NOTICE OF A MEETING

CORPO COMMITTEE MEETING
Hosted by: THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC)

To be held in-person at:
MORPC
111 Liberty St. Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43215
MORPC Boardroom

November 1st, 2021
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – CORPO Chair, Commissioner Mark Forrest *(Roster Enclosed)*

2. **Approval of May 2021 CORPO Meeting Minutes** *(Enclosed)*

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   f. Morrow County
   g. Marion County

8. **Other Business – Mike Borger**
   a. Member Services Update

9. **Adjourn**

PLEASE NOTIFY MIKE BORGER AT 804-525-0071 OR MBORGER@MORPC.ORG TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING OR IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

The next CORPO Committee Meeting is
March 21, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
CORPO Meeting Roster – November 1, 2021

CORPO Officers

Mark Forest, Madison County Commissioner - CORPO Chair
Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer - Vice Chair

CORPO Committee Members

Christiane Schmenk, Union County Commissioner
Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer
Bill Narducci, Union County Assistant Engineer
Jeff Gottke, Knox County Area Development Foundation, Inc.
Cameron Keaton, Knox County Engineer
Brian Ball, City of Mount Vernon Engineer
Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer
Mark Forest, Madison County Commissioner
David Kell, Madison County Economic Development
Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer
Ryan Scribner, Pickaway Progress Partnership
Anthony Neff, Pickaway County Deputy County Engineer
Andy Ware, Morrow County Development Director
Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer
Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner
James Mako, Fairfield County Planning
Ira Weiss, Fairfield Heritage Trail Association and Fairfield County Planning Commission
Rick Szabrabk, Fairfield County Economic Development Director
Gus Comstock, Marion Can Do
Scott Schertzer, Mayor, City of Marion
Jim Bishoff, Director, Marion County Public Works
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Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

CORPO Committee Meeting
11/1/2021

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Public Participation Plan

- Reaffirms original plan
- Better aligns with MORPC’s
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- Mobility Manager / Regional Coordinated Plan
- Transit Related Updates (COTA Connection, Union County Transit, Rickenbacker)
  - Union County Mobility Workshop Follow-Up
  - Business Advocacy Working Group
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- Resolution 3-21: Adopting Policies for Managing CORPO-Dedicated Funds (Enclosed)
  
  Details the application process and managing policy for CORPO Dedicated Funds program.

- Eligibility Information (Costs, Sponsors and Activities)
- Evaluation Criteria and Scoring
- CORPO Funds Selection Committee
- Public Involvement Process
- Selection and Award Process
- Maintaining Funding Commitments
- Application
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- TRAC Funding – Project Update
  - Madison Co I-70/SR-29 interchange - $7.5M for CO (FY22)
  - US-33/Pickerington Rd interchange - $1M for PE (FY22); $0.5M for DD (FY2023)
  - I-70/Taylor Rd Far East - $5M for PE (FY22)
  - US-23 Corridor Study - $2M for PE (FY23)
  - Knox Co SR-13 relocation – no funding recommended

PRIORITIZE

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Project Funding & Implementation

- Federal and State Funding Overview, Thea Ewing
  - State
    - RTPO Capital Program (State)
    - Transit Funding
  - Federal
    - Discretionary Grants
    - Potential for new Transportation Legislation from new Admin
  - Other (Relief Packages and ED related)
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CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP) Timeline

2021
- Review, update and adopt Public Involvement Plan

2022
- January – May: Review, Update, and adopt CTP goals and Objectives.
- January – July: Develop and adopt 2050 population and employment growth projections.
- June – September: Compile candidate strategies and projects.
- November – December: Strategy and project evaluation.

2023
- January – February: Full draft of CTP document.
- March – April: Public comment period for draft CTP.
- May: CTP Adoption

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ROUTE 23 CONNECT

- Columbus - Toledo Connections
- Options for Improvements in Delaware, Marion and Franklin Counties.

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WELCOME - WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!

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- All comments are a public record.
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- Please be respectful.
- We reserve the right to respond to questions in writing following the meeting.
- If there are no additional speakers, commenters are permitted to speak for an additional two (2) minutes.
- Commenters may follow-up in writing.
  - This is not a requirement and will not provide the verbal comments additional weight.

MEETING PARTICIPATION

SPEAK TO THE PROJECT TEAM
- Phone - call 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code: 4637
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    This feature is only available during the meeting.
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All comments carry equal weight, no matter how they are submitted.
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- Introductions
- Project Update
- Survey Results & Comments
- Purpose & Need
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MEET THE PROJECT TEAM

Anthony Turowski, ODOT Project Manager
Ryan Bush, Consultant Project Manager
Shannon Fergus, Public Engagement Lead
MKS
Chris Hermann, Public Engagement

STUDY OVERVIEW

WHAT
- Determine the feasibility of a free-flowing connection between the Columbus and Toledo Regions.
- Evaluate different options for improvements through Delaware County between Waldo in Marion County and I-270 in Franklin County.
  - Upgrade current U.S. 23
  - West of U.S. 23 (via U.S. 33)
  - East of U.S. 23 (via I-71)

PARTNERS
**ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

Each round will include:
- Technical Advisory Committee consultation
- Steering Committee Meeting
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Online Survey
- Overview Video

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**SURVEY RESULTS & COMMENTS**

How important do you feel each of the following goals are for U.S. 23? (1,841 responses)

- Improving traffic congestion
- Improving safety for all users
- Increasing connections to regional and national networks
- Increasing regional economic development
- Expanding transportation options (p.e. bike)

**SURVEY RESULTS & COMMENTS**

Which of the following statements best reflects your experience on U.S. 23? (2,004 responses)

