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**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 19, 2021**  
**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Logistics**
- 2. Central Ohio Greenways Initiatives**
- 3. Complete Streets Policy & Attributable Funding Update**
- 4. Active Transportation Plan Update**
- 5. Technical Assistance Program 2.0**
- 6. ATC 2022 Strategy**
- 7. Member Roundtable**
- 8. Other**

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**2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Quarterly Meetings**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10am to noon*

1. Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>
2. Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>
3. Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>
4. Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

# Active Transportation Committee

October 19, 2021



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- Welcome and Logistics
- Central Ohio Greenways Updates
- CS Policy & ATP Update
- Attributable Funding Update
- Technical Assistance Program 2.0
- Member Roundtable
- Other



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# Central Ohio Greenways

Melinda Vonstein, MORPC



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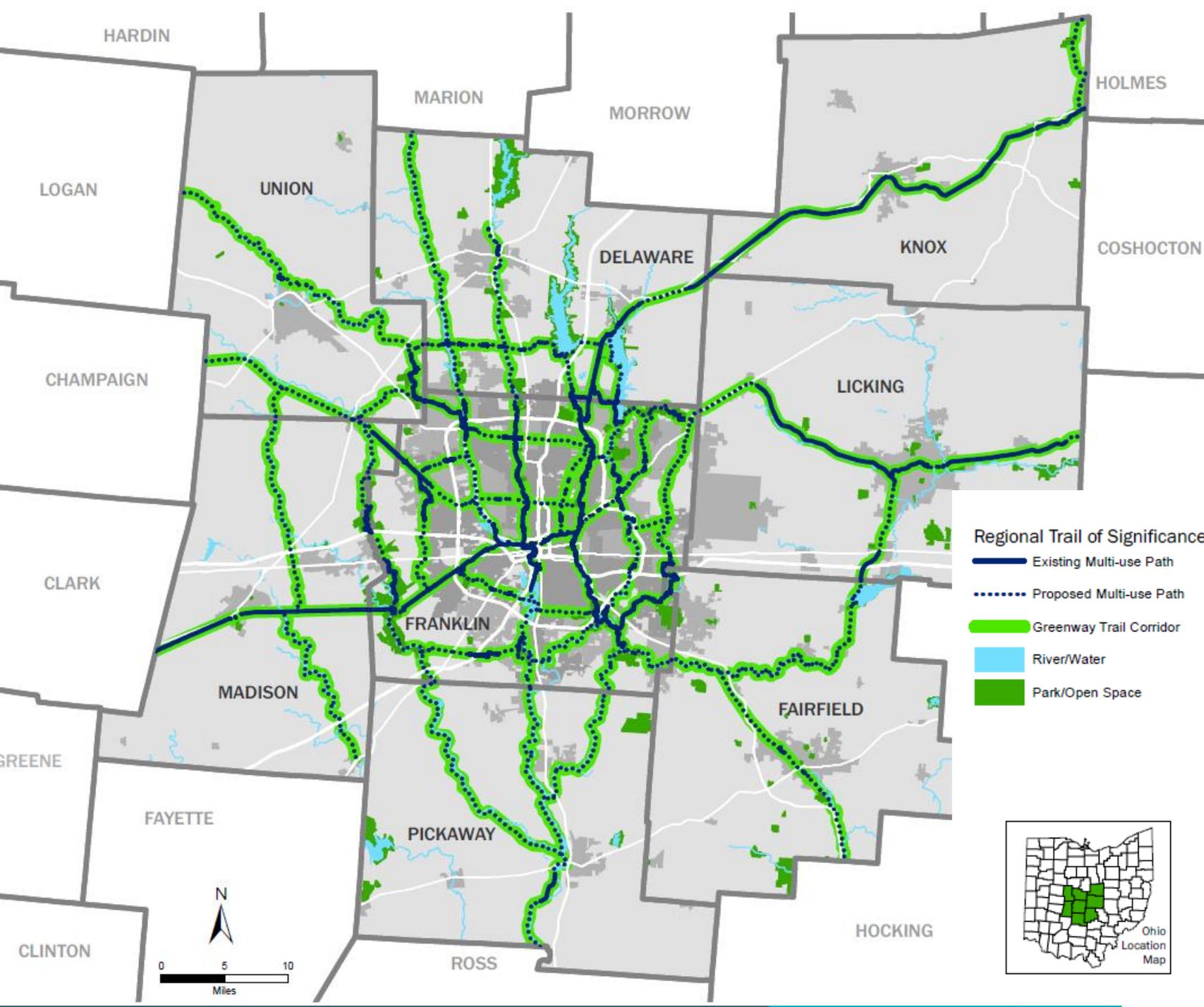


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# Regional Trail Vision

500+ Proposed Trail Miles

230+ Existing Trail Miles



### Regional Trail of Significance

-  Existing Multi-use Path
-  Proposed Multi-use Path
-  Greenway Trail Corridor
-  River/Water
-  Park/Open Space



# MOBILE PASSPORT PROGRAM



## Get Moving. Check In. Get Rewards.

Experience Columbus has teamed up with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for a great outdoor trail pass program to enjoy with friends or family. These trails are perfect for hiking, biking, jogging, and even paddling! Try them all now—what are you waiting for?

Check out these links for more information and directions!

