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# 1. UNION COUNTY

## A. Southeast Thoroughfare Plan and Traffic Studies

Building upon work from the last couple of years, the Union County Engineer's Office working with ODOT and MORPC has begun a study of the US 42 corridor from Industrial Parkway to Union/Delaware county line. The purpose of this study is to examine the corridor and identify the long term needs taking into consideration all of the development plans along the corridor. The study will determine the number of lanes needed on US 42, intersection spacing and other access management issues. The study will also include identifying other supporting road needs to provide for mobility in the corridor and provide adequate surface street capacity to accommodate traffic going to, coming from and crossing over US 33.

## B. Jerome Village

05/15/08 – “Final plans are gelling for Jerome Village, a planned community that will offer housing, offices, retail stores and other amenities on 1,350 acres of farmland.

“Jerome Village intends to tap into the Marysville water system and use a Marysville wastewater treatment plant in Marysville expected to come on line in 2009. The use of Marysville's services will allow Highland to begin building houses next year with the first residents to be in place in 2009, market permitting. About 85 percent of the development is in the Dublin City Schools district.



## C. Comprehensive Plan Update 2010

The Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission, partnering with the Union County Engineer's Office, is embarking on an update to the County's 1999 Comprehensive Plan. This update is accessing the 1999 plan's goals and objectives and developing an updated plan to address current and future population, housing, and development trends.

Thus far, five subcommittees have been established to focus on the different sections of the plan – Land Use, Agriculture & Natural Resource Sustainability, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Community Services & Housing. Members from county government, county agencies, local jurisdictions, and various other entities have been invited to serve on these subcommittees. A survey is being created to distribute to county residents to help provide feedback on how they would like to see the County develop. The goal is to complete the updated plan and get adoption from the County Commissioners by the end of first quarter of 2010.

# 2. DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING

## A. Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

10/23/08 – Preservation Parks and Regional Planning hope to make progress this winter on continuing to collect GIS data on existing and proposed trails, mapping subdivisions with sidewalks (for connection purposes) and creating a spec book for trail cross-section and signage guidelines.

## B. Northstar

05/15/08 – In the planning stage since 2001, this proposed project in Berkshire and Kingston townships will be comprised of approximately 1,700 acres of residential, commercial and mixed use development serviced by an on-site package plant to be maintained by the county. The first phase of treatment facility construction is nearing completion. The first phase will provide approximately 500,000 gpd of treatment capacity whereas the second and final phase of the plant will provide an ultimate capacity of nearly 1 mgd. The first phase of the treatment plant has been accepted by the County. The developer is nearly complete with the associated gravity trunk sewer, pump station and force main. The Berkshire Township portion will be a planned district including 600 residential units and 300 acres of commercial/mixed-use development. Wilson Road, a spine road which links the development with 36/37, has been built and platted. Other than a portion of the golf course, no residential or commercial lots have been platted. The Kingston Township portion will include 700 residential units, proposed to be developed in a cluster style, as well as the existing golf course and middle and elementary schools.

A New Community Authority was established for the proposed development, allowing the area to issue bonds for public utilities, land transactions, landscaping and other related projects. DCRPC is awaiting confirmation from the township that the Final Development Plan for the Kingston portion has been approved.

## C. Township Comprehensive Plans

The County is updating the Orange and Berlin townships comprehensive plans. The planning process for the Berlin Township plan is approaching the stage where subarea recommendations will be made.

# 3. DELAWARE COUNTY ENGINEER

## A. Sawmill Pkwy. Extension

The project will extend the road from its current terminus at Home Road to a point near the Delaware city airport. The six-mile extension is estimated to cost \$45 million.

Construction of the parkway from the northern boundary of Golf Village north to Hyatts Road is complete. This project includes a roundabout at Hyatts Road.

Project design is complete from Hyatts Road to the City of Delaware Corporation line north of Bunty Station Road. The design from there to South Section Line Road will be complete in the spring of 2010

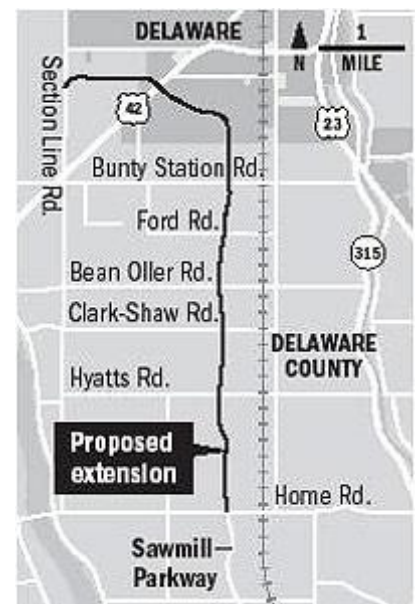
The County is in the process of acquiring the right of way from Hyatts Road to north of Bunty Station Road, which is expected to be accomplished in the next several months.

The right of way acquisition from the City corporation line to South Section line Road should be completed by 2011.

For more information, visit <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/>.

## B. Home Road Grade Separation at CSX Railroad Tracks

Plans call for a two-lane overpass, though the new bridge will be wide enough to accommodate four lanes. The design phase of the project



is complete. The project was on schedule to be awarded for construction in October 2009, but ODOT's grade separation program did not have enough funding for the project. ODOT is considering the project for ARRA (stimulus) funding, and will decide by early January.

### **C. Liberty Rd. Realignment at Home Rd.**

The project includes rerouting the north leg of Liberty Road through an open field to the east to tie it into the existing intersection of the south leg of Liberty and Home roads. Liberty Road will be widened to three lanes for about 2,000 feet south of Home Road. Plans include a signal at the intersection. The construction is divided into two phases at Home Road.

Phase 1 is scheduled for award in fall of 2009, including relocation of Liberty Road through the field north of Home Road.

Subsequent widening of Home Road and South Liberty Road, Phase 2, will begin in spring 2010 depending on utility relocation. Estimated construction cost is \$4.4 million. For more information, visit <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/>.

### **D. W. Orange Rd. Bridge over Olentangy River**

After a study and public involvement, the Delaware County Engineer's Office presented a preferred alternative, which included a roundabout for the intersection of SR 315 with Carriage Road and West Orange Road. The existing bridge was closed in September 2007 after a periodic inspection revealed severe deficiencies in the supporting members of the deck.

The county is looking for an entity to which it can give the historic bridge. It is offering \$300,000 to repair the bridge in its existing location for other uses, such as a pedestrian facility. The bridge will remain in place until the county must remove it. If no other entity is interested in assuming ownership of the old Orange Road Bridge for recreational purposes by the end of 2011, ODNR requires that it be removed from the river.

The project was funded with Delaware County road and bridge funds. After discussions with ODOT, the county decided to delay the roundabout and proceed on the new bridge. The contract for construction was awarded to Eagle Bridge Company of Sidney, Ohio, for \$2.71 million.

The bridge has been completed and is open to traffic. ODOT has reviewed and concurs with the roundabout design. It is anticipated that final approvals from ODOT will be received in the near future. The county will then purchase the necessary right of way for the roundabout, which will then be constructed in the spring of 2010. Traffic will be maintained on SR 315 during construction except for a closure of up to seven days. A temporary stop-controlled intersection has been provided until the roundabout is completed.

### **E. South Old State Rd. & Lewis Center Rd.**

Construction of a traffic signal, turn lanes and general road widening and drainage improvements to the intersection is scheduled for May to November 2009. The new signal will begin operating in December.

