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NOTICE OF A MEETING

CORPO COMMITTEE

Hosted by: THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC)

In-Person Meeting
111 Liberty Street
Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43215

November 6, 2023
2:15 – 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – CORPO Senior Planner, Mary Turner (*Roster Enclosed*)
2. **Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes** (*Enclosed*)
3. **Approval of Actions of the May 2023 CORPO Committee Meeting**
4. **CORPO Administrative Items**
 - a. Nomination and Election of Officers
 - b. FY 2023 Planning Work Program Completion Report
 - c. County Subcommittee Meetings Update
 - d. Newsletter
5. **Long-Range Planning**
 - a. CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan
 - i. Public Comments on Draft Plan
 - ii. Revisions
 - iii. *Resolution 4-23 “Adoption of the CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan”*
6. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Project Funding & Implementation**
 - a. CORPO Dedicated Funds
 - i. *Resolution 5-23 “Adoption of CORPO-Dedicated Funds Commitments”*
 - ii. Endorse a second application period for remaining SY 2024-2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds

Mark Forrest
Chair

Jeff Stauch
Vice Chair

CORPO Meeting Roster- November 6, 2023

CORPO Officers

Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner- CORPO Chair

Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer- Vice Chair

CORPO Committee Members

Ira Weiss, Fairfield Heritage Trail Association and Fairfield County Planning Commission

Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director

Steve Davis, Fairfield County Commissioner

Brian Ball, City of Mount Vernon Engineer

Jeff Gottke, Knox Area Development Foundation President

Cameron Keaton, Knox County Engineer

Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer

Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner

David Kell, Madison County Economic Development & Planning Director

Jim Bischoff, Marion County Public Works Director

Gus Comstock, Marion Can Do Executive Director

Jamie Brucker, Morrow County Commissioners Director of Operations

Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer

Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer

Anthony Neff, Pickaway County Chief Deputy Engineer

Bill Narducci, Union County Administrator

Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer



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iii. *Resolution 6-23 "Re-Adoption of 2023 CORPO Policies for Dedicated Funds"*

7. Short Range Planning, Active Transportation, Safety, Transit & Data and Analysis

- a. Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan

8. CORPO Member / Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion

- a. Fairfield County
- b. Knox County
- c. Madison County
- d. Marion County
- e. Morrow
- f. Pickaway County
- g. Union County

9. Other Business

- a. Urban Area Boundary Review
- b. Member Services Update & Events

10. Adjourn

PLEASE NOTIFY MARY TURNER at 614.233.4138 OR MTURNER@MORPC.ORG TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING OR IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

May 1, 2023, CORPO Committee Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner & CORPO Chair, called the meeting to order. Attended by: Brian Ball (Knox County), Brian Dhume (Madison County), Jeff Stauch (Union County), Eric Philips (Union County), Ira Weiss (Fairfield County), Nick Gill (CORPO), Maria Schaper (CORPO)
2. CORPO Administrative Items
 - a. Nick Gill and Maria Schaper provided an update on Subcommittee Meetings. 7 meetings were held, in each CORPO county. A public comment period for the 2024-2027 TIP was also held during that time.
 - b. There was discussion on the PWP deadline (May 1) and how that relates to CORPO planning. A fifth work element was added for Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan. The ODOT representative Districts 5 and 6 attended meetings and went over project specifics in the TIP.
 - c. The next subcommittee meetings will be scheduled for September. CORPO is interviewing for a new CORPO manager and hopes to have a new planner for the next subcommittee meetings. Details were shared on Mike Borger's new role as Regional Engagement Manager, moving on from position as CORPO Manager.
 - d. Nick Gill mentioned that Committee bylaws say officers need to be reconfirmed. There should be 3 official members of each county. CORPO staff will contact members to volunteer to be officers. Marion County is a new CORPO member, so staff will have to reach out to them for their representatives. The new hire for CORPO will help with this transition process as well.
3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Project Funding & Implementation
 - a. Nick Gill provided an update on the CORPO TIP, detailing the process of the STIP and how that relates to RTPOs and the CORPO TIP. He explained that the TIP has a list of all the projects that are being programmed for the next 4 fiscal years and the funding sources identified. For changes, RTPO Committees are not required to amend the TIP (this is handled for RTPOs by the State), but MPOs are required to go through formal FHWA amendment process for large changes. Administrative modifications can be used for small changes. Maria Schaper clarified that the TIP was for funded projects and that non-funded projects can be documented in the CORPO Transportation Plan. High priority items (or those using federal funds) should be included.
 - b. Nick Gill provided an update on the CORPO dedicated funds policy. The 2021-2022 process provided funding to 6 different CORPO projects. Funding was increased in this biennial budget for the 6 RTPOs, and we expect the CORPO share to similarly increase. The Policy for Managing Dedicated Funds was updated by staff to clarify and update the document for new CTP goals and performance measures. The CTP is being updated simultaneously with the

