LinkUS Briefing

MORPC Executive Committee – December 6, 2023

WHAT IS LINKUS?

FASTER, MORE RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SAFER AND EXPANDED BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS

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

HOW LINKUS TRANSFORMS US

Premium Rapid Transit with Faster, More Reliable Public Transportation

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New Rapid Transit Corridors

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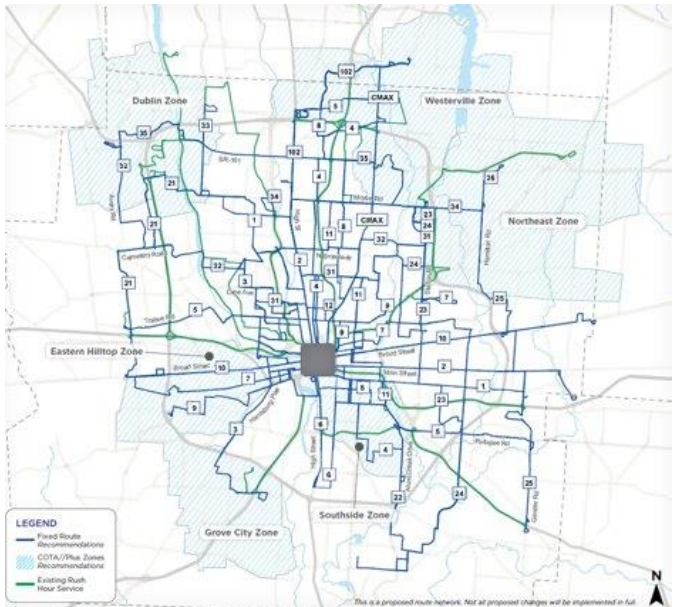
45%

More Service Hours



RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDORS STATUS UPDATE

- 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
- 3 Corridor ID Workshops

TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE (TSI)

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TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

- **June 2022:** Ohio Revised Code allows COTA to use the proceeds of a tax levied for TSI, requires MPO to administer separate funding program
- **Summer 2022:** Introduction to TSI for jurisdictions
- **2022-2023:** Four informal TSI workshops for jurisdictions
- **August 2023:** MOU Establishes 27.5% TSI Dedicated Fund
  Inter-agency agreement formalizes TSI Committee Management
- **August 2023:** TSI Working Groups begin meeting monthly
- **October 2023:** TSI Technical Coordinating Committee convenes
- **December 2023:** TSI Leadership Committee convenes

TSI AGREEEMENTS

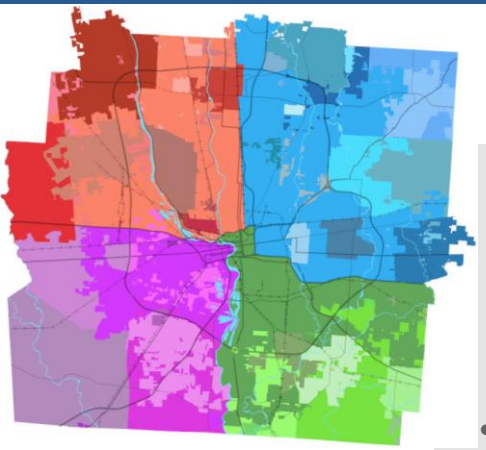
COTA/MORPC IGA Resolutions EC-08-23 T-9-23

- Identifies MORPC as the administrator of the TSI Program
- Defines roles of COTA and MORPC staff
- Identifies COTA SRTP as the “Service Plan”
- Sets forth the CIB/CIP process

COTA/MORPC MOU T-10-23

- Dedicates the 27.5% of the new sales tax collection

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
- Develop program bylaws, policies, and procedures
- 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

TSI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

WILLIAM MURDOCK
Executive Director
MORPC

TSI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (LC)

Convened December 5, 2023

- Elected Officers
  - Chair: Megan O'Callaghan, City of Dublin
  - Vice Chair: James Jewell, Prairie Township, Franklin County Township Association
  - Secretary: MORPC, non-voting, per Bylaws
- Adopted Bylaws
- Briefed on Roles and Responsibilities
- Briefed on Activities of Technical Working Groups and Technical Coordinating Committee
- Established next meeting date: February 27, 2024

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: Megan O'Callaghan
Vice-Chair: James Jewell

Local governments in COTA service area

LINKUS OUTCOMES

HISTORIC MOBILITY INVESTMENTS

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AFFORDABLE, WALKABLE, CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

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INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

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