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**MORPC-Attributable Funding Proposed Projects
for
State Fiscal Years 2024 to 2029**

**Draft Recommendations
for Public Review & Comment until
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Introduction

This document provides a draft listing of projects proposed to receive federal transportation funding attributable to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). In accordance with the *Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Federal Funding*, updated in May 2022, MORPC solicited applications for MORPC-attributable federal funding and developed the draft funding recommendations included in this document. As part of the process, MORPC convened the Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) to review the funding requests and propose these recommendations. Additional information on the *Policies* and the application procedures is available on MORPC's website at <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/morpc-attributable-funding-for-transportation/>.

This listing is available for public review and comment at <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/morpc-attributable-funding-for-transportation/> until February 8, 2023. Questions and comments can be emailed to TIP@morpc.org or by calling 614-228-2663. Written comments can be mailed to the attention of:

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All comments must be submitted by 5 p.m., February 8, 2023.

The AFC will review comments received and may modify its recommendations, if necessary, prior to finalizing them. MORPC's Transportation Policy Committee is expected to officially adopt the final recommendations during its March 9, 2023 meeting, with any changes the AFC may approve, at its meeting on February 15, 2023. The adopted funding commitments in a State Fiscal Year (SFY) prior to 2028 will be incorporated into the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Background

In 2021, Congress adopted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or the IIJA. This law reauthorized the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) [formerly the Surface Transportation Program], the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and it also authorized the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). A portion of the STBG, TAP, and CRP program funds are allocated to MORPC by the IIJA. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) also sub-allocates a small amount of their portion of these funds to MORPC. Additionally, ODOT has historically sub-allocated CMAQ funds to MORPC. Because of IIJA and the ODOT policy, MORPC can make approximately \$89 million available to the central Ohio region every two years: \$52 million for STBG, \$25 million for CMAQ¹, \$6 million for TAP, and \$6 million for CRP. MORPC's program depends upon the continuation of federal funding and ODOT's policy.

MORPC has established a competitive evaluation process to determine which of the projects submitted will receive funding. The process is conducted once every two years. MORPC solicited requests for funding in the summer of 2022. MORPC staff and the AFC evaluated and made the recommendations for funding listed in this document using criteria that MORPC had established previously.

¹ CMAQ funding is distributed through a committee of the eight large Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organizations. This process of selecting projects was done in conjunction with the statewide committee. The amount of CMAQ funding forecasted to be available for projects selected by MORPC are assumed to be equivalent to its historical share.

Report Organization

The intent of this report is to provide basic project information in a format understandable by anyone interested in surface transportation improvements. The report includes a summary of the total funding proposed, a brief overview of the evaluation and selection process, and a set of tables and maps as described below.

Table 1. Updated Previous Funding Commitments (pages 5 and 6)

The projects in this table are ones to which MORPC has previously committed funding but that still have phases to complete in SFY 2023 or later. This table includes the project's map ID number, the ODOT Project ID number (PID), the sponsoring agency, a brief description of the project, the total future project costs, and the proposed future funding commitment.

Table 2. Proposed New Funding Commitments Table (pages 7 and 8)

The applications in this table are ones to which MORPC is proposing to make new funding commitments. This table includes the project's map ID number, the sponsoring agency, a brief description of the project, the total project costs, the amount requested, and the proposed funding commitment.

Table 3. New Applications Not Proposed for Funding Table (page 9)

The applications in this table are ones to which no MORPC funding is proposed. This table includes the project's map ID number, the sponsoring agency, a brief description of the project, the total project costs, and the amount requested.

Project Location Maps

The last section includes two maps of the projects that have defined locations. The first map shows the projects in Table 1. The second map shows all of the requests in Table 2.

Summary

Approximately \$345 million in attributable funding is forecasted to be available for SFYs 2024 to 2029. In total, MORPC received applications for 42 new funding requests.

The proposed AFC recommendations provide funding for 34 projects/programs to which MORPC previously had committed funding. For these, the proposal is to provide the funding requested in their updated application. Total funding for these 34 projects/programs is approximately \$178 million. The AFC also proposed funding for 23 new projects while not proposing funding for 19 projects because of a lack of available funding. The following table summarizes the MORPC-attributable funding program proposal.

Summary of Draft Funding Recommendations

	MORPC Funding (1,000s)
Projects with Previous Commitments	\$178,065
Projects with New Commitments	\$148,028
Total Proposed for Funding	\$326,093
Total from New Commitments Not Fully Funded	\$39,065
Total Projects Not Proposed for Funding	\$116,670
Total for All Requests	\$481,828

Overview of the Evaluation and Selection Process

The entire procedure for selecting projects for MORPC-attributable funding, including the application process and selection criteria, is outlined in the *Policies*, which can be found on MORPC's website <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/morpc-attributable-funding-for-transportation/>.

