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## Memorandum

**TO:** Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Maria Schaper, Transportation Director

**DATE:** August 1, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-10-25: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-10-25 will modify three (3) projects to the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$270 million. These changes are necessary to advance the projects and to maintain fiscal constraint. In October, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Continued maintenance of the TIP is a key element of implementing strategies in the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). The projects included in this amendment specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:

- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations with an emphasis on eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes
- OP 5: Improve connections and coordination among transit system operators
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges
- RDWY 4: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing congestion that hinders economic activity along existing arterial and collector corridors
- RDWY 5: Add capacity, where appropriate, at locations such as intersections to alleviate existing congestion that hinders economic activity
- TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the projects, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components.

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An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (TID): The following modification to the TIP is being made for a Franklin County TID project:

- PID 115179: Intersection Improvements at SR 161 and Linworth Rd. Adding the Detailed Design phase to the TIP with \$170,134 added in SFY 2027.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT): The following modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:

- PID 117878: Widening of SR 161 from Kitzmiller Rd to SR 37. Carrying forward the Preliminary Engineering phase from the SFY 24-27 TIP and adding \$4,996,954 in SFY 2026.
- PID 121811: Widening of US 33 from I-270 to Gender Rd. Adding the construction phase to the TIP with \$93,186,213 in SFY 2027.

The additions and modifications to the TIP via this amendment represent the reallocation of existing funding as well as new funding being made available to local agencies. Below is a summary of the funding modifications as part of this TIP amendment:

| Funding Source    | Funding Change      |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ODOT TRAC Funding | \$66,240,000        |
| State             | \$21,573,454        |
| Safety            | \$16,500            |
| Preservation      | \$122,907           |
| Local             | \$236,213           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$88,189,074</b> |

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-10-25



## RESOLUTION T-10-25

### **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program”**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-6-25; and

WHEREAS, two project modifications to the 2026-2029 TIP have been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2026-2029 TIP has been identified as needed for a Franklin County Transportation Improvement District project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) adopted by the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (formerly known as the Transportation Policy Committee); and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting August 4, 2025, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on August 6, 2025 recommended approval of this resolution to the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2026-2029 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2026-2029 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as one project is exempt from conformity requirements and two non-exempt projects were already included in the most recent approved air quality conformity, dated May of 2025.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2026-2029 TIP as modified.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 6. That the Central Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organization Board 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.



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Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

8/14/25

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Date

Prepared by: Mobility & Development Department Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2026-2029 TIP

115179 - FRA-161-8.08

Ref ID: 115179: 26-29 STIP

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|---|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| PID:<br>115179  | Project Name:<br>FRA-161-8.08 | Primary Work Category:<br>Intersection Improvement<br>(Safety) | Sponsoring Agency:<br>Franklin County TID | Air Quality Status:<br>Exempt           |
| ODOT Dist(s):<br>06   | Locale(s):<br>FRA             | MPO(s) / RTPPO(s):<br>MORPC                                    | Performance Measures:<br>CMAQ, Safety     | List Type:<br>Individual                |
| Termini:<br>Franklin County. SR 161 (from Answorth Dr to Strathaven Dr incl. Linworth intersection) and safety improvements at Bellbrook Pl |                               |  |   | Total Project Estimate:<br>\$15,382,165 |

## Description:

161/Linworth: Intersection improvement to reduce the severe congestion and long queues experienced by vehicles and add pedestrian/multi-use facilities.

161/Bellbrook Place: extend sidewalk, install high visibility crosswalks and ramps, and install RRFB with crosswalk lighting at 161. (formerly PID 122351)

The improvements will be maintained by ODOT, Columbus and Worthington after construction. The local funding share may be provided by several partners on this project: ODOT, Cities of Columbus and Worthington, Perry Township, the Franklin County Engineer, and the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District.

Previous corridor study PID101775.

## TIP Project Comments:

MTP ID: 1119 186

Bicycle and Pedestrian Components Included: Yes, sidewalk on one side and shared-use path on the other side

Additional Project Information: This project includes a commitment of MORPC-Attributable Funding.