- I travel to work or school on alternate routes
- I always use alternate routes due to congestion and/or safety issues on I-375
- I frequently use alternate routes because roads shift due to congestion and/or safety issues on U.S. 23
- 30% I occasionally choose alternate routes

Total Trips: 12,200
Through Trips: 40-50k

- 9%
- 18%
- 40%
- 27%
**SURVEY RESULTS & COMMENTS**

**Frequent Comment/Question:** What about telecommuting trend?

- Truck traffic is higher than pre-pandemic levels
- Car traffic is nearly back to pre-pandemic levels

**SURVEY RESULTS & COMMENTS**

**Frequent Comment/Question:** Why is this area being studied? What about other locations along U.S. 23?

- Only portion of corridor between Columbus and Toledo with signals and congestion
- ODOT is studying/upgrading other locations

**SURVEY RESULTS & COMMENTS**

**Frequent Comment/Question:** Is public transportation an option to reduce congestion?

- Region’s initiative to address current and future mobility needs
- Taking a holistic approach to high capacity rapid transit, multimodal transportation improvements, and other aligned community investments
- Learn more: www.LinkUScolumbus.com

**DISCUSSION**

Are the results consistent with how you/your organization views the corridor?

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PURPOSE & NEED

What it is

- Beginning step of transportation planning process (*pre-NEPA*)
- Provides a standard for evaluating the concepts

Status

- Draft document underway

DRAFT PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of this project is to enhance regional connectivity and mobility by creating a free-flowing connection between Waldo and I-270.

NEEDS

Reduce Travel Times

- Between Waldo and I-270

Improve Travel Time Reliability

- Travel time between Waldo & I-270 currently varies
  - Goal: it will typically take the same amount of time to travel the corridor every day
**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

**NEEDS (CON’T)**

- Improve safety
  - For regional trips
  - For local trips
- Reduce congestion
  - For regional trips
  - For local trips
- Consistency with local community goals
  - Reduce diversions to local roads

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- What are your thoughts on the Draft Purpose & Need statement?
- Does it reflect your needs?
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CONCEPTS SUMMARY

We are evaluating different options for improvements, including:

- West of U.S. 23 (2 concepts)
- East of U.S. 23 (3 concepts)
- Upgrade current U.S. 23 (1 concept)
- No improvements

Options will be evaluated based on the following metrics:

- Purpose & Need
- Potential Community Impacts
- Potential Natural & Cultural Resource Impacts
- Estimated Costs

DRAFT METRICS

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WEST CONCEPTS

- **W1**
  - New freeway from U.S. 23 to U.S. 33
  - Use U.S. 33 to connect to I-270

- **W2**
  - New freeway from U.S. 23 to U.S. 42
  - Upgraded U.S. 42 to U.S. 33
  - Use U.S. 33 to connect to I-270
**EAST CONCEPTS**

- New freeway from U.S. 23 to I-71
- Use I-71 to connect to I-270

**CENTRAL CONCEPTS**

- Upgrade U.S. 23:
  - 11 new/modified interchanges
  - Limited access w/ service roads
  - Additional through lanes

**DISCUSSION**

- Are we missing any metrics?
- Do you have initial thoughts on the concepts?

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SURVEY

• A survey will be available beginning on November 3rd:
  publicinput.com/23connect

• To get a paper copy of the survey, contact Anthony Turowski at 740-833-8186

• Survey open until December 13, 2021

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- 2021
  - Evaluate Needs
    - Public Meeting #1
  - Introduce Concepts
    - Public Meeting #2

- 2022
  - Evaluate Options
    - Public Meeting #3
  - Recommend Solutions
    - Public Meeting #4

April 2022
Times and locations TBD

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?
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RESOURCES

- 2021 Annual Salary & Fringe Benefits Survey
- What You Need to Know About Ransomware
- Central Ohio Employer Telework Policy Guide
RESOURCES

HOW MANY MORE HOUSEHOLDS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT?

LINK

DATA BY ZIP CODE

SOLSMART TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

MORPC is Hosting Free Virtual Training for SolSmart:

November 9 from 1:00pm-3:00pm
• What: Solar PV and Storage Safety
• Who: Fire and/or safety staff, and community representatives

Contact Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer, bwhetstone@morpc.org for more information.
EVENTS

SUPPLY HEADWINDS FOR HOME BUILDING

HOSTED BY:
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS (CURA) &
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC)

Wednesday, November 15, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Event

SPEAKER:
ROBERT DIETZ: Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Economics and Housing Policy for the National Association of Home Builders

EVENTS

OHIO SUNSHINE LAWS & OPEN MEETING RULES TRAINING

Wednesday, November 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Virtual Event

SPEAKER:
Bridget Coontz | Section Chief – Constitutional Offices Section
Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost
Office number: 614-728-2035

Learn about Ohio’s Public Records and Open meeting laws which public officials must follow to ensure open government processes.

Register by emailing eleuby@morpc.org.
REGIONAL COLLABORATION SOUTHEAST AREA

Tuesday, November 30, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Wagnalls Library-Community Rm
122 S. Columbus St., Lithopolis, OH

Register by emailing: eleuby@morpc.org

PARK LAND DONATION CONSIDERATIONS

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Virtual Event

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   b. Route 23 Connect, Anthony Turovski, ODOT
   c. Madison County Access Management / Thoroughfare Plan
   d. Knox / Morrow Freeway Access Study
   e. Union County Industrial Parkway Project

7. CORPO Member / Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion
   a. Fairfield County
   b. Knox County
   c. Pickaway County
   d. Union County
   e. Madison County
   f. Morrow County
   g. Marion County

8. Other Business – Mike Borger
   a. Member Services Update

9. Adjourn

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