MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION T-14-26:

ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CENTRAL OHIO CANDIDATE PROJECTS SUBMITTED IN 2025 FOR TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC) FUNDING



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TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)



Role of TRAC – Commits ODOT funding for the Major New Capacity Program

Major New Capacity Program – Large projects over $12 million that increase capacity / reduce congestion, and support economic development

- **Eligible Projects:**
  - New interchanges or interchange modifications
  - New bypasses for state highways / interstates
  - Major transit facilities
- **Ineligible Projects:**
  - Bus / rolling stock purchases
  - Resurfacings or turning lane improvements
  - Local road and bridge improvements
  - Stand-alone bike and pedestrian projects

Role of MPOs and RTPOs – Provide local project prioritization recommendation to TRAC

2026 TRAC Changes



Restrictions – Only project development requests for existing projects

- No new project funding requests
- No funding requests for construction

Timeline – Shortened cycle time compared to prior years

- Applications typically submitted in May, now late June to early July
- Final list typically posted in January, now December

Changes to the Prioritization Process

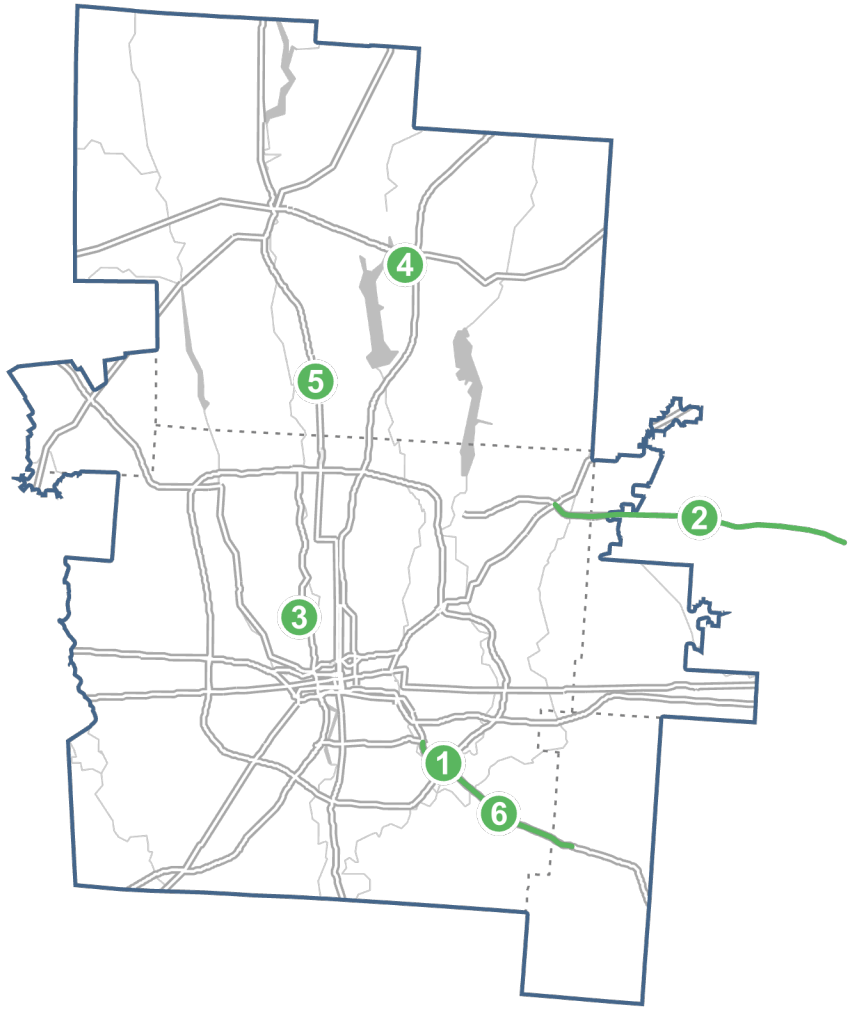
- MORPC's project prioritization evaluation scoring will be based on prior cycles
  - Five of six applications submitted in 2025, one other submitted in 2024
  - Evaluation methodology did not change from 2025 to 2024
  - Previous evaluation scores are still current and are comparable

