

# Policies Overview

Attributable Funds Committee

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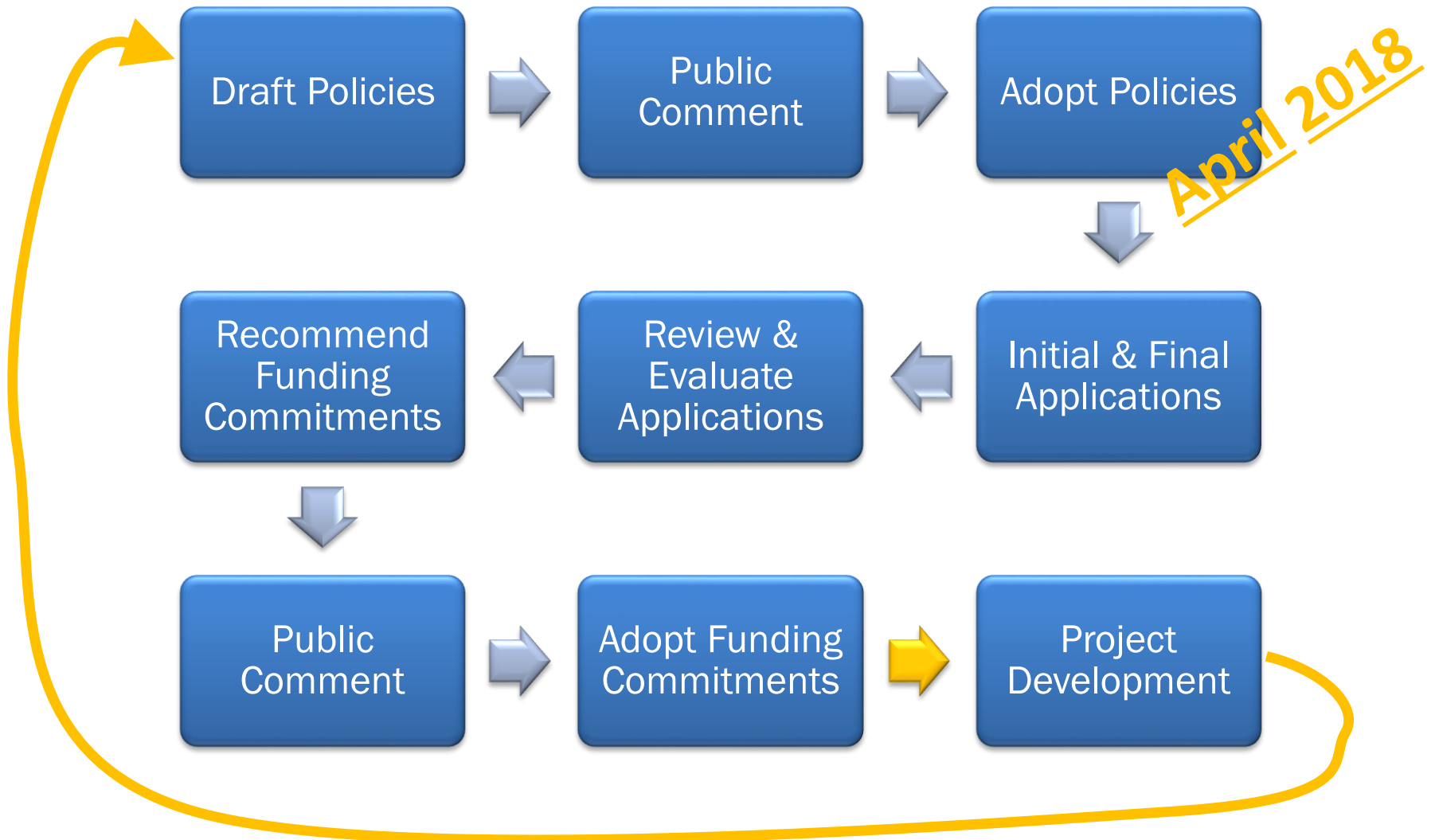


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# Overview

- AFC Background
- Relationship to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Policies
  - General
  - Application Process
  - Evaluation Criteria and Process
  - Selection Process

# Funding Management Process (2 yr cycle)



# Attributable Funds Committee (AFC)

- Purpose:

*To provide advice to the Transportation Policy Committee, the TAC, and the CAC on the development and execution of the processes used to allocate MORPC-attributable federal funds to projects and project sponsors*

# AFC Meetings

- As called by the Director of Transportation
- Generally
  - 6-7 times from July through January during solicitation & evaluation cycle
  - 3-5 times during process review period

**The attributable funding is to implement the near-term priorities in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**



- **Previous cycle and next cycle will be based on 2016-2040 MTP adopted in 2016**

# 2016-2040 MTP

- Strategies to manage travel through 2040
- Operations, Management, Preservation
- Travel Demand Management
- All modes – transit, walking, biking, highways
- Specific projects for expanding capacity of the system
  - Transit
  - Bike & Pedestrian
  - Highways



# Goals of the 2016-2040 MTP

## (criteria areas)

Through transportation:

Reduce per capita **energy consumption** and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies

Protect **natural resources** and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community

Position Central Ohio to attract and retain **economic opportunity** to prosper as a region and compete globally

Create **sustainable neighborhoods** to improve residents' quality of life

Increase **regional collaboration** and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures

Use public investments to benefit the **health, safety, and welfare** of people



# MTP Objectives

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**ttainable
- **R**elevant
- **T**ime-specific
- Two to Four objectives for each goal
  - 18 total objectives
  - Rationale, Benchmark, Targets
- Basis for the MTP project evaluation criteria
- Also basis for MORPC funding evaluation criteria



# MORPC Attributable Funding is small part of implementing the MTP!!!

Projects using MORPC funding are  
to advance the MTP goals and help  
the region meet the measureable  
objective targets



# MORPC-Attributable Funding\*

Approximately \$36 Million Available Annually

- Surface Transportation Program (STP) ~\$23M/yr
- Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) ~\$11M/yr\*\*
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) ~\$2M/yr

Solicit Project Applications Every Two Years

- Updates for projects with previous funding commitments
- Applications for new funding

\*Attributable Funds Committee advises the process

\*\* MORPC traditional share of large MPO statewide CMAQ process



# Guiding Document

## *Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds*

- General project and applicant eligibility
- Specific application procedures and schedule
- Application instructions
- Evaluation criteria and process
- Responsibilities for developing projects

# Project Evaluation Criteria

- Structured based on 2016-2040 MTP goals and objectives
- Generally projects applying for MORPC funding are more defined than what is in the MTP
  - Criteria may be more refined than MTP criteria to select the best projects to meet immediate needs of the region

# Management Process Review

- Begins today with AFC changes brainstorming session
- Continues in September





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