- [Central Ohio Greenways Map](#)
- [Central Ohio Biking Map](#)
- [Rapid 5](#)

**COLUMBUS OUTDOOR TRAILS PASS**



**Hike, Bike and Paddle Trail**

- Mobile exclusive
- Instantly delivered via text and email
- No apps to download
- Experience the nature of Central Ohio

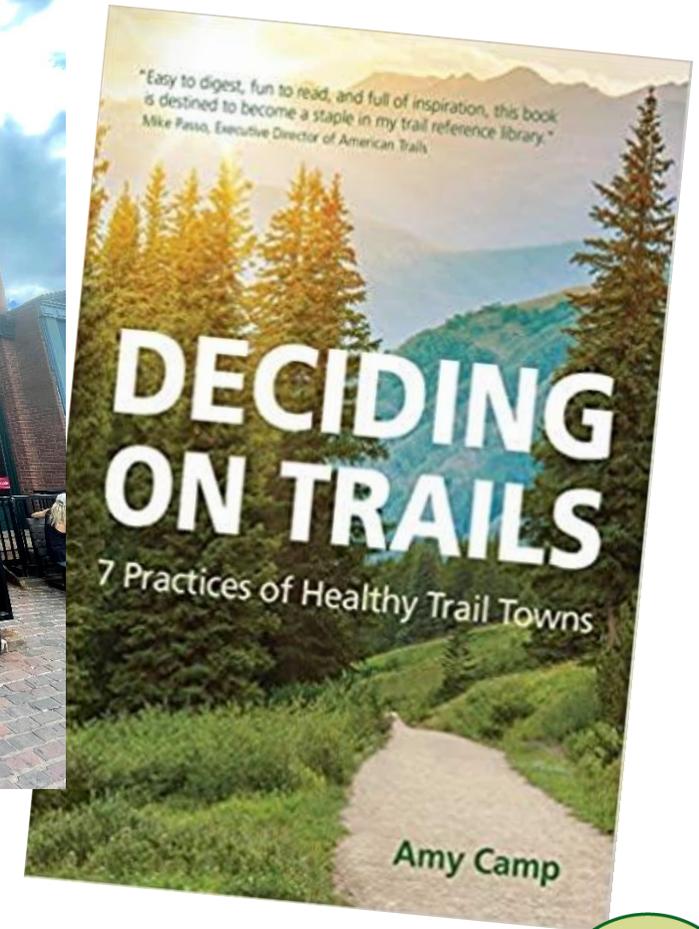
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# CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS TRAIL FORUM



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- Speaker – Amy Camp, Cycle Forward
- Interest from Rural Communities
- State Level Interest
- Ohio to Erie Trail Board Project Overlap



# PROJECT PARTNERS SUPPORT



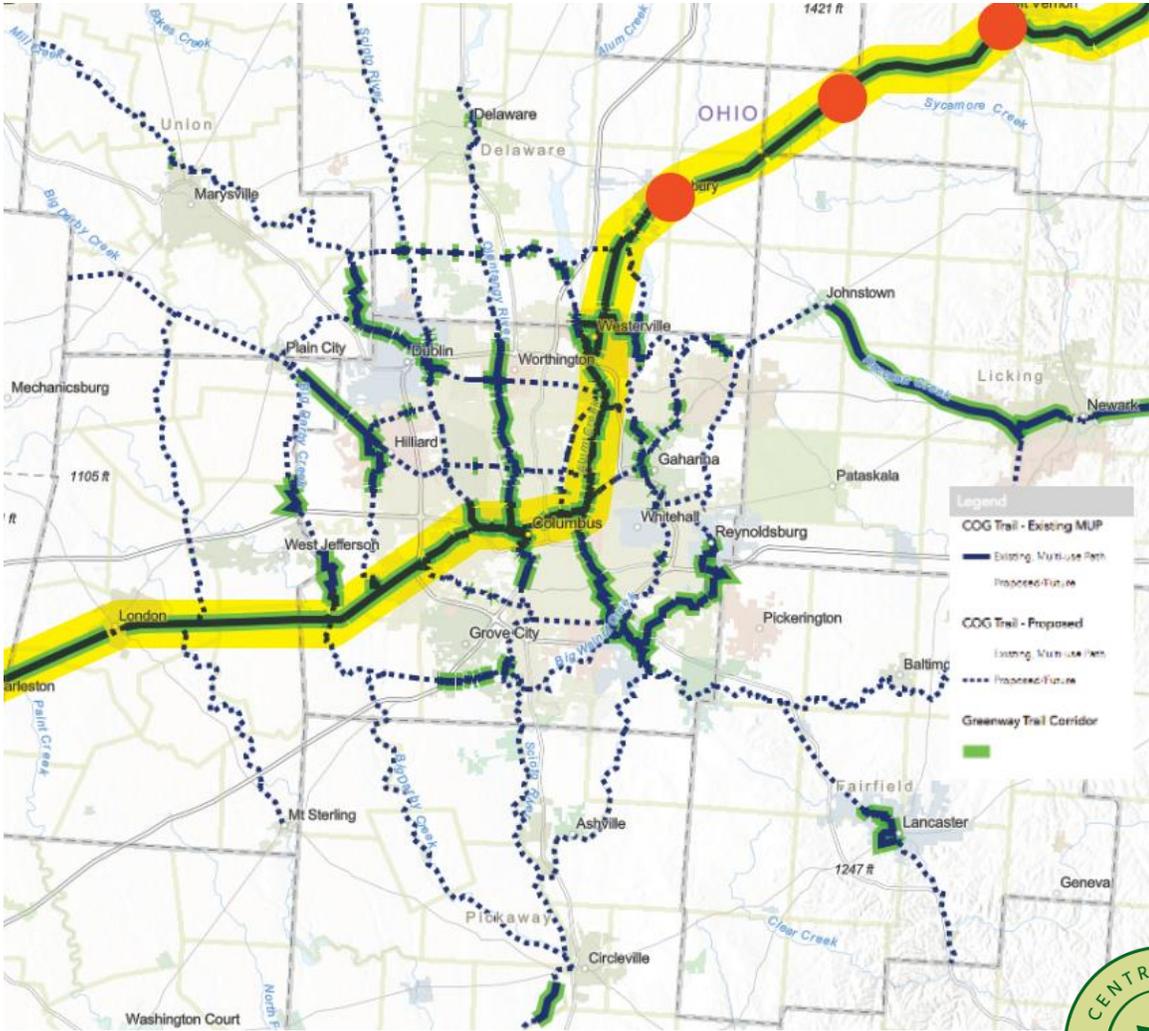
- The Columbus Foundation Green Funds
  - The Ohio to Erie Trail Board
  - Rails to Trails Conservancy
    - The Kokosing Gap Trail
    - The City of Mt Vernon
    - The Village of Galena
    - The Village of Sunbury
    - The Village of Centerburg
  - The Heart of Ohio Trail Board



# TRAIL TOWN FOCUS AREA



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# SCOPE: PURPOSE

to develop a framework for communities along the COG Trail network to identify and/or augment opportunities associated with **trail tourism** as well as general **active transportation** benefits.



