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CORPO Dedicated Funds Program Proposed Projects

State Fiscal Years 2024-2025

Second Application Round

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1. Introduction

This document provides a draft listing of projects proposed to receive federal transportation funding dedicated to the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO). In accordance with the 2023 Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds, re-adopted in November 2023, CORPO solicited applications for CORPO dedicated federal funding and developed the draft funding recommendations included in this document. As part of the process, CORPO convened the CORPO Dedicated Funds selection Committee, comprised of the CORPO Committee and all project applicants, to review the funding requests and propose these recommendations. Additional information on the Policies and the application procedures is available on [CORPO's webpage](#) at www.morpc.org/corpo.

This listing is available for public review and comment on the [CORPO webpage](#) until April 22, 2024. Questions and comments can be emailed to CORPO@morpc.org or by calling 614-233-4138. Written comments can be mailed to the attention of:

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All comments must be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2024.

The CORPO Committee will review comments received and may modify its recommendations, if necessary, prior to finalizing them. The CORPO Committee is expected to adopt the final recommendations during its May 6, 2024, meeting. The funding commitments will be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

2. Background

As part of the state biennial transportation budget (SFY 2024-2025), funding is available each year to the six Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) in the state to conduct a rural transportation planning grant program. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is providing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for the RTPO capital program.

STBG program funds are allocated each year to CORPO by ODOT. CORPO has established a competitive evaluation process to determine which projects submitted will receive funding. CORPO solicited requests for funding in the summer of 2023 for state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. After dedicating funds to three projects in November 2023, CORPO solicited a second round of applications for the remaining state fiscal years 2024 and 2025 CORPO Dedicated funds in the winter of 2024.

3. Summary of Submissions

Six applications were received requesting more than \$1.5 million. Table 1 lists the six projects including the projects sponsor, project title, primary project type, CORPO funds requested and the phase of project for the requested funds. The project locations are shown in Map 1. One of the project submissions, Knox Area Transit Fixed Route Planning Study, was removed from consideration because the activity the funds are requested for is already underway and would not be able to have these funds added to it. Additional information on the project submissions,

including scopes, aerial images of project locations, and funding request details, is available in the *Summary of Applications for CORPO Dedicated Funds SY 2024-2025 Second Application Round* document on the [CORPO webpage](#).

Table 1: Project Submissions

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	CORPO Federal Dollars Requested	Primary Project Type	Requested Phase
Village of Plain City	Plain City Uptown Intersection Modification	\$ 42,000.00	Intersection Modification	Preliminary Engineering
City of Mount Vernon, Ohio	Edgewood Road Improvements	\$ 650,000.00	Reconstruction	Preliminary Engineering & Right-of-Way
Madison County Engineer	MAD-CR0004-09.07 over Opossum Run, Bridge Replacement	\$ 287,688.28	Bridge Replacement	Construction
Knox Area Transit	Fixed Route Planning Study*	\$ 5,125.00	Planning Activity	Other
Village of Gambier	Gambier Trail Connection	\$ 99,200.00	Bicycle Lanes	Preliminary Engineering
Knox Area Transit	KAT Transit Facility	\$ 500,000.00	Transit Capital Maintenance	Construction

*Project was removed from funding consideration

4. Projects Proposed for Funding

In accordance with the Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds, staff evaluated the projects and presented the results to the CORPO Dedicated Funds Selection Committee for review and discussion. Through the results of the evaluation and discussion with the funds selection committee, it was determined that the five submissions being considered aligned with the adopted CORPO Transportation Plan goals and objectives. Ultimately, staff and the funds selection committee decided to **recommend funding four of the projects at their full request and the preliminary engineering phase of the Edgewood Road Improvement project.**

The projects and recommended funding commitments are listed on the following page in Table 2.

