

# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

## ATP Steering Committee Meeting Summary



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: **November 10, 2020**  
Time: **1:00 – 2:30 PM**  
Location: **Microsoft Teams**

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### I. Welcome

MORPC Assistant Director of Planning & Sustainability called the meeting to order and shared an overview of forward progress made on the ATP since the September Steering Committee meeting.

### II. Outreach Plan

MORPC Associate Planner Tobi Otulana presented an overview of the outreach strategy for the ATP, including a public survey (currently available online) and focus groups to take place in February.

### III. Bike/Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress Analysis

MORPC Senior Planner Lauren Cardoni presented the data analysis utilized to create an updated Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Map, followed by a work session with committee members. Following is a summary of the work session discussion.

#### 1. What questions do you have about the data?

- How are intersections treated with LTS?
- How can the LTS map elevate considerations for vulnerable users?
  - E.g., Snow removal on sidewalks and streets
- Can the ATP encourage local policies?
- Better coordination of data is needed
- Can improvements to LTS be prioritized in areas where there are a high percentage of zero car households?
- The committee discussed the relationship of COTA stops and service to LTS
- A lot of the corridors mapped are in more urbanized areas. What is the relationship to other communities (rural, exurban)?
- How to incorporate pedestrian LTS into this?
  - City of Columbus model for prioritizing sidewalk gaps:
    - COTA routes, ped generators, SRTS, traffic volumes, etc.

#### 2. How do you envision using this LTS data? What additional information/tools would be most helpful?

- Policy Lens
  - Discussion on whether and if the ATP should be organized to advance local policy, e.g. assist locals to prioritize CIP projects
    - What would be needed to do this?
    - Should the policies be regional or recommendations for locals to adopt?

- Could the ATP could serve as a tie breaker to help communities prioritize their projects internally?
  - Could the ATP provide policy templates? (e.g., snow removal)
  - How can the ATP help to clarify rights/responsibilities of pedestrians (e.g., in a crosswalk)
- What is the relationship of attributable funds to the ATP? Will projects score higher if they meet the ATP goals?
- Grassroots Advocacy/Mobilization
  - Can the LTS and other data of the ATP be shared with civic organizations?
- Education
  - Fact sheets can help to tell the story/importance of active transportation (e.g., benefits health, benefits economic development, etc.)

#### **IV. Next Steps**

MORPC Principal Planner Jennifer Noll summarized next steps/action items to occur prior to the next steering committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40.