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# SCOPE COMPONENTS

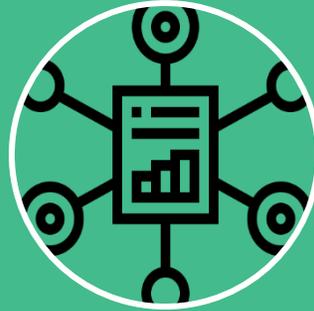


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## PART 1

- Asset inventory and trail town visioning



## PART 2

- Develop a general framework for a long-term trail town guide in Central Ohio



## PART 3

- Short-term local community implementation strategies



# THANK YOU!

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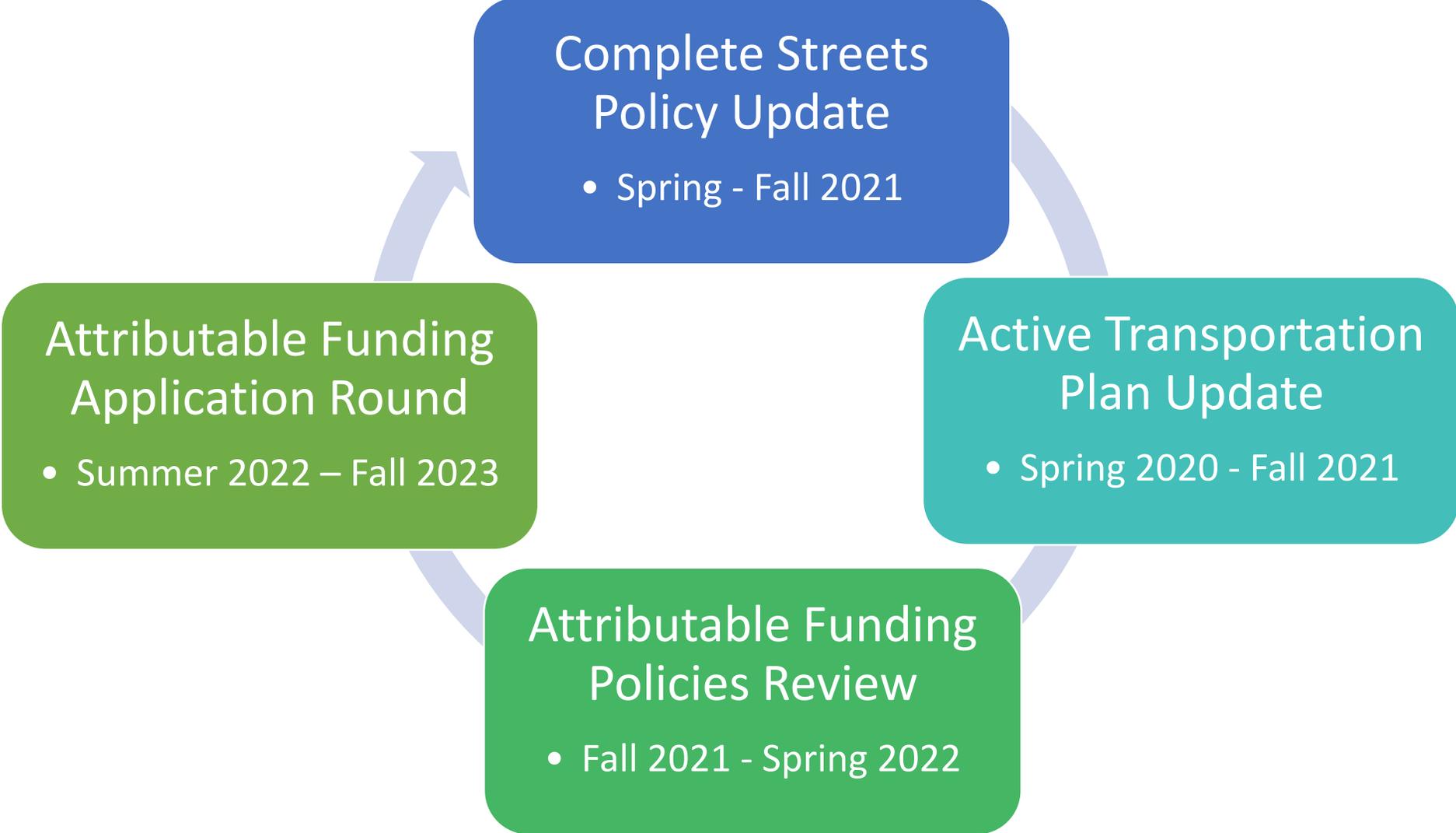
# Complete Streets Policy Update

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# Background



# Policy Revisions

## UPDATED POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Section 1. Definition
- Section 2. Background and Vision
- Section 3. Purpose
- Section 5. Applicability and Review Process
- Section 4. Policy
- Section 6. Appeal Process
- Section 7. Design
- Section 8. Implementation and Evaluation

[www.morpc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CS-Policy-Update\\_2021\\_FINAL-DRAFT\\_Clean.pdf](http://www.morpc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CS-Policy-Update_2021_FINAL-DRAFT_Clean.pdf)

