Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7th, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Live Stream Recorded on You Tube
ChannelClintonville.com

Commissioners in attendance: David Vottero, Brian Peifer, Libby Wetherholt, Judy Minister, Brittany Boulton, Kendra Carpenter, Michael Weinman, Jim Garrison, B.J. White

Commissioners with an excused absence: none

7:00 p.m. Call to order & formal welcome by Chairperson White
Welcome to your Clintonville Area Commission "...committed to the undertaking of the preservation of the values of the community through promotion, implementation and recommendation to city officials." The CAC was empowered in 1974 by the Columbus City Charter to represent the Clintonville community in the discussion of community concerns. By City Code, the purpose of the CAC is to "…afford additional voluntary citizen participation in the decision making in an advisory capacity and to facilitate communications, understanding and cooperation between neighborhood groups, city officials and developers".

7:05 p.m. Commissioner Introductions and District Updates
District 1, Commissioner Vottero: I have answered a couple constituent questions on projects they are building and continuing work on the streetlights.

District 2, Commissioner Peifer: Things have been relatively quiet until we receive the update for the Olentangy Trail completion for the .6 mile gap to connect north- and south-bound parts of the trail. Lots of constituents have inquired and I have made sure postcards went out.

District 3, Commissioner Wetherholt: Just before Christmas, we received an email from OSU Alumni Association. North Broadway Street Association lost a fond member on West North Broadway, Richard Sizemore. He was a humorous and wonderful individual. I met him once and toured his backyard. He and his deceased partner had taken charge of decorating the "Welcome to Clintonville" sign on West North Broadway and even got electric run up to the sign. Richard passed away in November and North Broadway Association was struggling because nearby residents have some health problems and we did not know how we would maintain the sign. Robin Rasor Thompson from OSU reached out because Richard had worked there for a very long time and they decided to take over decorating the sign for various seasons.

I also contacted Leslie Westerfelt with Blueprint because we were told we would have a meeting with Blueprint in early 2021. A Walhalla resident has said that Blueprint is washing their hands of special work down there, although they had previously been planning a study down there. They have still not scheduled a meeting for South Clintonville, and it will likely be in early spring. There have been no final decisions made about Walhalla Ravine and the survey report has not been completed. She will check with their leadership on an updated timeline.

I put in a pothole request, I believe on Oakland Park and encourage others to do so. A recently resurfaced street (Brynhild) has water leaking onto it and I put in a 311 request on that. This concerns me because of freezing and slipping for cars and pedestrians.

District 4, Commissioner Minister: I think we're getting off to a good start about the trail wrapping up. I sent out invitations for folks to join the group meeting later this month (1/21) and sign in tonight. I think we are seeing signs of improvement in the traffic at Starbucks.

District 5, Commissioner Boulton: Fairly quiet over the holidays. I am planning to host a virtual community meeting this month, likely next Saturday 1/16, and will confirm the usage of the CAC Zoom with Chair White offline.

District 6, Commissioner Carpenter: We are still dealing with some traffic issues, especially around Watterson High School and a phlebotomy school on Aldrich. All the streets around Aldrich have parking restrictions, but Aldrich does not so everyone is flooding that street and students are parking in front of resident driveways. Watterson has been helpful about talking to their students in the past. I have talked to Katherine Cull (neighborhood liaison) about exploring options for parking restrictions. There was also a situation about a wounded dear in the neighborhood that I am still exploring.

District 7, Commissioner Weinman: No report this month.

District 8, Commissioner Garrison: The latest conversations in the neighborhood are about speeding near Morse and High. People are cutting through East Jeffrey and Royal Forest quickly, and people are seeing it happen more because they are all at home and walking around more. This has also led streetlights and sidewalks to come to the top of the discussion as well. I will have a community meeting at the end of this month and will post it on my site and the CAC page.

District 9, Commissioner/Chair White: I overlap a concern of Commissioner Garrison's. We have a lot of fast traffic trends happening on Lincoln Avenue and the cut-through from Foster to Canal where nobody stops at the stop sign. The city did a great job clearing the snow the days that we had it. Everyone is gearing up with Christmas tree removal and recycling, we had lots of cardboard on the curbs after the holiday. Please keep the P&D survey up for at least another week as we all continue to disseminate it. There are a lot of the streetscaping and infrastructure topics we discuss regularly reflected really well in the survey in a way that helps users see what their priorities are. I hope to have another district meeting this month as well.

7:35 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner Boulton, Secretary

On December 29th, you received a PDF copy of the minutes and voting record from our December 2020 meeting. I have received edits from Commissioner Wetherholt on this document – thank you for sending those along. Chair White, may I please ask for a motion that these minutes be approved?

Chair White moves, Commissioner Weinman seconds. Approved 9-0.

7:20 p.m. Katherine Cull – Neighborhood Community Liaison

Please note the upcoming Branding and Social media on January 13th.

Sandra Lopez and City Council sent an e-mail survey out about reimagining safety in our community. We are looking at whether there are alternative methods to calling the police in certain scenarios.

Commissioner Wetherholt asked about how the Starbucks point of sale process is working. At peak hours, customers can park and staff will come out to ask your order and then fill it. We are talking to public service later this month and will review all 311 and commissioner feedback. *Chair White* noted that Google also provides peak hour information.

7:26 p.m. Treasurer's Report – Kendra Carpenter, Treasurer

The city is supposed to take our unused funds back at the end of the fiscal year but they have not yet so we should not use it. We have not had many expenses in the first half of the year (May 1 – Nov 30). I need your expenses on time in order to meet reporting deadlines. Before you incur an expense, you need to let me know so that I can make sure we have enough money. Right now, we're over budget on a certain area because of the pandemic and I now have to revise our budget to the city.

7:50 p.m. CAC Election Committee Chair - Ann Henkener

1. Process

We expect to spend $33.34 for the post office box based on last year's expenses. The library does our printing and Chair White is providing tents if needed.

One of the biggest problems was the "return self-addressed envelopes, stamped" so we are getting rid of that. We ask that voters send their ballot request forms in, then we will make out an envelope and add a stamp to the envelope. I do not know what postage will be but I doubt that we will spend over $100, but I am not certain until I know how competitive the races will be.

Commissioner Carpenter is concerned about where the funding for the stamps will come from.

Commissioner Boulton expressed support for removing the self-addressed stamp component of the process as many neighbors found that cumbersome.

