



STATUS UPDATE & UPCOMING MILESTONES

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WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?

- Identifies regional transportation strategies and projects
- Long-range (20+ years)
- Fiscally constrained
- Formal document submitted to ODOT and USDOT every 4 years



WHY IS THE MTP IMPORTANT?

- **Central Ohio is growing**
 - Demographics are changing
 - Development is changing
 - Demands on the transportation system are changing
- **Transportation projects must be on MTP to be eligible for federal funding**
 - Formula & Discretionary (BIL)
 - Guides the work of MORPC and regional and local planning partners



By guiding investment in transportation and mobility infrastructure and services in Central Ohio, the MTP identifies strategies to advance the following six goals:



Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.



Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.



Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.



Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.



Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.



Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.



CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

- **2050 Population and Employment Forecasts**
 - Where will people live and work in 2050?
 - Distribute Control Totals to Traffic Analysis Zones
- **Compile Candidate Projects**
 - Review local, state, regional plans
- **Develop Project Evaluation Criteria**
 - Based on objectives and performance measures
 - Which projects will best advance goals?





PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Why do we need evaluation criteria?**
 - MTP is fiscally constrained
 - All identified project needs not cost feasible by 2050
- **How do we identify included projects?**
 - Based on objectives and performance measures
 - Which projects best advance established goals?
 - Mostly quantitative, some qualitative
 - Projects evaluated against other projects of same type only
- **Changes being considered with this MTP development:**
 - Streamline evaluation of stand-alone active transportation projects to fulfill established targets
 - Coordination with LinkUS in high-capacity transit corridor evaluation



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