

MORPC 2021 TRAC PRIORITIES

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MORPC Transportation Advisory Committee

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What are we asking of you today?

Consideration of Resolution T-3-21:
“Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio
Candidate Projects submitted for TRAC
funding in 2021”

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)



MORPC

- Commits ODOT funding for Major New Capacity Program projects
- Criteria for project eligibility:
 - Overall cost over \$12 million
 - Increase capacity and/or reduce congestion
 - Proves to support jobs and/or job creation
- Continued encouragement of projects with non-ODOT funding commitments of 30% or greater of the total project cost
- MPOs provide ODOT a local project prioritization recommendation

2020 Cycle suspended

Accelerated 2021 Cycle

- Option for 2020 TRAC applicants to leave applications as submitted
- Jim Gates (TRAC Manager) had to be notified of 2020 application revisions by March 1
- New applications were accepted within application period

Applications Submitted



- 36 applications across the state submitted to TRAC
- Over \$550 million total TRAC request from applications across the state
- Over \$96 million request total from MORPC area applications



MORPC's TRAC Project Prioritization Evaluation

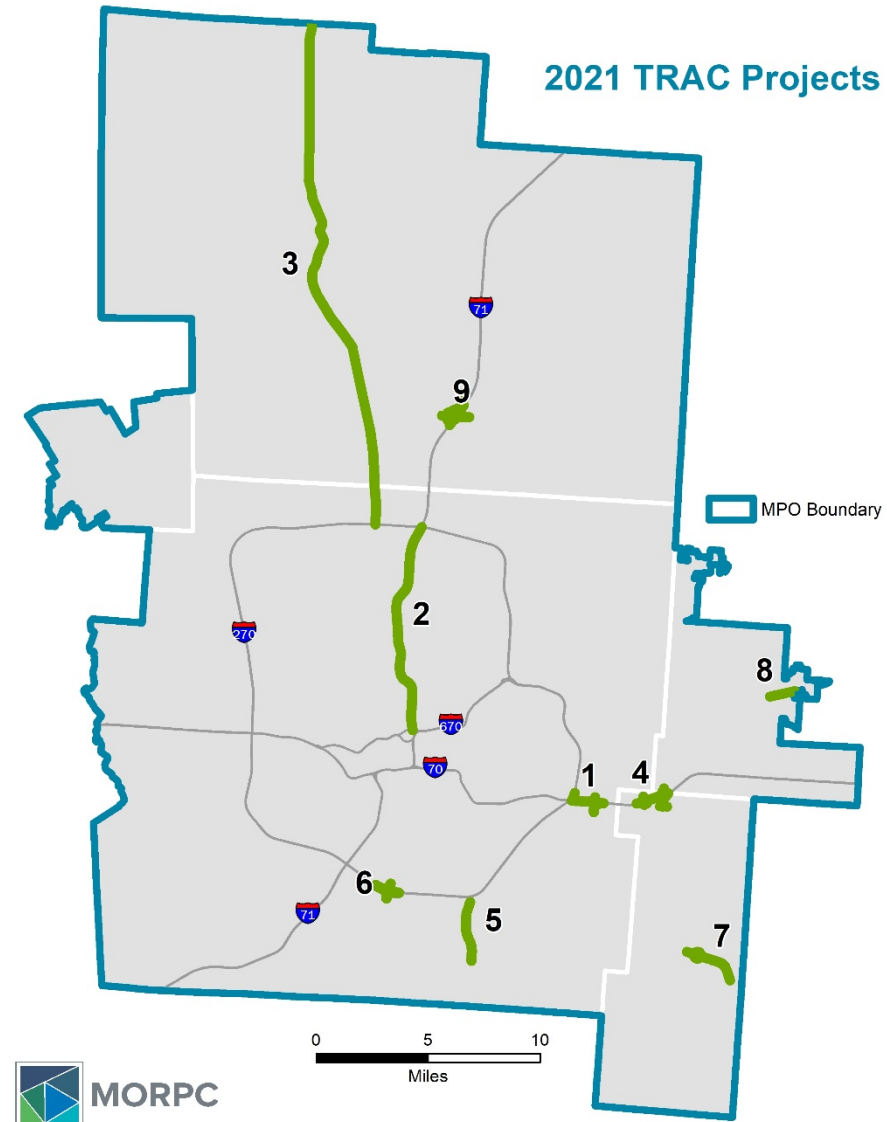
- Nine projects were submitted within MORPC's MPO area
- MORPC staff evaluated the projects using the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives, using key elements of MTP evaluation criteria
- Public comment period held April 2 to April 28

Public Comments

Application	In Support	Opposed	Total Comments
Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3	2	0	2
Far East I-70/Taylor/SR-256 interchange	4	0	4
I-270/US-23 Interchange	1	0	1
Broad Street Widening (Pataskala)	0	0	0
US-33/Pickerington/Allen new interchange	2	0	2
Alum Creek Dr. Widening	1	0	1
I-71/Big Walnut Interchange	10	42	52
HSR I-71 Study	0	0	0
US-23 Corridor Study	2	1	3
TOTAL	22	43	65

MORPC Project Priorities Recommendation

- 1 Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3
- 2 I-71 Hard Shoulder Running
- 3 US-23 Corridor Study
- 4 I-70 Interchange at SR 256 & Taylor Rd
- 5 Alum Creek Drive Widening
- 6 I-270 & US 23 South Interchange
- 7 US-33 at Pickerington Road
- 8 Broad Street Widening in Pataskala
- 9 Big Walnut Interchange



2021 TRAC Cycle Timeline



ACTIVITY	DATE
CAC/TAC presentations – MORPC priorities recommendation	May 3 and May 5
Resolution Commission approval	May 13
TRAC Public Hearings	May 18 and 26
TRAC vote on draft project list	July 14
TRAC vote on final project list	August 25

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