Chair White has branded CAC envelopes and blank labels that the committee can use. She noted that postage falls under miscellaneous. CAC currently has $1,490 currently in that line item according to *Commissioner Carpenter.*

Commissioner Vottero I think that for the sake of budgeting and assumptions, we could look back at the last four years and take an average of how many voters overall we could anticipate, with the understanding that there may be more mailing in than previously.

Chair Henkener noted that there have been many years that the mail-in ballots are empty and there are also years where over 200 people have voted. *Commissioner Wetherholt* also noted that CAC had not previously encouraged mail-in voting to a great extent.

2. Timeline

Commissioner Wetherholt noted that Clintonville Spotlight is the only paper covering the community and that they have a bit of a lead time to get information out because they are monthly.

Chair White asked *Tech & PR Chair Ty Hulbert* to create a graphic and some scheduled posts on social media about the election timeline and *Commissioner Boulton* to work on a media release in advance of the April Spotlight deadline.

The locations are currently tentative, so we should wait to post them on the CAC site until they are confirmed. I also want to ensure that potential candidates continue to sign off on the petitions they request to ensure accuracy. *Chair White* also screenshared the CAC website calendar, which now has all the election-related timeline milestones on their respective dates, including attachments to our Election Rules.

Commissioner Weinman asked what has changed in the rules this year. The petition has a reduced number of signatures required (25 rather than 50), an even lower number for write-ins (20), and a provision for email petitioners rather than only in-person signing. Voting will be in-person, not only mail-in, perhaps in the parking lot. There may also be a dropbox inside the library, and the committee will

address the envelopes back to the ballot requestors. CAC will vote next month to accept rules. Districts 4, 5, and 7 will be up for election. *Commissioner Minister* noted that she will not be running for another term and this timeline will help her recruit a new candidate.

7:53 p.m. Olentangy Trail Completion – Stephanie Tress with *MURPHYepson, Tom Hibbard of StructurePoint, and Brad Westall of Columbus Recreation and Parks*

Olentangy Trail Completion Online Public Meeting January 21st, 2021 6-7:30 p.m. Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iV1F1bdHT52rZbbbqNXCxA

The project team led by American Structurepoint, the City of Columbus and its partners are starting the completion of the .6 mile gap on the Olentangy Trail, which also is central Ohio's busiest trail.

Brad Westall indicated that this improvement to the trail has been in the works for a very long time. In 2018, the city received two letters of support from CAC for funding of this project and we really appreciated that. Several hundred thousand people each year use this section of the trail and we are excited to move forward now that it has been funded.

Tom Hibbard thanked *Commissioners Peifer* and *Minister* for sharing the information about the 1/21 public meeting with their neighbors. He shared a map of the southern portion of the trail, which was started in 1970. We are studying a way to connect Clinton/Como and Northmoor Park for better safety and also improve commuting back and forth across the river. The city has obtained $3.7M in federal transit funds through MORPC for the project. We have done a feasibility study and are now undergoing stakeholder and public meetings. After gathering input during a comment period and identifying the preferred alternative, we will endeavor upon environmental studies, construction, easement purchasing likely end of fall 2021/beginning 2022 so that in 2023 we can begin construction.

Note: alternatives listed below are illustrated in attachments immediately following the minutes.

Alternative One: The trail will cross Ohio Health Boulevard near the 315 interchange. There is a proposed long, diagonal bridge from the west bank to Clinton-Como Park. There are no proposed piers.

Alternative Two: There will be a boardwalk near Kohls and a shorter bridge across the river into Clinton-Como Park.

Alternative Three: A paved trail would go past Kohls and cross the river further south, more toward the middle of Clinton-Como Park.

Alternative Four: The path would go through the Ohio Health Parkway on its campus and then run along Slyh Run and Kohl's, with a bridge closer to that of Alternative Two. There are concerns over more impacts to Slyh Run as well as the safety of the trail behind Kohl's because of trucks and deliveries, as well as the OhioHealth Parking Garage that would be near this option.

Alternative Five: The trail stays on the east side of the river without any bridges. This would not improve connections to jobs and other residences across the river. The paved trail would come through the woods and there would be easements required from residents to avoid a wetland. There would also be a mid-block crossing without a traffic signal on North Broadway, and the trail would not fit between a current residence and the river.

Commissioner Vottero: Thanked the presenters for their work on this and is very excited for this development. He thinks Alternative 5 is unworkable and Alternative 4 is also not safe to implement. He asked whether there was a study about the low-head dams in Clintonville, which are problematic safety concerns. *Tom Hibbard* stated that project partners have not gotten into the details about the low-head dams, but they will explore fencing and other options. The bridge at North Broadway is too low for the trail to go underneath. *Commissioner Vottero* noted that when the exit ramp was taken out, spare width

of pavement was left behind and there could be a protected lane for pedestrians or cyclists to cross the south side of the bridge. The sidewalk currently ends there but could be extended.

Brad Westall: The North Broadway bridge is a county bridge not controlled by the city, but we could discuss with them. We have to be careful about the restrictions of the federal funding for this project.

Commissioner Peifer: Will there be a new path on Olentangy River Road that goes along the OhioHealth Boulevard to connect them? *Tom Hibbard* pointed to existing trailspace. *Commissioner Peifer* showed an area that he regularly walks on North Broadway to his work at OhioHealth campus that is sometimes just mulch and does not have sidewalk. He also asked whether the residents have been contacted about the potential alternatives that could be impacted, and whether any traffic studies have happened or will occur to keep these areas safe. Neighbors have not been contacted yet because this is still such an early stage. Project planners will engage more with Public Safety and noted that the traffic signal at OhioHealth Boulevard was put in with the understanding that the trail may connect.

Commissioner Boulton: Thank you for all the work that has went into this. The work began before I was became a commissioner and this is outside my district but I am a frequent user of the trail and very excited about this development. Have there been stakeholder conversations with the major employers across the river about the project, and their involvement potentially funding any portion of the cost?

Commissioner Vottero: OhioHealth is interested in the health and wellness of their employees as well as the community. CrawfordHoying might be interested in looking at a bike trail coming up to their door. They could consider incorporating bike service, storage, or more to their facility.

Brad Westall: Thank you both for bringing this up and we have not gotten to the point of discussing development and financing from the private partners but appreciate the point.

Public Questions

Kari Egan: How do we negotiate the intersection at the entrance ramp from N Broadway turning right? What traffic controls will there be to prevent cars from turning right on red without looking at cyclists? *Tom Hibbard* said that this will be worked out with Public Safety.

Joe Motil: Will $3.7M cover the cost? If not, where will the funds come from? *Tom Hibbard* notes that the $3.7M is federal share and the remaining funds will come from the city.

