



Memorandum

TO: CORPO Committee

FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: May 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 4 – 25 “Approving Funding Increase Requests for the SFY 2024 – 2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds Program”

Resolution 4 – 25 proposes budget increases for two projects that received CORPO Dedicated Funds and requested additional funding for their projects in March. This memo details the following updates on the CORPO Dedicated Funds program:

- Two projects returned or are unable to use their CORPO Dedicated Funds awards
- Two projects that received CORPO Dedicated funds request budget increases

Projects Returning Awards

The following two projects that were awarded CORPO Dedicated Funds returned their funding awards:

- City of Mount Vernon, Edgewood Road Improvement- \$800,000 awarded
- Knox Area Transit, KAT Transit Facility- \$500,000 awarded

The City of Mount Vernon, Edgewood Road Improvement project was canceled so their funding award was returned. Exhibit A is a letter from Mayor Matt Starr of the City of Mount Vernon detailing the cancellation of the project and the return of funds.

The Knox Area Transit, KAT Transit Facility project is receiving \$6 million in funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for their project. After speaking with ODOT Office of Transit, it came to light that the KAT Transit Facility project has a cap on federal funding the project can receive at \$6 million. Because of this cap on federal funding, the CORPO Dedicated Funds award, which are also federal funds, cannot be added to the project.

The table on the following page details the balance of the SFY 2024-2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds Program with the returned rewards.

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Available Funds	
2024/2025 Total Funds	\$ 2,194,396.14
2024/2025 Total Awarded Funds	\$ 2,181,314.28
2024/2025 Remaining Unawarded	\$ 13,081.86
<i>Canceled awards</i>	\$ 1,300,000.00
2024/2025 New Unawarded Balance	\$ 1,313,081.86

Project Requesting Budget Increases

The following two projects are requesting changes to their budgets for increased awards:

- Village of Plain City, Plain City Uptown Intersection Modification
- Madison County Engineer, MAD-CR0004- 09.07 over Opossum Run, Bridge Replacement

According to the [Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds](#), a project sponsor can submit a request to make significant changes to the budget, and staff will present the requests to the CORPO Committee to consider in aggregate.

Letters from the Village of Plain City and the Madison County Engineer detailing their increased project budgets and requesting additional funds are included as Attachments 1 and 2. The CORPO Funds Selection Committee discussed these requests at their April 30, 2025 meeting.

With two projects unable to proceed and returning their awards to the balance of CORPO Dedicated Funds, there is enough remaining balance to accommodate both budget increase requests. **Staff recommend approving both requests for additional funds.** The table below depicts the balance of SFY 2024-2025 funds with awarding the increased requests.

Project Title	Award/Original	Adjustments	Award/New
Plain City Uptown Intersection Modification	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 28,436.00	\$ 70,436.00
KNO CR 63A 0.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ (800,000.00)	\$ -
MAD CR 4 9.07	\$ 287,688.28	\$ 211,660.76	\$ 499,349.04
Gambier Trail Connection	\$ 99,200.00		\$ 99,200.00
KAT Transit Facility	\$ 500,000.00	\$ (500,000.00)	\$ -
FAI CR 33/MR 70505 4.93/1.09	\$ 252,426.00		\$ 252,426.00
UNI-SR31-0.77	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00
Totals	\$2,181,314.28	\$(1,059,903.24)	\$ 1,121,411.04

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CORPO Dedicated Funds Program Update

The table on the following page depicting the status of projects that received awards from the SFY 2024-2025 CORPO Dedicated Funding round.

