

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) REPORT

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MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE



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MORPC

- **Vanpool RFP**
- **Federal Transit Administration 5310 Funding**
- **Intel Area Planning Support RFP**
- **Attributable Funding & Complete Streets Policies**
- **LinkUs**



LINKUS OVERVIEW



WHY LINKUS?

LinkUS is Central Ohio's comprehensive mobility initiative to help address growth, affordability and opportunity gaps in our community.

GROWTH



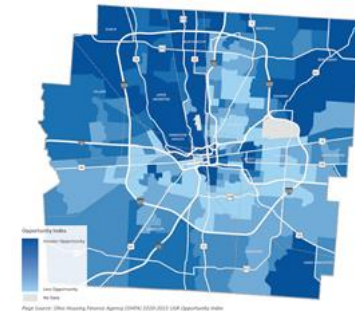
Since 2010, regional population +250,000 with 70% of growth in Franklin County. Regional population is expected to +725,000 by 2050.

AFFORDABILITY



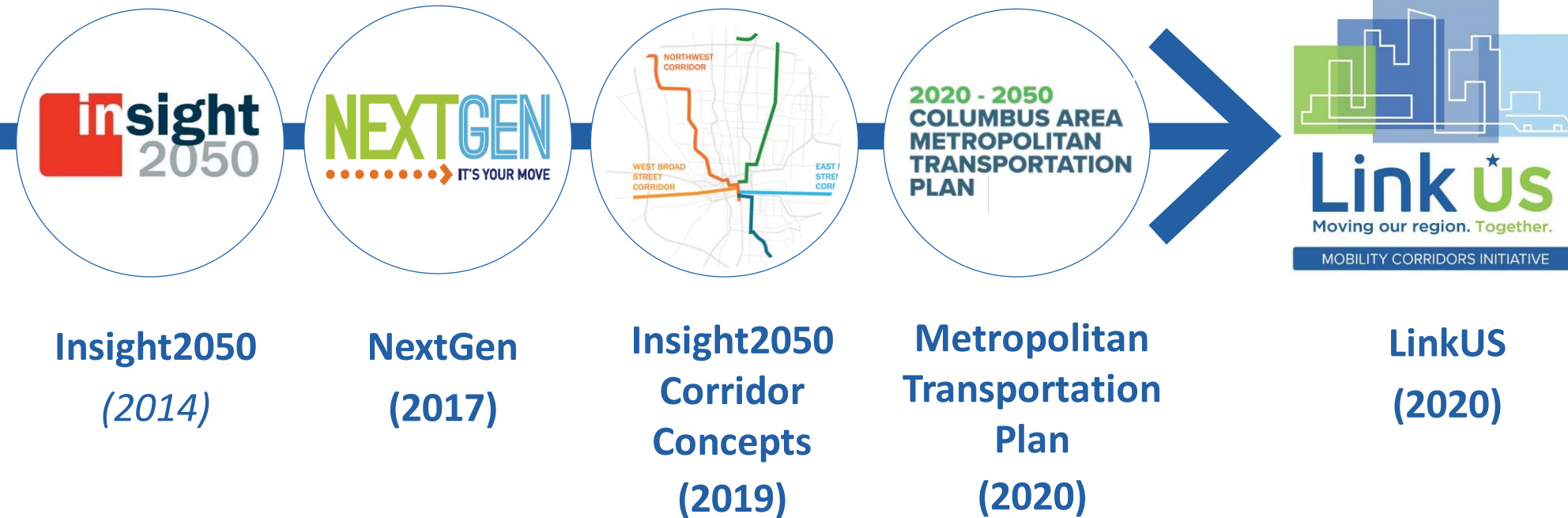
Since 2020, the median home sale price has increased 68% and the average household spends more than \$12,000 a year on transportation.

OPPORTUNITY GAPS



Opportunity Index
(lighter = less opportunity)
40,000 Franklin County households lack access to a personal vehicle and 1/3 of Franklin County residents live in areas of low or very low opportunity

From Planning to Implementation



HOW LINKUS TRANSFORMS US



**FASTER, MORE
RELIABLE PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION**



**SAFER AND EXPANDED BIKE
AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS**



**WALKABLE
COMMUNITIES MORE
AFFORDABLE ACCESS
TO WORK, HOME, AND
ENTERTAINMENT**



2023 LINKUS LEADERSHIP COALITION PLAN



Executive Council

- LinkUS Partners Principals and Advisory Group leaders
- Co-Chairs provide Committee feedback to principals
- Executive Council responsible for key LinkUS policy and decisions