dedicated funds schedule so there was a need to make sure goals match across both documents. Maria Schaper mentioned the expected timeline for the next CORPO dedicated funding round and how staff would evaluate submitted applications. The plan is to open applications in the next three weeks. Committee had a question regarding which project stage they should apply for this funding? Nick Gill said that projects in all stages of development are welcome, but that a significant portion should go toward project construction. Last round the CORPO committee funded three projects that were in the construction phase and three that were in the planning phase. Stressed that scoring method was one tool for project evaluation, but the committee consensus was ultimately what made the decision. There was Committee discussion on methods of combining funding and how CORPO dedicated funds could fit into this.

- c. Maria Schaper provided a TRAC Update. Maria Schaper noted central Ohio was successful in receiving funding for all TRAC requests in at least some capacity. The next application cycle commenced for TRAC in May. TRAC wants RTPOs to rank projects based on priority if multiple projects are submitted to TRAC.
- d. There was an update on Small Cities funding. London, Circleville, and Mt Vernon were the only Small Cities program municipalities in this cycle (small cities defined in program as 5,000 to 24,000 population, \$2.5 million per project, 53 cities eligible statewide).
- e. Nill Gill provided an update on other funding opportunities. CORPO is trying to be more proactive in identifying opportunities for members and helping them meet program requirements.

4. Long Range Planning

- a. Maria Schaper provided a long-range planning update. ODOT requires RTPOs to update on a 5-year cycle (this year for CORPO). The population forecast has been developed for this cycle. The forecast is still expecting there to be over 3 million people in the region by 2050. The region is the only Ohio metro area that is experiencing growth. New developments, like Intel/Honda/etc., are contributing to forecasted growth. Maria Schaper explained county control totals and how they relate to other geographies in the land use model. Internal reviews are occurring and CORPO hopes to share this detailed, smaller geography data this month. After employment/population analysis, staff will look at performance measure data to identify potential projects and will reach out to municipalities and counties for their planned projects to be incorporated into the plan document to be adopted in November 2023.
- b. Maria Schaper provided an update on Safe Streets for All. CORPO received a grant to develop a SS4A Safety Action Plan on behalf of the 7 counties. The plan will identify a list of projects that can then be pursued via SS4A implementation grants (projects need to be identified in eligible safety action plan to get this funding). Circleville was also awarded money for developing their own SS4A action plan and CORPO staff will collaborate on these plans.

5. Member updates and discussion

- a. Members discussed that many data center investments are coming into the county. There was additional discussion on development pressures on stormwater drainage, infrastructure, etc. Solar energy development is also a major topic within CORPO counties. Concerns from residents in the counties regarding solar impacts on soil, land use, etc. were noted.

6. Other Business

- a. Voted with sub quorum and will bring to full committee for approval at a future date. The following items will need to be approved at a future date.
 - i. November 2022 Meeting minutes
 - ii. 1-23: SFY 24 PWP: unanimous vote in favor by committee members present.
 - iii. 2-23: SFY 24-27 TIP: unanimous vote in favor by committee members present.
 - iv. 3-23: CORPO dedicated funds policy: unanimous vote in favor by committee members present.

7. Adjourn.



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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Actions of the May 2023 CORPO Committee Meeting

The May 1, 2023, CORPO Committee meeting was attended by Mark Forrest, CORPO Chair (Madison County), Brian Ball (Knox County), Brian Dhume (Madison County), Jeff Stauch (Union County), Eric Philips (Union County), Ira Weiss (Fairfield County), Nick Gill (CORPO), and Maria Schaper (CORPO). Per the adopted bylaws, at least one representative from at least five of the seven member counties must be present for a quorum. Because only four counties were represented at the May 1, 2023, meeting, there was not a quorum for the meeting.

The CORPO Committee members present voted with a sub quorum on the several items, listed below and are included in the minutes of the May 2023 meeting. Each of the items listed below received unanimous votes in favor from the committee members present.