### **F. E. Orange Rd. from South Old State Rd. to Bale-Kenyon Rd.**

The project is designed to widen East Orange Road between South Old State Road and Bale Kenyon, and it includes three roundabouts and a bike trail. The roundabouts will be constructed where East Orange Road intersects with Rosepark, Walker Wood Boulevard, and Bale Kenyon. This project is at the 'Utilities Realignment stage' which is required to be completed before construction can start. Construction will begin in April 2010 with completion expected that summer.

### **G. Interchange Justification Study for I-71 at Big Walnut Rd.**

The county received preliminary approval for the study from ODOT in January 2005. The county is working with ODOT and URS on the full interchange justification study (IJS). The study is being coordinated with ODOT's study of the I-71 interchange at US 36/SR 37. MORPC worked with ODOT, Delaware County Engineer's Office, and their consultants to prepare consistent traffic forecasts for use in the I-71 interchange modification study at US 36/SR 37 and interchange justification study in the Big Walnut Road area.

ODOT prepared the certified traffic for the studies from MORPC's data. Because of differences between the 2005 feasibility study traffic and the newer ODOT certified traffic, the County worked with MORPC and ODOT on a review of the modeling assumptions and preparation of updated information for development of revised certified traffic. A federal earmark is paying for the remainder of the planning phase.

In February 2009, Delaware County submitted to ODOT a revised Feasibility Study for consideration. Delaware County indicated at that time that it was not in a position to fund any improvements on I-71 between Big Walnut Road and Gemini Parkway, if ODOT deemed those to be necessary because of the construction of this interchange. ODOT has commented on the study, saying it needs to be expanded south from Gemini Parkway to I-270.

### **H. Home Rd. at SR 257 and South Section Line Rd.**

The preferred alternative includes two separate double-lane roundabouts (one at SR 257, other at Section Line). ODOT received Stage 1 plans in August and finished its review in October. The project is programmed with CMAQ funds from MORPC. Right of way acquisition will begin in July 2011, with construction beginning in either 2013 or 2014.

### **I. Red Bank Rd. Bridge over Hoover Reservoir**

This project is a rehabilitation of the 3-span steel beam bridge built in 1954, with a new superstructure and deck and minor roadway approach reconstruction. It will be funded by Federal LBR and credit bridge funds. The construction contract was awarded June 27 to Double Z Construction Company for \$914,357. It is on schedule for completion in November 2009. The detour uses Harlem Road.

### **J. Green Cook Road Bridge north of Center Village Road**

This bridge replacement over a tributary to Duncan run will be constructed in November and December of 2009 at an approximate cost of \$110,000.

### **K. Carters Corner Road Bridge over the West Branch of Little Walnut Creek**

This project will consist of a bridge replacement with some road realignment, located about 1 mile north of Wilson Road in Kingston Township. The contract has been awarded to Shelly and Sands for \$528,000. Construction will be complete in November of 2009.

### **L. Green Cook Road Bridge over Duncan Run**

Replacement of this bridge, about ¼ mile south of Center Village Road, is scheduled for April to July of 2010. The estimated cost of construction is \$500,000.

### **M. ARRA (Stimulus) Resurfacing Program**

Delaware County received \$1.8 million in MORPC allocated stimulus funds for resurfacing of various city, county and township roads within the county. The county awarded the contract to

resurface segments in September. The resurfacing began in October. Segments needing microsurfacing will be resurfaced in the spring. Details are available at: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/engineer/Design/Projects/2009ARRAresurfacing.htm>

#### **N. South Old 3-C Bridge over Hoover Reservoir (ARRA) Stimulus Project**

This project received MORPC allocated stimulus funds. The bridge is located in the southwest portion of the Village of Galena. The project is a rehabilitation including superstructure replacement. The county filed plans with ODOT in September and is waiting for authorization to advertise for bids. Construction is expected to begin in May 2010 and last for three months. More details are available at [www.co.delaware.oh.us/engineer/design/projects/old3cbridge.htm](http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/engineer/design/projects/old3cbridge.htm).

### **4. DELAWARE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### **A. Lower Scioto Water Reclamation Facility**

The County and the Concord Scioto Community Authority have executed an agreement to bring waste water conveyance and treatment services to Concord Township. The treatment facility is under construction and is expected to be completed this year. The overall density will conservation subdivisions is at 0.75 units per acre with centralized sewer, or using a PRD with densities at 1.25 units per acre with centralized sewer. The plant will be able to treat about 2.8 million gallons per day (mgd) at build out, however the first phase will provide a capacity of 1.4 mgd. It is hoped that the community authority will serve as a model for servicing other areas of the county. Plant construction is progressing and is about 90 percent complete. The developer is pursuing supportive improvements that include a regional pump station and force main. Construction of these improvements is expected to begin in 2010.

#### **B. Central Alum Creek Service Area**

The County has initiated two projects in this new service area that was proposed in the 2005 Sewer Master Plan:

##### ***a. Central Alum Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements***

This project will evaluate the potential ways to provide sewer service to Berlin and Brown townships as well as the general area along US 36/SR 37 which has economic development potential. EMH&T has been hired to assist the Sewer District perform the preliminary engineering and permitting for this project. Expected completion date for this phase of the project is early 2010.

##### ***b. Cheshire Elementary School Sanitary Sewer Improvements***

Sewer District engineering staff is designing a new gravity sewer to provide service to a new Olentangy Local School District elementary school located just north of Cheshire Road and east of Gregory Road. The expected completion date for this project is in the early summer of 2010.

#### **C. OECC Dewatering Facility Improvements**

The Sewer District completed a new biosolids dewatering facility at the Olentangy Environmental Control Center (OECC). The project cost was approximately 2.8 million dollars and will provide the ability to produce cake biosolids for disposal. The project was completed on time and under budget.

## **D. Sewer Service Planning**

Sewer district staff continues working with townships in regards to sewer service planning. Periodic meetings are held to insure proper coordination of sewer service provided by the County for the townships.

## **5. CITY OF DELAWARE PLANNING**

### **A. Southwest Quadrant Strategic Plan**

"The 'Southwest Quadrant Strategic Plan: The Economic Engine' is being produced to plan for the needs of the city's industrial base. This plan was considered the "cornerstone" of the Job Ready Sites Grant Application the city applied for in order to secure \$5 million dollars in funding for construction of the intersection of the future Sawmill Parkway and US 42" (City of Delaware 2006 Planning & Community Development Annual Report). The Plan is drafted but requires additional infrastructure input. The timeline for completion is unknown.

### **B. SR 521 and US Route 36 Zaremba Development**

Approval for a 561,392-square-foot retail center and 337 single-family homes near the intersection of SR 521 and US 36 was granted in June 2007. All anchor tenants are open (Kohl's, Office Max, Meijer's), with the exception of Home Depot, in the commercial development, Glennwood Commons. Home Depot owns the land but has put this store on hold due to the overall economy. The wetlands park behind the shopping center is complete and open, as is the Mill Run Crossing Boulevard. Mill Run Crossing Boulevard is open and connects to the SR 521 / US 36/SR 37 intersection to existing Glenn Rd. The residential component will consist of "neo-traditional" housing units. The residential portion of the project is pending.