Community Shareholders

Co-Chairs: Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla and Stephanie Hightower

Staff Lead: Aslyne Rodriguez, COTA

Workforce Advancement Advisory Committee

Co-Chairs: Sandy Doyle-Ahern and Lorraine Lutton

Staff Lead(s): Jeff Polesovsky and Gerard Basalla, Columbus Partnership

ETOD Advisory Committee

Co-Chairs: Lark Mallory and Yaromir Steiner

Staff Lead(s): Mark Dravillas (City) and Kim Sharp (COTA)

TSI Committees

Chair and Vice-Chair: TBD

Local governments in COTA service area

LINKUS ACTIVITY BUCKETS



- High Capacity Corridor Project Development
- Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program Development
- Community Engagement



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Premium Rapid Transit with
Faster, More Reliable Public
Transportation



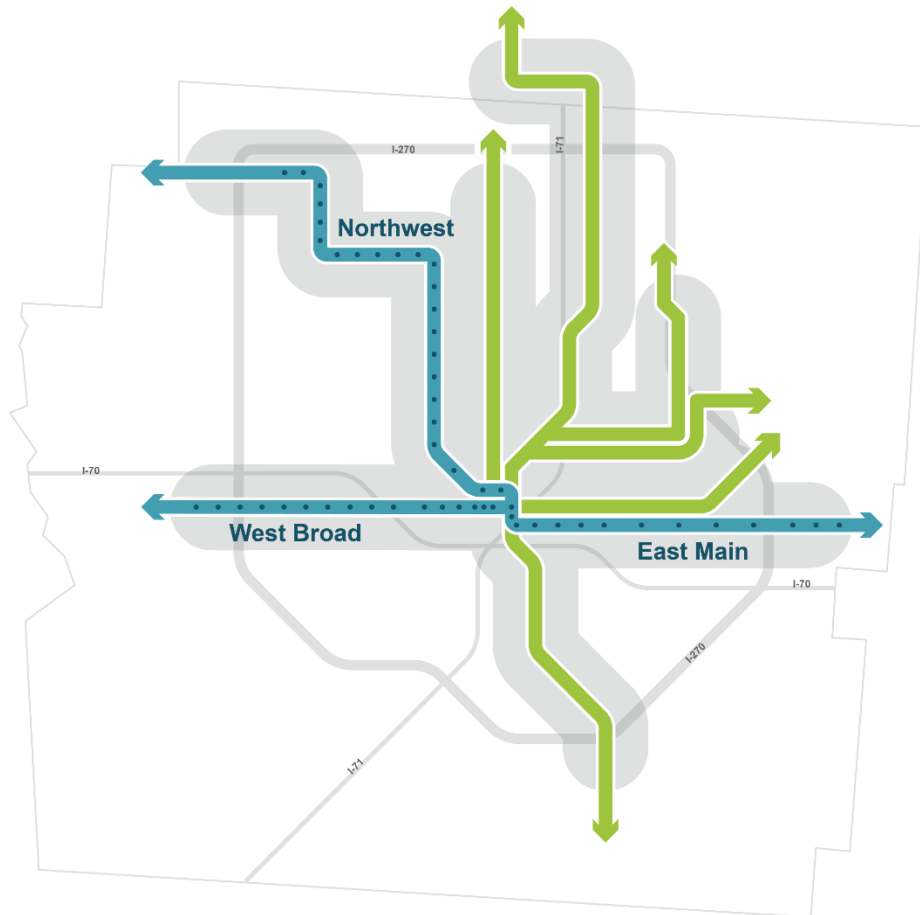
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New Rapid
Transit Corridors

&

45%
More Service
Hours

RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDORS



- Approximately 25% to 60% design on Initial 3 corridors
- Utilizing MORPC 2024-2050 MTP development process to identify next two (2) corridors to advance into design
- MTP process to identify additional corridors for planning studies

