



# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ATC)

Q3 Meeting – September 12, 2023



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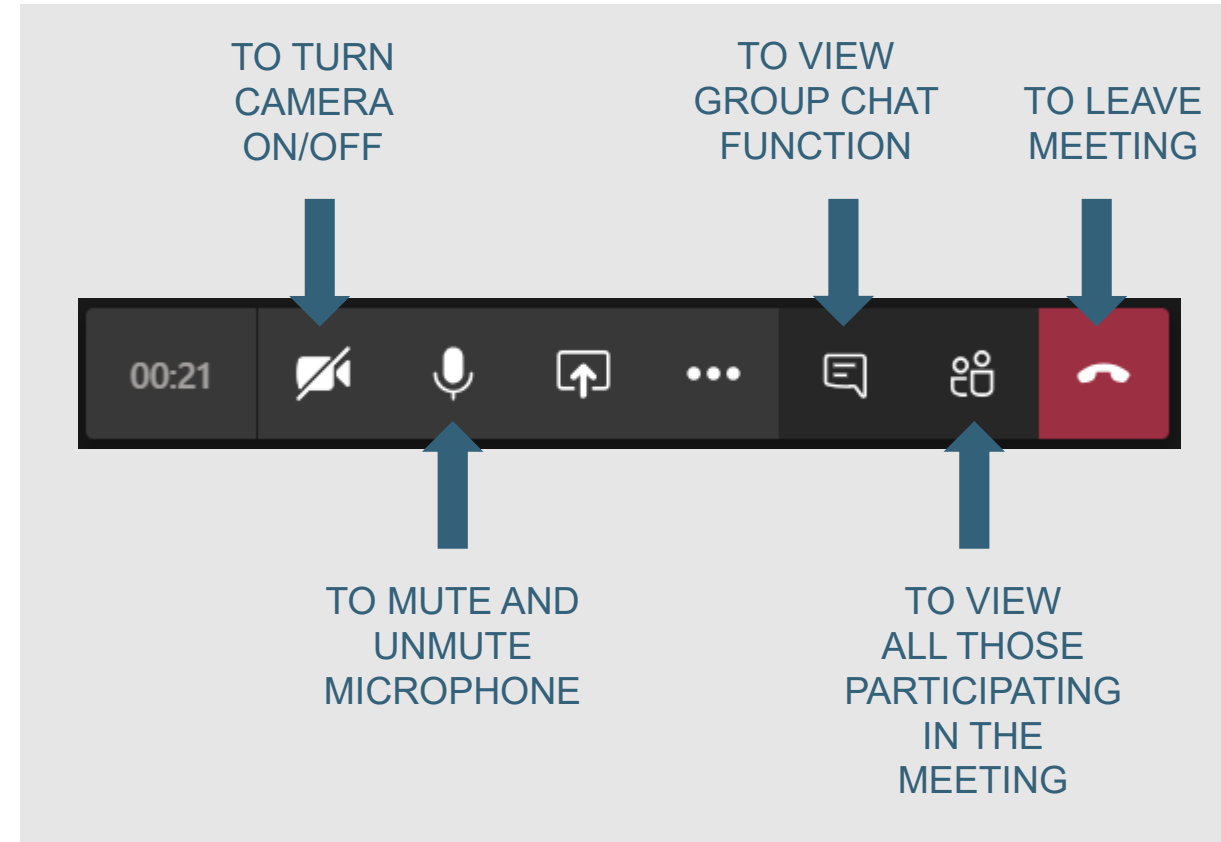
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- **Questions** can be input into the chat function.



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# CONGRATS!



**Matt Peoples**

Named City Administrator for City of Canal Winchester



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# CENTRAL OHIO TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FORUM

**September 21, 2021**  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
MORPC Town Hall



**KEYNOTE:**

**Councillor John Barth | City of Indianapolis**

Join us for a conversation about current traffic safety challenges in Central, the psychology behind driver behavior, the basics of vehicle safety, and why the Safe System approach is so critical to reducing fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.



**Registration Link:**

[www.morpc.org/event/regional-transportation-safety-forum/](http://www.morpc.org/event/regional-transportation-safety-forum/)



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# AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- LinkUS TSI Update
- 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Updates
- 2024 MORPC Technical Assistance Program
- ODOT Active Transportation Updates
- Local Community Highlights – Canal Winchester
- Member Survey & Roundtable
- Other Business



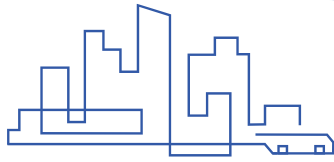
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# LinkUS TSI Update

Elliott Lewis, MORPC



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**LinkUs**  
Moving our region. Together.

