REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2020-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
WHO IS MORPC?

- Transportation & Infrastructure Development
- Planning & Sustainability
- Data & Mapping
- Residential Services
- Government Affairs
- Communications & Engagement
WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?

• Identifies regional transportation strategies and projects
• Long-range (20+ years)
• Fiscally constrained
• Formal document submitted to ODOT and USDOT every 4 years
The Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes only communities within the official MPO boundary.
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Central Ohio is growing
  - Demographics are changing
  - Preferences are changing
  - Demands on the transportation system are changing

- *Transportation projects must be on MTP to be eligible for federal funding*
POPULATION & EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Projected Growth
7-County Central Ohio Region

Population
2018: 1,994,771
2050: 1,622,000

Households
2018: 776,353
2050: 244,000

Jobs
2018: 1,059,229
2050: 290,000
PREFERENCES ARE CHANGING

We want options.

Smaller Homes  Walkability  Amenities  More Mobility  Green Space
REGIONAL GOALS

- Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.
- Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
- Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.
- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents’ quality of life.
- Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.
- Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people.
**Suggested Projects by Type**

- Bike/Pedestrian: 82
- Transit: 28
- Intersection Modification: 17
- New Roadway: 17
- Major Widening: 13
- Interchange Modification: 11
- Operations: 9
- Minor Widening: 7
- New Interchange: 7
- New Freeway: 7
- Convert to Freeway: 2

• Most suggested project type: Stand-alone Bike & Pedestrian
REGIONAL STRATEGIES

• System Management
  • Physical Preservation
  • Operations
  • Safety & Security
  • Demand Management

• System Development
  • Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure
  • Transit Infrastructure
  • Freight Rail Infrastructure
  • Multimodal Infrastructure Connections
  • Roadway Infrastructure
NEXT STEPS

• December 2019 –February 2020
  • Community presentations
  • Draft document available in February
  • February 26, 2020 - Public Open House at MORPC
• April 3, 2020 – Public comment period closes
• May 2020 – Plan Adoption
WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF YOU?

• Review & Comment
  • Draft plan
  • Comment period ends April 3, 2020

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