at MORPC's offices, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100 in Columbus. To register for the workshop, contact Wilma Yoder at wyoder@morpc.org or call (614) 233-4175. There is no fee to attend the workshop but the deadline for registration is June 22.

Approximately \$28 million in loans and grants are available for Franklin County projects through the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvements Program (LTIP). These programs provide financial assistance to local communities for the improvement of their basic infrastructure systems. Eligible projects include improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities.

County, city, village, township and other infrastructure districts located in Franklin County who are interested in applying for funding are invited to attend the workshop. Completed applications and Capital Improvement Reports are due to MORPC by Tuesday, September 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. for all applicants in Franklin County. Visit <http://www.morpc.org/transportation/funding/funding.asp> for more information.

MORPC provides administrative support for Franklin County of the Ohio Public Works Commission including processing and reviewing project grant and loan requests from local governments. After evaluating and scoring the projects, MORPC will create a list of high priority projects that are submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission. Final project approval is given by the Ohio Public Works Commission and the project year would begin July 1, 2010.

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