# **TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE (TSI) UPDATE**

**Active Transportation Committee**  
**September 12, 2023**



# TSI DEDICATED FUND



**27.5%**

Dedicated of the New 0.5%  
Sales Tax Collection



**~\$60  
Million**

Estimated Annually



# PAST AND CURRENT WORK



2022



Targeted  
engagement



2023







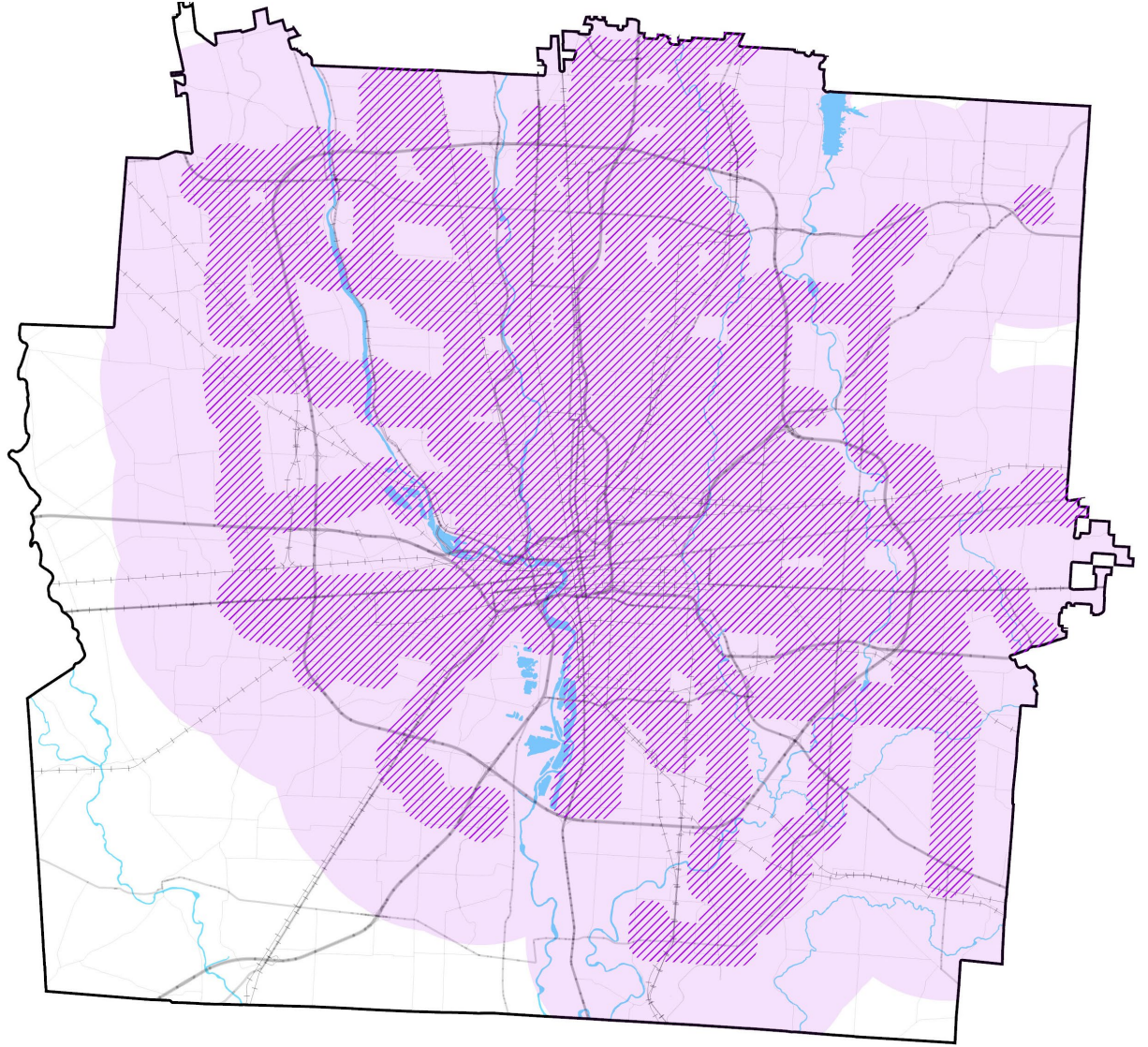
# DEFINITION OF TSI


- **FTA Definition of TSI**
  - One half-mile radius from fixed route transit stops for **pedestrian** improvement
  - Three-mile radius for **bicycle** improvements
- **Reasonable Nexus Criteria**
  - A **physical proximity** to and a direct or indirect connection to a fixed route transit stop within a one quarter-mile radius
  - Primary purpose of project is to have a **positive impact on transit service**





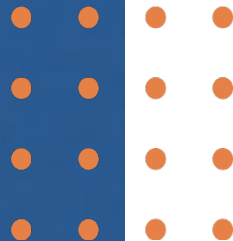
# ELIGIBILITY MAP





# EXAMPLE ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Sidewalks
- Shared-use/multi-use paths (SUP/MUP)
- Greenways
- Crosswalks/ADA accessibility
- Roadway modifications (non-capacity adding)
- Shared mobility hubs
- Transit stop amenity improvements





# TSI COMMITTEES



## Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

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

## TSI 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

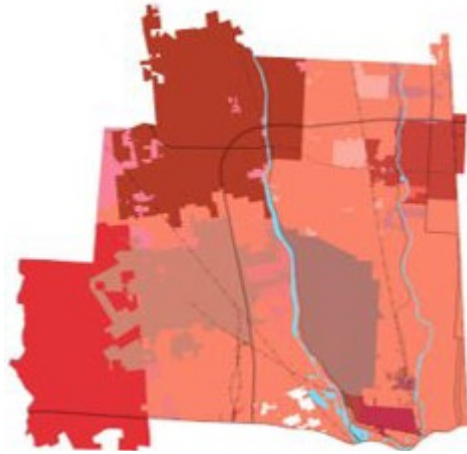




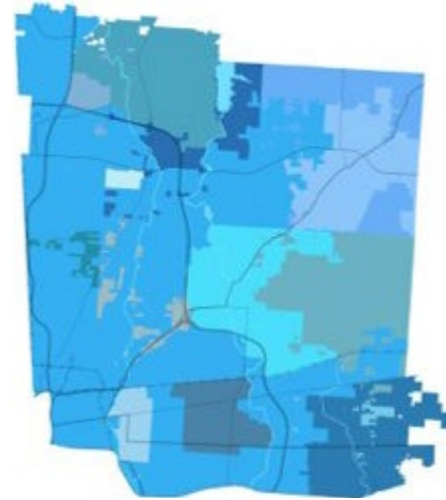
# TWG QUADRANTS



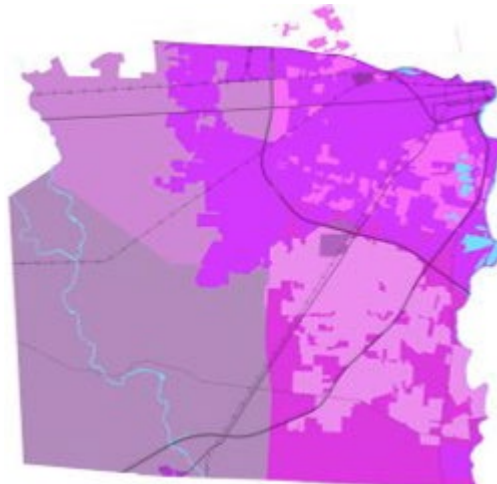
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# TSI PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Project  
Eligibility

*MORPC/TWGs*



Quantitative  
Evaluation  
(Data-driven)

*MORPC/TWGs*



Qualitative  
Prioritization  
(Policy-driven)

*TWGs*



Combined  
Draft Project  
List from  
TWGs

*TCC*



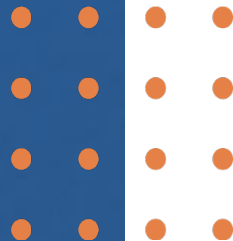
CIP/CIB  
Adoption

*LC, COTA*



# **CURRENT WORK**

- **Final TSI Committees Bylaws**
- **Final TSI Program Policies**
  - Program development process
  - Project evaluation and selection
  - Initial programmatic strategy
  - Program and commitment management
- **Draft first TSI CIP**



# NEXT STEPS

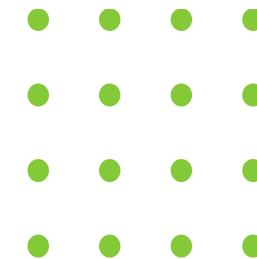
- **September 11** – Comments due on draft policies and procedures
- **September 18-28** – Next TWG meetings, finalize policies and procedures, nominate TCC representatives
- **September 29** – First Technical Coordinating Committee meeting
- **October** – Convene TSI Leadership Committee
- **December** – Prioritized Project List
- **Q1 2024** – TSI Capital Improvement Program Proposal



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# 2024-2050 MTP Updates

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# WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?