2026 TRAC CYCLE TIMELINE

	ACTIVITY	DATE
☑	Application period	June 26 – July 17
☑	CAC/TAC presentations – TRAC applications and MPO Prioritization Process	Aug 3 and Aug 5
☑	Public comment period for MORPC prioritization process	Through August 31
→ ☐	CAC/TAC presentations – MORPC priorities recommendation	Aug 31 and Sept 2
☐	MPO Board resolution and approval	Sept 10
☐	TRAC regional public hearing	Sept 9
☐	TRAC discussion on funding recommendations	Oct 14
☐	TRAC vote on draft project list	Nov 10
☐	TRAC vote on final project list	Dec 16

2026 MORPC TRAC Applications

Map ID	Project	Applicant	TRAC Request
1	I-270 at US 33 Interchange (Southeast)	ODOT District 6	$15.0M
2	SR 161 Widening	ODOT District 5	$10.0M
3	SR 315 at Lane Avenue	City of Columbus	$4.1M
4	Sunbury Parkway Phase C	ODOT District 6	$3.0M
5	US 23 at Orange Road / Parkway Drive	ODOT District 6	$1.0M
6	US 33 Widening (Southeast Corridor)	ODOT District 6	$6.0M

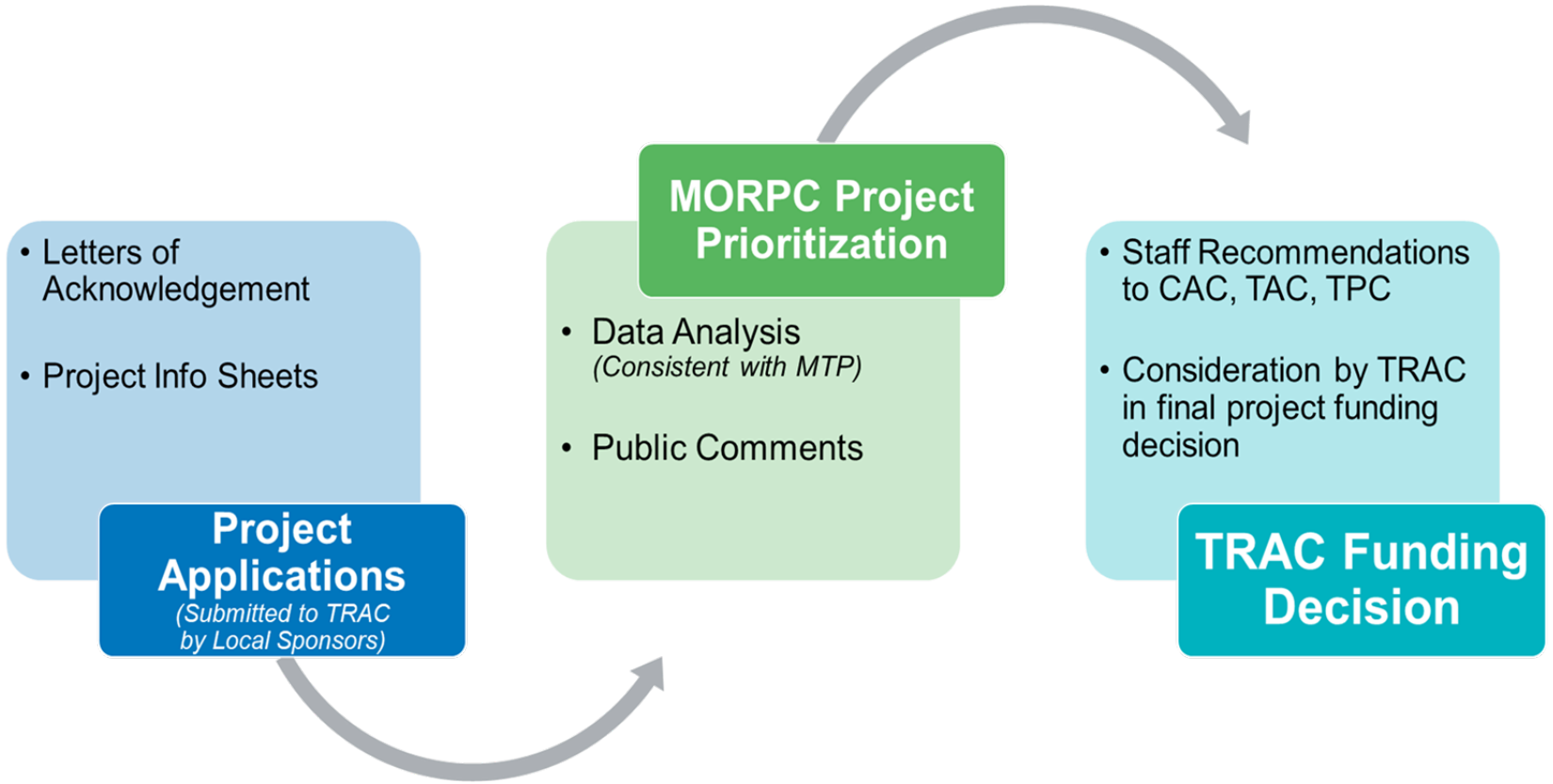


PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

MTP GOALS



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2026 MORPC TRAC Application Comments

SR 315 at Lane Avenue project

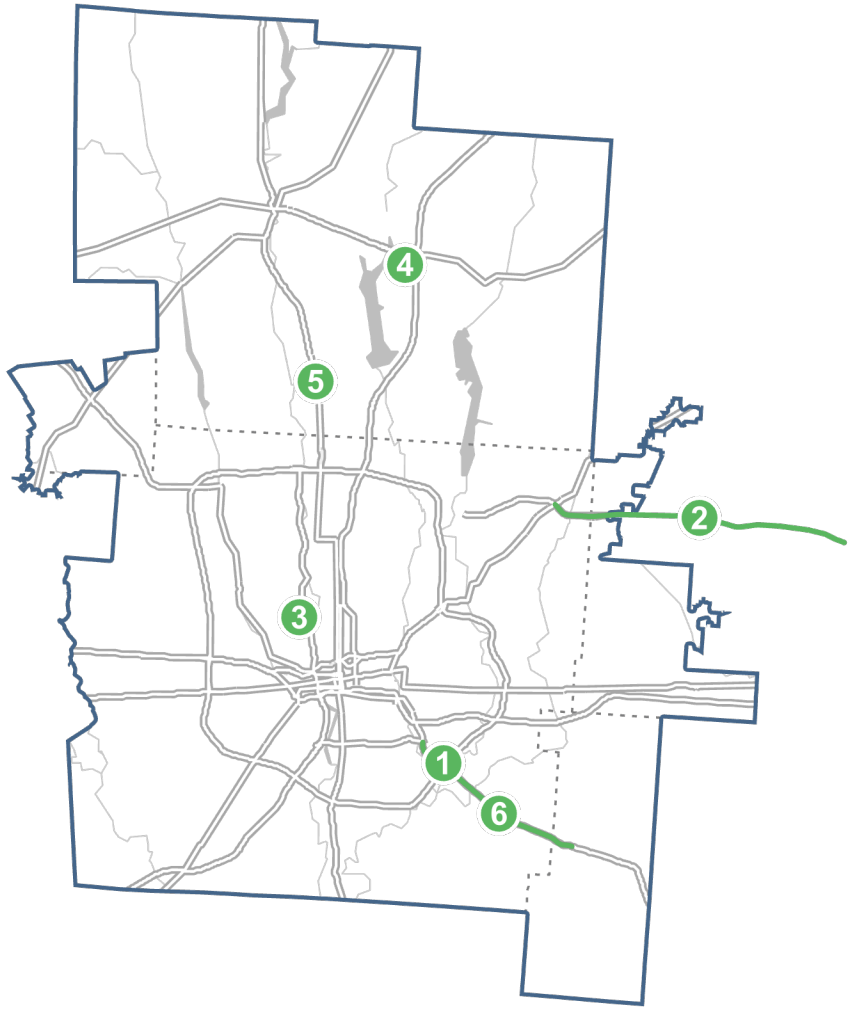
- **11 letters of support received**
  - Project supports significant regional development
  - Project addresses connectivity and safety challenges

Other TRAC Program Comments

- **One request for MORPC and ODOT to change project delivery requirements**
  - Stronger and higher small business enterprise (SBE) participation goals
  - Breaking scopes of services into smaller and more accessible opportunities for SBEs