The *Policies* state that MORPC will use its funding to provide funding for a variety of different categories of projects which are:

- Roadway Capacity/Operational Changes – Projects that increase the motor-vehicle capacity of the regional transportation system or result in operational changes comprise this category. Examples include the addition of through lanes to a facility, new roadways, intersection modifications (such as the addition of turn lanes and/or traffic signals or construction of a roundabout), the addition of a center left-turn lane to a corridor, intelligent transportation systems, and any traffic signal infrastructure modifications (including equipment upgrades) that will result in operational changes to motor vehicle traffic.

- System Preservation – This category includes projects that are solely replacement or maintenance of existing roadway infrastructure without resulting in operational changes to motor vehicle traffic. Examples include bridge maintenance and replacements, and pavement preservation, resurfacing or rehabilitation. The maintenance or replacement of traffic signal infrastructure may be considered for this category only if it will not result in operational changes to motor vehicle traffic. For example, replacement of signal infrastructure with improved communications capabilities would likely be considered in the Minor category.

- Bike and Pedestrian – This category includes any activity that primarily benefits bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Examples include installing or modifying multi-use paths, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, provided that they are not part of a roadway modification project. It also includes funding requests for education, encouragement, enforcement, and other activities to promote non-motorized modes of transportation.

- Transit – This category includes any activity that primarily benefits public transportation. Examples include transit vehicle replacements, park and rides, transit centers, enhanced bus stops, capital projects related to new or expanded service, streetcar, bus rapid transit, or rail transit.

- Interchange/Freeway – Projects which are constructing a new interchange or modifying an existing interchange or other component of a freeway project and the benefits generally are focused on improving travel on the freeway system as opposed to the local system.

If a funding request does not fit in any of the above, it falls into an “other” category. These may be education or enforcement activities, non-transit engine retrofits, and alternative fuels projects, etc. The determination of whether to fund these requests are made on a case-by-case basis. No projects fell into the other category during the most recent evaluation process.

The evaluation of the projects was completed to determine the best projects in each category according to the criteria outlined in the *Policies*. The AFC then used this information to propose funding across the categories. Within the guidelines outlined in the *Policies*, the AFC has discretion in determining the amount of funding to provide for each category or project.

The applications, evaluations and other materials used by the AFC in developing the recommendations are available upon request.

Table 1. Updated Previous Funding Commitments – State Fiscal Year 2024 and Beyond

Map ID	ODOT PID	Agency	Project Description	Total Project Costs	Updated MORPC Funding Commitment	Proposed Construction SFY	Activity Category
718	105732	Columbus	Cassady Ave from CSX Railroad to north of E 7th Ave, Minor Widening	\$13,601,473	\$11,009,751	2024	Roadway Capacity
929	105734	Columbus	E Broad St from I-270 to Outerbelt St, Major Widening	\$22,104,104	\$11,975,596	2024	Roadway Capacity
3253	105768	Whitehall	E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification	\$6,127,999	\$5,055,577	2023	Roadway Capacity
3278	105759	Franklin County	Trabue Road (Lake Shore Drive to Riverside Drive)	\$12,822,877	\$9,499,581	2024	Roadway Capacity
3836	114254	Columbus	SR-161 at Parkville/Spring Run, Intersection modification	\$11,098,551	\$1,127,170	2023	Roadway Capacity
3844	115646	Columbus	E. Broad Street, Outerbelt Street to Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road	\$24,425,561	\$1,360,000	NA	Roadway Capacity
3845	115566	Delaware County TID	DEL-TR114-01.93 Orange Road under CSX/NS Grade Separation	\$27,169,310	\$8,387,599	2026	Roadway Capacity
3846	115797	Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161), from Ambleside Drive to Maple Canyon Avenue	\$21,186,408	\$13,403,607	2026	Roadway Capacity
3847	115768	Columbus	Sancus Boulevard, from Worthington Woods Boulevard to Lazelle Road	\$16,678,965	\$10,034,556	2027	Roadway Capacity
3852	115179	Franklin County TID	SR 161 and Linworth Road Improvements	\$9,631,150	\$7,138,600	2026	Roadway Capacity
3276	105739	Delaware County	Red Bank Rd from Smothers Rd to Gorsuch Rd, Resurfacing	\$1,504,845	\$872,907	2024	System Preservation
3280	105806	Powell	Sawmill Pkwy from Seldom Seen Rd to Home Rd, Resurfacing	\$0	\$755,867	NA	System Preservation
3592	NP	Columbus	Concrete Bus Pad Upgrades, , Reconstruction	\$1,553,644	\$1,068,399	2025	System Preservation
3593	113309	Columbus	SR 161 at Huntley/Sinclair, Signalization	\$826,668	\$701,668	2023	System Preservation