- Identifies regional transportation strategies and projects
- Long-range (20+ years)
- Fiscally constrained
- Formal document submitted to ODOT and USDOT every 4 years



# WHY IS THE MTP IMPORTANT?

- **Central Ohio is growing**
  - **Demographics are changing**
  - **Development is changing**
  - **Demands on the transportation system are changing**
- **Transportation projects must be on MTP to be eligible for federal funding**
  - **Formula & Discretionary (BIL)**
  - **Guides the work of MORPC and regional and local planning partners**



## By guiding investment in transportation and mobility infrastructure and services in Central Ohio, the MTP identifies strategies to advance the following six goals:



*Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.*



*Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.*



*Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.*



*Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.*



*Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.*



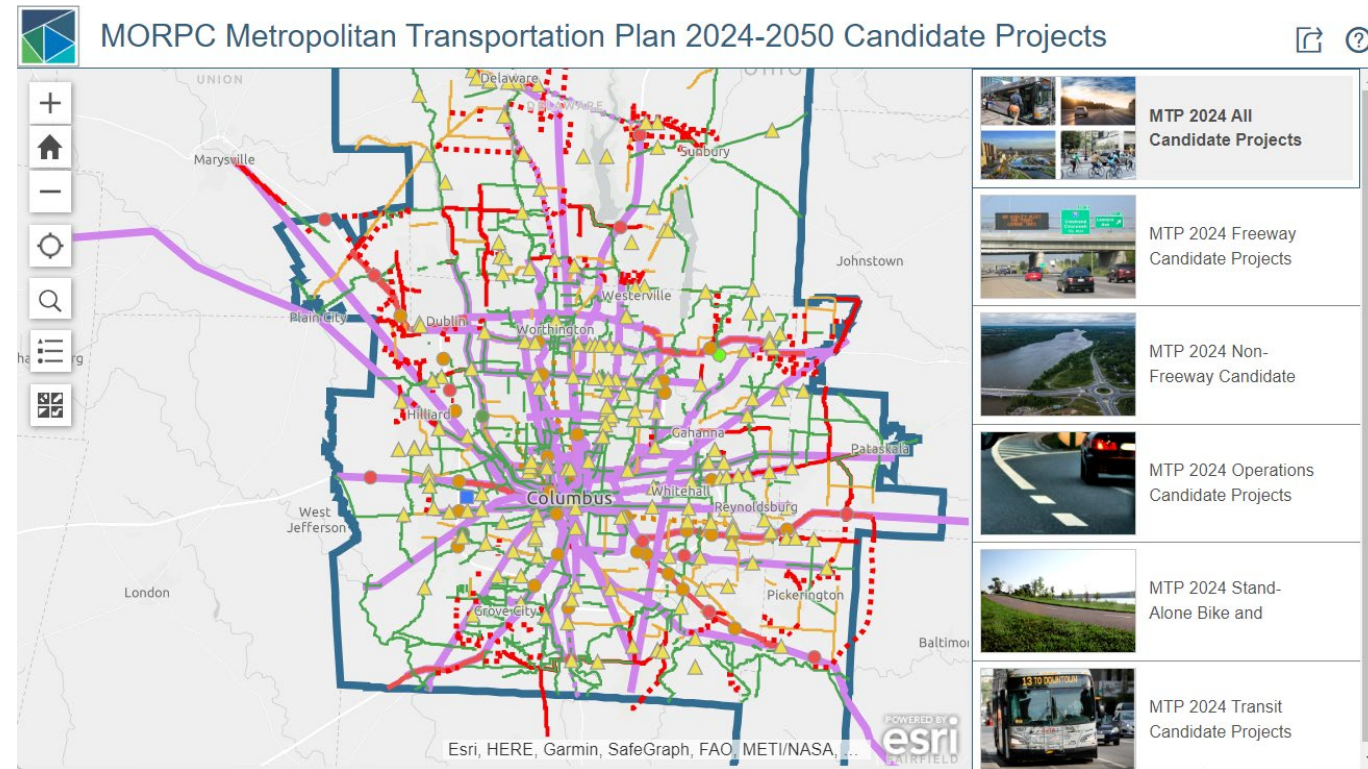
*Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.*



# PUBLIC COMMENT WEBMAP

- **Candidate Projects**

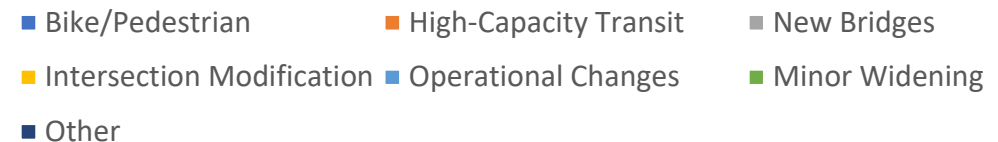
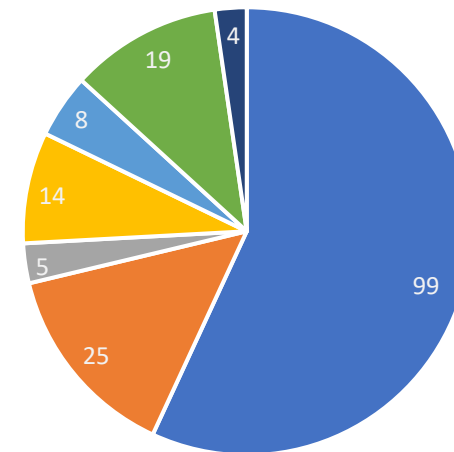
- **Official public comment period ends this week**
- **New projects addition function will be turned off, but comments on existing projects will still be accepted during evaluation phase**
- **Projects evaluated now – November considering evaluation criteria, public input, fiscal constraint, etc.**
- **Access via [www.morpc.org/mtp2050](http://www.morpc.org/mtp2050)**