## Next Steps

### FINAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Public Comment Period
  - Aug 30 thru October 22
- Informational Item for CAC, TAC, and Transportation Policy Committee:
  - CAC – August 30
  - TAC – October 6
  - TPC – October 14
- Final Presentation to CAC, TAC, and Transportation Policy Committee for Adoption:
  - CAC – November 1
  - TAC – November 3
  - TPC – November 10

[www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets/](http://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets/)

# MORPC-Attributable Funding



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- 2-Year Cycle
- Starts in Fall of odd years
- Current cycle 2021-2022
- Funding applications open Summer of even years
- Awards determined by Spring of odd years



# Active Transportation Plan Update

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# Technical Assistance Program 2.0

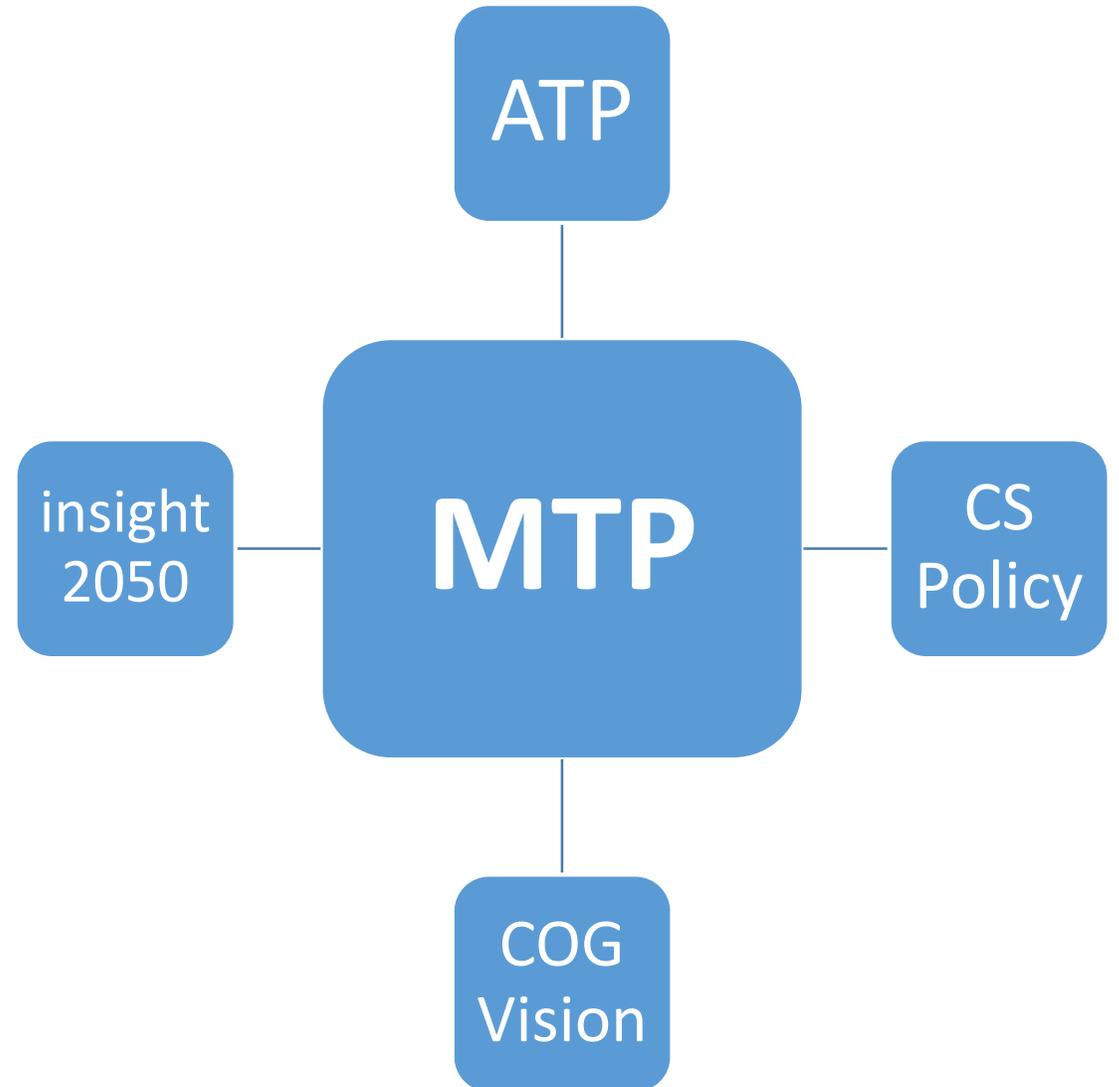
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# New Program Purpose