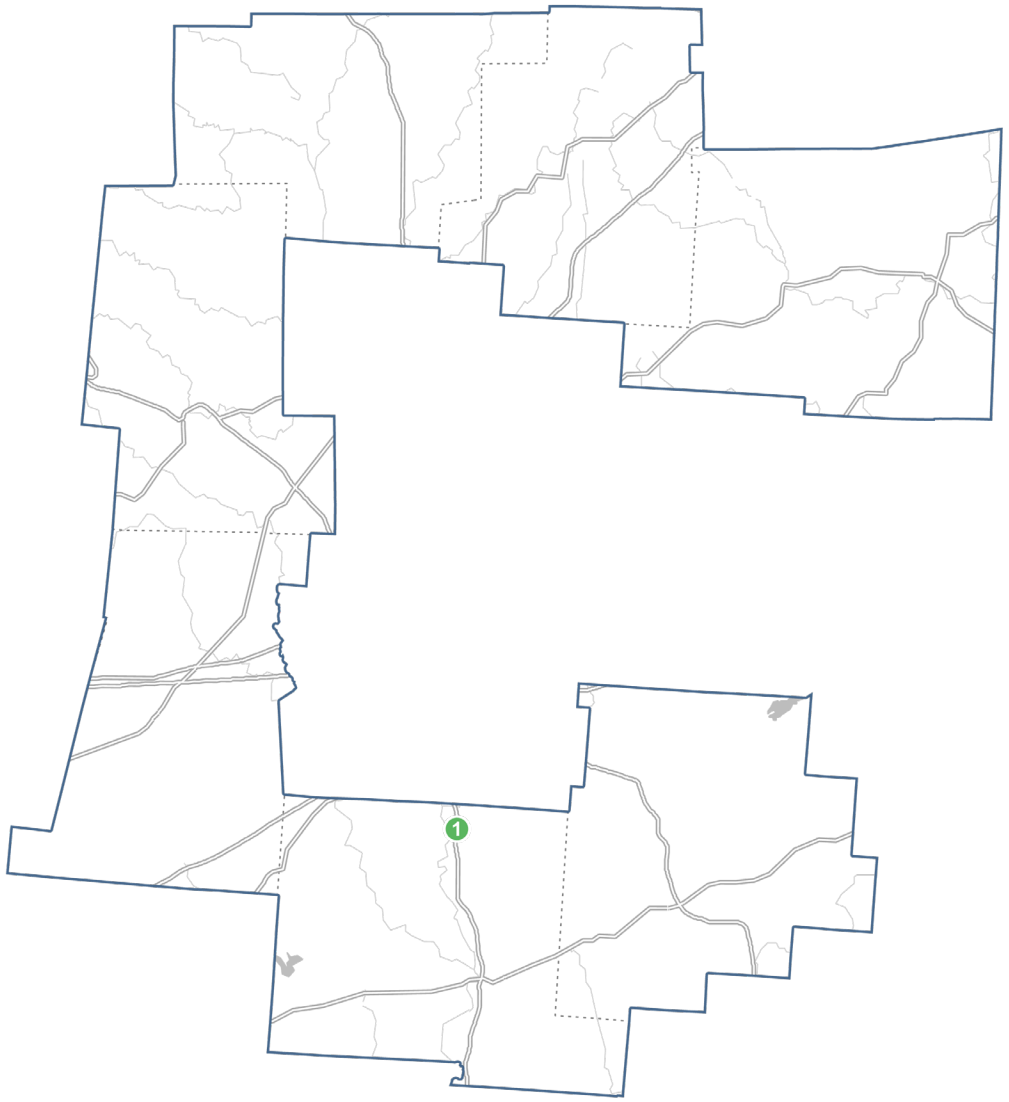
2026 MORPC TRAC Application Priorities

Map ID	Project	Applicant	TRAC Priority
1	I-270 at US 33 Interchange (Southeast)	ODOT District 6	High
6	US 33 Widening (Southeast Corridor)	ODOT District 6	High
2	SR 161 Widening	ODOT District 5	Medium
3	SR 315 at Lane Avenue	City of Columbus	Medium
4	Sunbury Parkway Phase C	ODOT District 6	Low
5	US 23 at Orange Road / Parkway Drive	ODOT District 6	Low



2026 CORPO TRAC Application Priorities

Map ID	Project	Applicant
1	US 23 at 762 Interchange	ODOT District 6



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