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Table 1 Continued - Updated Previous Funding Commitments – State Fiscal Year 2024 and Beyond

Map ID	ODOT PID	Agency	Project Description	Total Project Costs	Updated MORPC Funding Commitment	Proposed Construction SFY	Activity Category
3594	111991	Upper Arlington	Fishinger Rd from Riverside Dr. to 400 feet west of Mountview Rd, Reconstruction	\$10,033,312	\$5,505,857	2024	System Preservation
3849	115410	Columbus	Downtown Signals, Rich Street Signal Replacements	\$2,880,412	\$2,125,422	2025	System Preservation
3850	115411	Franklin County	East Cooke Road Phase 1	\$6,188,231	\$3,055,930	2026	System Preservation
3289	112116	COTA	Corridor Initiative - Project Development and Right-of-Way	TBD	\$7,520,000	NA	Transit
Multiple	Multiple	Columbus	I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Bike/Ped), Major Widening/Interchange Modification	\$358,825,457	\$13,652,567	TBD	Bike & Pedestrian
3283	105736	Columbus	Souder Ave from W Broad St to Dublin Rd, Multi-Use Path	\$6,220,471	\$3,904,938	2023	Bike & Pedestrian
3595	112036	Columbus	Olentangy Trail from Northmoor Park to Clinton Como Park, Multi-use path	\$9,718,075	\$5,417,132	2024	Bike & Pedestrian
3851	116785	Columbus	Big Walnut Trail - Little Turtle to Cherrybottom Park/Alum Creek Trail	\$9,953,067	\$5,572,703	2025	Bike & Pedestrian
1946	88310	Dublin	I-270 at US-33/SR-161, Interchange Modification	\$0	\$17,982,619	NA	Interchange/Other
3089	98232	Columbus	Brice Road, from Chantry Drive to south of Channingway Boulevard	\$98,705,369	\$15,000,000	2024	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Paving the Way Program	\$350,000	\$350,000	NA	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Air Quality Awareness, Air Quality Project	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	NA	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	in insight2050, Technical Assistance Program	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	NA	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Gohio, Ridesharing	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	NA	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Supplemental Planning, Planning Activity	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	NA	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	MORPC	Misc TBD Planning Activities	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	NA	Interchange/Other
Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	Misc. STP/TAP/CMAQ for SFY23 without Update	\$637,406	\$637,406	NA	Interchange/Other
				\$518,461,800	\$95,674,575		

Table 2. Proposed New Funding Commitments

Map ID	Agency	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Requested MORPC Funding	Proposed MORPC Funding	Proposed Construction SFY	Activity Category
111	Franklin County	Cassady Avenue (I-670 to Agler Road)	\$14,815,246	\$10,189,663	\$10,189,663	2028	Roadway Capacity
115	Columbus	SR-161 at Busch BLVD & Ambleside DR	\$18,422,274	\$14,737,819	\$11,053,364	2028	Roadway Capacity
110	Franklin County TID	Alum Creek Drive (SR 317 to Groveport Road)	\$46,114,994	\$13,834,498	\$8,500,000	2028	Roadway Capacity
119	Columbus	E Broad St from Outerbelt St to Reynoldsburg New Albany Rd, Major widening	\$21,484,017	\$15,827,213	\$7,913,607	2025	Roadway Capacity
108	Franklin County	Ferris Road (Karl Road to Westerville Road)	\$5,929,577	\$4,743,662	\$4,583,380	2028	Roadway Capacity
101	Columbus	Hilliard Rome Road at Renner Road	\$9,368,594	\$7,494,875	\$3,747,438	2029	Roadway Capacity
114	Delaware County TID	Sunbury Parkway, Phase B & C	\$30,121,920	\$5,444,187	\$3,000,000	2027	Roadway Capacity
112	Fairfield County	Refugee Road Intersection Safety Improvement Project	\$4,047,164	\$1,461,215	\$750,000	2024	Roadway Capacity
118	Upper Arlington	Zollinger Road Mobility and Safety Improvement Project	\$5,490,586	\$4,392,469	\$3,294,352	2027	Roadway Capacity
203	Bexley	Livingston Avenue, from IR-70 to Kellner Road	\$20,742,476	\$16,593,981	\$16,593,981	2029	System Preservation
201	Columbus	17th Avenue, from IR-71 to Billiter Boulevard	\$8,377,443	\$6,701,955	\$6,701,955	2028	System Preservation
205	Licking County TID	Etna- Pike St (Licking County TID)	\$8,800,979	\$6,960,804	\$2,684,877	2024	System Preservation
204	Delaware	SR 37 (East Central) Preservation Project	\$7,346,889	\$4,885,681	\$2,540,554	2027	System Preservation
304	COTA	LinkUS W Broad BRT Corridor Construction	TBD	\$13,100,000	\$13,100,000	2027	Transit