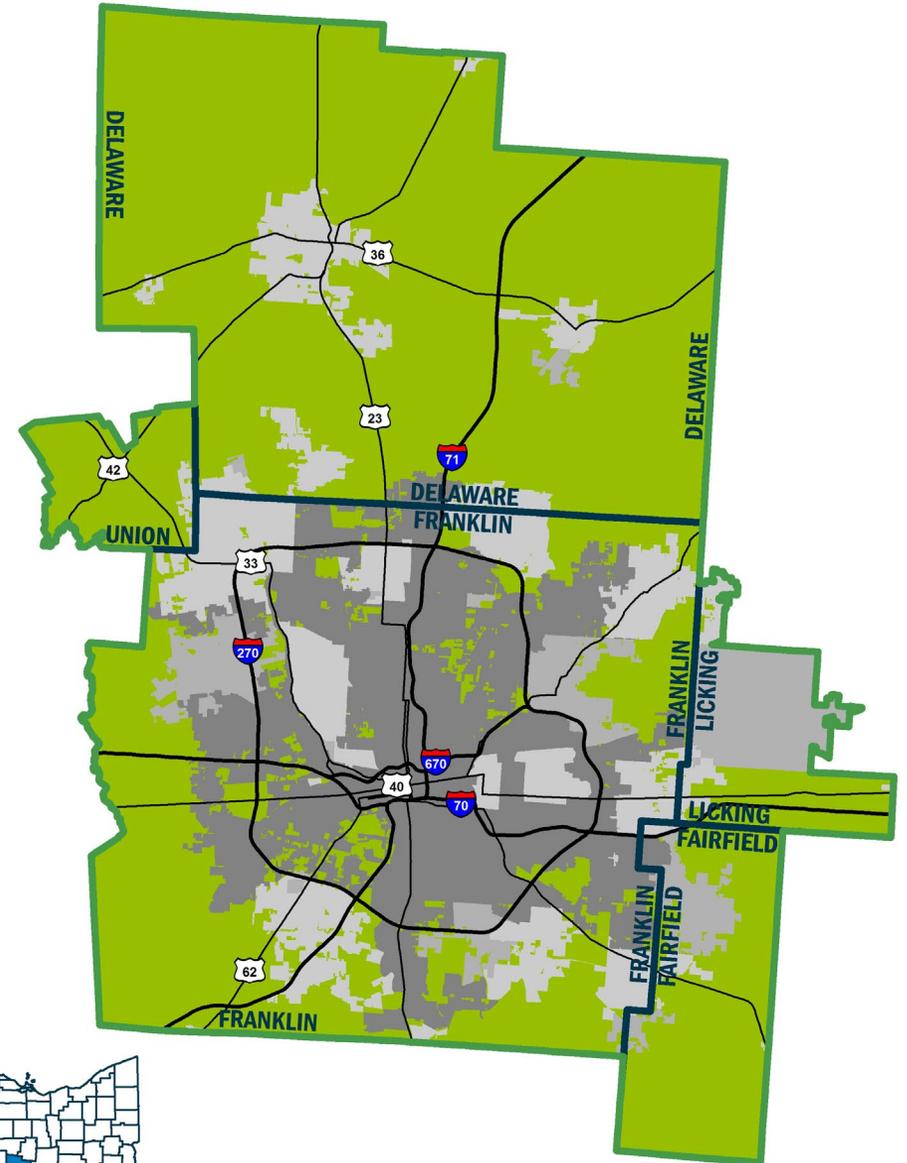
- New focus on **moving from plan/concept to project implementation**
- **Address regional goals** established in the MTP
- **Advance specific MTP strategies** focused on active transportation and transit infrastructure
- **Move toward annual program** with shorter project timeframes
- Requiring **more detailed scopes** of work for selected activities



# MORPC MPO Area

## Program Eligibility

- Local government member within the MPO
- Services requested are within the scope of the TA Program
- Application must meet threshold score
- Application must be complete (including signed letter of commitment)
- Application must be received prior to the application deadline



# Applicant Responsibilities

**Designation of staff  
time commitment and  
specific Project  
Manager**

**Provision of any  
relevant data or  
materials**

**Participation from  
relevant departments  
within the local agency**

**Regular  
communication with  
appropriate community  
stakeholders**

**Regularly scheduled  
check-ins with  
MORPC staff**

**Consistent and timely  
review of all materials  
submitted**

# Technical Assistance Activity Types



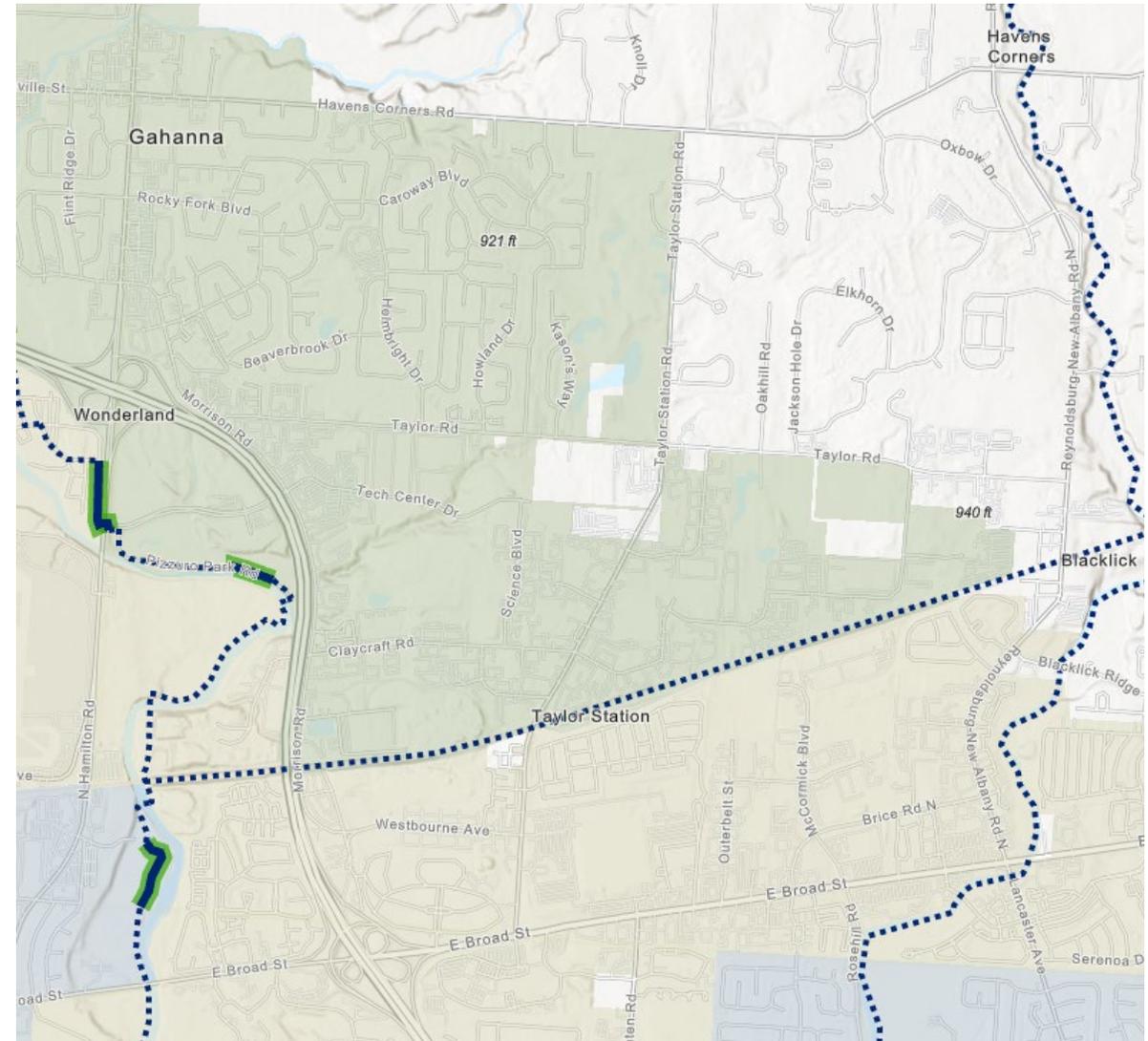
# Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement

## Activity Tasks:

- Review the COG Vision within jurisdiction
- Refine proposed trail facilities
- Develop strategy for prioritizing and implementing proposed facilities

## Activity Goal:

- Move COG Vision closer to implementation



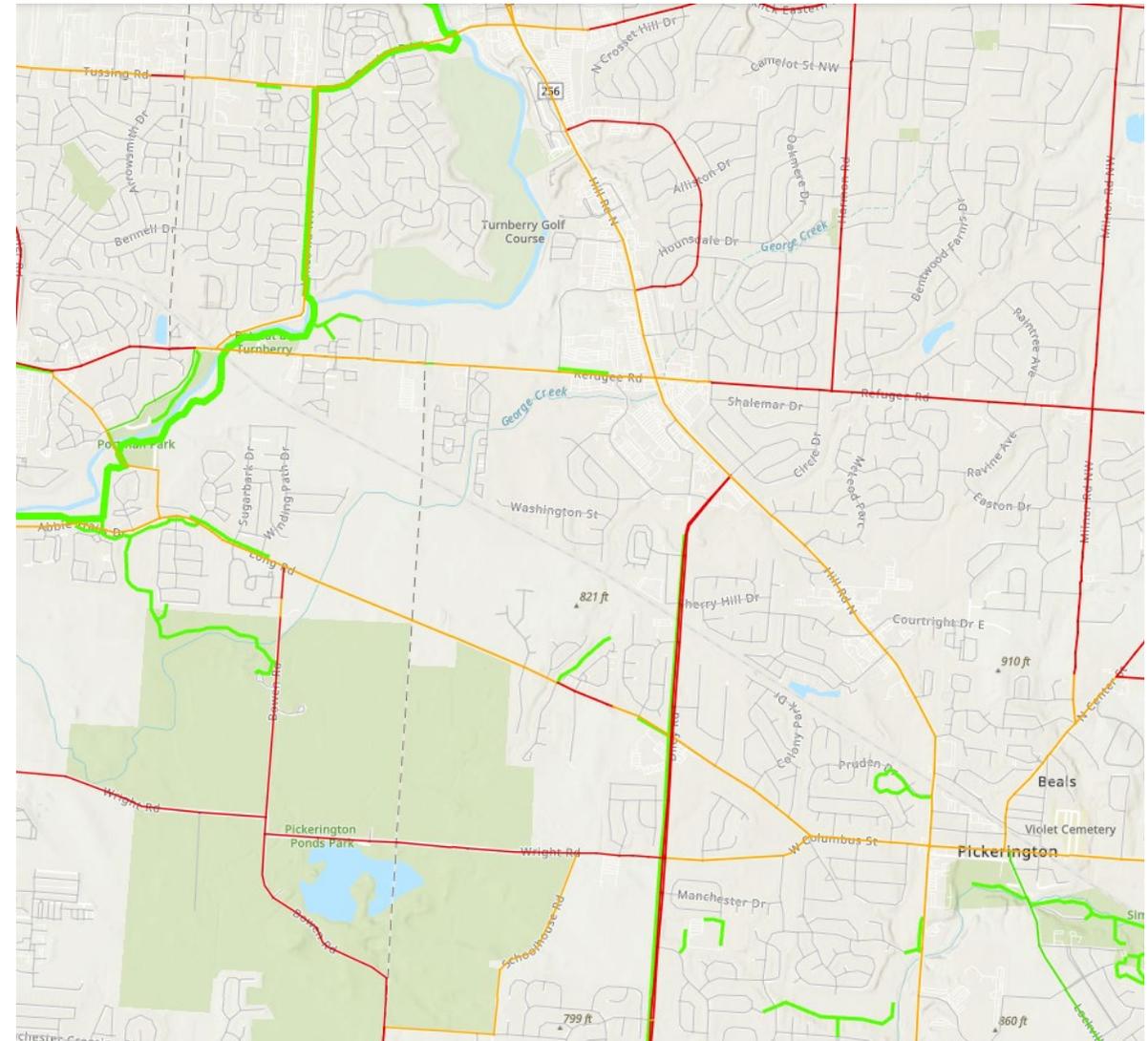
# Trail Access Improvements

## Activity Tasks:

- Review trail accessibility within jurisdiction
- Identify potential access improvements
- Develop strategy for prioritizing and implementing proposed improvements