Will Easton: Has an alternative using an overpass across N Broadway (similar to the over-river crossing at Goodale) been considered? *Tom Hibbard* stated that it will be difficult to do and meet ADA requirements.

Laura Fay: What is the estimated acreage of impact in the riparian area from tree clearing for the trail and the buffer on each side and pavement addition? What stormwater BMP's will be added to reduce impacts on the Olentangy? *Tom Hibbard:* Will be following city and federal requirements. We did identify bat roosting trees and are avoiding them.

Joe Motil: Will any additional safety measures be implemented for crossing WNBroadway for the new alternatives? How much additional funding will come from the City of Columbus? *Tom Hibbard:* Right now, the alternatives on the table range from a little over $6M to $4.7M total project costs.

Joe Motil: When does the Kohl's site get redeveloped by Crawford Hoying? Is truck traffic a concern for that project? *Tom Hibbard:* We do not have anything specific at this point.

8:15 p.m. Blueprint Columbus Updates – Commissioner Garrison (will continue to share more on the CAC site and via email)

From Blueprint Columbus: The most recent update for Morse-Dominion acknowledges the community's concerns regarding aesthetics, pedestrian safety, and resident parking. The proposed solution is an "aggregate fill-in modification" which maintains rain gardens where needed to address localized street flooding concerns and to meet the City's commitment to Ohio EPA to improve runoff water quality, while also improving the aesthetics of the rain gardens, providing places for pedestrians to step off the street, and alleviating some parking concerns. While we knew this modification would not satisfy all individual concerns and could not be implemented in every rain garden location, it does address the primary concerns. We are appreciative of the many resident suggestions and resident driven solutions we have received throughout the course of this project. Several residents suggested "filling in" the rain gardens and placing grass on the top, particularly to open up parking and provide more opportunities for pedestrians to step out of the roadway if needed. The approach we are moving forward with, aggregate fill-in modification, was based on this idea. While we cannot fill in entire rain gardens, certain sections can be filled in and allow water to filter through to the underdrain. The remaining open sections provide for water detention during heavy rain events, so that the water drains from the street while slowly filtering through the layers of

8:30 p.m. Franklin County Auditor – The NEW Property Tax Assessments are in effect for 2021
Learn how your property tax is assessed and how to dispute it with the Board of
Revision.

We recently went through the triennial property adjustment process and sent out the final value property mailing and information on the hearing process in December for all 430,000 properties in the county. As property owners receive the tax bills that went out Monday January 4th, we are receiving questions on what to do if they feel like their property value is too high. Through Ohio Revised Code, we have a Board of Revision process – Auditor, Treasurer, and Board of Commissioner process. In Franklin County, if you are seeking a revision of less than $50,000, you can go through a mediation process.

Some new features for the update:
- We typically do an in-person road show that explains the process and Clintonville has usually been an active spot. We are hosting virtual events. We have one on 1/11, 1/19, 1/25 and they are all on Facebook Live at @MStinziano. Any attendees can submit questions in advance, during, or over message to me.
- We also launched an e-filing process. The state form suggests that you need a notary, but the courts have decided this is not the case, although the state has not updated the form.
- We are offering a pro bono program for low- to moderate-income homeowners who have questions about filling out the revision form through the help of Legal Aid. They will also help with the hearing itself.

Commissioner Garrison asked for a one- or two-point overview that residents could do to prepare for the review process. *Auditor Stinziano* suggested looking at comparable sales on the Auditor website, which has a customizable search for similar lots and similarly featured houses. The property owners can also share interior conditions, such as identifying older water heaters, which were not used in the appraisal.

Commissioner Carpenter: Can you get a credit for extraordinary remodeling costs?

Auditor Stinziano: I'm not aware of us providing credits. We are trying to establish the right value. Anything that lets us better understand the specifics around a property's value helps us in the board of revision process.

Commissioner Minister: I have helped some friends with appeals and I think there are some really logical questions on the forms, like when a homeowner bought the bill. Will the Senator Craig bill pass?

The low interest rates have kept us going, but the amortization is often less than what a tax bill is. It sometimes seems upside down.

Auditor Stinziano: We need to support older residents like the one who emailed me from Clintonville today telling us that she was struggling to meet the increase in tax value and stay in her home.

   Public Questions

Joe Motil: Did you work on the circuit breaker legislation in the Ohio General Assembly?

Auditor Stinziano: We worked closely with Senator Craig on introducing this legislation, which is a model used in many other states called circuit breaker. There had not been a cap on who could apply, so that provision had received some criticism, and we are not sure yet how it will be re-introduced in the new General Assembly. Fortysome counties did their mass or their tri and we had 40% increase. If we do not accept Ohio Department of Taxation valuations, they can hold up to 50% of Local Government Funds.

Elizabeth Patnoe: Were rain gardens taken into account in the assessment, particularly the vault style?

Auditor Stinziano: The specifics would have been part of the mass appraisal and that won't happen again until 2023.

Chair White: I hope your office thinks about some of the city's other priorities like Aging in Place and the fixed incomes of many seniors and retirees.

Auditor Stinziano: We are doing our best to address it under current law and hope to see changes in the law soon.

Resources
Learn how your property tax is assessed and how to dispute it with the Board of Revision.
www.franklincountyauditor.com

Taxation of Real Property is Ohio's oldest tax established in 1825 and is an ad valorem tax based on the value of the full market value of each property. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization helps ensure uniformity and fairness in property taxation through its oversight of the appraisal work conducted by each County Auditor. Individual Tax Rates for each taxation district are established by the State of Ohio and distributed to the Auditor in mid-December of each year.

File you Board of Revision Complaint of Value online at:
https://bor.franklincountyohio.gov/AppNetBORUnity/UnityForm.aspx?key=UFKey Download a printable form here: https://www.franklincountyauditor.com/real-estate/bor-new/filing-instructions For Tax exemptions, Homestead Exemption, Owner-Occupied Credit, and Rental Registration, go to: https://www.franklincountyauditor.com/real-estate/tax-reductionprograms/homestead-owner-occupied-credit Tips: consult a trusted real estate professional, appraiser, or a real estate attorney, include a photo narrative with your complaint, leverage the concept of aging in place or the longevity of belonging to the community.

8:25 p.m. CAC Planning & Development – Infrastructure Survey
Please participate in assisting the Clintonville Area Commission with prioritizing your concerns about the community's infrastructure by participating in the survey below:
https://cac2020study.sawtoothsoftware.com

8:30 p.m. Urban Deer Discussion – *deferred in the interest of time*
Commissioners Wetherholt (District 3) and White (District 9) attended The Ohio Community Wildlife Cooperative Conference on November 19th and will report on their experience and perspectives.