## **6. CITY OF DELAWARE ENGINEERING**

### **A. Veterans Pkwy.**

The project would provide a connection from approximately the US 23 and SR 42 interchange east to US 36/SR 37. In April, the consultants completed a draft Existing and Future Conditions Report and a draft Purpose and Need Statement. The Red Flag Summary is completed. Development of Conceptual Alternative Solutions is underway and the city and consultant are evaluating them to determine a set of alternatives to present to the public stakeholders group for further comment and consideration. A stakeholder meeting will be scheduled in the next several weeks.

### **B. US 23 and Peachblow Rd./Winter Rd. Intersection**

The city has secured \$2,000,000 in ARRA funds to advance the realignment of the US23/Peachblow and Winter Road intersection. The realignment will construct a new properly aligned four-way intersection with US 23 that can be signalized in the future when warranted. The city is using a combination of ODOT ARRA, MORPC STP and local funds to complete the project. Stage 3 plans are under review by ODOT. ROW acquisition is expected to be completed by November 1st. The project should receive federal authorization to proceed in January of 2010 and be under construction by May.

The project will allow the Glenn Parkway to connect into the new intersection at some future point when constructed in conjunction with additional development activities in the area. Glenn Parkway currently ends approximately 2000 feet north of US 23.

### **C. US 23/Pennsylvania Ave. Interchange Improvement**

The project would establish full access to/from all directions at the interchange. The city presented conceptual alternatives to the public on October 8, 2008. In April, ODOT provided comments to the city on the planning study. The city will be authorizing the consultant to complete the alternatives analysis and necessary NEPA documentation in 2010 to determine the preferred alternative. Design and ROW work will not occur until 2011 or later.

### **D. US 23/SR 315 Intersection**

The project considers the realignment of both SR315 and Stratford Road with a new intersection at US 23, south of Delaware, to provide a safer and more efficient intersection operation along the 23 corridor. A consultant has been selected (ms consultants) to complete the safety study for this project. Commencement of the study is pending a project kickoff meeting with ODOT officials.

## **7. CITY OF DUBLIN PLANNING**

### **A. Central Ohio Innovation Center**

Efforts continue for the 1,350-acre research and technology area at SR 161/Post Road and US 33. Adoption of Innovation Center Zoning Districts has resulted in development standards that will facilitate shovel-ready sites and allow for administrative review of plans. Nearly 200 acres of city-owned land have been zoned to the classification, and revised master plans and marketing will be utilized during 2009 to promote the city's major development area. Some of the zoning codes are being updated over the next 6 - 8 months. (<http://www.dublin.oh.us/econdev/techpark.php>).

### **B. Historic Dublin Development**

Construction has commenced for a mixed use project at the northwest corner of Bridge and High streets (BriHi Square) that will include approximately 22,000 square feet of restaurant, retail and office space anchoring a public plaza used for outdoor dining, public art and civic amenities. The project is expected to be completed during the winter of 2010.

### **C. Bridge Street Study**

As an extension of the 2007 Community Plan, the City of Dublin is going to further evaluate the Bridge Street Corridor. The study will address connections and character and will include housing market research. There may be a land use component. The vision is expected by January 2010.

### **D. Hyland-Croy Corridor Study**

As an extension of the 2007 Community Plan, the City of Dublin is going to further evaluate the Hyland-Croy Corridor. This study will cover the corridor from Post to Brock roads, which extends across several jurisdictions. Right-of-way design will be considered. Some public meetings were held in May, and a general preference survey was conducted in July.

### **E. Parks and Recreation Plan**

01/22/2009 -- The City of Dublin has completed a draft of its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It was reviewed by City Council on February 11, 2008, and again on January 12, 2009. A few changes will be made before it is brought before Council for final approval. The plan will provide a comprehensive inventory of the city's park, recreational facilities and program offerings and will serve as a guide for future park and recreational needs.

## **F. Dublin Multi-Modal Transportation Study**

In May, Dublin began the Multi-Modal Transportation Study that will look comprehensively at all types of bikeways and public transportation venues. Since there are many technical issues involved with bike lanes and how this transportation option interfaces with other modes of transportation, staff recommends that a multi-modal transportation study be conducted. The coordinated evaluation of transportation modes will serve as a further refinement of the Bikeway Plan and Thoroughfare Plan adopted as part of the 2007 Dublin Community Plan. The proposed study will help determine how different areas of the City can be best served by available modes of transportation in a manner that will best serve the public with the most convenient and cost effective system. So far, efforts have mostly focused around the gathering of information. Public meetings are being tentatively scheduled for January and February 2010. It is anticipated that the study will be completed by the end of 2010.

## **8. CITY OF DUBLIN ENGINEERING**

### **A. Tuttle Crossing Blvd. Extension**

01/22/2009 – “With the Tuttle Crossing widening project to be done [in 2007], the city has put the boulevard's extension from Wilcox Road to Avery Road back in its five-year CIP. The city plans to budget \$2.3-million for design and land acquisition. There is still no timetable, however, for the construction of the extension. Whenever the city does decide to move forward with the estimated \$7-million, four-lane landscaped boulevard with a bike path tunnel at Avery, Dublin will use money from an existing tax-increment financing district.” (Dublin Villager, 8/17/06).

The 2009 CIP programmed engineering and acquisition for this project for 2009 and 2011, respectively. Construction has not been programmed.

### **B. US 33/SR 161 at Post Rd.**

“The interchange reconfiguration to a partial cloverleaf is scheduled for 2010 and will take two years to complete. That work is estimated to cost about \$25-million. Current project estimates show the entire project, including things such as land acquisition and construction will cost \$55-million.” (Dublin Villager, 9/3/08.)

In April, MORPC committed \$1 million of funding to the Industrial Parkway realignment portion of the project from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The city will award a contract for \$8.5 million in October. Construction will begin this fall and will be completed in 2010.

### **C. Avery-Muirfield Dr. and Post Rd. Roundabout Improvements**

05/08/2008 – The city “will be constructing a two-lane roundabout at Post Road and Avery-Muirfield Drive. The project, expected to cost about \$1.35-million, is scheduled to begin after the Memorial Tournament in June and be completed by the end of October 2008. Traffic will be maintained on Avery-Muirfield Drive heading north and south, but there will be limited access to Post Road east and westbound” (Dublin Villager, 5/8/08). The 2009 CIP has landscaping for the project in 2009.

### **D. Emerald Pkwy. Widening and Post Rd. Realignment**

05/15/08 – The portion of Post Road between Commerce Parkway and Emerald Parkway will be closed permanently beginning in August for an expansion of Coffman Park. The project includes lane reconfigurations at the Post Road and Emerald Parkway intersection. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of October 2008 (Dublin Villager, 5/8/08).

Adjustments are needed on Emerald Parkway between Coffman and Dublin Roads to accommodate the new Cardinal Health building. Intersection control and turn lane modifications will be installed in 2008. Design is currently underway.

#### **E. Sawmill & Hard Roads Intersection Improvements**

01/22/2009 – Due to developments on both the north and southwest corners of this intersection, Dublin is coordinating improvements (mainly adding turn lanes) to the intersection. This work will be done in coordination with City of Columbus. The 2009 CIP programmed right-of-way in 2009, utility relocation in 2010, and construction in 2011.

#### **F. Emerald Pkwy. – Riverside to Bright Rd.**

01/22/2009 – The 2009 CIP programmed right-of-way in 2009 and construction **completed in 2011.**

#### **G. Riverside Dr./SR 161**

01/22/2009 – An alternatives study, including a series of roundabouts, widening and signalization, and others, is currently underway for this intersection. The 2009 CIP programmed design in 2009, right-of-way in 2010 and construction in 2011.