The actions of the committee members present at the May 1, 2023, meeting are brought to the full committee for approval.

Items Approved with a Sub Quorum at the May 1, 2023, meeting

1. November 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. *Resolution 1-23: Adopting the Planning Work Program for FY 2024*
3. *Resolution 2-23: Adopting the SFY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program*
4. *Resolution 3-23: Adopting the CORPO Dedicated Funding Policy*



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FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 4-23 “Adoption of the CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan”

Proposed Resolution 4-23 adopts the CORPO Transportation Plan for the 2023-2050 planning horizon.

Serving as the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for its member counties, one important responsibility of CORPO is the creation and periodic updating of a long-term transportation plan. The CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP) is the regional, long-range transportation plan and it identifies the multimodal and intermodal transportation strategies and facilities needed to meet the CORPO’s anticipated travel demands for the next twenty-plus years. Long-range transportation plans should be revisited and updated every five years. Initially adopted in 2018, the CORPO Transportation Plan is undergoing its first update. Upon adoption, the updated CTP will cover the planning horizon of 2023-2050.

In 2022, CORPO adopted the goals and objectives that guided the Plan update, Resolution 3-22, and performance measures to monitor progress toward advancing the goals and objectives, Resolution 4-22.

During the update process, other plans including local land use plans, local capital improvement plans, transit agency plans, regional plans, and statewide plans were consulted and incorporated. Data and information on existing and future conditions such as population, employment, crash data, pavement and bridge conditions, traffic volumes and congestion, transit service, bike and pedestrian infrastructure were reviewed and updated. The plan update includes strategies and projects to maintain, improve, and expand the transportation system including discussion and forecasting of funding sources for implementation.

In accordance with CORPO’s adopted Public Involvement Plan, public comments were solicited on the draft 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan from September 25th to October 27th. The public comment period and draft plan were advertised through local media, social media, a virtual open house meeting hosted on October 19th, 2023, the CORPO Committee and Member County Subcommittee meetings, and on MORPC’s website.

Upon adoption, the Plan, including the incorporated strategies and projects, will be implemented through continued coordination among local agencies, ODOT, transit agencies and others. The CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan is available on the CORPO webpage at <https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/> .

RESOLUTION 4-23

“Adopting the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) 2023-2050 Transportation Plan”

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization is designated as the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO underwent a transportation planning process to develop a 2023-2050 Transportation Plan for the seven county area; and

WHEREAS, other plans including local land use plans, local capital improvement plans, transit agency plans, regional plans, and statewide plans were consulted and incorporated into the 2023-2050 Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan includes existing and future conditions information such as population, employment, crash data, pavement and bridge conditions, traffic volumes and congestion, transit service, bike and pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the plan includes strategies and projects to maintain, improve, and expand the transportation system including discussion and forecasting of funding sources to implement the Plan; and

WHEREAS, solicitation of public comments on the CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan was made by following CORPO’s adopted Public Involvement Plan, through advertisements in local media, a virtual open house meeting, the CORPO Committee and Member County Subcommittee meetings, and on MORPC’s website; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Plan will include continued coordination among the local agencies, ODOT, transit agencies, and others to advance the strategies and projects in the plan including the CORPO 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which identifies priority projects to move forward in the near terms; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:

- Section 1. That it adopts the CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan dated November 2023 and available on the COPRO webpage at <https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/> for the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization’s seven county area.
- Section 2. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of the CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan.
- Section 3. That the CORPO Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Mark Forrest, Chair
CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Date



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TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 5-23 “Adopting CORPO-Dedicated Funds Commitments”

Proposed Resolution 5-23 completes the process of soliciting, evaluating, and recommending requests for CORPO-dedicated transportation funding for SFY 2024 and 2025. Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution is a list of commitments of CORPO-dedicated funding for SFY 2024 and 2025.

In 2023 CORPO received an allocation of just under \$2 million of federal transportation funds for use in Central Ohio. CORPO-dedicated funds come from one federal program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG).

CORPO adopted its policies for allocating and managing CORPO-dedicated funds by the passage of Resolution 3-23. CORPO staff solicited and received applications for these funds during the summer of 2023. Over the past couple months, the CORPO Funds Selection Committee and staff members evaluated the applications to make funding recommendations.