From Mayor Andy Ginther (January 7th, 2020): "While the presence of deer in Columbus neighborhoods can pose a threat to driver safety, and deer can certainly cause property damage, there is nothing to suggest the population of deer within any Columbus neighborhood has increased to a level that would justify harvesting deer within city limits. While a state program does exists which allows cities to permit limited bow hunting, the City of Columbus has no intention of pursuing this policy unless and until the threat to the health and safety of residents caused by the deer is greater than the risks and potential unintended consequences associated with urban hunting. In the meantime, the City encourages residents to take steps to avoid attracting deer to their property and to learn more about coexisting with wildlife."

Information to Pass Along:

Zoning Code Update

https://files.constantcontact.com/fb8ce15a701/1e62e38f-213f-487e-a5de-8cb87f1fa01b.pdf

Reporting porch thefts online

https://www.columbus.gov/police-fileoffense/

CARES Act Utilities Assistance Information
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4758dbfaaa2d455fb9aa4104ddd7b565

Council Residential Districting Commission (CRDC) Application Process
https://www.columbus.gov/council/neighborhood-districting-commission/application/

MORPC Winterization Program (Home Energy Efficiency Services)

https://www.morpc.org/program-service/home-energy-efficiency/

Clintonville Area Commission Mobility Plan

This is now available on the CAC website and is attached for your review.

COVID-19 Resource List

Please see attached. https://www.findhelp.org/

COTA

COTA will soon reinstate fares for customers, after temporarily suspending them at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. See Pivot Talking Points flier. Please see the attached news release announcing COTA's plan to return to fares beginning Monday, January 11, 2021. The timeline for this process will be: · Customer Experience Center Reopens – Monday, December 14 · Fares resume for Fixed-Route & COTA//Plus Services – Monday, January 11 · Fares resume for Mainstream and Mainstream On-Demand – Monday, February 1.

Starbucks

Starbucks will be implementing what they are calling the "point of sale" system at the Clintonville Starbucks on January 4th. Public Service will touch base with Starbucks again in late January regarding this implementation, so any feedback you receive please send my way. (per Katherine Cull)

9:00 PM Adjourned

Commissioner Carpenter moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weinman seconded.

Olentangy Trail Completion

Online Public Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 6-7:30 PM

ZOOM → bit.ly/Olentangy-Trail-public-meeting

The City of Columbus and its partners are evaluating options to complete the Olentangy Trail by connecting Clinton-Como and Northmoor Parks with a dedicated, 0.6 mile shared use path.

When complete, this project will fill in the gap to create a seamless 14-mile regional trail that enhances neighborhood connections and improves safety.

Learn more and give feedback at:
columbus.gov/recreationandparks/
trails/Olentangy-Trail/

FRA-Olentangy Trail (Clinton-Como to Northmoor) [PID 112036]

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Blueprint Morse-Dominion Update

3 messages

Blueprint <Blueprint@columbus.gov>   Wed, Dec 2, 2020 at 5:36 PM
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Dear Morse-Dominion Area Residents and Commissioners,

Over this past year we have received many comments and concerns from residents regarding the rain gardens in the Blueprint Morse-Dominion project area. These comments and concerns have primarily focused on aesthetics, pedestrian safety, and parking.

We held a listening forum in April 2020 to better understand these concerns and at this meeting we heard that rain garden aesthetics, pedestrian safety, and resident parking remain the community's primary concerns. We took this feedback back to our steering committee and received approval to consider rain garden modifications that meet our program's environmental mandates and address resident comments.

One solution emerged as the best and most feasible option for addressing the concerns raised by residents while still meeting the mandates of the project. This solution was presented to the community during a meeting in September. The proposed solution, which we are a calling the "aggregate fill-in modification", maintains rain gardens where needed to address localized street flooding concerns and to meet the City's commitment to Ohio EPA to improve runoff water quality, while also improving the aesthetics of the rain gardens, providing places for pedestrians to step off the street, and alleviating some parking concerns.

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The locations that were eligible for the aggregate fill-in were determined by the size of the rain garden and if a 10-20' section could be filled in without impacting overflow structures or inlets. Given the mixed reactions (and somewhat limited attendance) by residents during the September forum, we decided to offer the choice to each homeowner at these potential locations.

In addition to the aggregate fill-in modification, we have also offered to plant shrubs behind the rain gardens for those residents who would like that, and planted larger "winter interest" plants in the rain gardens.

We also heard several comments during our April and September meetings regarding flooding and road issues experienced in your community that are not directly related to the Blueprint program.   We have been working across divisions and departments to seek answers to these concerns.

Regarding the flooding complaints that were also shared during these forums:

1.   555-571 Wetmore area: We are installing 3 new catch basins (inlets) on Colerain. This will help alleviate the street flooding that is extending onto private property and drain a low area on Colerain which does not currently have any catch basins.

2.   Backyard ponding between Garden & Beaumont: There is a low area between these yards that existed prior to the Blueprint Project, and backyard ponding in these areas has historically been present, although the ponding has been even more pronounced this year with the historic storms we experienced in the spring. Unfortunately these ponding locations appear to be private property issues that the City would not be involved with, however, our Division of Sewers and Drains is continuing to evaluate these property specific concerns.

Our office also contacted the Department of Public Service regarding the roadway condition concerns that were shared during these forums. Their feedback is as follows:

> 1.   Weisheimer Road Condition – Weisheimer Road between Indianola and High Street is in the Department of Public Service draft 2021 resurfacing program. Depending on funding, the resurfacing could either take place in 2021, or 2022.

2. Garden Road – At our request, DPS performed an updated street assessment and deemed that this roadway is in good condition and is not planned for maintenance at this time.

Thank you all that you do to make your community a stronger, more sustainable neighborhood for yourselves and future generations, thank you for bringing these concerns to our attention, and finally thank you for your cooperation as we implement this solution in your neighborhood this month. We look forward to completing this work, meeting our program mandates, and addressing any maintenance related issues that may arise after construction is complete.

Sincerely,

The Blueprint Columbus Team

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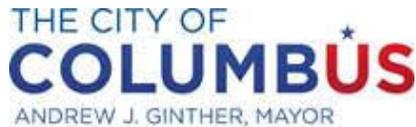
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Dear Blueprint team and all,

Thank you for this overview and for your attention to our concerns. It has been such a busy year, and I appreciate very much your attention to our street concerns and to the issue I had with my lateral line.

