



# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county and facilitates regional coordination. This newsletter outlines products, services, news, and events that CORPO provides its member counties.

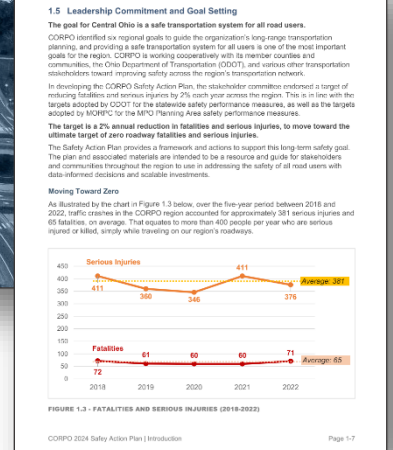
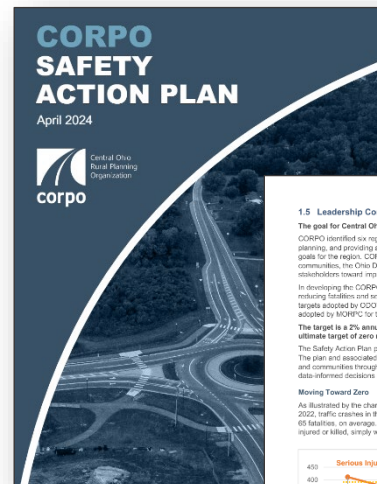
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## CORPO Safety Action Plan Adopted

CORPO received a funding award in 2022 from the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) federal discretionary grant program](#) to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for CORPO's seven-county area that identifies the most significant roadway safety concerns and develops a comprehensive approach to prevent fatalities and serious injuries from occurring in the future. Development of this Safety Action Plan for the CORPO Planning Area **makes all communities within the CORPO area eligible to apply for [Implementation Grants through the SS4A Program](#)**, which provide federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in the Plan.

The plan establishes a vision for a safe transportation system for all users and identifies strategies and action items to make progress toward this vision. The plan also establishes a **target of 2% annual reduction in fatalities and serious injuries, to move toward the ultimate target of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.**

The plan document and the [reference interactive web map](#) including crash data, high injury networks, and CORPO Transportation Plan projects, are available [on the CORPO website](#). For questions about the plan or if you're considering applying for SS4A funding, please reach out to Lauren Cardoni ([lcardoni@morpc.org](mailto:lcardoni@morpc.org)) or Mary Turner ([mtuner@morpc.org](mailto:mtuner@morpc.org)).



## Upcoming Events

- ❖ [Transportation Innovation Forum, Navigating the Future](#), presented by MORPC, DriveOhio, and SMRT Columbus, will be at MORPC on **Thursday, May 16**. [Register here](#).
- ❖ The next [Rural Series 2024, "Raising the Fun Factor: Revitalization that Accelerates Value"](#) will be **Wednesday, May 22** in Newark. Lunch will be provided. [RSVP is required](#).

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Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, & Union Counties



## Funding Applications & Opportunities Update

*CORPO Staff are available to assist with funding applications and technical assistance.*

- ❖ **[Township Safety Sign Program](#)**- Up to \$50K in signs, posts, and hardware to improve the safety of their roadways based on previous 5 yrs. crash history. Any township which has not previously been funded is eligible to apply. A reminder will be emailed to eligible CORPO townships. The deadline to apply is **June 7**.
- ❖ **[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\), USDOT](#)**- 2 types of grants available- Planning & Demonstration and Implementation. Planning & Demonstration funds action plans, as well as supplemental planning activities and demonstration activities in support of an action plan. Implementation grants fund projects to implement actions identified in action plan. Two deadlines- May 16 & August 29. The deadline for Implementation grants is **May 16**.
- ❖ **[Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program](#)**- This is a new federal competitive grant program to construct projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities in active transportation networks or active transportation spines. ATIIP will award two types of grants: Planning and Design grants and Construction grants. FHWA will award Planning and Design grants for eligible applicants to develop plans for active transportation networks and active transportation spines. The deadline to apply is **June 17**.
- ❖ **[Small City Program, ODOT](#)**- This program provides federal funds to small cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999 that are not located within a MPO's boundaries. This program may be used for any road, safety, or signal project on the Federal-aid system, with a project funding limit of \$2 million per project. **Eligible cities in CORPO are Circleville, London, and Mt. Vernon. The deadline to apply is June 15.**
- ❖ **[Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\) Abbreviated Safety Application, ODOT](#)**- This program is intended to fund potentially less complex safety improvements quickly. Eligible projects need to be simple (under \$500,000 and must be constructed within 2 years), utilize proven safety countermeasures, and be in a location with 3 crashes per year. Applications are due for review 4 times per year and the next window closes **June 30**.
- ❖ **[HSIP Formal Safety Application, ODOT](#)**- The formal HISP application process is for more complex safety improvements and is meant to address locations with a history of fatal or injury crashes. Funding priority is given to locations with state or regional safety priority or a completed local road safety plan. A minimum of 3 crashes per year and 30% injury crashes are required to apply. Applications are due for review 2 times per year. The next window closes **August 31**.

## CORPO Committee May Meeting Recap

The CORPO Committee met for their biannual meeting on May 6, 2024. [See the meeting packet here](#). At the meeting, the Committee...

- ❖ Passed [Resolution 1-24](#), adopting the fiscal year 2025 Planning Work Program (viewable on the [CORPO webpage](#)).
- ❖ Passed [Resolution 2-24](#), adopting the [CORPO Safety Action Plan](#) and adopting the target to reduce fatalities and serious injury crashes on CORPO roadways by 2% annually.
- ❖ Passed [Resolution 3-24](#), awarding CORPO Dedicated Funds to five projects and completing the awarding of funds for the CORPO Dedicated Funds Fiscal Year 2024-2025 round. Approximately \$2.1 million in funds has been awarded to 7 projects in Fairfield, Knox, Madison, and Union counties. [Information about the awarded projects is available on the CORPO webpage](#).

## TRAC Applications Open

The Transportation Review Advisory Council ([TRAC](#)) evaluates funding applications that result in ODOT's largest transportation project investments, and CORPO & MORPC assist by evaluating applications which fall within their transportation planning boundaries, then providing the region's project priorities to the TRAC. [TRAC applications close May 31](#).