### **9. LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**

#### **A. Home Rd. at Sawmill Pkwy.**

The contract was bid on September 30 using ODOT funds. Right-of-way has been acquired and clearing and preparation is underway. This project will be considered for ARRA funds. DCEO will proceed with construction whether or not the Home Road grade separation project moves forward.

#### **B. Park Opening**

The Habner family donated 190 acres to Liberty Township and Preservation Parks. They now have hiking trails, an active play area, and soccer fields. There is still some area to be developed and 97 acres on the Preservation Parks site is all preservation, with an interpretive center. It opened to the public in October at Liberty and Ford roads.

### **10. CITY OF POWELL**

#### **A. Four Corners Intersection Improvement**

05/17/07 - The City of Powell has completed preliminary engineering for a project to add turn lanes at the intersection of SR-750 and Liberty Rd.

#### **B. Murphy Parkway Extension**

The City will be coordinating with the Delaware County Engineer's office to soon begin the Murphy Parkway extension to Liberty Road.

## 11. CITY OF WORTHINGTON

## 12. CITY OF COLUMBUS PLANNING

### A. Parking Code Revision

Various changes are being proposed to the Parking Code to ensure “that adequate, but not excessive amounts of parking are provided”. Proposed changes include requiring bicycle parking for most land uses, lowering parking requirements for various land uses, and establishing limits on the amount of parking, among others. The proposed revisions encourage green infrastructure and required enhanced landscaping.

The proposal was endorsed by the Columbus Development Commission at their September 24, 2009 meeting. Council consideration is expected in October or November.

### B. New Metro Park near Walnut Street

“Metro Parks, Columbus, New Albany and Plain Township have agreed to create a 1,200-acre park in northern Plain Township along the Delaware County line. They've pledged \$13 million toward its creation.” 400 acres have already been purchased. Development of the new park will be phased in now that the 2009 tax levy has been passed.



## 13. CITY OF COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION

### A. Polaris Area Improvements

#### a. *Polaris Pkwy. and Orion Pl. Improvements*

The City of Columbus is in contract with Stantec for the design of the widening of Polaris from I-71 to Worthington Road. With this project, the city is also looking at significant improvements to not only the intersection of Orion, but also on Orion between Gemini and Hannawalt. Columbus is coordinating its efforts with the City of Westerville. The Preliminary Engineering Study has been completed. Design is on hold pending funding.

#### b. *Worthington-Galena Rd. from Lazelle Rd. to County Line Rd. W.*

The City of Westerville and the City of Columbus are working together to complete improvements on Worthington-Galena Road, which will include addition of a turn lane, lane widening, drainage improvements, the installation of a traffic signal at Lazelle Road, street lighting, and a bikeway. Westerville’s application was recommended for SCIP assistance totaling almost \$2 million. F&OC plans have been submitted for review and comments returned to the consultant. Columbus has acquired necessary R/W. Westerville is lead agency on utility relocations.

#### c. *South Old State Rd./Lazelle Rd./Flint Rd. at CSX*

The City of Columbus plans to widen Lazelle Road in phases from US 23 to Worthington-Galena Road. Columbus has selected an engineering consultant to update an earlier engineering source document. The city is in contract with Gannett-Fleming to conduct the

preliminary engineering study. Other possible short term improvements are under investigation. The PE study is about 80% complete. A public meeting will be held in November 2009.

**d. North-South Connector between Powell Rd. and Gemini Pkwy.**

Representatives of Orange Township, the Delaware County Engineer, the City of Columbus, and MORPC met on March 8, 2007, to discuss opportunities to connect Powell Road and Gemini Parkway. Columbus has obtained an agreement with developers to extend the right-of-way to Gemini and possibly convert a private drive to a public road, if necessary. Orange Township expressed opposition to extending Greentree Drive because of the negative effect of the traffic on township residents. The remaining alternatives are to modify Abbey Orchard Lane, a private drive, to handle the traffic or to create a new road and access point west of Greentree Drive. Orange Township was amenable to removing Greentree Drive's access to Powell Road and connecting it to the new road.

An alignment that utilizes a corridor west of Greentree is no longer feasible due to private development adjacent to Gemini that has blocked provisions of public rights-of-way. As part of a regional traffic study that has been proposed for the Germain Amphitheatre property, a new north-south alignment will be investigated.

**e. Germain Amphitheatre Property**

Representatives from Columbus, Westerville, Delaware County and MORPC met on November 20 to discuss traffic planning for the subject vacant property. It was agreed that MORPC would be funded jointly by the three local agencies to conduct an area traffic study and create a vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian network that will support current and future development. MORPC is to submit a scope, schedule and budget for the agencies to review and approve.

**f. Hard Road from Sawmill Rd. to SR 315**

The project will widen Hard Road from 3 to 5 lanes and add sidewalks and bicycle lanes. It has been broken into three phases. (Phase B is complete.):

**(1) Phase A (Sawmill Rd. to Smoky Row Rd.)**

Design is expected to begin in 2010. An RFP for design services should be advertised in November. Construction is expected to begin in 2014. MORPC has committed federal funds for design, right-of-way and construction.

**(2) Phase C (Linworth Rd. to SR 315)**

This phase will provide direct access between Hard Rd and SR 315, except for eastbound to northbound. There will be dual left turn lanes from northbound to westbound. ODOT awarded the contract in June 2008. The new lanes will open in 2009 and work will shift to existing lanes. Construction is expected to be completed by October 2010.

**B. SR 161 from Sawmill Rd. to Olentangy River Rd.**

As a result of public input from the Northwest Plan Update study, the city has agreed to conduct a traffic study to determine the range of short term and long term improvements to address current and future traffic needs. In addition to the no-build alternative, the study will consider intersection improvements, three lanes, three/five lanes and five lanes. The study will conform

to ODOT requirements to retain eligibility for federal funds. Funds for the traffic study are not available in the city's capital improvement program.

### C. Hamilton Rd. Extension

The SR 161 Ramp & Hamilton Road (Northeast Area TIF (FRA-161-18.63) Stage 3 plans were reviewed and returned to the consultant in April 2009. Dublin Granville Road Improvements Parts 1 and 2 (Albany Park Drive/East Dublin Granville Rd & Old Hamilton Rd/East Dublin Granville R) Line Grade and Typical plans were reviewed and returned to the consultant. F&OC plans have not been submitted.

## 14. ODOT DISTRICT 6

### A. Powell Rd. (SR 750) Area Projects

#### a. *Powell Rd. (SR 750) & SR 315*

The consultant is currently evaluating the environmental effects of the slope stabilization. As part of that effort they are also evaluating the effects of a possible EB left turn lane on SR 750 and minimum left turn lanes on SR 315. A final decision on what will be done at the intersection is pending. Construction for the slope stabilization is currently scheduled in FY 2012. This may need to be adjusted based on the final scope of the project.

#### b. *SR 257/SR 750 Safety Initiative*

The rebuilding of SR 257 and widening of Powell Road (SR 750) to Sawmill Parkway has been separated into two separate projects. The rebuilding of SR 257 is scheduled for FY 2012 using District Preservation funding. A TRAC application was submitted for the widening of SR 750. The schedule is dependent on the action of the TRAC concerning this project.