# SUGGESTED PROJECTS

- **174 suggested projects drawn by the public (as of 9/9/23)**
  - 71% of project suggestions were for new bike/pedestrian facilities or high-capacity transit lines

Suggested Projects by Type



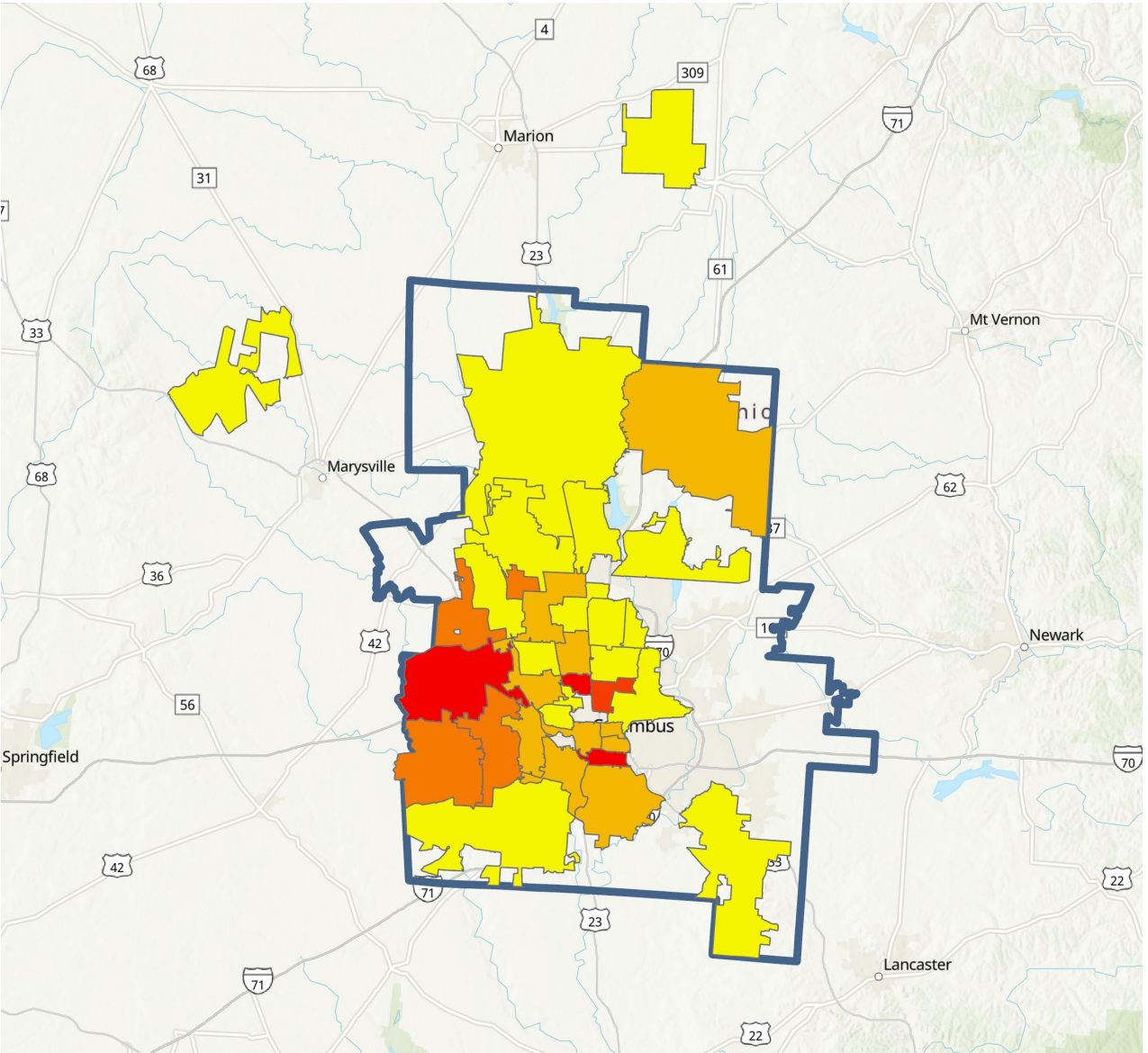
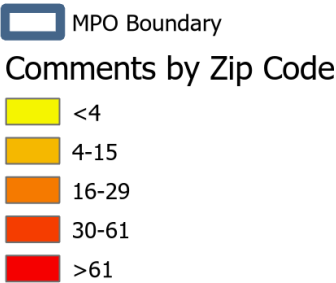




# COMMENTS BY ZIP CODE

- **1,052 total comments**
- **555 comments (53%) provided optional zip code information**

Zip Code	Municipality	Comments
43202	Columbus	105
43206	Columbus	101
43026	Hilliard	91
43211	Columbus	61
43016	Dublin	29
43228	Columbus	25
43119	Galloway	23
43235	Columbus	15
43215	Columbus	14
43204	Columbus	13