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Table 2. Continued - Proposed New Funding Commitments

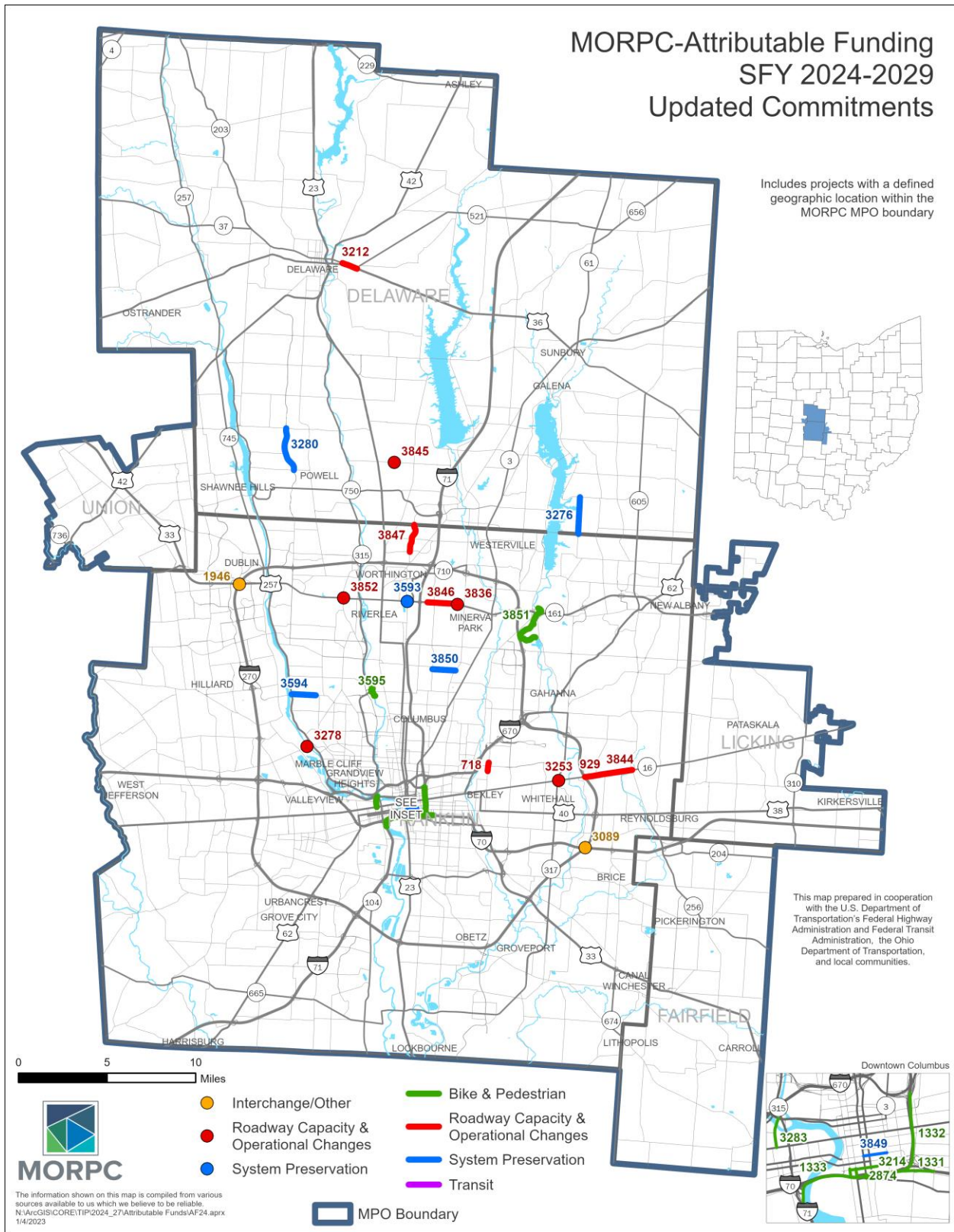
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415	Columbus	Big Walnut Trail--Refugee Road to East Main Street	\$10,849,325	\$7,483,914	\$7,483,914	2027	Bike & Pedestrian
403	Columbus	Sullivant Avenue SUP	\$5,166,691	\$4,133,352	\$4,133,352	2028	Bike & Pedestrian
402	Columbus	McNaughten Road SUP	\$9,793,131	\$7,834,505	\$7,834,505	2028	Bike & Pedestrian
407	Franklin County	Dublin Road Shared-Use Path (Quarry Trails Metro Park to Limestone Ridge Drive)	\$12,939,311	\$10,351,449	\$10,351,449	2028	Bike & Pedestrian
405	Metro Parks	Scioto Trail Bridge Over State Route 104 as part of the Scioto Greenway Trail Extension	\$11,084,282	\$8,867,426	\$7,980,683	2027	Bike & Pedestrian
404	Hilliard	Cemetery Road / I-270 Trail Overpass and Safety Improvements (CIP T-162)	\$9,857,940	\$7,886,352	\$7,097,717	2027	Bike & Pedestrian
411	Whitehall	Fairway Boulevard Multi-Use Path	\$4,866,093	\$3,521,679	\$3,169,511	2027	Bike & Pedestrian
418	Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161) SUP	\$6,130,796	\$4,532,299	\$2,266,149	2028	Bike & Pedestrian
401	Columbus	Cassady Avenue SUP	\$7,643,002	\$6,114,402	\$3,057,201	2028	Bike & Pedestrian
			\$279,392,731	\$187,093,400	\$148,027,652		

