



# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county. This newsletter outlines products, services, news and events CORPO is providing its member counties.

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## CORPO MEETINGS

The next CORPO Committee meeting will be held virtually on May 3, 2021. Virtual meeting information and safety protocols will be sent in the invitations. CORPO County Virtual Subcommittee meetings are being scheduled between March 15 and April 1, 2021. Invitations will be sent shortly.

## Access Ohio 2045

ODOT's Access 2045 Plan has been completed and is now available! As Ohio's long-range transportation plan, it will guide Ohio's transportation policies and investment strategies for the next 25 years. Visit: [Access.Ohio.gov](http://Access.Ohio.gov) and spread the word.

## MOBILITY MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL OHIO

MORPC has begun working with ODOT's Human Services Transportation Coordination region 6 counties which (includes the CORPO counties of Union, Madison, Pickaway and Fairfield) to develop a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Coordinated plans identify local transportation needs of people with disabilities, older adults, and those with low incomes. The plan will help to provide strategies and prioritize transportation services and projects for funding and implementation. For more info contact Lexi Petrella at [apetrella@morpc.org](mailto:apetrella@morpc.org)

## VANPOOLING - THE RURAL SOLUTION FOR TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

MORPC's Gohio Commute Vanpool Program can be part of the solution to rural transportation issues. Vanpooling focuses on commuters who have a commute to work of more than 25 miles. A Gohio Commute vanpool is a group of commuters who travel to work together on a regular basis in a commuter van. Participants share an affordable monthly fee that covers the use of a van, insurance, maintenance, roadside assistance, and prepaid fuel. This could prove helpful to those with limited access to transportation and those who commute into neighboring counties for work. To learn more about this transportation option and current safety protocols, please visit: <https://morpc.gohio.com/getting-around/vanpool>

## REGIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A federal grant will pay for a regional traffic management system that will track real-time traffic situations for Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union counties. The pilot program is meant to reduce travel times and increase safety for drivers and passengers. The project is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration Research grant awarded to the Central Ohio Transit Authority and 13 partners, including the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the City of Columbus and Ohio State University. For more info contact Jason Yanni at [yannijr@cota.com](mailto:yannijr@cota.com)

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- ❖ January 26, 2021 9:30–10:30 AM **NW Regional Collaboration Meeting** Madison, Union and adjacent counties can join [here](#).
- ❖ May 21, 2021 **Ohio Conference on Freight** This conference, being held virtually, offered by MORPC and the Ohio Association of Regional Councils provides the opportunity to convene professionals from across North America to share their expertise in the areas of supply chain/ logistics, smart transportation technology, freight-related transportation and economic development. Save the date!

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATES

- Safe Routes to School Funding Applications

- The window to apply for SRTS funding will open on January 4, 2021! Applications are due by Friday, March 5, 2021. You can find more information about how to apply on ODOT's website. Visit the funding area of the CORPO website ([www.morpc.org/corpo](http://www.morpc.org/corpo)) for a link to the ODOT website. If you need letters of support please contact [mborger@morpc.org](mailto:mborger@morpc.org).

- ODOT Safety Application Updates

- Traffic fatalities throughout the state in 2020 are up by 7% compared to this time last year.
- ODOT is making some changes to the Highway Safety Program next year. There will NOT be a Spring 2021 round of safety applications. ODOT is working on developing a new system that will allow for quarterly applications for abbreviated safety studies, as well as rotating biannual applications for systemic safety projects and formal (spot) safety projects. If you have any questions about these changes, please visit: <https://www.morpc.org/committees/corpo/#> or reach out to Jeremy Thompson at [Jeremy.Thompson@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Thompson@dot.ohio.gov).

- Ohio Township Safety Sign Grant Applications

- Criteria to apply: higher crash rates than the previous five years and have not been funded by the Township Safety Signage Grant Program.
- Eligible CORPO area townships include: Clearcreek, Greenfield, Madison, Pleasant (Fairfield), Berlin, Butler, Hilliar, Liberty, Middlebury, Pike, Pleasant (Knox), Wayne, Grand Prairie, Pleasant (Marion), Bennington, Peru, Allen, Jerome.
- Funding is available for safety signs, posts for the signs and hardware for the signs. The application deadline is May 7, 2021 Visit: [https://odot.formstack.com/forms/township\\_sign\\_grant\\_application\\_2021](https://odot.formstack.com/forms/township_sign_grant_application_2021)

*CORPO staff is available to assist with funding application and technical assistance.*

## PAVING THE WAY USER TRAINING MANUAL

Paving the Way is a program to communicate road construction and closure information and alleviate traffic congestion for Central Ohio residents and businesses. Housed within MORPC, Paving the Way has existed since 1990 to monitor the status of transportation construction projects. The Paving the Way system is designed to be quick and easy to use, and its purpose cannot be achieved without the inclusion of planned projects and closures provided by governments and contractors. MORPC has developed a user training manual that can be found by visiting: [pavingtheway.org](http://pavingtheway.org).

We invite our members and stakeholders to utilize the website and review the manual. If you have any questions regarding paving the way please contact Bevan Schneck at [bschneck@morpc.org](mailto:bschneck@morpc.org).