REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
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 K
- Households: 2018 = 776,353, 2050 = 244K
- Jobs: 2018 = 1,059,229, 2050 = 290K
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.
2020-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

STRATEGY & PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

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

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
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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