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**CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS
TRAIL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING
HYBRID
MICROSOFT TEAMS
OR
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY ST, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215**

February 15, 2024
9:30 – 10:30
AGENDA

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions:** *Kelly Scocco, Working Group Chair*
- 2) **2024 Working Group Goals:** *Melinda Vonstein*
 - a. Maintain the Regional Trail Vision
 - i. Trails in the “Intel Region”
 - ii. Regional Trails and Active Transportation Collaboration Meetings
 - iii. Expand Vision to MORPC’s 15 County Region
 - b. Support the Trails Detours and Closures Steering Committee
 - c. Advance the “COG Wayfinding Strategy”
 - d. Support Funding and Project Development
- 3) **RAISE Grants:** *Melinda Vonstein & Preston Frick*
 - a. MORPC - Trail Towns in America’s Heartland
 - b. Linden Greenline
 - c. Other Community Applications
 - d. Other grant opportunities
- 4) **MORPC SS4A:** *Lauren Cardoni or Melinda Vonstein*
- 5) **Working Group Business**
 - a. Trail Count Equipment:
 - b. Detours and Closures Steering Committee
 - c. Trails in the Intel Area
 - d. COG Forum Agenda
- 6) **Other Business**

William Murdock, AICP
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Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
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CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS Trail Development Working Group

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TRAIL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP 2024