My lateral is repaired and lined, and I have had a more appropriate tree planted to replace the sacrificed silver maple. The new tree, selected with much thought and exploration, is a tupelo tree. It will produce stunning spring and fall color and will enhance our street.

Thank you for your attention to our area and to the distress we experienced as a result of the vault designs being installed here. I know there is no easy solution and that this is still in some ways a work-in-progress.   While I still feel very strongly that we need sidewalks and I would like something from the City that absolves us of parking tickets should we park near the filled in areas, I am very glad that some accommodation has been made to increase pedestrian traffic safety.

I also appreciate the job DLZ is currently doing to plant bushes. It looks much better, already. Although immature, the bushes already draw your eyes' attention away from the vaults. The bushes also seem to be selected and planted with care--evenly sized and spaced. I hope that once the flowers mature, it will look even better.

Again, thank you all very much for all of your advocacy and efforts on behalf of this area. I truly appreciate the contributions you all made, individually and collectively.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and happy 2021,

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Patnoe
603 E. Dominion Blvd.

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Good afternoon, Ms. Patnoe.

Thank you for your continued follow up. I wanted to circle back and let you know that we will be following up accordingly with your request. I appreciate your engagement and expressed concerns. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I am to your avail in service of community.

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CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION
MOBILITY FRAMEWORK

Planning and Development Committee June 2015

1. INTRODUCTION

Introduction

Recognizing the need to consider neighborhood mobility issues and opportunities in a holistic manner, the Clintonville Area Commission (CAC) deputized the Planning and Development Committee to conduct a planning process to gain community input and organize improvement recommendations for Clintonville. Building from the existing Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) process, the Planning and Development Committee has created this Mobility Framework to guide future neighborhood mobility improvements.

This study has four sections. The process and purpose of this framework is outlined in the **Introduction**, then potential improvement types and benchmark examples are covered in the **Best Practices Toolkit**. How these best practices could be applied to specific corridors and places in Clintonville is detailed in the **Potential Improvements** sections. Finally, the **Implementation** section catalogs all existing and potential future improvements and suggests potential sources of funding.

It is the intent of this framework to be a "living document" that is updated annually by the Planning and Development Committee to allow the CAC to track progress with the City and to incorporate new community ideas that will improve mobility options.

1. INTRODUCTION

Process

The Planning and Development Committee used several sources of community input to create this Mobility Framework. Throughout the past decade, there have been numerous ideas and suggested solutions identified by the community. As a primary resource, the committee consulted recommendations from the 2009 Clintonville Community Plan. Many of the improvements suggested in this study were documented in the Community Plan--it is the intent now to move these forward to implementation. Other sources of information included previous committee, task force and Area Commission reports as well as requests made by the community through the Urban Infrastructure and Recovery Fund (UIRF) process. To augment these sources of information, the Planning and Development Committee conducted a public meeting in December 2013 to gain additional input (see box at right for a summary of meeting outcomes and p. 5 for results of a visual preference survey).

Another important source of information was the current UIRF funding cycle, which just concluded in January 2015. The Planning and Development Committee worked with the City of Columbus Division of Planning to develop a new list of neighborhood transportation, mobility and infrastructure projects. In addition to the typical process, the City initiated a UIRF website to make it easier for residents and organizations to submit ideas. Throughout the late summer and early fall of 2014, these ideas were vetted and prioritized before being approved by the CAC. See page 6 for a full list of funded projects.

In addition to the list of UIRF projects vetted by the City, this document has included additional ideas for improvements by members of the community. It should be noted that outside the approved list of projects on page 6, these other ideas will need to be discussed further with the City before the community can move forward with any funding or implementation steps. It is recommended that the CAC focus on implementing the current list of UIRF funded projects prior to other items cataloged in this Mobility Framework.

Purpose

This study has two purposes:

1. To catalog past and current transportation and mobility improvement ideas to both organize and document them, and to aid in implementation and prioritize funding. The Area Commission should continue to use this study as a "living document," keeping it updated as projects are completed and new improvements are suggested. In this way, it will become a common document to guide the Area Commission, neighborhood, and City.

2. Another key part of this study is to suggest design opportunities to influence the function, design, and aesthetics of improvements that have already been funded.

Taken together, these two elements will lead to a more organized community effort when it comes to funding future projects and ensure that the projects that have been funded have the desired result.

SUMMARY OF MEETING COMMENTS

- Indianola Avenue: Sidewalk repair and additions; medians; crosswalks; bike connection
- Calumet Street: Road diet; bike connection
- North Broadway Street: Traffic calming on West North Broadway; crosswalks; medians
- Olentangy Trail: Improved connections from neighborhood to trail
- Sidewalks: Requested in Northmoor and Beechwold
- Other: Bury utilities on High Street; street tree replacement

VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

Traffic Calming: 31 votes
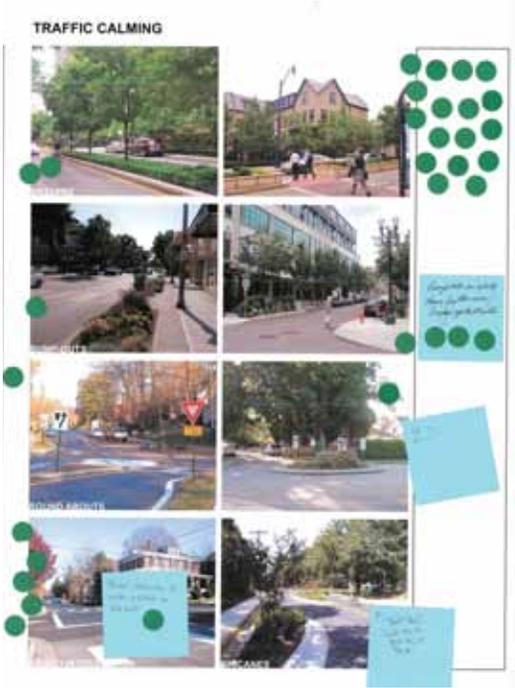
Sustainability: 29 votes
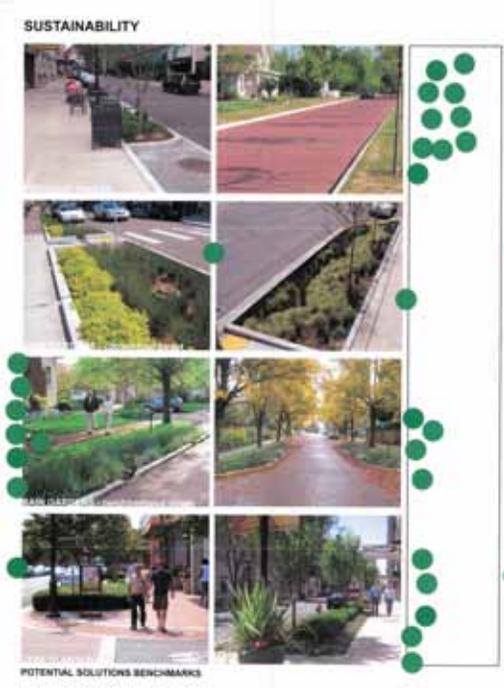
Bike Infrastructure: 28 votes