## Activity Goal:

- Implement regional ATP and lessons learned from COG Trail Prioritization Study



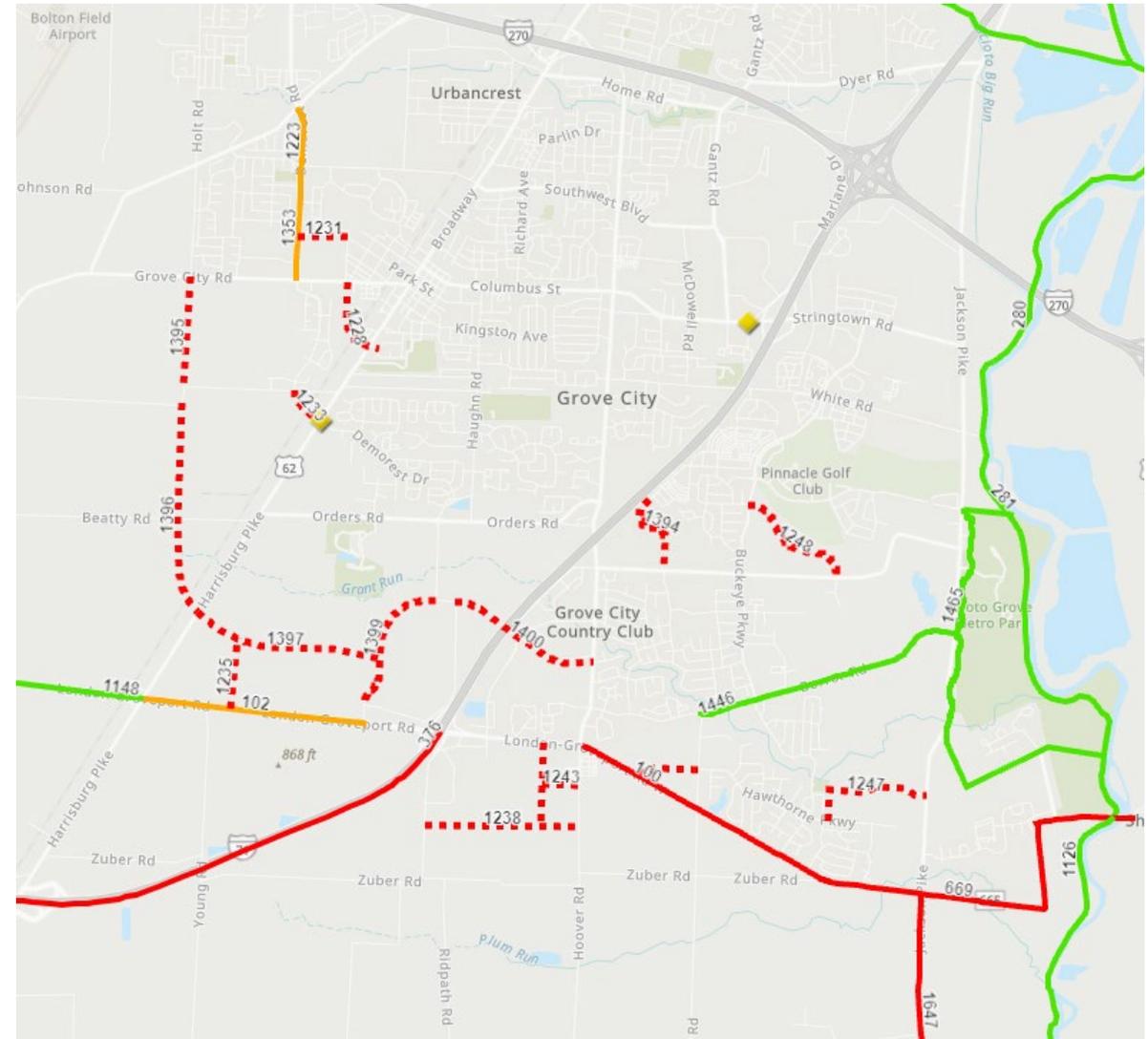
# Active Transportation Project Prioritization

## Activity Tasks:

- Review active transportation projects in the MTP within jurisdiction
- Review additional active transportation needs
- Refine potential projects for inclusion the next MTP update
- Develop strategy for prioritizing and implementing proposed improvements

## Activity Goal:

- Implement MTP and ATP



# Complete Streets Policy

## Activity Tasks:

- Review existing policies and standards established in community
- Establish relevant best practices and guidance
- Develop Complete Streets Policy

## Activity Goal:

- More local communities adopt CS Policies throughout the region

## Complete Streets Policies

Several Central Ohio communities have adopted their own Complete Streets policies, resolutions, or ordinances:

- [Columbus – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Delaware – Complete Streets Policy](#) \*
- [Franklin County – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Hilliard – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Gahanna – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Liberty Township – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Upper Arlington – Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Westerville – Complete Streets Resolution](#)
- [Worthington – Complete Streets Policy](#) \*

*\*Past TAP activities*

# Walk Audit

## Activity Tasks:

- Review pedestrian-involved crashes within a community
- Conduct a detailed walk audit at priority location
- Develop strategy for prioritizing and implementing improvements

## Activity Goal:

- Implement Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan (COTSP)



# Transit Oriented Development

## Activity Tasks:

- Assess local policies and codes within a community
- Identify potential changes for enabling transit-supportive development
- Develop strategy for implementing recommended changes

## Activity Goal:

- Implement active transportation and transit-supportive development



# Parameters for “Other” Activity Type

- Technical assistance should **focus on moving from plan/concept to project implementation.**
- Activity should align with:
  - Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP),
  - Active Transportation Plan (ATP), or
  - Central Ohio Greenways Vision.
- Applicant must **provide a detailed scope of work.**



# Application Details

## Required Documentation

- Applicant information
- Selected activity type
- Preferred scope of work
- Staff commitment
- Formal letter of commitment

## Application Criteria

- Proposed community objectives
- MTP strategies
- Implementing regional priorities
- Equity considerations
- Local commitment and collaboration
- Leveraging investment

# Important Dates



**October 19,  
2021**

- Review with ATC

**November  
2021**

- Review with CAC/TAC

**December 13,  
2021**

- Call for Projects
- Informational Webinar

**January 14,  
2022**

- Deadline to Submit Applications

**February 4,  
2022**

- Awardees Notified

# ATC 2022 Strategy



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## Meeting Schedule

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## Co-Chairs

*Current Co-Chairs:*

- Jennifer Alford
- Scott Ulrich

# ATC 2022 Strategy – Committee Chairs



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Two Chairs will be appointed within the ATC every two years beginning in 2022 with the new leadership recognized during the first meeting of the year.