The funding recommendations were made available for public review and comment from September 5, 2023, through October 5, 2023. CORPO received three comments in support of the proposed Memorial Drive Pedestrian Crossing project. As shown in Attachment 1, Resolution 5-23 commits \$1,102,426.00 in CORPO-dedicated federal funding for SFY 2024 and 2025.

RESOLUTION 5-23

“Adoption of CORPO-Dedicated Funds Commitments”

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) Committee is designated as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties; and

WHEREAS the CORPO is responsible for allocating certain federal transportation funds that are dedicated to it; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Committee adopted Resolution 3-23, "Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds," to fairly allocate these funds in conformance with federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with these policies, in the Summer of 2023 project applications were solicited to use CORPO-dedicated funding, and the applications received were reviewed by CORPO staff and the Dedicated Funds Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, a draft list of CORPO-dedicated funding recommendations was released for public review and comment on September 5, 2023, with the public comment period ending on October 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, comments were received on the draft list of CORPO-dedicated funding recommendations and any revisions to the draft list were made which considered those comments and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Dedicated Funds Selection Committee at its meeting on November 6, 2023 and recommended approval of the funding commitments shown in attachment 1 to the CORPO Committee; and

WHEREAS, the projects, as shown in Attachment 1, are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent CORPO Transportation Plan adopted by the CORPO Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

- Section 1. That it commits to allocating its dedicated federal funding to the projects in the attached program of projects shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all local agencies listed as sponsoring agencies in the attachments for appropriate action including ODOT reflecting the projects in Ellis and inclusion of the projects and funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Section 3. That it emphasizes the importance of the project sponsors maintaining the project schedule and remaining within the current cost estimates, as there is no guarantee that additional CORPO-dedicated funding or other statewide funding will be available should costs increase or the project be delayed.

Section 4. That the CORPO Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Mark Forrest, Chair

CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Date

Prepared by: CORPO Staff

Attachment 1:

1. Projects Using CORPO-Dedicated Funding for SFY 2024 and 2025

Table 1. Projects Using CORPO Dedicated Funds State Fiscal Years 2024-2025

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	CORPO Federal Dollars Requested	CORPO Federal Dollars Awarded	Primary Project Type	Phase(s) Funded with CORPO Award
City of Marysville	UNI-SR31-0.77	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	Widening and Intersection Modification	Construction
City of Mt. Vernon	Edgewood Road Improvements	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	Reconstruction	Preliminary Engineering & Right-of-Way
City of Lancaster	Memorial Drive Pedestrian Crossings	\$ 252,426	\$ 252,426	Planning Activity	Preliminary Engineering & Right-of-Way



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TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 6-23 “Re-Adopting Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds”

Resolution 6-23 proposes the CORPO Dedicated Funds Policy Document (attached) for re-adoption, with an amended schedule, for the administration of soliciting, evaluating, and allocating the remaining Dedicated Funds SFY 2024 and 2025.

In 2023 CORPO received an allocation of just under \$2 million of federal transportation funds for use in Central Ohio. CORPO-dedicated funds come from one federal program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). Resolution 5-23 committed \$1,102,426.00 in CORPO-dedicated federal funding for SFY 2024 and 2025.

Because the amount allocated will result in surplus funds available in the two-year program, the CORPO Committee will open a second application round at the start of 2024 for applicants to apply for the surplus funds available. There will be around \$1 million in surplus funds available for a second application round.

The CORPO Dedicated Funds Policy Document details the proposed administration of this program. CORPO staff developed the policy document based on the goals and objectives established in CORPO’s long-range transportation plan. The policy document outlines the process including the eligibility, the application process, scoring, and how funding decisions will be made. CORPO adopted its policies for allocating and managing CORPO-dedicated funds by the passage of Resolution 3-23.

The CORPO Dedicated Funds Policy Document is available on the CORPO webpage at <https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/>. The amended schedule is attached.



Table 1. Policies for Managing Dedicated Funds Amended Schedule for second round of SFY 2024-2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds Application Solicitation

Date	Milestone
11-6-2023	CORPO Re-Adopts CORPO Dedicated-Funds Policy
1-8-2024	Two-year funding cycle application period opens
1-10-2024	CORPO hosts an Applicant Workshop from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
2-9-2024	Applications must be completed online by 5 p.m.
2-16-2024	Staff notifies sponsors of any errors and omissions on the application.
3-8-2024	CORPO Staff emails CORPO Funds Selection Committee an overview of applications received, and the results of the application evaluations
3-13-2024	CORPO Funds Selection Committee meets to make recommendations for the public comment period.
3-15-2024	Staff publishes draft list of selected projects and opens public comment period.
4-15-2024	Close of public comment period
5-6-2024	CORPO Funds Selection Committee makes final recommendations of fund awards to CORPO Committee
5-6-2025	CORPO Committee meets to approve funding commitments.