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MEETING DATES

Feb 15: 9:30 – 10:30

April 18: 9:30 - 10:30

June 20: 9:30 - 10:30

August 15: 9:30 – 10:30

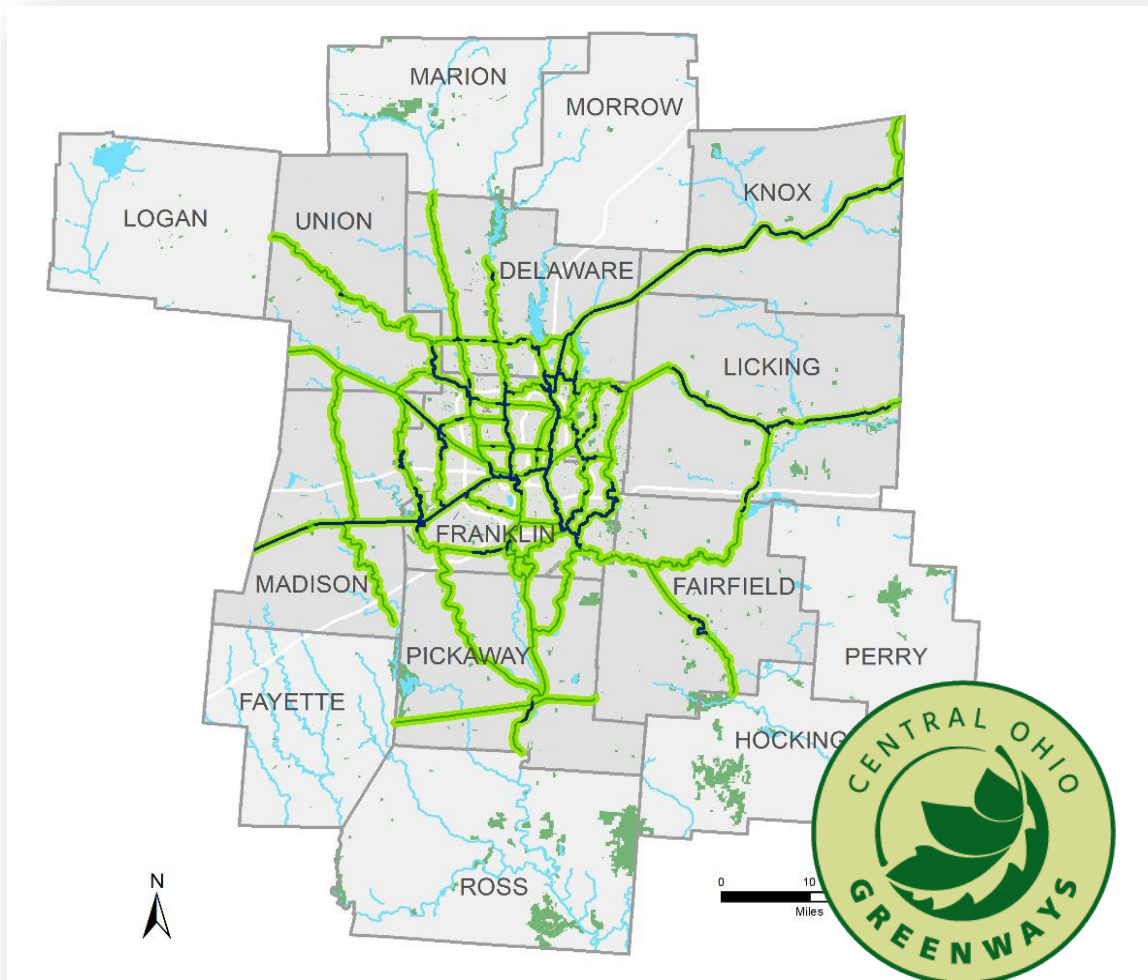
October 17: 9:30 – 10:30

December 19: 9:30 – 10:30



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RAISE PROPOSAL: *TRAIL TOWNS IN AMERICA'S HEARTLAND*



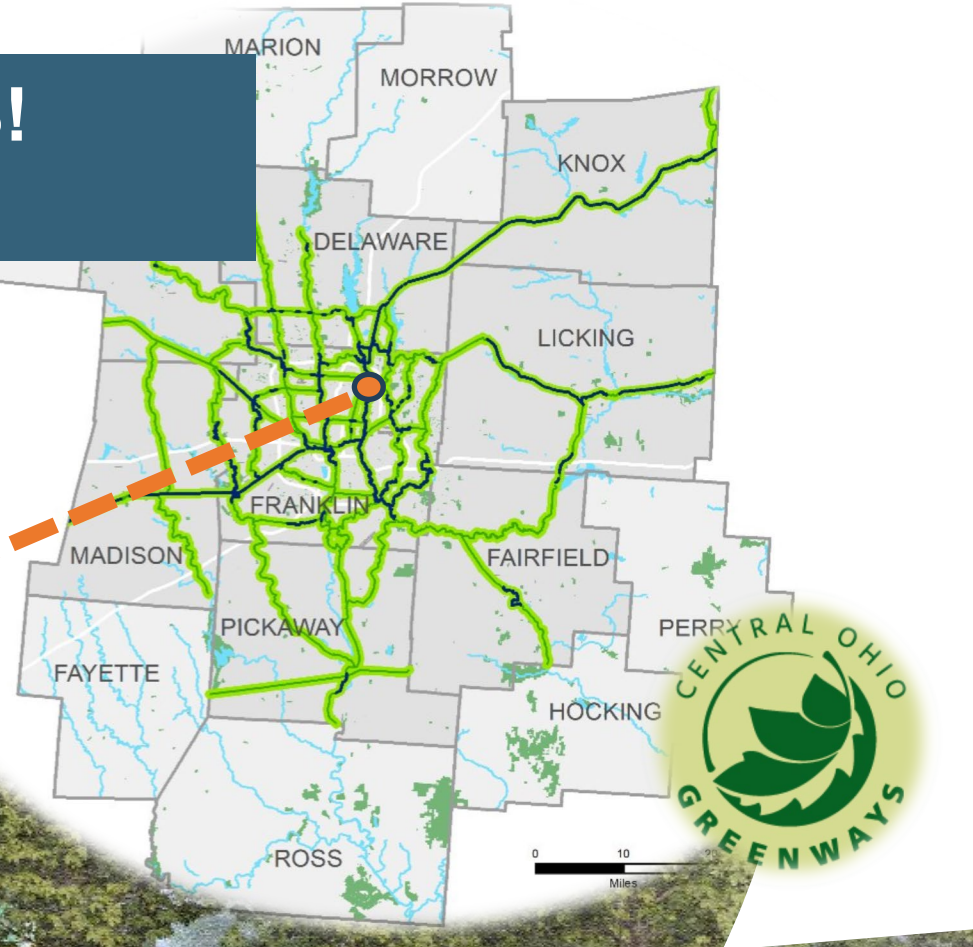