RAPID TRANSIT

IS HIGH CAPACITY WITH
PREMIUM FEATURES
AND AMENITIES



Level Boarding and
Multi-Door Boarding



Off-Board
Fare Collection



Dedicated
Right-of-Way



Signal Priority and
Intersection Control



Modern and Branded
Vehicle Designs



Frequency
and Capacity



Enhanced Stations



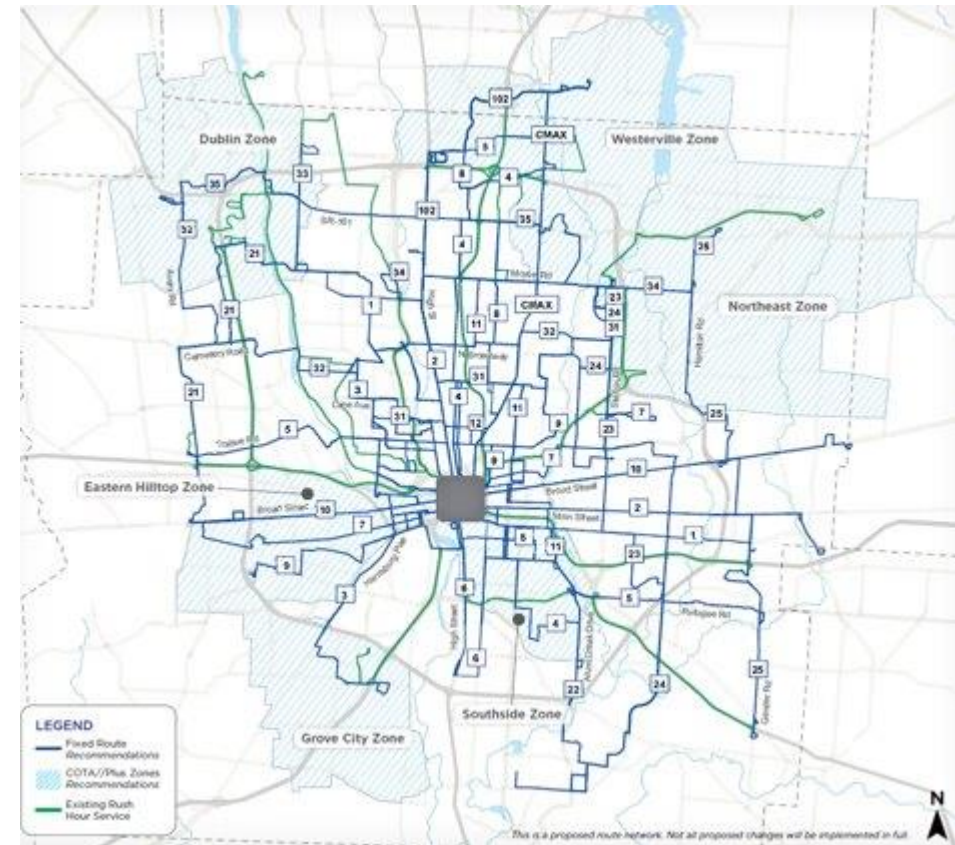
Clean Energy

To learn more about the
key elements of premium
transit, go to
www.linkuscolumbus.com
and check out the LinkUS
Framework strategy.

45% MORE SERVICE HOURS

Increased Connections to:

- Suburban medical facilities
- The Ohio State University
- Rickenbacker Mobility Center
- Easton Town Center
- Jobs in Licking County (east-west connection along 161, etc.)



TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE (TSI)



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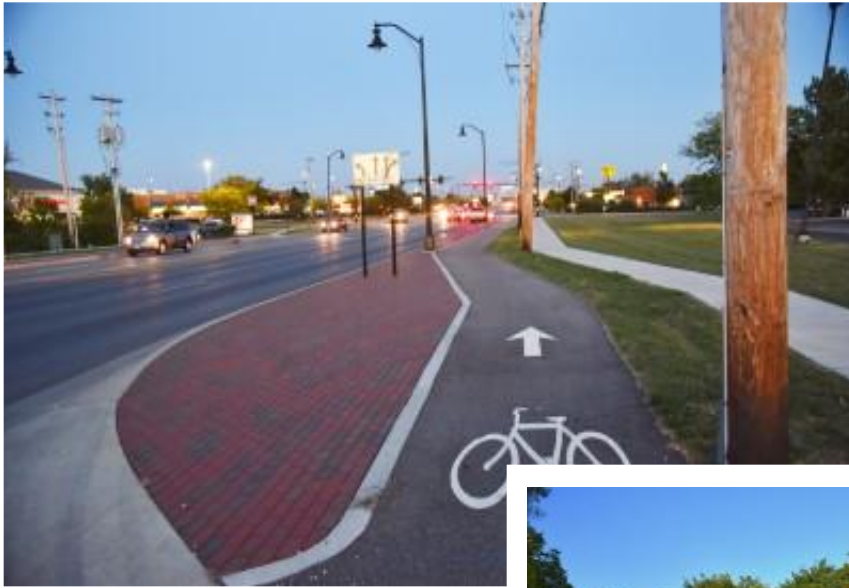