### B. North Central Outerbelt Projects

Construction has been separated into eight projects as follows:

CRS	PID	Project	Award FY	Description
FRA-23-22.23	81746	B	2014	US 23 Widening & NB Express Lanes
FRA-23-22.23	81746	B1	2014	York Temple Drive Relocation
FRA-270-24.43	81737	B2	In Construction	CSX RR Bridge Widening and IR 270 widening
FRA-270-21.67	81747	C	2015	Reconfigure IR 270 EB
FRA-270-22.42	81739	C1	2011	Linworth Road Bridge
FRA-270-22.85	81748	D	2015	Reconfigure IR 270 WB
FRA-315-11.37	81738	F	Complete	IR 270 Ramps to SR 315 SB
FRA-315 NB Ramp	81749	G	Not Funded	SR 315 NB to IR 270 WB Flyover ramp

The reconstruction of the I-270 ramps to SR 315 SB project is anticipated to be finished by fall 2009.

### C. I-270 at SR 3 Interchange Modification Study

This study contract has been terminated. No further action will be taken at this time.

#### **D. SR 161 Freeway Extension (District 5)**

Extension of limited access facility from New Albany bypass to Granville. Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2, from Watkins Road to the existing 4-lane just west of Granville, is also under construction and is expected to be completed in May 2010.

#### **E. SR 3 Projects**

##### **a. *SR 3 from SR 161 to I-270***

The project includes the addition of a third lane from SR-161 to Cooper Rd, resurfacing SR-3 from Paris Blvd to Huber Village Blvd, modification to I-270 ramps, upgrades to the intersections at Huber Village and Dempsey Rd. Right-of-way acquisition is underway. Construction is scheduled for 2011.

##### **b. *SR 3 from Morse Rd. to I-270***

The Northland Community Council had expressed concerns that the traffic conditions on SR 3 were hurting businesses and could contribute to economic decline. ODOT, Columbus, and Franklin County contributed funding for MORPC to conduct a planning study. Phase A of the three-phase SR 3 study, which included preparing the Existing and Future Conditions report, is nearly done and identified some road capacity issues in the corridor. The study is expected to continue into Phase B soon – this phase includes developing the draft Purpose and Need document, identifying alternative conceptual solutions and transportation system alternatives, evaluation criteria, and evaluation of the alternatives. Phase B is expected to take about five months to complete.

#### **F. I-71 at US 36/SR-37**

ODOT plans to construct safety upgrades in 2012. Several potential developments in the area will significantly increase traffic at the interchange and local road system. ODOT continues to hold discussions with the various developers and local government officials to determine what studies need to be conducted to determine needed improvements and funding scenarios. ODOT and the Delaware County Engineer's Office are reviewing a consultant scope of services for an interchange modification study.

#### **G. US 36/SR 37 Roundtable Forum**

At the forum held on June 24, 2009, representatives from TetraTech presented two access management plans for the US 36/I-71 interchange and corridor (Category 2 & Category 3H). Each representative was asked to determine which plan they thought would be best for the corridor and submit that information to District 6 by July 15, 2009. TetraTech will compile all responses, update the existing conditions and begin preparing the access management plan. The next roundtable session will convene in mid-December.

### **15. ORANGE TOWNSHIP**

#### **A. Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update**

The Delaware County Regional Planning Commission is updating the township's land use plan, last updated in 2001. They are two months into the process and expect it to be finished in the summer of 2010.

## 16. CITY OF WESTERVILLE

### A. Westar Center of Business

A 70,000 square foot national training facility for Emerson/Liebert is now open. It is a green building. Recently approved projects that are either under construction or soon will be constructed include a four-story, 127 room Residence Inn, a 17,000 square foot medical office building and a 10,500 square foot daycare facility. Daimler is under construction with the fourth and final five-story, 144,000 square foot office building. The first three buildings are fully occupied.

#### *a. Altair*

At 150 acres, Altair is the largest individual developer in Westar. Recently approved projects that are either under construction or soon will be include a 70,000 sq. ft. national training facility for Emerson/Liebert, a 4 story, 127-room Residence Inn, a 17,000 sq. ft. medical office building and a 10,500 sq. ft. daycare facility.

#### *b. Offices at Westar*

Daimler is under construction with the fourth and final 5-store, 144,000 square foot office building. The first 3 buildings are fully occupied.

#### *c. Zumstein Property*

01/22/2009 – The property is located on the southeast corner of Polaris Parkway and Olde Worthington Rd. A developer is proposing mixed uses for the 100,000-acre site. Its future is tied to the Germain Amphitheater property.

The plans have received Preliminary Development Plan approval. The proposed plans suggest a mixed use campus with office (342,600 square feet), retail (160,750 square feet), restaurant (60,250 square feet) and residential (26.43 acres) components. No Final Development Plan applications have been submitted at this time.

The existing transportation network in the area will be a key issue for the development, particularly around Polaris Parkway and the Germain property. Development of this site contemplates a new traffic signal on Polaris Parkway. With the current network, all traffic has to be funneled to Polaris Parkway. When the Germain Amphitheater sells, Westerville would like to see Gemini Parkway extended eastward to help relieve congestion.

## 17. GENOA TOWNSHIP

### A. SR 3 and Freeman Rd. Signalization

Genoa Township and the Delaware County Engineer have received a \$300,000 safety grant from ODOT to construct turn lanes and install a signal at the intersection. The Trustees have voted to proceed with the project. ODOT programmed the project for state fiscal year 2011.

The Township has received an engineering option for ODOT's review showing two possible alignment plans. Stage 1 plans were due in September.

The project will also allow for a safe pedestrian crossing to the Ohio to Erie Trail at this intersection. The Township and Delaware County have applied for an OPWC Grant for the balance of the project.

## **B. Township-Wide Parks Plan**

The Steering Committee has inventoried parks, preservation easements and other public properties. Tours were taken of lands that were inventoried and the committee visited other recreational amenities within a 30-minute drive that either serve Genoa Township residents or may be a model for development. Data consisting of existing residential populations and future development areas with consideration for our build out population has been analyzed. The committee is currently finalizing interviews with stakeholders and drafting recommendations. A final step will involve the committee illustrating recommendations and developing a schedule for implementation.

## **C. McNamara Park Plan**

Genoa Township Board of Trustees hired landscape architect John Edsall of Edsall & Associates LLC of Columbus to prepare a master plan for the future development of McNamara Park. Edsall met with Township staff and representatives from the Board of Trustees and Parks Advisory Board on June 29<sup>th</sup> to develop a layout for the plan. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, a presentation was held for owners of lands adjacent to McNamara Park and comments were collected regarding current issues and future recommendations. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, a public workshop was held at McNamara Park to gather community-wide feedback regarding future development of the Park. Results were presented to the Board of Trustees on August 12<sup>th</sup>. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, a presentation of a preliminary draft plan was given to the Board of Trustees.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board reviewed the Final Draft Plan, and the Park Master Plan will be presented in November.

## **D. Safe Crossings**

In partnership with Delaware County, Genoa Township had a ribbon-cutting on October 21 for safe crossing for students at two local schools – Old 3C and near Freeman Road.