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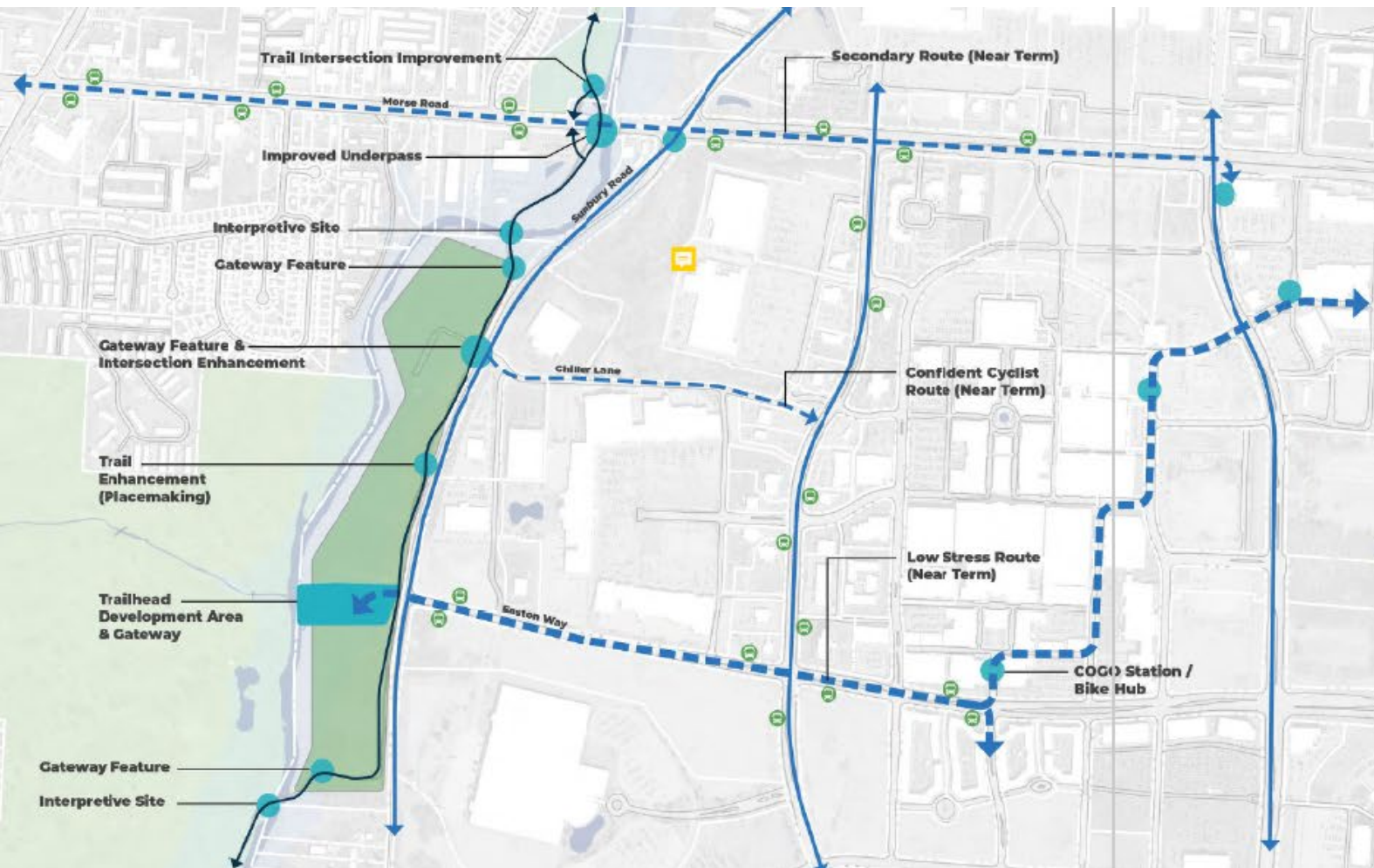
- 15-County Bikeways Network
- Local Trail Town Plans
- Economic Impact Analysis
- Innovative Public Engagement

SUPPORT TRAIL TOWN PROJECTS! PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



A Premier Trailhead Experience





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TRAIL COUNT EQUIPMENT



MULTI Range

Urban MULTI

Permanent pedestrian and bike counter for the urban environment.