## TOP 10 PROJECTS BY # OF COMMENTS

# Comments	Project	Summary of Discussion
33	#18: <b>Galloway Rd./Hilliard-Rome Rd.</b> from Broad St. (US 40) to Feder Rd. ( <b>New Roadway</b> )	Noted that project has been proposed for many years, and most comments were generally supportive of implementing the project as soon as possible.
24	#1953: <b>N High St</b> from downtown Columbus to Worthington ( <b>Bike/Pedestrian</b> )	Project suggested by public. Comments were unanimously supportive of concept.
21	#1504: <b>Roberts Rd.</b> at Spindler Rd. & Frazell Rd. ( <b>Intersection Modification</b> )	Congestion and safety concerns, especially during AM/PM peaks. Generally supportive of a roundabout.
14	#635: <b>Columbus-Chicago</b> Rail Corridor ( <b>Transit</b> )	Unanimous support for transit connection to Chicago and establishment of rail travel in region.
13	#501: <b>Walcutt Rd.</b> from Scioto Darby Rd. to Trabue Rd., ( <b>Bike/Pedestrian</b> )	Noted safety concerns for vulnerable users on this high-speed roadway. Many comments suggested separated shared use path and/or slower speeds.
12	#1950: <b>S High St.</b> from Hosack St. to Livingston Ave ( <b>Bike/Pedestrian</b> )	Project suggested by public. Unanimously supportive of bike/pedestrian concept and traffic calming. Concerns with roadway speed and lack of safe crossings.
12	#270: <b>I-70/I-71 (South Innerbelt)</b> from I-71S/SR 315 (west interchange) to I-70E/I-71N (east interchange), ( <b>Major Widening</b> )	Comments not supportive of freeway widening, Concern over induced demand with many comments suggesting investment in transit/bike/pedestrian alternatives instead.
12	#910: <b>SR 315</b> from I-670 to I-270 ( <b>Lane Management</b> )	Comments not supportive of lane management/capacity addition, and many comments questioning long-term need for 315 or freeway improvements. Recommendations for investment in transit along corridor instead.
12	#1950: High-Capacity Transit from <b>Lancaster to Downtown, Hilliard, Plain City</b> , via rail ROW ( <b>Transit</b> )	Project suggested by public. Comments unanimously supportive of the concept. Support for using existing freight corridors to quickly build service.
12	#196 <b>High-Capacity Transit Loop Line</b> connecting both sides of Olentangy to Downtown via 270, on rail ROW ( <b>Transit</b> )	Project suggested by public. Comments were unanimously supportive of the concept and rail transit in the region generally.
11	#1973: Traffic Calming, <b>Summit/3rd St</b> from Hudson St to E Broad St ( <b>Operational Changes</b> )	Project suggested by public. Unanimous support of traffic calming concept and proposed a reduction of speed, number of lanes. Recommended better crossings and making the road bidirectional.



# WHAT'S NEXT?

- Adopt TAZ-level Forecasts: September
- Evaluate candidate projects: September - November
- Develop financial forecast: September - November
- Draft list of strategies and projects: November
- Community Presentations: November - January
- MTP Adoption May 2024



# 2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN



**2022**

- Review, update, adopt Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures
- Develop and adopt 2050 population and employment growth projections

**2023**

- Compile candidate strategies and projects
- Project Evaluation Criteria
- Interactive webmap
- Strategy and project evaluation
- Fiscal Analysis
- Draft strategies and projects

**2024**

- Impact Analyses
- Full draft document
- Public comment period
- May: MTP Adoption

**Public Participation**



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# 2024 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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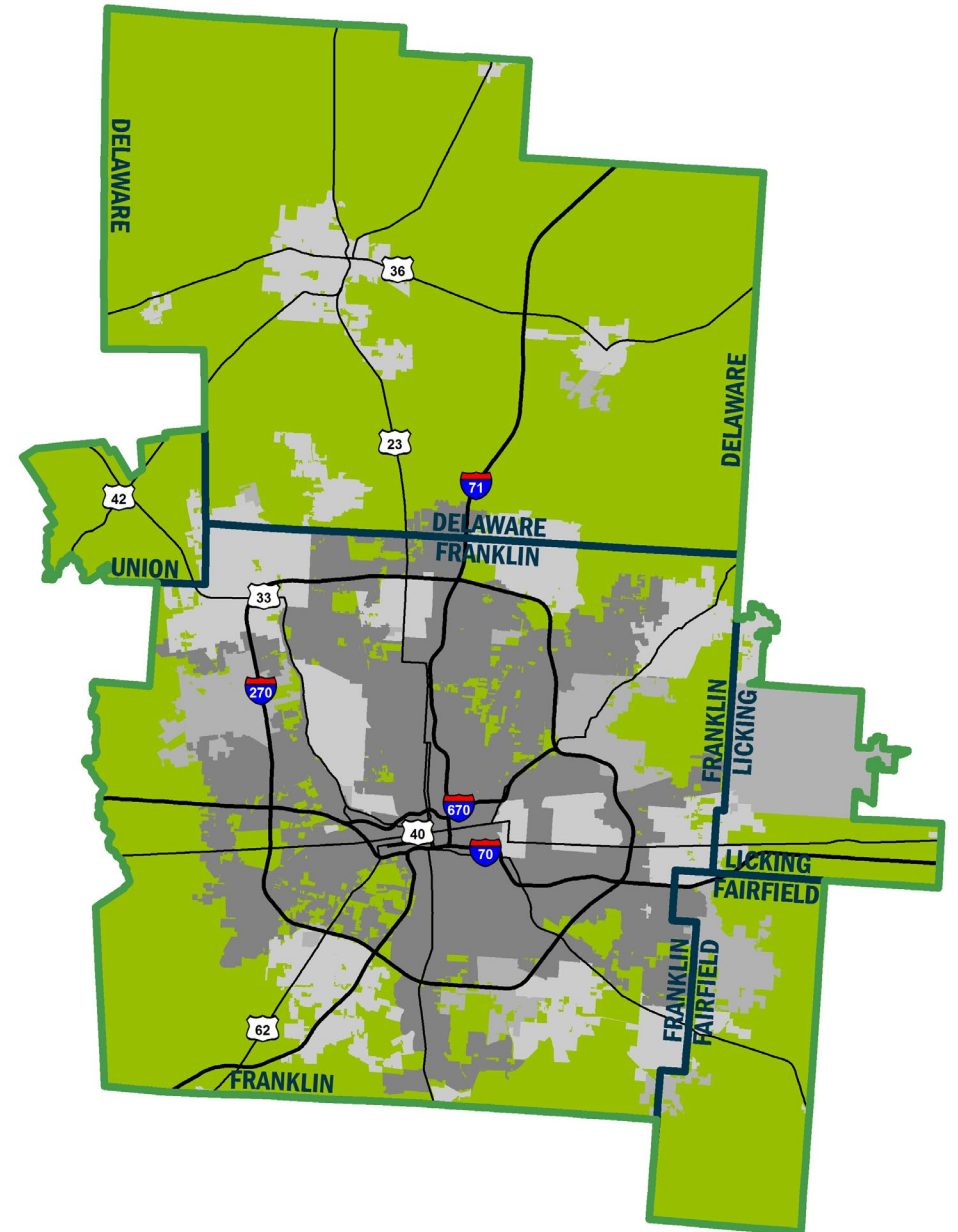


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# Program Details

- **MORPC members** within the MPO are eligible to apply for Technical Assistance
- Focus on **moving from plan/concept toward project implementation**
- Community-based **planning services that advance the goals in the MTP** through implementation of specific MTP strategies
- **Awarded through a competitive application process**, evaluated by committee
- **Move toward annual program** with shorter project timeframes (6-9 months)