# **18. VILLAGE OF SUNBURY**

## **A. Sunbury Mills Plaza**

Construction continues on this commercial development. It consists of over 200,000 square feet of commercial space, including a Kroger that will be 74,000 square feet. There will be \$2.55 million of off-site improvements to SR 3, US36/SR 37, and Miller Drive. In addition to the Kroger grocery store, there will be a Kroger fuel station, two retail units with multiple store fronts and nine out lots. The projected investment in retail space is over \$30 million. Kroger and some surrounding retail have opened. Two restaurants are waiting on liquor permits. The project is predominantly complete.

## **B. Big Walnut Schools**

There are two schools underway in Sunbury. Big Walnut Schools are building a new elementary school on land given to them by the Village, and they are getting ready to break ground on a seventh and eighth grade building. There is a joint venture agreement in place between the Village and the school district for the elementary school. In exchange for the land, the district has agreed to put in certain park amenities that will be enjoyed by everyone.

## 19. VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY PLANNING

### A. Village Center Form-Based Code

05/21/2009 – The Village of New Albany is developing a form-based code for its village center. Numerous meetings between Village Staff, the Village Center Form-Based Code Committee, and consultant, MSI have resulted in a draft village center street design standards and typologies, sub-districts, block standards, and potential bike route integration into the streets. Adoption of the plan is expected in late 2009 or early 2010.

### B. Village Center Stormwater Strategy

05/21/2009 – In an effort to increase the Village's sustainable practices, a team, consisting of the Village Staff members and consultants MSI and Stantec, has been created to assess the village's stormwater management. The team has been evaluating drainage in the village center. A draft report is under review which identifies required stormwater storage and quality volumes as well as potential sites/areas for shared detention facilities.

### C. New Metro Park near Walnut Street

"Metro Parks, Columbus, New Albany and Plain Township have agreed to create a 1,200-acre park in northern Plain Township along the Delaware County line. They've pledged \$13 million toward its creation." 400 acres have already been purchased. Development of the new park will be phased in now that the 2009 tax levy has been passed.



D. Medical Office BuildingThe New Albany Surgical Hospital just went to the Planning Commission for a small expansion – about 25,000 square feet. This was zoned in the past.

## 20. VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY ENGINEERING

### A. SR-605 and Walton Pkwy. Signalization

In April, MORPC committed \$500,000 of funding to the project from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The village filed plans with ODOT in September and is awaiting authorization to advertise for bids. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2010.

### B. US 62, Kitzmiller Rd., & Central College Rd. Intersection

The Public Works Integrating Committee selected the project to receive assistance from the State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP). The project would add turn lanes, traffic signals, curb ramps, and a leisure path at the intersection. Currently, the intersection is closed to through traffic while improvements are being made which began September 15th. It is anticipated that the pavement work will be complete by November 25th at which time the intersection will reopen. Traffic signal installation is expected by January 2010. This project will finalize in the spring 2010.

### C. Thompson Rd. Improvements

This project is to include a road widening and pavement overlay. The construction limits are 1000 feet west of US 62-Johnstown Rd. going to the village west corporate limits. Construction is complete.

## **D. Harlem Road Improvements**

This project is to include a road pavement overlay and installation of new storm sewers. The construction limits are from Greensward Rd. north to Dublin-Granville Road. Construction is complete.

## **21. FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING**

### **A. Blendon Township Comprehensive Plan**

Over the next 5-7 months, Franklin County Planning will be working with citizens, local officials and community leaders on a land use plan for unincorporated Blendon Township. The planning area includes the communities of Huber Ridge, Sunbury Woods and Cleveland Heights—plus a largely-undeveloped area east of Hoover Reservoir.

The plan will focus on future land use, transportation (especially connecting pedestrians and bicyclists to destinations and existing walkways and bikeways) and design standards for new buildings in commercial areas.

In July and September, the Planning Department held two public meetings: one to gather information and a second to solicit feedback on a proposed community vision that includes a future land use, desired transportation improvements and design possibilities for streetscape and building enhancements on Westerville Road between SR-161 and I-270. At an upcoming public meeting on October 26, the project team will present proposed policies for achieving the agreed-upon community vision. The draft plan will be presented to the community in February. All materials related to the project are on the web, including the Current Conditions Report and proposed community vision. [www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/edp/planning/blendon](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/edp/planning/blendon)

## **22. FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEERING**

### **A. ARRA Resurfacing Program**

Franklin County received \$4.3 million in MORPC allocated stimulus funds for resurfacing of various city, county and township roads within the county (outside the City of Columbus). The county divided the program into two phases. The county awarded the contract for Phase 1 in September, including segments on County Line Road and Kitzmiller Road. The county will award Phase 2 in 2010. It includes resurfacing on Post Road (Avery-Muirfield to Commerce Pkwy), Rings Road (Dublin west corp. to Avery Road) and High Street (South Street to Dublin-Granville Road).

### **B. Central College Rd. Bridge over Big Walnut Creek**

In April, MORPC committed \$960,000 of funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to the rehabilitation of the bridge. The county expects to submit final plans to ODOT in November, and to begin construction in the spring.

### **C. Dublin-Granville Rd. Bridge over Sugar Run**

In April, MORPC committed \$500,000 of funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to the rehabilitation of the bridge. The county expects to submit Stage 3 plans in October and to sell the project early in 2010. Construction would begin in the spring.

## D. W. Main St. Bridge Replacement

The preferred design has been selected. The consultant has moved into the detailed design phase of their work. For budget reasons, construction has been moved back to at least 2010. The City of Westerville is funding a portion of the project.

## 23. PLAIN TOWNSHIP

### A. New Metro Park near Walnut Street

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## 24. TRANSIT

### A. Central Ohio Transit Authority

COTA continues to expand service, although the annual rate of service growth has been reduced from about 10% to 5% (compared to the 2006 service level). This change in service growth mainly is a result of declining sales tax revenue. In January, the service improvements will focus upon running service later on both weekdays and weekends. COTA is also adjusting the #38 and #39 express routes to improve their productivity. There will be a fare increase in January.

COTA wants to partner with entities that are working on interchange improvements to incorporate Park-N-Ride sites.

### B. Delaware Area Transit Agency

DATA is installing bike racks on its buses, which it funded through MORPC's CMAQ program. DATA ordered three new vehicles to expand its fleet to 19. The vehicles were intended as replacement vehicles, but with increased demand for services DATA will use them as expansion vehicles. DATA has also reduced rates for demand-response transit, and increased frequency on its green line. It used ARRA funds to build a shelter at the library on Winter Street. Lastly, on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 DATA Bus reduced its rates for 19-59 year olds from \$4.00 to \$2.00 on Demand Response and created monthly unlimited passes.

## 25. METRO PARKS

### A. New Metro Park near Walnut Street

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### 2. New Metro Park in Plain Township

Metro Parks currently owns over 300 acres in Plain Township as part of a new park initiative with the City of Columbus, Village of New Albany and Plain Township. Acquisition will continue with park planning scheduled for the fall of 2010.

## 26. WATER RESOURCES/ODNR

### A. Olentangy River Water Trail

The City of Columbus has officially designated the water trail from the southern Riverlea corporation limit to the confluence with the Scioto River. FLOW is working to obtain ODNR recognition for the trail from below the Delaware dam to just north of Riverlea. FLOW still intends to apply to ODNR for the Delaware County section to become a state water trail, but they are waiting for lowhead dam removal before making the application.