Table 3: New Applications Not Proposed for Funding

Map ID	Agency	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Requested MORPC Funding	Activity Category
105	Delaware	SR 37 & US 42 (East Central & Lake) Intersection Improvements	\$10,037,390	\$6,674,864	Roadway Capacity
107	Grove City	North Meadows Dr. to Haughn Rd. Connector Roadway with I-71 Overpass	\$37,317,099	\$12,356,004	Roadway Capacity
109	Franklin County	Brown Road (Frank Road to Hopkins Avenue)	\$7,817,010	\$6,253,608	Roadway Capacity
106	Pataskala	Broad Street (State Route 16) - Downtown Pataskala Improvement Project	\$15,777,236	\$11,673,789	Roadway Capacity
102	Columbus	Refugee Road at Hines Road	\$9,718,305	\$6,351,394	Roadway Capacity
104	Columbus	Roberts Road at Frazell Road & Spindler Road	\$6,234,219	\$4,987,375	Roadway Capacity
208	Delaware County	Smothers Road Improvements	\$4,400,950	\$2,577,637	System Preservation
206	Galena	Walnut Creek Trail Bridge Replacement	\$549,003	\$384,302	System Preservation
207	Upper Arlington	Redding Road Resurfacing Project	\$1,277,509	\$929,098	System Preservation
301	Columbus	CTSS for Northwest Corridor	\$5,605,480	\$5,405,480	Transit
303	COTA	COTA Electrification Initiative Vehicles	\$31,000,000	\$29,058,160	Transit
305	COTA	LinkUS Alternative Analysis for Corridors #4 and 5	\$2,200,000	\$1,760,000	Transit
302	COTA	COTA Electrification Initiative_Grid	\$9,108,800	\$7,287,040	Transit
413	Worthington	East Wilson Bridge Road Shared Use Path	\$4,500,720	\$3,600,576	Bike & Pedestrian
412	Gahanna	Big Walnut Trail Section 8 - City of Gahanna	\$2,072,713	\$1,554,171	Bike & Pedestrian
408	Delaware	Mingo to Olentangy Trail Connector	\$6,483,888	\$4,538,722	Bike & Pedestrian
414	Worthington	Worthington Mile - Phase 1	\$3,159,619	\$2,527,695	Bike & Pedestrian
406	Franklin County	Hubbard Road Shared-Use Path (U.S. 40 to I-70)	\$6,677,887	\$4,951,916	Bike & Pedestrian
409	Metro Parks	Olentangy River Trail Extension	\$4,747,614	\$3,798,100	Bike & Pedestrian
			\$168,685,442	\$116,669,930	

MORPC-Attributable Funding SFY 2024-2029 Updated Commitments

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