# 2024 Technical Assistance Program Timeline



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August 2023

- ~~2024 Program Guide Posted Online~~

August 28-30, 2023

- ~~CAC/TAC Meetings for Review~~

 September 15, 2023

- **Call for Applications**



September 18, 2023

- Informational Webinar

October 13, 2023

- **Deadline to Submit Applications**

November 3, 2023

- **Awardees Notified**

Early December

- Scoping/Kick-off Meetings with Awardees

January 2024

- Technical Assistance Services Begin

[Summer 2024]

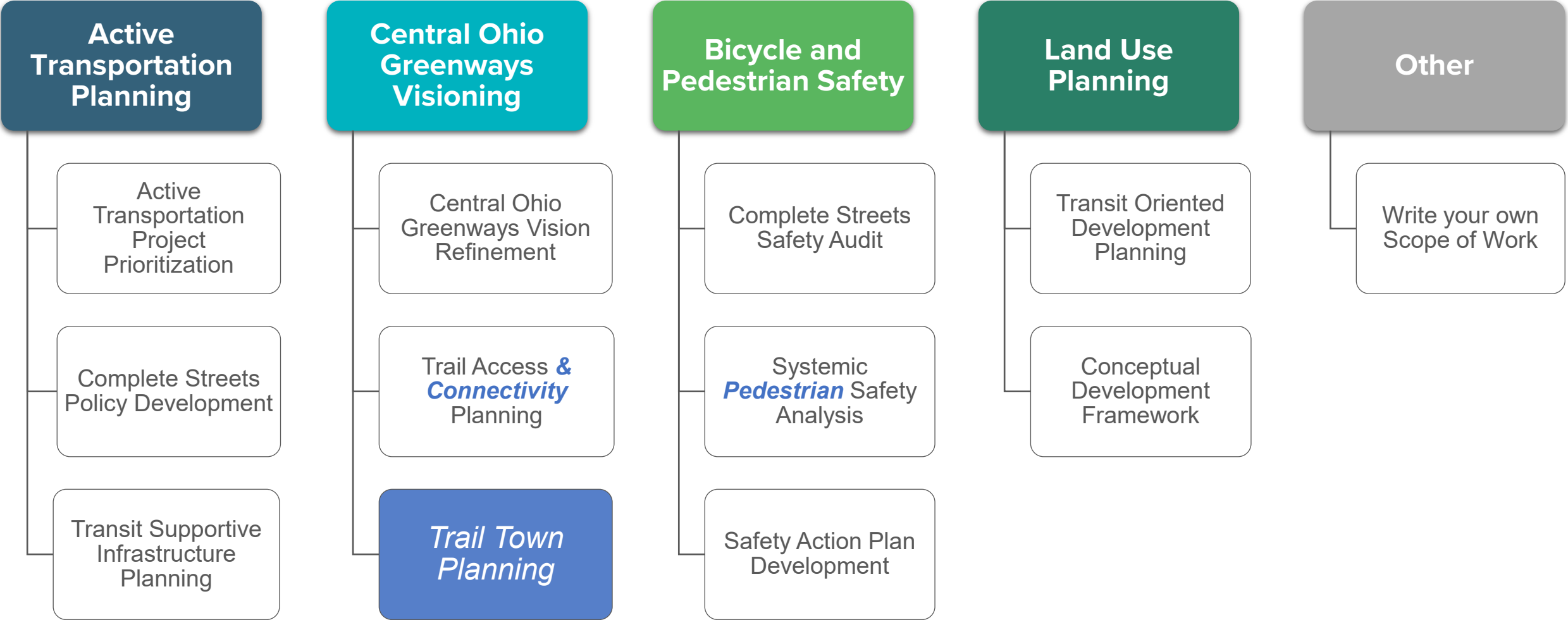
- Completion of Technical Assistance

[www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program](http://www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program)

# 2024 Technical Assistance Services



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# Trail Towns: Community Placemaking Vision

## Activity Description

*“Engage staff members, community leaders, and residents in a dynamic and immersive placemaking exercise to uncover the valuable assets and cultural elements that embrace individuals seeking to connect through trail-based experiences”*

## Deliverables

- "Community Readiness Assessment"
- "Community Trail Profile"

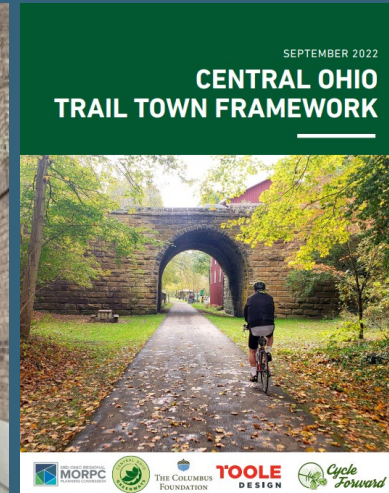
## Anticipated Outcomes

- A local agency empowered to promote their community to residents and visitors as a walkable, bikeable, nature-focused, and welcoming place.
- A proactively aligned local agency ready to participate in a planned Regional Trail Town Designation Program



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*What are Trail Towns? A trail town approach is a way of leveraging trail tourism and active transportation opportunities to promote mode-shift, economic development, and quality of life enhancement.*





# THANK YOU!

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# ODOT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

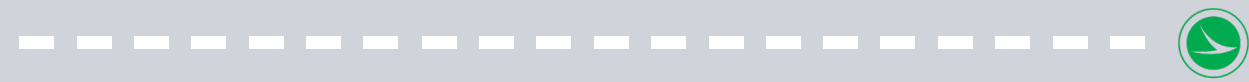
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# ODOT AT Updates



# Coming Up!

**Nov 1: ODOT *Show Me The Money* (CO Auditorium)**

**Dec 1: Planning assistance requests due**

- School Travel Plans
- Active Transportation Plans

**Jan 31: Pedestrian Systemic Safety Applications due**

- Coordinate with Districts 6+ weeks in advance

**March 1: Safe Routes to School apps due**



# Active Transportation Academy

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/training/active-transportation-academy>

Experiential Education Bike Rides available through October

Webinar: *Quick Build Strategies for Safer Multimodal Streets.*

- Register today! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3788268791229057628>

ODOT Pedestriann & Bicycle Training (MDG) now available

- Minimum of 40 participants
- ~6 hours; best in-person

Jennifer Alford new point of contact for MDG questions!