Active Transportation

Benefits :

- Counts and differentiates between pedestrians and cyclists
- Measures the direction of travel
- Turn-key solution
- Seamless data transmission to our software
- Battery powered - 2-year battery life
- Works in all weather conditions



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DETOURS AND CLOSURES STEERING COMMITTEE



Central Ohio Greenways (COG): Alerts and Closures

Central Ohio Greenways Alerts and Closures is your reliable source for bike trail alerts and closures in the region. Keep yourself informed on the latest developments, closures, and detours to ensure a safe and pleasant biking or walking experience on the trails and greenways. Kindly report any unlisted trail disruptions to our Facebook or Instagram, as closures and restrictions across Central Ohio may change, and we aim to update our information as soon as possible.



Current Alerts and Closures:

[Olentangy Trail Section Closure \(May 2023 through Summer of 2024\)](#)

The Olentangy Trail adjacent to Ohio State University will be closed; this closure includes a detour around Ohio Stadium, Morrill Tower, and Lincoln Tower to rejoin the original trail near West 12th Avenue.

[Scioto Trail Construction \(August 2023 through Summer 2024\)](#)

Attention Scioto Trail users! Columbus Recreation and Parks is thrilled to announce the start of an essential pedestrian bridge project for the Scioto Trail near Souder Avenue.

Starting in August, 2023, the trail will undergo construction to build a new pedestrian bridge parallel to Souder Avenue. Additionally, the Department is building a new shared use path along Souder Avenue to Broad Street. Construction will be complete in Summer of 2024.

For everyone's safety, the affected trail section will be temporarily closed during the construction period. Please adhere to the designated detour route provided on-site for a seamless journey to your favorite outdoor activities. We appreciate your cooperation.



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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY23 Award

MORPC was awarded **\$1,032,000** for the MPO Planning Area!

What we committed to do with the funding:

- Update the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan (COTSP);
- Advance our regional non-motorized volume data program;
- Develop a regional program for conducting Complete Streets Safety Audits; and
- Implement pilot pedestrian safety countermeasures at 20 priority locations.

**Proposed completion of activities within 3-year timeframe*

www.morpc.org/safety

www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/2023-awards

Thank you to our application partners!

- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- City of Columbus, Department of Public Service
- Columbus Public Health
- Delaware Public Health District
- Franklin County Public Health
- City of Delaware
- City of Hilliard
- City of Westerville
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
- The Ohio to Erie Trail Fund

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Proposed Planning and Demonstration Grant Activities

COTSP Update:

- Incorporate new federal guidance (NRSS, Safe System Approach...)
- Develop online dashboard
- Engage new partners
- Update High Injury Network
- Conduct in-depth data analyses
- Identify critical regional priorities
- Adopt *before* Spring 2025

Demonstration Activities:

- Collaborate with local partners to install low-cost, quick-build, high-impact pedestrian safety countermeasures at 20 priority safety locations

Supplemental Planning:

Non-Motorized Volume Data Collection Program (NMVDP):

- Collaborate with local and state partners to build out existing program
- Purchase and install new equipment (on and off street)
- Develop understanding of non-motorized activity and safety risk
- Identify key areas for safety investments

Complete Streets Safety Audit Program (CSSAP):

- Build upon existing program and partnerships with Public Health agencies to expand services
- Conduct walk and bike audits throughout the region
- Identify low-cost, high-impact safety improvements in priority safety locations

THANK YOU!

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