RESOLUTION 6-23

“Re-Adopting Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds”

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization is designated as the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in 2021, initiated a program which sub-allocates part of its Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funding to CORPO and other RTPO's; and

WHEREAS, the RTPO is responsible for allocating these federal transportation funds that are attributed to it; and

WHEREAS, CORPO solicited and reviewed applications, received a recommendation on the applications from the CORPO Dedicated Funds Selection Committee, and held a public comment period; and

WHEREAS, CORPO, via resolution 5-23, fully funded the three CORPO member applications for CORPO Dedicated Funds State Fiscal Years 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, there is a surplus of around a million dollars available for CORPO to program in CORPO Dedicated Funds program for State Fiscal Years 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the staff, in consultation with CORPO county subcommittees input recommends a second round of solicitation of applications to utilize the remaining funding; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Committee adopted Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds in May 2023, Resolution 3-23; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO staff recommends no changes to the existing policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds (Policy) with exception of updating the schedule in the Policy; and

WHEREAS, CORPO staff prepared an updated schedule as shown in the attachment to be included in the Policy; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:

- Section 1. That the CORPO Committee re-adopts the Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds, available on the CORPO webpage at <https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/> , with the updated schedule as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That it directs staff to conduct a solicitation and selection of projects in accordance with this Policy for the remaining CORPO Dedicated Funds State Fiscal Years 2024-2025.
- Section 3. That the Policy be evaluated and updated as necessary after the completion of upcoming solicitation and selection cycle.

Section 4. That the CORPO Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Mark Forrest, Chair

CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Urbanized Area Boundary Review Fact Sheet

What is Urbanized Area Boundary Review?

ODOT is reviewing the Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification system for the entire state of Ohio. This statewide review is performed every 10 years following each decennial census. ODOT will be coordinating the review with assistance from MPOs, RTPOs and County Engineers. USDOT will then review ODOT's recommendations before their formal adoption.

Why is this review important?

This review is important because Federal Aid Eligibility for a road is determined by a combination of urban area and functional class designations. Since urban area boundaries change after every census, a review needs to be performed so that federal aid funds can be distributed appropriately.

How is the Urbanized Area Boundary Review completed?

Urban Area Boundaries are established every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau based on population and population density. These boundaries exclude low density areas which significantly impact the highway system, for example large commercial and industrial tracts, airports, distribution centers and recreation areas. For this reason, federal regulations allow states and local officials to cooperatively adjust or "smooth" the boundaries to be more consistent with transportation planning responsibilities and requirements, establish logical control points for transportation linkages and maintain administrative continuity over peripheral routes. The adjusted area must be contiguous with or larger than the official urbanized area boundary.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) are responsible for revisions within their jurisdictions.



When is the review being conducted?

The overall timeline for the Urbanized Boundary Review is included below.

- **September 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024:** ODOT coordinates with MPOs, RTPOs, County Engineers, and ODOT District Offices to revise Urban Area Boundaries.
- **July 1 to October 31, 2024:** FHWA reviews modified boundaries.
- **November 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025:** ODOT coordinates with MPOs, RTPOs, County Engineers and ODOT District Offices to revise Functional Classification and NHS.
- **September 1 to December 20, 2025:** FHWA Reviews Functional Class and NHS changes.
- **December 31, 2025:** ODOT posts final Functional Class and NHS classifications on ODOT's website.

Where and how do CORPO members provide feedback for the review?

CORPO staff will work with county engineers to review the urban area boundaries. We'll reach out with additional information on parameters for urban boundaries and what should start being considered in December or January.

We plan to meet with county engineers in March ahead of the spring subcommittee meetings to review the proposed urbanized areas with each county in person.

Subcommittees can then review the urbanized areas to provide any additional input and finalize the urbanized areas for their counties.

The full CORPO committee can review and endorse the urbanized area reviews for CORPO ahead of providing the finalized review to ODOT by the June 30, 2024, deadline.