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# VRU Assessment



# VRU Assessment

## Updates

ODOT is developing a new, federally-required Vulnerable Roadway User Assessment

1. Overview of Vulnerable Road User Safety Performance
2. Summary of Quantitative Analysis
3. Consultation with Stakeholders \*\*
4. Program of Projects or Strategies



# VRU Assessment

## Strategies





# VRU Assessment

ODOT is developing a new, federally-required Vulnerable Roadway User Assessment

- ✓ **Crash Review and Data Analysis**
- ✓ Survey for local governments
- Strategy Development and Refinement with Stakeholders



# VRU Assessment

## Crash review and data analysis takeaways

- VRU fatal and serious injury crashes are **trending up**
- 82% of FSI VRU crashes occurred in just 25 counties
- Top Ped FSI crash types: Mid block crossing, through vehicle at intersection, and walking along the roadway
- Top Bike FSI crash types: Ride out at intersection, failure to detect, ride out midblock.
- 2/3 of VRU FSI crashes occurred in areas of above average “AT Demand” as well as “AT Need”



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# VRU Assessment

## Statewide Ped/Bike Safety Survey

- Practitioners are concerned about VRU safety
- They think dangerous roadways are due to: speeding or speed limits, missing/damaged sidewalks, high traffic volumes, lack of bicycle lanes.
- They think adding sidewalks, bike lanes, and signs/signal will help
- Their biggest barriers are funding and political will/public support
- ODOT can help them through funding, adding ped/bike facilities to projects, and technical assistance.



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# VRU Assessment

## Themes + Survey Feedback

### Planning & Guidance

- More tools for planning context sensitive roadways
- Statewide Complete Streets Policy
- Explore local match challenges
- Research traffic forecasting practices
- Assess ped/bike needs as part of PDP (Purpose & Need)

### Implementation

- Assist locals in project development and implementation
- Funding for dedicated facilities
- Funding for maintenance
- Projects that convert roads to be multimodal
- Focus on connectivity projects
- Expedite project delivery
- Assist with federal grant development
- Targeted projects similar to PSIP (top-down)





# VRU Assessment

## Themes + Survey Feedback

### Education

- Educate elected officials / build political will
- Technical Assistance for practitioners (rules of thumb for road diets, traffic calming, gateway treatments, other proven countermeasures)
- Law enforcement training
- Training for engineers doing business with ODOT
- Education at BMVs for public

### Data

- Grow state Ped/Bike volume collection program
- Asset Inventory
- Level of comfort inventory
- Update crash reporting forms related to VRU

### Collaboration

- Joint AT Planning
- Regional Meetings
- Private company collab (AV, Insurance)
- Coordinate on legislative changes



# Questions / Comments?



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# LOCAL COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT: CANAL WINCHESTER

Matt Peoples  
City Administrator and Director of Public Service



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# City of Canal Winchester

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LOCAL COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

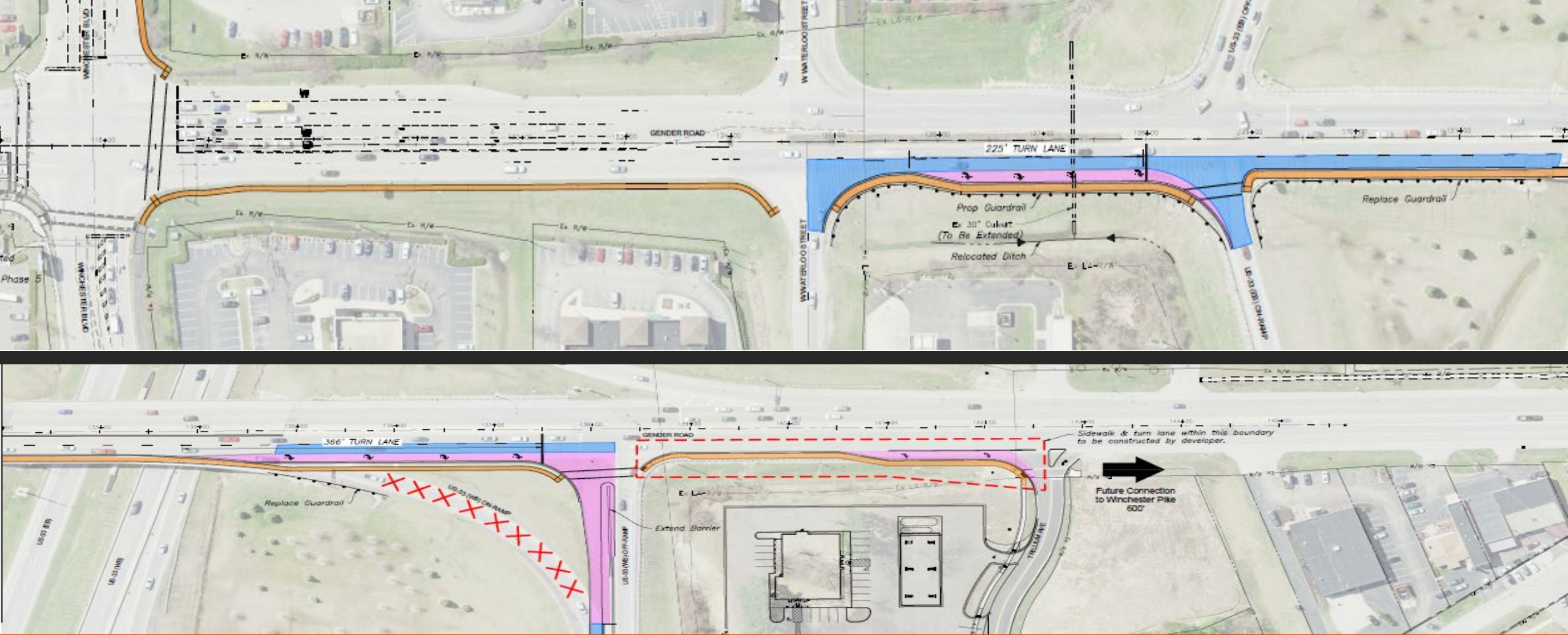
# Projects & Features

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- ☐ Gender VI Project
- ☐ Downtown Streetscape Rehabilitation Project
- ☐ McGill Connector
- ☐ 3-Way Stop Installation
- ☐ Shared Use Path Crossings
- ☐ Flashing Signs
- ☐ Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Program
- ☐ Distracted Driving Ordinance