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TSI EXAMPLES



TSI DEDICATED FUND



27.5%

Dedicated of the New 0.5%
Sales Tax Collection



~\$60M

Estimated Annual
Collections

HOW LINKUS TRANSFORMS US



**Safer and
Expanded Bike and
Pedestrian Paths**



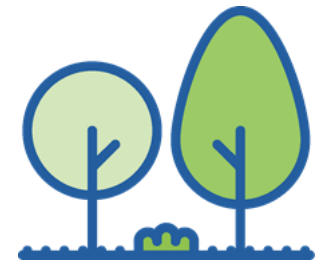
**500+
Miles**



Bikeways



Sidewalks



Greenways

TSI COMMITTEES



Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

- Direct representation for each jurisdiction
- Technical staff (planners, engineers, financial managers)
- Identify and prioritize TSI projects within each geographic quadrant

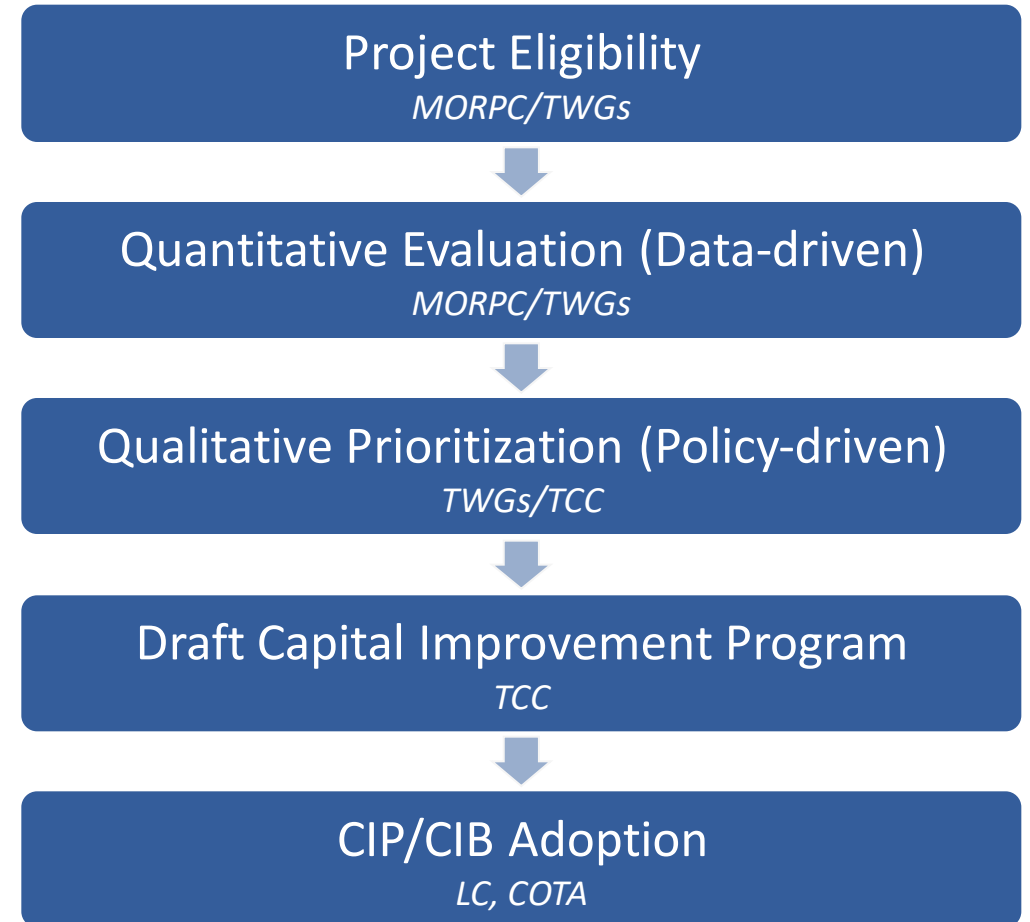
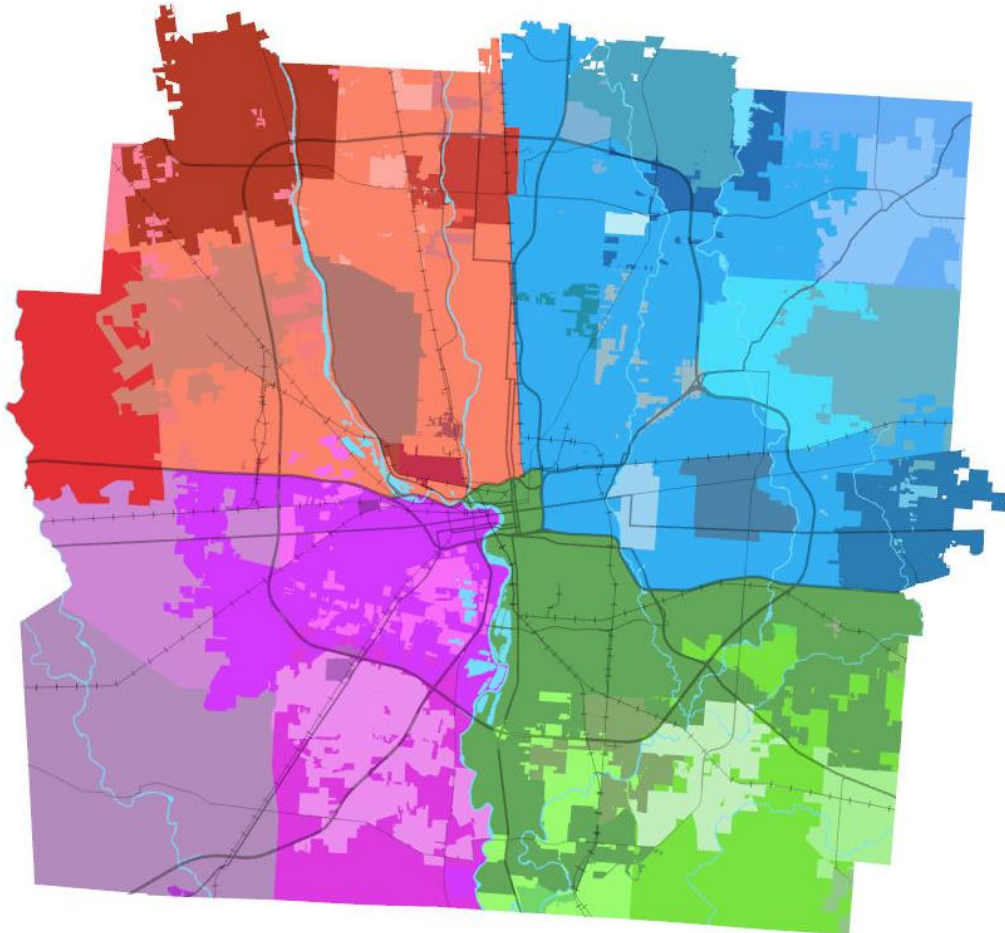
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