### B. Watershed Action Plans

In the Franklin / Delaware County Region, five Watershed Coordinators are working in the Scioto, Big Walnut (including Rocky Fork & Blacklick), Olentangy, and Alum Creek watersheds developing or implementing endorsed watershed action plans, in partnership with local communities. There are approximately 30 coordinators in Ohio, working toward a common water quality goal – to reach 80 percent of Ohio's surface water in attainment of full water quality standards by 2010. These positions are made possible by Ohio's Watershed Coordinator Grants Program (begun in 2000), funded by Ohio EPA Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Program. However, the grants for the Lower Olentangy Coordinator and the Lower Alum Creek Coordinator run out at the end of 2009 and will not be funded again through the current organizations, FLOW and FACT. Without dedicated staff to pursue implementation of the Watershed Action Plans, MORPC is worried about the loss of opportunities to continue restoring and protecting these streams. MORPC's Greenways workgroup is working with the central Ohio watershed groups, Ohio Environmental Council, Franklin Soil and Water, and OSU Extension to try and figure out how to continue to fund the work that these coordinators have been doing.

The watershed action plan for Blacklick Creek continues on pace. Also, the Rocky Fork Plan was resubmitted in June, and there was a meeting about Spring Run on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Genoa Township Hall.

### C. Olentangy Watershed Monitoring

This spring, FLOW started a volunteer program to monitor streams for which there are currently no data. Volunteers started out by taking the Watershed 101 class and Habitat Assessment Training. They then observed the general condition of the streams; collected data on temperature, dissolved oxygen, and flow; and conducted an EPA Level II habitat evaluation and a Level I macro invertebrate study.

Volunteers also assisted in preparing reports for local decision makers. Most of the streams in Delaware County have not been previously studied, and the data collected will help local governments make decisions about stream protection and restoration. Ohio EPA will use the data to fill in the gaps from previous studies and provide background for decision-making about development projects. The data will also serve as the basis for updating FLOW's Watershed Action Plan for the Lower Olentangy.

The group will also help to name unnamed streams so they will show up on maps and be utilized for zoning, planning and land use decision-making. Based on historical records and community

input, the volunteers will submit petitions to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to officially name the streams and include them on future maps.

#### **D. OEPA Water Quality Management Plans**

MORPC will be starting to do the research needed for Ohio EPA to update the next round of 208 Water Quality Plans for the 12 county central Ohio Region that is within the upper Scioto drainage area. This includes all of Delaware and Franklin Counties. MORPC will be working closely with county and local governments and agencies to gather information about the current conditions, current sewage districts, and the potential growth areas. This will be incorporated as part of MORPC's larger regional plan.

#### **E. Hoover, O'Shaughnessy and Griggs reservoirs restoration project**

The Columbus Department of Public Utilities is pleased to have the opportunity to participate in a stimulus-funded restoration project which will be taking place along the shorelines of Columbus' three drinking water reservoirs. Green infrastructure including bioswales, pervious parking areas, and other innovative stormwater management techniques will be installed at Hoover, O'Shaughnessy and Griggs Reservoirs. These improvements will assist in capturing and filtering stormwater from parking lots, roadways, and neighboring developed areas. Improved erosion control and overall water quality improvements are key outcomes of the projects. At this point, engineering and design is complete and construction is anticipated to start in spring of 2010.

## **27. FUNDING PROGRAMS**

### **A. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

Ohio received \$774 million for transportation from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Larger metropolitan areas received a suballocation of these funds through their metropolitan planning organizations, such as MORPC. These funds must be obligated to projects (i.e., the projects must have federal authorization to advertise for bids) by March 2, 2010. ODOT selected the following projects in Delaware and Franklin counties:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Stimulus Funds</b>
Columbus	Parsons and Livingston	\$25,000,000
Columbus	Front Street conversion	\$5,500,000
COTA	TBD	\$5,790,000
COTA	Fields and McKinley Facilities Rehab	\$5,550,000
COTA	Fields Paratransit Facility Construction	\$4,200,000
COTA	Purchase Non-Revenue Vehicles	\$500,000
COTA	Transit Enhancements & Passenger shelters	\$160,000
DATA	Capitalized Maintenance	\$90,200
DATA	Computerized operating data and dispatching system	\$81,401
DATA	1 ADA Accessible Mini Van	\$33,000
DATA	1 Bus Shelter	\$7,200
DATA	Maintenance Equipment	\$2,700
Delaware	Glenn Parkway Extension	\$2,000,000
ODOT	Rickenbacker Parkway Widening	\$14,000,000
ODOT	US 40, Hague Ave. to Central Ave., Resurfacing	\$504,800
ODOT	US 40 over I-71, Bridge Rehabilitation	\$664,000

ORDC	Camp Chase Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation	\$300,000
	Total Delaware and Franklin Counties	\$63,214,501

ODOT made a new commitment to ARRA funds for two projects on US 40. It transferred ARRA funds from projects elsewhere in the state.

In April, MORPC committed its \$28 million suballocation to a program of projects. Some minor changes to the original program are reflected in the table below.

Obligation Date	Agency	Project Description	ARRA Funds on TIP	Total Project Cost Est
7/21/2009	Columbus	Various Federal-aid routes in Columbus, Resurfacing	\$3,000,000	\$2,938,283
7/23/2009	Franklin County	Various Federal-aid routes in Franklin County, Phase 1, Resurfacing	\$3,000,000	\$2,226,274
8/5/2009	Delaware County	Various Federal-aid routes in Delaware County, Resurfacing	\$1,810,460	\$1,974,506
8/13/2009	Dublin	Industrial Pkwy at SR-161, Realignment	\$1,000,000	\$8,476,051
8/25/2009	Upper Arlington	School/Bus Routes, Sidewalks	\$500,000	\$466,000
10/15/2009	Columbus Rec & Parks	Alum Creek Trail from Sunbury Rd near Mock Rd to Innis Rd at Innis Park, Bikeway, Multi-Use Path	\$3,000,000	\$4,225,976
10/25/2009	New Albany	SR-605 at Walton Pkwy, Signalization	\$500,000	\$533,294
11/10/2009	Delaware County	Old 3-C Highway at Hoover Reservoir, Bridge Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000	\$1,003,753
12/11/2009	Hilliard	Avery Rd at Northwest Pkwy, Intersection Upgrade	\$1,000,000	\$2,327,100
12/16/2009	Franklin County	Various Federal-aid routes in Franklin County, Phase 2, Resurfacing	\$1,295,960	\$2,276,655
12/23/2009	ODOT 6	Rich St Bridge at Scioto River, Bridge Replacement	\$2,000,000	\$26,614,600
12/25/2009	Bexley	Bexley ADA Accessibility, Sidewalks	\$1,145,000	\$1,145,000
12/28/2009	Whitehall	Yearling Rd from Broad St to Mayflower Blvd, Reconstruction	\$2,500,000	\$2,781,020
1/6/2010	Gahanna	I-270 at SR-317 (Hamilton Rd), Interchange Upgrade	\$2,737,870	\$4,155,870
1/11/2010	Franklin County	Dublin-Granville Rd at Sugar Run, Bridge Deck Replace	\$500,000	\$924,000
1/11/2010	Franklin County	Central College Rd at Big Walnut Creek, Bridge Deck Replace	\$960,000	\$1,304,621
1/11/2010	Reynoldsburg	Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail from Civic Park trailhead to Blackoak Dr, Bikeway, Multi-Use Path	\$425,000	\$467,500
2/17/2010	Pataskala	Downtown Pataskala, Sidewalks	\$250,000	\$250,000
3/2/2010	Fairfield County	Various Federal-aid routes in Fairfield County, Resurfacing	\$514,815	\$514,815
3/2/2010	Licking County	Various Federal-aid routes in Licking County, Resurfacing	\$378,765	\$378,765
NA	MORPC	Central Ohio Freight Trend Study	\$0	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$28,017,870	

More information about economic stimulus and recovery programs are available on the web:

- <http://www.recovery.gov/>
- <http://recovery.ohio.gov/>

- <http://stimulus.morpc.org/>

## B. TRAC

Projects costing more than \$5 million (“Major New” projects) must be approved by the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC), a nine-member body jointly appointed by the governor, the speaker of the (Ohio) House of Representatives, and the president of the (Ohio) Senate and chaired by the director of ODOT.