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Project Title	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Award/Original	Adjustments	Encumbered	Outstanding	Updates
MAD SR 161/Chillicothe St	Village of Plain City	Reconfigure the intersection of 161/Chillicothe Street in the Village of Plain City to a traditional four-way intersection.	\$ 42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00	\$ -	PE quote returned at \$89,345. Project sponsor will be requesting additional funds from the CORPO Committee at May meeting. - \$42K encumbered 4/22/25
KNO CR 63A 0.00	City of Mount Vernon	Reconstruction of Edgewood Road from Gambier Road (US-229) to US-36. Roadway improvements are to include widening, drainage, and multimodal improvements.	\$ 800,000.00	\$ (800,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	Project cancelled
MAD CR 4 9.07	Madison County Engineer	□ Bridge Replacement on CR 4 (Big Plain Circleville Road) over Opossum Creek	\$ 287,688.28		\$ -	\$ 287,688.28	Re-bidding the project April 29. The project sponsor will be requesting additional funds from the CORPO Committee in May in order to be able to complete the project.
KNO SR 308 00.00	Village of Gambier	Multimodal safety improvements in the Village of Gambier.	\$ 99,200.00		\$ -	\$ 99,200.00	Project is currently moving forward, but starting off with a Village Ped Safety Study which will be funded by ODOT through a Safety Task Order (at 100%). CORPO design funds will be pushed to to FY26.
	Knox Area Transit		\$ 500,000.00	\$ (500,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	Funding award unable to be used
FAI CR 33/MR 70505 4.93/1.09	City of Lancaster	□ Improvement of pedestrian facilities along Memorial Drive (CR 33A) and Pierce Avenue (MR 70505) in City of Lancaster.	\$ 252,426.00		\$ 229,513.60	\$ 22,912.40	Preliminary R/W review is underway
UNI-SR31-0.77	City of Marysville	□ SR31 widening from Elwood Ave to US33 eastbound ramp intersection, including traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian improvements.	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	Anticipated construction end date was 2024.
Totals			\$ 2,181,314.28	\$ (1,300,000.00)	\$ 471,513.60	\$ 409,800.68	

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WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) is designated as the regional transportation planning organization (RTPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with local officials for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, CORPO adopted its long-range CORPO 2023 – 2050 Transportation Plan in November 2023,

WHEREAS, CORPO, to advance the strategies and projects included in the CTP, is responsible for allocating certain federal transportation funds that are dedicated to it; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Committee adopted Resolution 6-23, “Re-Adopting Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds,” to fairly allocate these funds in conformance with federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Committee adopted Resolution 3-24, “Adoption of CORPO-Dedicated Funds Commitments,” establishing a program of projects awarded funds for the State Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds program; and

WHEREAS, two projects returned awards received in the 2024 – 2025 CORPO-Dedicated Funds program resulting in a surplus of funds in the program; and

WHEREAS, per the adopted Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds, project sponsors may submit requests to make significant changes to project timelines and budgets to be considered by the CORPO Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Plain City submitted a request for additional funds for their Plain City Uptown Intersection Modification project in March, and the Madison County Engineer submitted a request for additional funds for their MAD-CR0004-09.07 over Opossum Run, Bridge Replacement project in March; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO-Dedicated Funds Selection Committee at its meeting on April 30, 2025 reached agreement upon the change requests for the program of funding commitments shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the CORPO Committee has recommended approval of all change requests for projects awarded through the CORPO-Dedicated Funds program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:

Section 1. That it commits to allocating additional CORPO dedicated federal funding to the change requests described in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all local agencies listed as sponsoring agencies in the attachments for appropriate action including ODOT

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Page 2 reflecting the change requests in Ellis and inclusion of the projects and funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Section 3. That it emphasizes the importance of the project sponsors maintaining the project schedule and remaining within the current cost estimates, as there is no guarantee that additional CORPO-dedicated funding or other statewide funding will be available should costs increase the projects be delayed.

Section 4. That it maintains that should a project sponsor decide not to proceed with a project, or a funding commitment is unable to be utilized, then the commitment will be cancelled, and the funds are returned to the balance of uncommitted funds available for a future solicitation round per the Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds.

Section 5. That the CORPO Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.



Jeff Stauch, Chair

CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

5/5/25

Date

Prepared by: CORPO Staff

Attachment 1:

1. Funding Increases for CORPO-Dedicated Funding for SFY 2024 and 2025

Table 1. Funding Increases for CORPO Dedicated Funding for SFY 2024 and 2025

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	Award Original	Adjustments	Award New
Madison County Engineer	MAD-CR0004-09.07 over Opossum Run, Bridge Replacement	\$ 287,688.28	\$ 171,867.776 \$86,306.49	\$459,556.056 \$ 373,994.77
Village of Plain City	Plain City Uptown Intersection Modification	\$ 42,000	\$ 28,436.00 \$12,600	\$70,436.00 \$54,600