



CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county and facilitates regional coordination. This newsletter outlines products, services, news, and events that CORPO provides its member counties.

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CORPO TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2023-2050

Initially adopted in 2018, the CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP) is currently undergoing an update that will be adopted by the CORPO Committee in November 2023. Upon adoption, the updated CTP will cover the 2023-2050 planning horizon. Visit the [CORPO webpage](https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/) to see draft chapters of the CTP (<https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/>).

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE RECORDING & COMMENT PERIOD

CORPO is seeking public comment on the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan draft. Public comments on the draft plan must be submitted by the **end of the comment period on October 27th, 2023**. Please see the [CORPO webpage](https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/) for guidance on submitting public comments. A virtual public open house for the 2023-2050 CTP was held to share an overview of how the plan was developed, the key issues that influenced its recommendations, and how to access this information. A recording of the presentation is available on the [CORPO webpage here](https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/).

CORPO SAFETY ACTION PLAN KICK-OFF

CORPO is launching an effort to develop a Safety Action Plan for its seven-county area with the assistance of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). As part of this effort, CORPO will be seeking stakeholder input regarding local road safety issues and opportunities and to help identify key priorities for the plan. The planning process will include review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users, such as motorists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. There will be three stakeholder meetings throughout the plan development process, starting with a kick-off meeting on **Monday, November 6th**, directly ahead of the full CORPO Committee meeting at 2 PM. Please reach out to Mary Turner (mtuner@morpc.org) or Lauren Cardoni (lcardoni@morpc.org) if you are interested in being a part of the CORPO Safety Action Plan stakeholder meetings.

<https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/>

Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway & Union Counties



IMPORTANT EVENTS

- ❖ The **CORPO Safety Action Plan Stakeholder Kick-Off** meeting is scheduled for **November 6, 2023, at 12:15 p.m.** ahead of the full CORPO Committee meeting. Please **RSVP to Mary Turner (mturner@morpc.org) or Lauren Cardoni (lcardoni@morpc.org)**.
- ❖ The next **CORPO Committee** meeting is scheduled for **November 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** and will be held **in-person** at MORPC.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

CORPO Staff are available to assist with funding applications and technical assistance.

- ❖ **[Workforce Mobility Partnership Program, ODOT-](#)** \$15 million is available for State Fiscal Years 2024-2025 to support projects in the rural and urban areas of Ohio that easily and efficiently transport resident workforce members to economically significant employment centers or places of employment outside of their resident communities. Eligible applicants of this program are urban and rural transit systems in the state. Applications are **due October 31st**.
- ❖ **[Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\), ODOT-](#)** TAP provides funding for transportation alternatives projects, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and safe routes to school projects. The LOI form for the next round of TAP funding is **due November 1st**.
- ❖ **[Small City Program, ODOT-](#)** This program provides federal funds to small cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999 that are not located within a Metropolitan Planning Organization's boundary. The Small City Program is having a special solicitation for Congestion Mitigation type projects only. Applications are **due November 15th**. Funds will be awarded for State Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 and funds cannot be carried forward into SFY 2027.
- ❖ **[Active Transportation Plan \(ATP\) Development Assistance, ODOT-](#)** ODOT is accepting applications to assist local governments in developing active transportation plans. Selected applicants will be provided with consultant services to develop a stand-alone active transportation plan. This assistance is for planning only and cannot be used for implementation activities. No local match is required. Applications are **due December 1st**.
- ❖ **[Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\), ODOT-](#)** SRTS provides funding to facilitate the development and implementation of projects and activities that enable and encourage children to walk to bike to school. School Travel Planning Assistance applications are **due December 1st**.
- ❖ **[Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity \(RAISE\), USDOT-](#)** This program is intended to fund projects that have significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements allow project sponsors at the state and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. Applications will likely open later this fall and be **due in January 2024**.

CORPO SFY 2024-2025 DEDICATED FUNDS UPDATE

The CORPO Dedicated Funds program received 3 submissions in the CORPO area during the SFY 2024-2025 application period this summer. The proposed projects to receive \$1,102,426 are in Union, Knox, and Fairfield counties. To learn more about the proposed projects seeking funding, see: [SFY 2024-2025 Summary of Dedicated Funds Applications](#). The amount of funding requested will result in surplus funds available in the program so Staff is recommending that the CORPO Committee funds the 3 projects at their full requests and open a 2nd application round at the start of 2024 for the remaining \$ 1 million in funds. Information about applying for the surplus SFY 2025-2025 will be shared with CORPO communities following the November 6th CORPO Committee meeting.