



# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county. This newsletter outlines products, services, news and events CORPO is providing its member counties.

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## CORPO MEETINGS

The next CORPO Committee meeting will be held virtually on November 2, 2020. Virtual meeting information and safety protocols will be sent in the invitations. CORPO County Subcommittee meetings are being scheduled between August 24 and September 2, 2020. Invitations will be sent shortly.

## Access Ohio 2045

ODOT's Access 2045 Plan draft is available for public review and comments until August 31, 2020. As Ohio's long-range transportation plan, it will guide Ohio's transportation policies and investment strategies for the next 20 years by looking at where we could be in 2045. The world is changing and Ohio wants to be prepared for these changes and make wise investment decisions. Visit: [Access.Ohio.gov](http://Access.Ohio.gov) and [PublicInput.com/AccessOhio2045](http://PublicInput.com/AccessOhio2045).

## OHIO RESEARCH INITIATIVE FOR LOCALS (ORIL)

ORIL is now accepting research ideas for their upcoming Fiscal Year 2022 program. Public agencies, local municipalities, MPOs and RTPOs as well as university researchers, students, consultants, associations, and ODOT staff may submit ideas which may turn into a RFP. All ideas must be applicable to the local transportation system and must be research. Please visit: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/groups/oril/IdeaSessions/Pages/Research-Idea-Form.aspx> for more information.

## MOBILITY MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL OHIO

- CORPO staff will now be more involved in transit/mobility planning in the region than ever before now that Franklin County's Mobility Management (MM) Program will be housed at MORPC. The ODOT funded MM programs are regionally focused and hope to provide better transportation access for older adults, people with disabilities and lower incomes. As discussed in the previous CORPO meeting there have been some updates regarding MM in the region. Please see the following updates below and visit both <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/Transit/Pages/Coordination.aspx> for additional information on Mobility Management in Ohio.
  - Logan County recently joined the Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6, which currently includes Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Pickaway, Madison and Union counties. The goal is to overcome mobility barriers in Central Ohio through regionalization.
  - The next Coordinated Plan will focus on all of Region 6 as opposed to just Delaware and Franklin counties in previous plans.
  - The newly formed MM working group will meet again in late August 2020.

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- ❖ September 2, 2020 10:00–11:30 AM **Regional Housing Strategy** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-housing-strategy-tickets-113781148478>
- ❖ September 9, 2020 10:00 AM–Noon **Central Ohio Solar Energy Toolkit for Local Governments**  
Sign up here: [bit.ly/MORPCEnergyAcademy](http://bit.ly/MORPCEnergyAcademy)
- ❖ October 15, Noon–4:45 PM and October 16, 2020 10:00 AM–1:00 PM **2020 Summit on Sustainability** [www.morpc.org/summit](http://www.morpc.org/summit).

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) is kicking off two new rounds of funding for the following. Information regarding the funds are district-specific. CORPO counties are in Districts 11,16 and 17 and may be found here: <https://pwc.ohio.gov/Programs/All-OPWC-Funding-Programs>
  - **State Capital Improvement Program and Local Transportation Improvement Program** - Eligible applicants are counties, cities, villages, townships, and water and sanitary districts. Eligible projects are for improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities.
  - **Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program** - The Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program is dedicated to environmental conservation including acquisition of green space and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors. Grant recipients agree to maintain the properties in perpetuity so that they can be enjoyed and cherished for generations to come.
- The Trump Administration today announced that the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications to help rural communities enhance capacity for broadband access, historic preservation, transportation, housing, and recreational spaces. The maximum grant award is \$250,000 with a 15% match. Visit: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=RD-RPIC-2020>  
*CORPO staff is available to assist with funding application and technical assistance.*

## TRAC PROJECT UPDATE

- The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) administers ODOT's project selection process to award funding for the development and construction of transportation projects that add capacity, reduce congestion, and are critical to mobility or economic development, and are generally \$12 million or more. Project applications will be presented to TRAC at a public hearing on September 11 and will be formally submitted by October 15 . The following are TRAC selected projects within the CORPO study area that are being submitted to TRAC for funding:
  - **Far East I-70 at Taylor Rd & SR-256** - The project is for interchange improvements at SR-256 and Taylor Road. The improvements include: Realignment of ramps at SR-256, continuing the auxiliary lane between SR-256 and Brice Road, and a new bridge over I-70 for Taylor Road with ramps to I-70. This phase also includes the construction of auxiliary lanes between the SR-256 interchange and Taylor Road SW, adding turn lanes at the SR-204 and Taylor Road SW intersection, and the Taylor Road and Taylor Road SW intersection. Lastly, this improvement will widen Taylor Road SW between Taylor Road and SR-204. ODOT District 5 is requesting to advance the project to Tier II status and requests \$5 million for preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2021.
  - **US-33 at Pickerington Rd & Allen Rd** - This project will remove the existing intersections along US 33 at Pickerington Road and Allen Road and replace them with an interchange facility to be located between the Hill-Diley Road and Winchester Road interchanges. ODOT District 5 is requesting \$11.4 million, with \$1 million for preliminary engineering, \$0.40 million for detailed design, and \$10 million for right-of-way acquisition.
  - **I-70 at SR-29** - Construction of improvements to the rural interchange of I-70/SR29. Includes construction of a roundabout at the southeast (EB I-70) ramp intersection of the interchange, construction of an adjacent, parallel, 550-foot, 60-deg skew bridge to the southwest of the existing bridge carrying SR 29 over I-70 to provide two bridges for SR 29 to cross I-70, widening of SR 29 to four lanes, conversion of the existing westbound single lane roundabout to a two-lane roundabout, rehab of the existing bridge. ODOT District 6 is requesting to advance the project to Tier I status and requests \$7.5 million for detailed design in fiscal year 2021.

Please visit: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/trac/trac>

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