

## Downtown Columbus Bus Transit Center

Submitted by: City of Columbus

Project ID per ODOT:  ODOT PID: N/A	Total Project Cost: <b>\$45,450,000</b>
	Funding Requested from TRAC: <b>Current Request: \$7,450,000</b> <i>New to Tier II</i>

### Project Description

The City of Columbus desires to construct a Downtown Columbus Bus Transit Center (DCBTC) to spur economic development, reduce bus congestion on downtown streets, simplify routes and stops and give passengers a defined location for transfers. This center would also have a parking structure and bike station to serve area employers and bicycle commuters. This application is asking for funding to complete the Planning Study, Preliminary Engineering, Detailed Design, Right of Way and Construction phases of ODOT Project Development Process. However, this project has not completed NEPA, and therefore TRAC is likely to not provide funding for the Detailed Design or Construction phases during this round. In this case, TRAC could fund \$950,000 for the Planning Study and Preliminary Engineering phases.

### Potential Impacts

Despite recent reinvestment and redevelopment, High Street has tens of thousands of square feet of vacant storefronts and is pock-marked with surface parking lots. The city's objective in proposing the transit center is to reduce the number of buses on High Street that block storefronts and prevents on-street parking. This new downtown transit center could have positive spin-off effects including allowing for additional retail opportunities, execution of proposed streetscape improvements and the return of on-street parking. With the advent of a transit center, there is an opportunity to revive COTA's "Link" service within Downtown Columbus to connect the center to the 3-C terminal and other downtown destinations. Designed properly, the transit center could become an icon that contributes to the image of downtown and spurs the economic revitalization of Downtown Columbus.

Is this project on MORPC's 2030 Transportation Plan?

YES  NO

Bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit facilities?

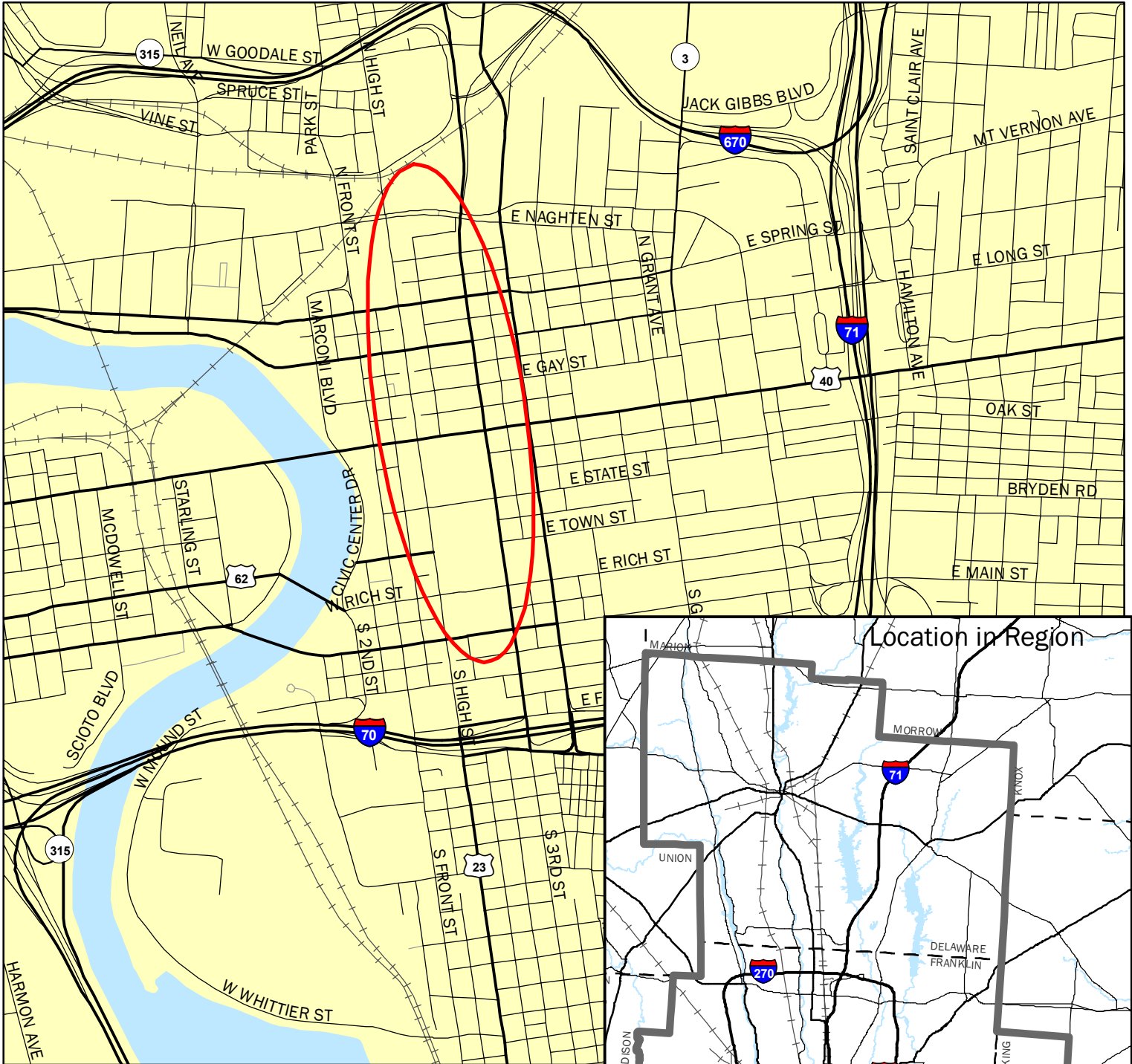
YES  NO

### Progress toward Construction

Planning Study	FY 2010
Interchange Justification Study	N/A
NEPA:	FY 2011
Detailed Design	FY 2011
Right of Way:	FY 2011

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Project Location