Intersection/Crosswalk Treatments: 16 votes

1. INTRODUCTION

CURRENT UIRF FUNDED PROJECTS

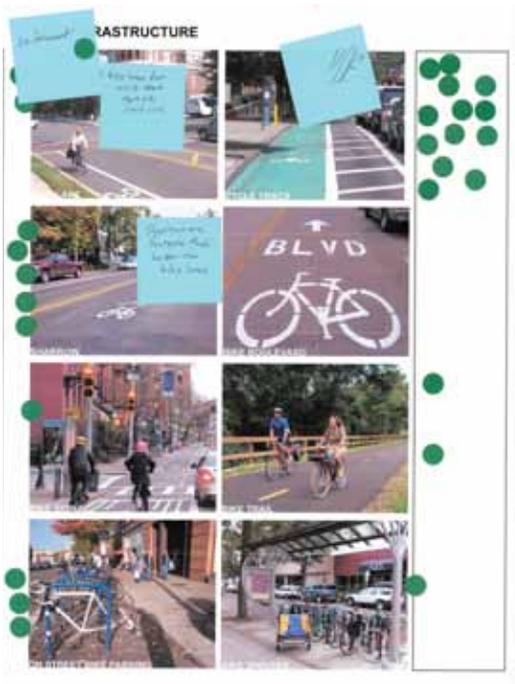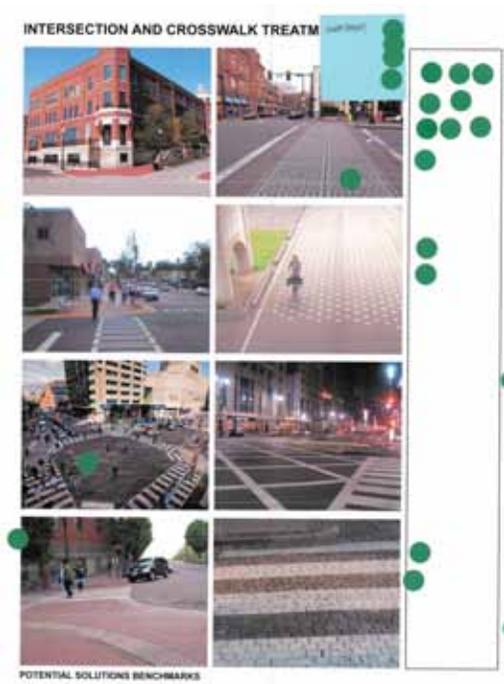| Clintonville UIRF Plan (2015)		
Project	**Location/Description**	**Approx. Cost Estimates**
Planted median	One location on High Street, south of North Broadway	$250,000
Planted median	One location on Indianola, south of Weber	$250,000
Road diet	Indianola between North Broadway and Morse	$275,000
Bike lanes	Indianola between North Broadway and Morse	$100,000
Road diet study	West North Broadway between SR 315 and High Street	$65,000
New sidewalks	Indianola (west side) from Garden to Jeffrey	$300,000
Bike facility	North-South bike connector (including Calumet and other sections to be determined)	$350,000

UIRF Projects (2012)	
Project Description	Dollars Allocated
Street trees along both sides of High Street from Morse Road to Chase Road.*	$30,000
Traffic study to determine locations of planted medians on High Street and Indianola**	$50,000
Construction of planted medians on High Street between Como and Clinton Hts and south of Weber and on Indianola between North Broadway and Morse and between Milford and Melrose.***	$250,000
Connect Glen Echo Park walkway to the steps at the bridge on Indianola that spans the ravine	$25,000
Planting of understory trees to reduce storm water runoff into the Olentangy River	$10,000
Brick crosswalks. North High Street at: • W. Rathbone Avenue/Morse Road • Hollenback Road/Acton Road • Henderson Road • E. Dominion Boulevard	$110,000****

* Some trees have been planted.
** This study has been completed.
*** The study mentioned above recommended two locations for medians: Indianola at Milford and High at Oakland. Other locations were studied, but these two are able to move forward now because they do not impact access.
**** The 2009 Clintonville Crosswalk Task Force Report identified these and other crosswalks for improvements using prior UIRF funding allocations. Remaining dollars from prior funding cycles should be confirmed with the City of Columbus.