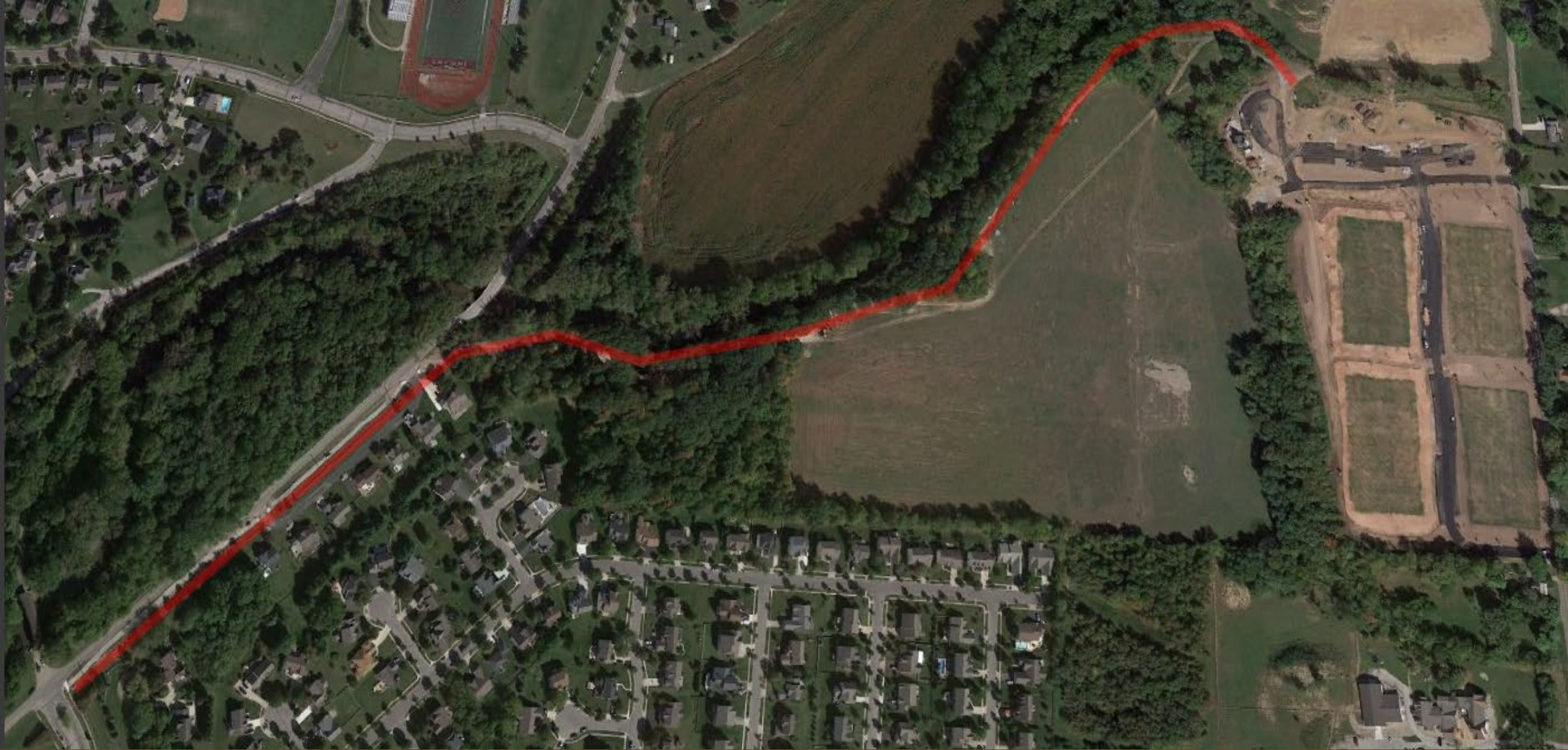




Gender Rd. Phase VI Project







McGill Connector





3-Way Stop Installation





Shared Use Path Crossings





Shared Use Path Crossings



Flashing Signs

# Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Program

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- ☐ Annual program included in street CIP contract
- ☐ City does repairs and bills property owner for 50% of the costs
- ☐ Can be paid for in full or assessed on taxes over 3-year period
- ☐ Property owners have option to perform work on their own & submit for reimbursement
- ☐ Financial assistance is available

# Distracted Driving Ordinance

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- ❑ Enacted in 2019
- ❑ Prohibits use of electronic communications devices while driving
- ❑ Does allow for hands free operation
- ❑ Violation is a minor misdemeanor



# MEMBER SURVEY & ROUNDTABLE



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Does your agency currently have or plan to develop any of the following?

Complete Streets Policy, Resolution, or Ordinance



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[Local Safety Action Plan, Vision](#)

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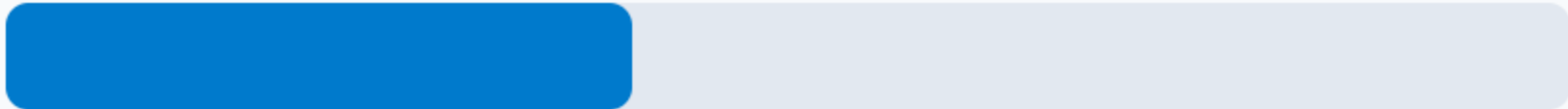


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## Does your agency plan to apply for MORPC Technical Assistance for 2024?

Yes



22%

Not this year

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Would you be interested in attending an ODOT training on Bicycle and Pedestrian facility design? This would be in person and for approximately 6 hours.

Yes



100%

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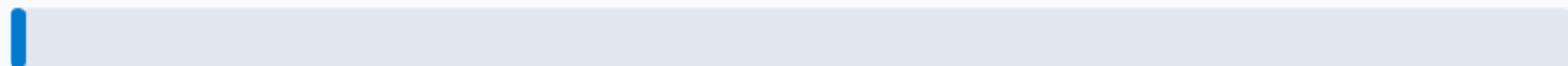


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Does your agency have a standard (minimum) width for construction of shared use paths? If yes, what is the minimum pavement width?

Yes - 8 feet wide



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Yes - 10 feet wide

SEE MORE 





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Does your agency use high-visibility, ladder-style crosswalk markings, and if so, also track the installation and maintenance needs/costs?



(B) Yes, we use high-visibility crosswalk markings, but have not been tracking costs

22%



# OTHER BUSINESS



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# THANK YOU!

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday, December 12

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