The TRAC last published a program of projects in 2006. In the absence of subsequent TRAC rounds, a backlog of projects emerged. Earlier this year TRAC solicited new and updates to projects. Fifteen applications were submitted from within the MORPC Transportation Planning Area alone. As part of the TRAC process, MORPC is asked to prioritize projects within our area. At MORPC, this process includes our public and private partners in a collaborative effort to bring the best projects forward for potential funding by the TRAC. Each of the 15 projects submitted was assigned to one of two groups:

- The first group are projects that are fully or substantially funded (these are not seeking a substantial portion of their cost from TRAC) and are primarily seeking approval from TRAC to move forward. Some of these projects are seeking Tier 1 status (approval for construction) and others are seeking Tier 2 (continued development).
- The second group of projects is seeking a substantial share of their funding from TRAC for construction or further development. As TRAC considers future funding availability, it may decide it cannot accommodate all projects seeking further development, so it is important that this list reflect regional priorities.

TRAC will be holding a public meeting at ODOT Central Office on November 12 to allow TRAC applicants to present their projects to the TRAC. After which, ODOT will complete their work on scoring the individual applications, and TRAC is expected to approve new project lists in May 2010.

Group 1 - Endorse for Construction and Further Development	Group 2 - Seeking Funds
I-71/SR 665 Interchange (City of Grove City, Requested Tier I Status)	1. East/West Connector (Pickaway County Engineer's Office, Requested Tier I Status)
I-270 South Outerbelt Widening (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier I Status)	2. North High Street (City of Columbus, Requested Tier I Status)
I-71 Morrow/Delaware (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier I Status)	3. I-270 /US 33 Interchange (City of Dublin, Requested Tier II Status)
I-71 South (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier II Status)	4. SR 315/I-70/I-71 (Innerbelt) Reconstruction (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier II Status)
Veteran's Parkway (City of Delaware, Requested Tier II Status)	5. US 33/Carroll Interchange (ODOT District 5, Requested Tier I Status)
	6. SR 257-750 Realignment (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier I Status)
	7. I-270 South Outerbelt Interchange Study (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier II Status)
	8. Far East Freeway Study (ODOT District 6, Requested Tier II Status)
	9. Reconstruct the SR 256 Interchange (ODOT District 5, Requested Tier I Status)

For more information, visit [www.dot.state.oh.us/TRAC](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/TRAC).

### **C. Ohio 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force**

Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force's report "recognizes that a fully-integrated, well-managed transportation system can make Ohio a leader in the national and global economies – driving business growth and prosperity, creating good jobs, making Ohio communities places people are proud to call home, and allowing Ohioans to get where they want to go safely and in an environmentally sound way." The final report and more information are available at: <http://TransportationForTomorrow.ohio.gov>.

ODOT is pursuing the goals identified by the task force by:

- Creating a Statewide Transportation Futures Plan, a strategic multi-modal investment plan.
- Developing modal plans such as a statewide rail plan.
- Reorganizing the Division of Planning into a multi-modal Division of Transportation System Development.
- Becoming less reactive and more proactive to local land use decisions.
- Using the revised TRAC process to select projects more responsive to multi-modal transportation needs and land use interactions.
- Financing projects by innovative mechanisms such as Transportation Investment Authorities.
- Working more closely with local agencies.

The task force met on October 21 to report on the progress toward meeting its goals.

### **D. OPWC**

In Franklin County (District 3) of the Ohio Public Works Commission received 25 SCIP/LTIP applications this round requesting \$69.7 million in funding. District 3 has \$27.6 million available in this round. District 17, which includes Delaware County, received 98 applications. Union County is in District 11. Below is a summary of applications submitted for Round 24 in the Delaware-Franklin Summit area: The districts will recommend projects to the OPWC over the winter.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>OPWC Request</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Berlin Township	Berlin Twp Rd Improv	\$198,600	\$318,600
Columbus	Emerald Parkway Tuttle to Rings Rd	\$5,839,315	\$7,755,155
Columbus	North High Street -Flint to County Line	\$999,999	\$7,555,941
Delaware	US 36 & Cheshire/Channing St Intersections	\$172,876	\$392,900
Dublin	Emerald Parkway Riverside to Billingsley Creek	\$999,999	\$13,621,400
Franklin County	Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd@Morse Rd	\$1,428,000	\$2,988,000
Franklin County	West Main Street Bridge over Alum Creek	\$3,981,000	\$7,081,000
Franklin County	Mon-E-Bak Sanitary Sewer Phase 1-4	\$3,816,794	\$4,240,883
Galena	Walnut St Reconst Ph 2	\$277,875	\$292,500
Genoa Township	Freeman & SR 3 Intersect Improv	\$323,700	\$693,000
Harlem Township	Harlem Twp Rd Improv	\$121,800	\$174,800
Orange Township	East Orange Rd Improv	\$200,000	\$5,636,947
Ostrander	2009 Pavement Improvements	\$89,463	\$100,184
Scioto Township	Newhouse Rd Improv	\$203,200	\$303,200
Shawnee Hills	Storm Water Improv	\$320,095	\$337,845
Union County	Industrial Parkway Reconstruction - Phase II	\$500,000	\$4,000,000
Westerville	Dempsey Rd Improvements	\$7,784,000	\$8,434,000
Worthington	2009 Davis Estates Waterline	\$291,121	\$539,114
TOTAL		\$27,547,837	\$64,465,469

## **E. Ohio Job Ready Sites Program**

The Ohio Job Ready Sites (JRS) Program provides funding assistance to significantly improve sites, making them marketable and “certified” for immediate development by large-scale end users. The third funding round of the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program will provide eligible applicants the opportunity to file a pre-application and receive feedback on the prospective project prior to filing a formal competitive application. The pre-application is tentatively scheduled for release on December 1. The formal competitive application is tentatively scheduled for a late fall - early winter 2009 release. Applications could be due sometime in February 2010 with awards announced by September 2010. The program website is <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/edd/obd/jrs/>.

## **F. Transportation Improvement Program**

MORPC is preparing to solicit applications for federal transportation funding in 2010. The Federal Funding Committee will begin reviewing the process for selecting projects in November.

ODOT informed the MPOs in October that it would not prepare a SFY 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Instead, ODOT amended the STIP in the spring of 2009 to make any necessary changes to SFY 2010 and 2011 projects. MORPC coordinated with ODOT to identify projects in the region for the amendment, which MORPC approved in March. Per the federal regulations, projects included in the SFY 2008-2011 TIP/STIP can be sold through the end of SFY 2011 (June 30, 2011).