



Central Ohio  
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# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## HELLO CORPO MEMBERS!

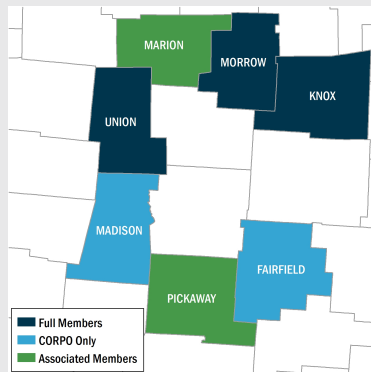
This quarterly newsletter will highlight the products, services, news and events CORPO is providing its member counties. CORPO intends to address the unique needs of each member county.

### COUNTY MEMBERSHIP

Full Member  
(MORPC and CORPO):  
Knox, Morrow and Union

CORPO Members:  
Fairfield and Madison

Associated Members:  
Marion and Pickaway



### RTPO STATUS

In December of 2018, CORPO submitted its Long-Range Transportation Plan (CTP) to ODOT, who then made a request to the governor's office to designate CORPO as Ohio's sixth Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). Gov. DeWine's proposed budget called for one million dollars in capital funding annually for each RTPO. Although legislators did not pass that funding, CORPO / MORPC will continue to work toward securing dedicated funding for RTPOs.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) related tasks will begin fall of 2019. In the meantime, CORPO staff will be working on short-range planning tasks outlined in the CORPO Planning Work Program (PWP) including: condition reports, safety planning and active transportation initiatives.

### CORPO MEETINGS

The next CORPO Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 2pm at MORPC. The next round of county subcommittee meetings will be planned for Fall of 2019. CORPO staff will be in touch with members to schedule the meetings.

## ODOT RTPO PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

ODOT Statewide Planning has organized a workshop scheduled on April 30, 2019 and invited representatives from each of Ohio's RTPOs to participate. This will be a Peer Review Workshop where attendees will discuss their RTPO Programs, detailing the mission and goals. They will also lead a discussion on the programs' strengths, weaknesses, their successes, challenges etc. CORPO staff will provide a brief presentation.

## Union County US 33 Corridor Long-Range Plan

ODOT hosted a kick-off meeting on March 9, 2019 for stakeholders to prepare for a US 33 Corridor Long Range Plan. The plan will take 18 months to complete and will examine potential scenarios of development for the corridor as well as a list of relevant transportation projects, based on those projects. More details to come provided soon.

## IMPORTANT NEWS AND EVENTS

Relevant events, news and deadlines are listed below. CORPO staff intends to keep members up to date on a diverse array of topics. The following topics relate to: events, policy and funding.

### NRTC CONFERENCE

The National Association of Development Organization's (NADO) Research Foundation will hold its National Regional Transportation Conference on June 17 - 19, 2019 in Columbus. This training event will be geared toward rural and small metro transportation professionals and their partners. Planning for the conference is well underway, and registration is open. CORPO staff has submitted a presentation abstract. Please visit [www.nado.org/events/](http://www.nado.org/events/) for info.

### OPTA CONFERENCE

The Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA) held its annual conference and trade show April 1-3, 2019 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The three-day conference covered all things transit, including funding, planning and rural issues, to name a few.

### SAFETY PROGRAM

During a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 29, Nicole Nason (FHWA Administrator Nominee) stated that, should the committee confirm her nomination as administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, she plans to place a special focus on rural roadway safety. Please visit <https://aashtojournal.org/> for info.

### BROADBAND

The U.S. Dept. of Commerce and the U.S. Dept. of Transportation released the preliminary funding allocations for the 911 Grant Program that will offer up to \$110 million to help upgrade 911 call centers to Next Generation (NG911) capabilities. Please visit [www.ntia.doc.gov/](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/) for info.

### INFRA

CORPO was the formal applicant for a federal INFRA application submitted on March 4th. INFRA, short for Infrastructure for Rebuilding America, provides federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance, with an estimated \$850 to \$900 million available this year. The application requested \$7.5 in federal funds to improve the I-70 and SR 29 interchange, dubbed "Ohio's Logistics Interchange." This project was identified as a priority in CORPO's Transportation Plan.

### SAFETY SIGN GRANTS

The ODOT Township Safety Sign Grant Program is currently accepting applications now through June 7, 2019. Townships eligible to apply for the grant during the 2019 application period were contacted in various ways, including a direct mailing of materials to notify them of eligibility to apply for the grant. To check township eligibility, please visit the local programs section of ODOT's website.

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- Safety applications are due to ODOT by April 30, 2019.
  - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications are due by May 17, 2019. This only applies to those who submitted letters of interest by February 1, 2019.
  - Small Cities project solicitation begins on May 1, 2019, completed online applications are due by June 15, 2019. This program is targeted at eligible cities between 5k - 25k population.
- Please visit the Local Funding Opportunities section of ODOT's website for more info.

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