- Subset of TWG members
- Build consensus between quadrants and recommend regional CIB/CIP
- Maintain pipeline of projects for future CIP updates

Leadership Committee (LC)

- Elected/executive level officials
- Approves bylaws, policies, and procedures
- Review and approve recommended TSI CIB/CIP
- Determine overall programmatic strategy with TCC

POWER OF REGIONALISM



Engagement Activities: Community Stakeholder Meeting

- • • •
- • • • **COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING |**
- • • • **100+ Attendees**
- • • • **17 Organizations signed up to host sessions**



Engagement Activities

Regional Outreach & Engagement

- 13 meetings within the COTA jurisdiction with City Managers and administrative staff

West Broad Corridor

- Met with several businesses in this area

Events

- 614 Day
- AAM Wellness Walk
- RiseUP CBUS Eastpointe

800+ touchpoints

500+ touchpoints

75 touchpoints



Engagement Events

WEST BROAD BRT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Nov. 14 – Greater Hilltop Area Commission
- Nov. 14 – Franklinton Area Commission

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS/LISTENING SESSIONS

- ✓ Oct. 26 – MORPC Sustainability Summit
- ✓ Nov. 2 – Columbus City Schools - 60+ attendees (Superintendent's Cabinet, CCS Area Superintendents, Executive Directors and Asst. Directors)
- Nov. 14 – Rise Together Innovation
- Nov. 14 – CompDrug
- Nov. 16 – PrimaryOne Health
- Nov. 16 – Franklinton Board of Trades

2024 Q1 PLANNING

- ☐ Planning begins for the January Town Hall meeting and follow-up Stakeholder meeting
- ☐ Stakeholder tool kit of materials being created



LINKUS OUTCOMES



**HISTORIC MOBILITY
INVESTMENTS**



**AFFORDABLE, WALKABLE,
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**



**INCREASED
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ALL**