Revision Reason:

Revision Comments:

## TIP Phases:

| Phase    | STIP Fund Type | Prior Years | 2026 | 2027      | 2028 | 2029 | Future Years | Total     | Revision Reason | Revision Comments |
|----------|----------------|-------------|------|-----------|------|------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| DD       | State          | \$ -        | \$ - | \$30,727  | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$30,727  | Add Phase       |                   |
|          | Safety         | \$ -        | \$ - | \$16,500  | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$16,500  |                 |                   |
|          | Preservation   | \$ -        | \$ - | \$122,907 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$122,907 |                 |                   |
| Total DD |                | \$ -        | \$ - | \$170,134 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$170,134 |                 |                   |
| Total    |                | \$ -        | \$ - | \$170,134 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$170,134 |                 |                   |

117878 - FRA/LIC SR 161 22.10/0.00

Ref ID: 117878: 26-29 STIP

**PID:** 117878      **Project Name:** FRA/LIC SR 161 22.10/0.00      **Primary Work Category:** Add Through Lane(s)      **Sponsoring Agency:** ODOT Sponsoring Agency      **Air Quality Status:** Non-Exempt (Analyzed)  
**ODOT Dist(s):** 06, 05      **Locale(s):** FRA, LIC      **MPO(s) / RTPPO(s):** LCATS, MORPC      **Performance Measures:**      **List Type:** Individual  
**Termini:** SR 161 from Kitzmiller Road overpass (Franklin County) to SR 37 Interchange (Licking County); SR 37 to 0.5 miles west of SR 16 Int      **Total Project Estimate:** \$156,943,796

**Description:**

Widening of State Route 161 and State Route 37 in Franklin and Licking County. Scope of work to include operational improvements at service interchanges within work area.

**TIP Project Comments:**

MTP ID: 380

Bicycle and Pedestrian Components Included: Not applicable

**Revision Reason:****Revision Comments:**[Add Project](#)**TIP Phases:**

| Phase     | STIP Fund Type | Prior Years | 2026        | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | Future Years | Total        | Revision Reason | Revision Comments |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| ENV       | State          | \$7,946,842 | \$4,996,954 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$12,943,796 | Add Project     |                   |
| Total ENV |                | \$7,946,842 | \$4,996,954 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$12,943,796 |                 |                   |
| Total     |                | \$7,946,842 | \$4,996,954 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$12,943,796 |                 |                   |

121811 - FRA-33-24.49

Ref ID: 121811: 26-29 STIP

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| PID:<br>121811      | Project Name:<br>FRA-33-24.49 | Primary Work Category:<br>Add Through Lane(s) | Sponsoring Agency:<br>District 6-Planning   | Air Quality Status:<br>Non-Exempt (Analyzed) |
| ODOT Dist(s):<br>06 | Locale(s):<br>FRA             | MPO(s) / RTPPO(s):<br>MORPC                   | Performance Measures:<br>Pavement (Non-Interstate NHS),<br>PHED, TTTRI (Non-Interstate NHS) | List Type:<br>Individual                     |

## Termini:

US 33 in Franklin County from I-270 to Gender Rd (SR-674)

## Total Project Estimate:

\$98,186,213

## Description:

Widen US 33 from 2 to 3 lanes in each direction from I-270 to Gender Rd (SR-674)

## TIP Project Comments:

MTP ID: 1791

Bicycle and Pedestrian Components Included: Not applicable

## Revision Reason:

## Revision Comments:

[Revise Project Data](#)

## TIP Phases:

| Phase    | STIP Fund Type | Prior Years | 2026 | 2027         | 2028 | 2029 | Future Years | Total        | Revision Reason | Revision Comments |
|----------|----------------|-------------|------|--------------|------|------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| CO       | Major Programs | \$ -        | \$ - | \$66,240,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$66,240,000 | Add Phase       |                   |
|          | Labor          | \$ -        | \$ - | \$10,150,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$10,150,000 |                 |                   |
|          | State          | \$ -        | \$ - | \$16,560,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$16,560,000 |                 |                   |
|          | Local          | \$ -        | \$ - | \$236,213    | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$236,213    |                 |                   |
| Total CO |                | \$ -        | \$ - | \$93,186,213 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$93,186,213 |                 |                   |
| Total    |                | \$ -        | \$ - | \$93,186,213 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ -         | \$93,186,213 |                 |                   |