CURRENT UIRF FUNDED PROJECTS MAP
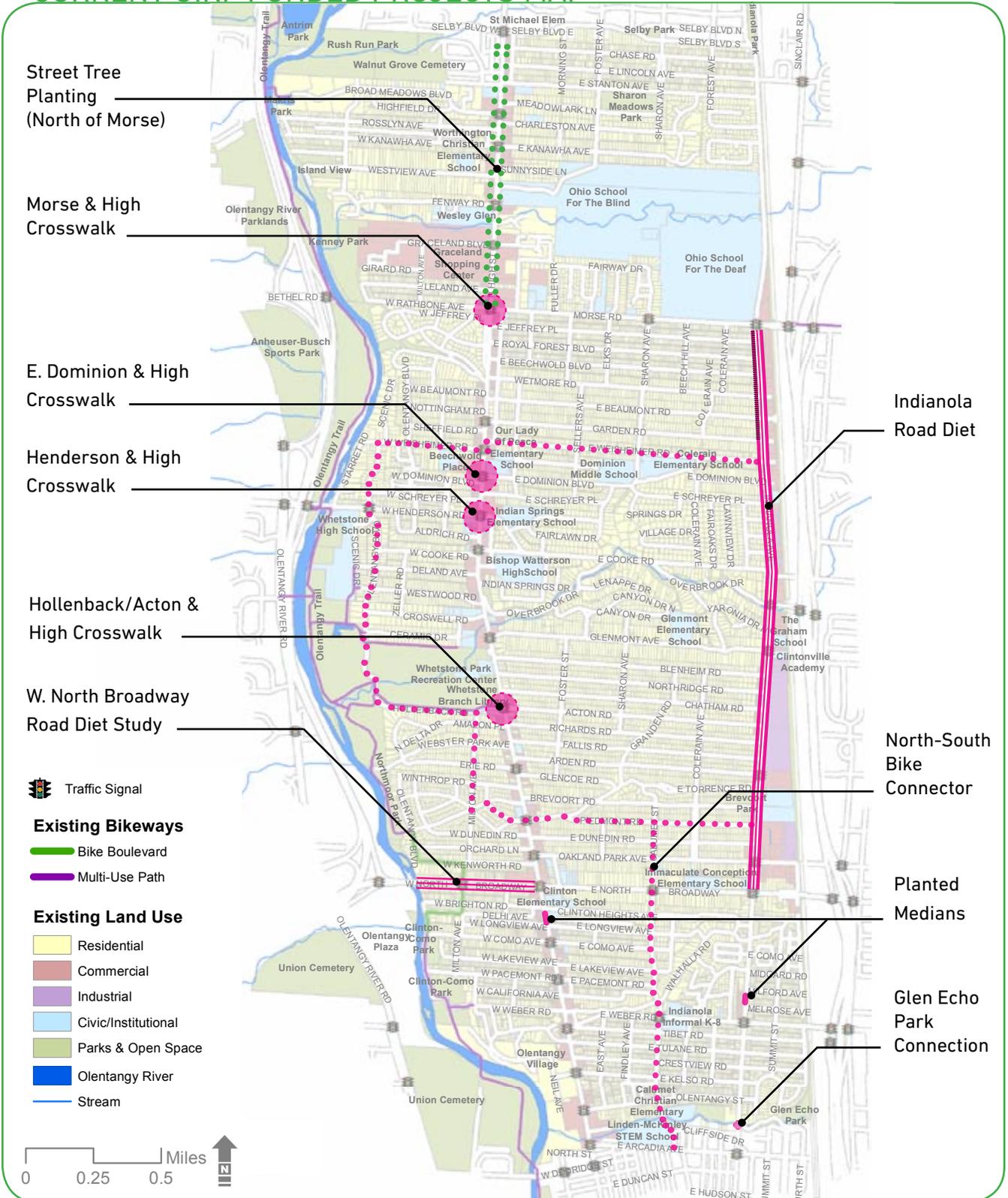
Street Tree Planting (North of Morse)

Morse & High Crosswalk

E. Dominion & High Crosswalk

Henderson & High Crosswalk

Hollenback/Acton & High Crosswalk

W. North Broadway Road Diet Study

Indianola Road Diet

North-South Bike Connector

Planted Medians

Glen Echo Park Connection

Traffic Signal

Existing Bikeways
- Bike Boulevard
- Multi-Use Path

Existing Land Use
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- Olentangy River
- Stream

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2. BEST PRACTICES

Best Practices Toolkit

To guide current and future projects, the following toolkit was developed that provides examples of improvements and solutions. These "best practices" should be considered both as funded improvements are designed and as future solutions are suggested and funded. These benchmarks illustrate the desires of the community and provide a common understanding between the Area Commission and the City as implementation takes place.

While not exhaustive, the toolkit covers the following categories:

- Traffic Calming

- Pedestrian Improvements

- Bike Improvements

- Green Infrastructure

2. BEST PRACTICES TOOLKIT

Traffic Calming

Traffic calming aims to reduce roadway speed, and increase safety and visibility for people walking, biking and driving. Medians are being considered for numerous locations along High Street and Indianola Avenue and Bumpouts and Traffic Circles have applications both on major corridors and neighborhood streets.

MEDIANS: Medians occupy portions of center turn lanes to visually narrow a street and to slow traffic. In many cases, medians also create a pedestrian refuge at crosswalks, increasing safety. Median spaces can include hardscape and landscape treatments to further improve traffic calming and beautify neighborhoods.

BUMPOUTS: On streets with on-street parking, bumpouts extend the sidewalk to create additional space for pedestrians. Usually located at intersections, bumpouts shorten crosswalk distances and visually signify on-street parking. They can also be located along a block, with this extra pedestrian space used for plantings, on-street dining, or seating areas.

TRAFFIC CIRCLES: Traffic Circles are raised islands placed in intersections around which traffic circulates. They allow for a continuous flow of vehicular traffic and can improve intersection safety and efficiency. Traffic generally travels at slower speeds, allowing for pedestrians and vehicles to navigate intersections with a greater degree of safety.

Pedestrian Improvements

Pedestrian Improvements include standard sidewalks as well as facilities to ensure that people walking can safely cross and navigate neighborhood streets. Many of these facilities are lacking around school zones in Clintonville. There are also long stretches of Indianola Avenue and High Street between signalized intersections that do not have places to safely cross the street.

SIDEWALKS: In addition to maintaining existing sidewalks and adding them in places in the neighborhood where they do not already exist, sidewalks should be designed to accommodate pedestrians and provide ADA accessibility and safety.

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS: Visual cues to alert people driving to the presence of people walking. These can include a variety of pavement markings and differentiated pavement materials.

SIGNALS: In addition to standard traffic signals, there are numerous options for signalizing (HAWK Signals or the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon shown at right) the presence of people walking at mid-block intersections or at intersections that don't have standard traffic signals.

2. BEST PRACTICES TOOLKIT

Bike Improvements

Bike Improvements provide either dedicated space within the right of way for people bicycling or pavement markings that alert people driving to the presence of people bicycling. Bike lanes are more appropriate for larger, higher speed corridors like High Street or Indianola Avenue, while Sharrows and Bicycle Boulevards are more appropriate for neighborhood streets.

BIKE LANES: Located adjacent to the curb or edge of pavement, bike lanes provide striped and/or colored spaces along roadways for people bicycling.

SHARROW: A pavement marking that alerts people driving to the presence of people bicycling and encourages each to share the road. This indicates that a cyclist may use the full lane.

BICYCLE BOULEVARD: A pavement marking that alerts people driving to the presence of people bicycling and encourages each to share the road. Appropriate for a low-traffic street with traffic that is slowed to approximately the same speed as people biking.

Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure slows, infiltrates and treats stormwater on site. While they play an important engineering function, they can also serve to green neighborhood streets, buffer people walking from traffic and provide traffic calming. The solutions below can be provided throughout Clintonville on major corridors and neighborhood streets.

PERVIOUS PAVEMENT: Pavement material that allows for stormwater infiltration. Appropriate in parking areas, parking lanes, alleys and other low-traffic locations.