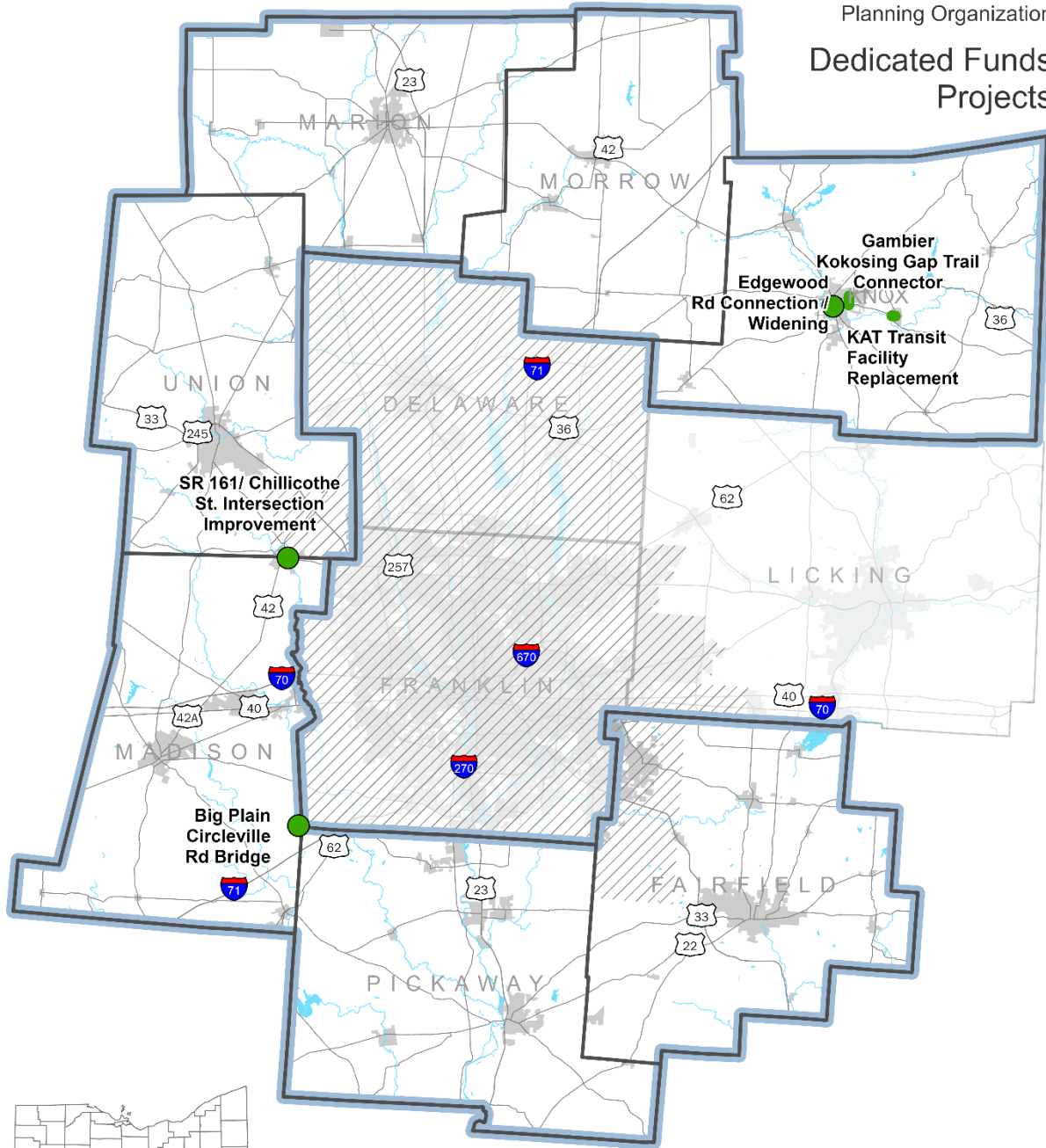
Table 2: Recommended Funding Commitments

Project	Project Type	Commitment
Village of Plain City, Plain City Uptown Intersection Modification	Intersection Modification	\$ 42,000.00
City of Mt. Vernon, Edgewood Road Improvements	Reconstruction	\$ 150,000.00
Madison County Engineer, MAD-CR0004-09.07 over Opossum Run, Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement	\$ 287,688.28
Village of Gambier, Gambier Trail Connection	Bicycle Lanes	\$ 99,200.00
Knox Area Transit, KAT Transit Facility	Transit Capital Maintenance	\$ 500,000.00

Map 1: CORPO Dedicated Funds SY 2024-2025 2nd Application Round Project Locations

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Dedicated Funds Projects



Unmapped Project

Knox Area Transit is working with RLS Consulting to do a fixed route study for Knox County. We are engaging with the public through a survey and public meetings to assess the county transit needs and if a fixed route system would be utilized in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.



The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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