The Chairs are expected to assist MORPC staff with developing agendas for and leading quarterly committee meetings, appoint Working Group chairs as needed, and report relevant ATC updates to TAC meetings on a quarterly basis.

# ATC 2022 Strategy – Working Groups



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- Working Groups may be formed to help reach the goals outlined in the Action Plan.
- The working groups will meet based on a schedule agreed upon by its members.
- The working groups will exist for project duration or until the ATC Chairs and Working Group chair deem necessary, whichever comes first.

## Potential Working Groups:

- Active Transportation Plan Implementation
- Complete Streets Policy Review (odd years)

# ATC Action Plan Review



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## Mission:

To **collaborate on** a regional level toward the development of a **safe, equitable, comfortable, and connected network** of active transportation facilities across Central Ohio that provides **access for people of all ages and abilities** to get to the places they need and want to go.

# ATC Action Plan Review



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## Goals:

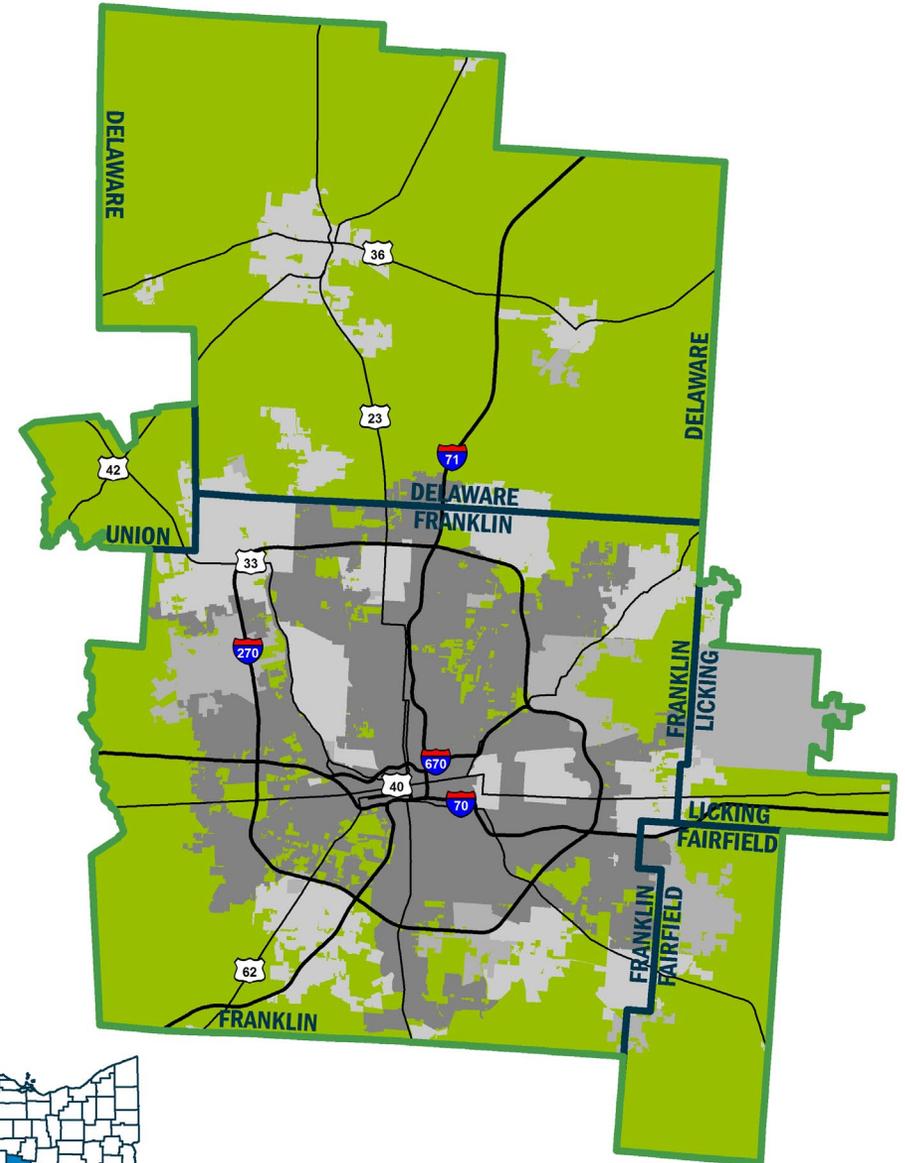
1. Advocate for and **pursue the implementation** of innovative and **low-stress active transportation infrastructure** throughout Central Ohio.
2. **Collaborate** on and coordinate efforts **to significantly reduce severe injuries and fatalities** for people walking and bicycling or using active transportation facilities throughout our region.
3. **Increase regional stakeholders' understanding** of the sustainability, economic, health, social, and transportation benefits of a connected active transportation network.

# ATC 2022 Strategy

## INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

- Planners, engineers, etc.
- Cities, villages, townships
- Public, private
- State, county agencies
- Who's missing from the table?

# MORPC MPO Area



# Member Roundtable



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# THANK YOU!

