

# MORPC 2021 TRAC PRIORITIES



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PLANNING COMMISSION

# 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

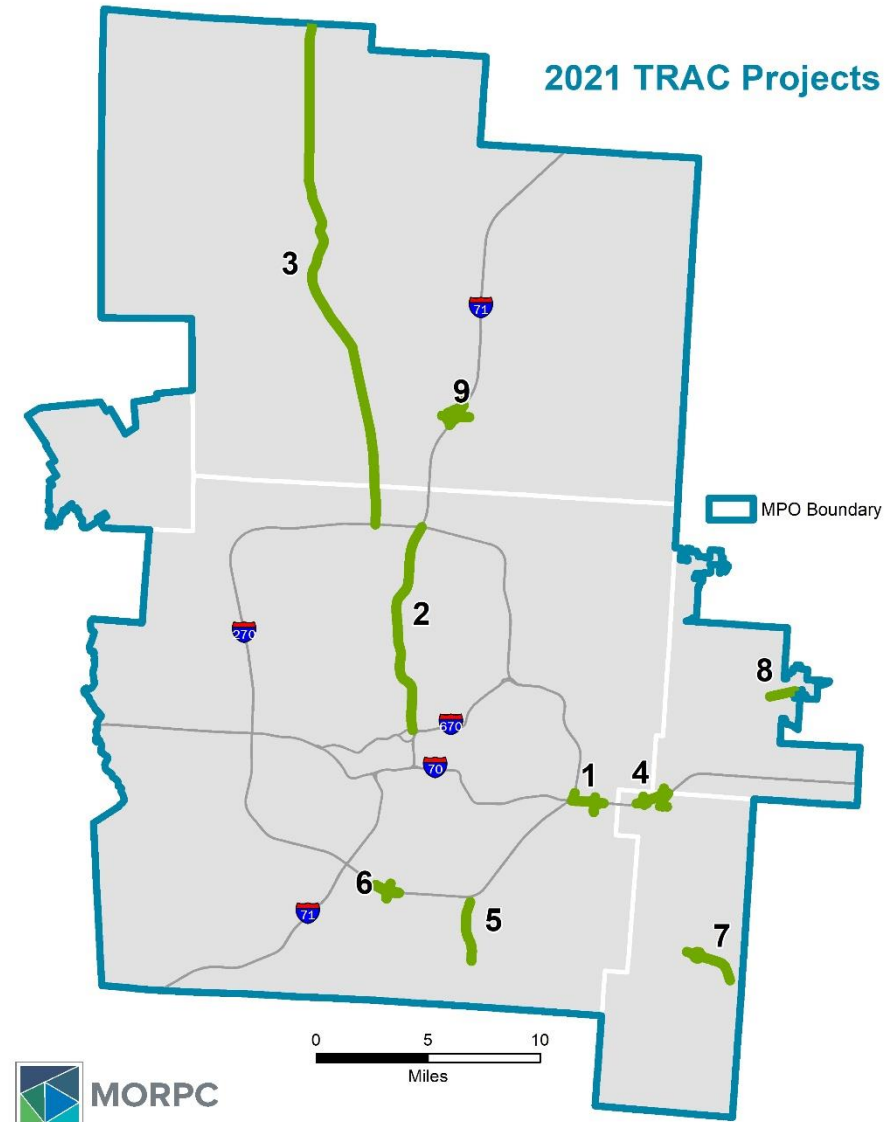
- Nine projects were submitted within MORPC's MPO area
- MORPC staff evaluated the projects using the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives, using key elements of MTP evaluation criteria
- Public comment period held April 2 to April 28

# 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              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>22</b>  | <b>43</b> | <b>65</b>      |

# 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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