RAIN GARDENS (bump outs and planters): Larger planting areas that are sized to allow for stormwater infiltration and storage. Can be located in bump outs, in sidewalk planters, or as swales in existing tree lawns.

TREE PLANTERS: Either planters or tree grates that accommodate trees and allow for additional tree cover and infiltration areas.

3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Potential Improvements

On the following pages, recommended corridor-wide improvements are outlined for the following streets within Clintonville:

- High Street

- Indianola Avenue

- North Broadway

- Calumet Street

Additional improvements are also suggested for specific locations on Henderson Road, Morse Road, Weber Road, Tibet Road and Milton Avenue. Traffic calming is recommended for several east-west streets between High Street and Indianola Avenue. School Zone improvements are also suggested and potential routes for a Neighborhood Greenway are outlined.

3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

High Street

Medians

Medians are recommended in various locations to improve community aesthetics, calm traffic and ideally, to provide protected pedestrian refuge areas when coupled with marked crosswalks. Medians are not recommended to restrict access to or from side streets.

- Dunedin Road at High Street: This median is funded, but needs to be designed to include a pedestrian refuge and crosswalk (see photo at right).

- Another location identified but not selected from the recent median study is at Kelso Road and High Street. A median should be considered at this location.

- Other potential locations include: Clinton Heights Avenue, Kenworth Road, Chatham Road, and Beechwold Boulevard.*

Signalized Crosswalks

Signalized crosswalks (either HAWK or RRFB) should be studied at locations with large gaps between crossings and/or with high amounts of pedestrian traffic:

- High Street and Walhalla Road

- High Street and Tulane Road

- High Street at Fallis Road or Webster Park Avenue

- High Street at Beechwold Boulevard

Other Improvements

- Add off-peak on-street parking to High Street between W. Cooke Road and Acton Road

- Street tree replacements and additions

- Study burying utilities or consolidating along alleys to the east and west of High Street.

- Add decorative street lighting to existing utility poles North of Morse.

* In particular, Beechwold Boulevard, or a nearby intersection, would provide a needed crossing between Garden Road and Morse Road, a span of nearly one-half mile and the longest stretch of High Street with no traffic signals or marked crosswalks in Clintonville.

An off-duty police officer is necessary to help Farmer's Market patrons cross High Street at Dunedin Road

At East Jeffrey Place and High Street there is no way to safely cross the street.

Curbs have completely deteriorated along many portions of High Street

FUNDED AND POTENTIAL HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Signalized crosswalk with planted median between Garden and Morse

Street tree plantings in empty tree lawns. Create new planting areas where space allows

Off-peak on-street parking between W. Cooke and Acton

Planted medians in front of Whetstone Library

Signalized crosswalk with planted median at Fallis and Webster Park

Planted median at Dunedin **(UIRF Funded)**. A coordinated crosswalk improvement should also be pursued.

Traffic Signal

Existing Bikeways

Bike Boulevard

Multi-Use Path

Existing Land Use

Residential

Commercial

Industrial

Civic/Institutional

Parks & Open Space

Olentangy River

Stream

Potential planted median locations

Replace missing street trees

Potential planted median locations

Signalized crosswalks at Walhalla and Tulane

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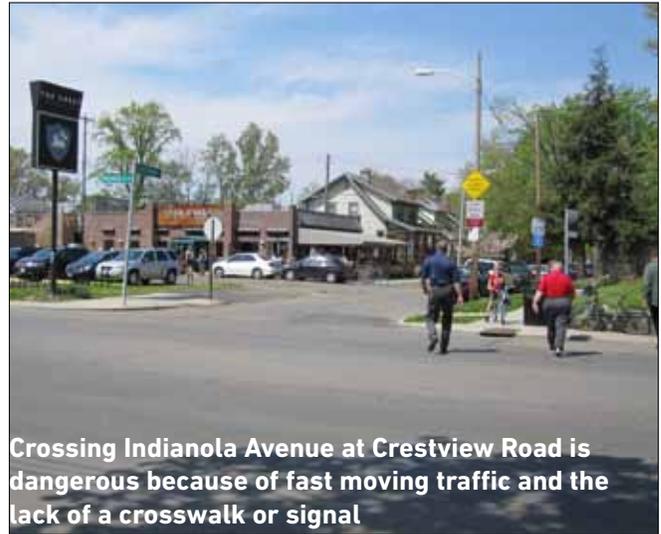
Indianola Avenue

South of North Broadway

- The funded median on Indianola Avenue at Milford Avenue near Studio 35 should be designed to include a pedestrian refuge and crosswalk.

- Consider allowing on street parking at all hours. Parking lanes should be defined by painted lines and/or by the construction of bump outs at intersections.

- Study signalizing Crestview Road and Indianola Avenue (or installing a pedestrian signal and crosswalk) to improve safety. This could also be a location for a median.

- Additional pedestrian crossings should be considered at either Walhalla Road or Como Road.

- At a minimum, sharrows should be added to accommodate people bicycling.

- Sidewalk and curb replacement where necessary.

North of North Broadway

- Road diet (funded) to create a street section that includes one moving lane in each direction and a center turn lane. This would allow for a bike lane to be added along this stretch of the Indianola Avenue corridor.

- New sidewalks from Garden Road to Jeffrey Place (funded), and in other sections with missing gaps.

- Study signalized crosswalk or traffic signal at Indianola Avenue and Garden Road or Weisheimer Road.

- Retain HAWK signal between Dunedin Road and Piedmont Road across from the former Olympic Pool site or create signalized intersection as part of new development.

- Curb replacement where necessary.

North of Morse Road:

- Bike path shoulder to link planned bike lane improvements along Morse Road and Indianola Avenue south of Morse Road and to link up with the bike facility on Lincoln Avenue. Doing so would create a more complete bicycle network.

Crossing Indianola Avenue at Crestview Road is dangerous because of fast moving traffic and the lack of a crosswalk or signal

Curbs and sidewalks are missing or damaged along many portions of Indianola Avenue

A paved shoulder bike lane should be installed on Indianola Avenue north of Morse Road

FUNDED AND POTENTIAL INDIANOLA AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

Sidewalk installation between Garden Road and E. Jeffrey Place **(UIRF Funded)**

Potential pedestrian crossing locations, co-located with pedestrian-activated signals and medians where possible
(Note: Current UIRF funding includes one median between Milford Avenue and Melrose Avenue)

Bike path shoulder north of Morse

Road diet with bike lanes between North Broadway and Morse **(UIRF Funded)**

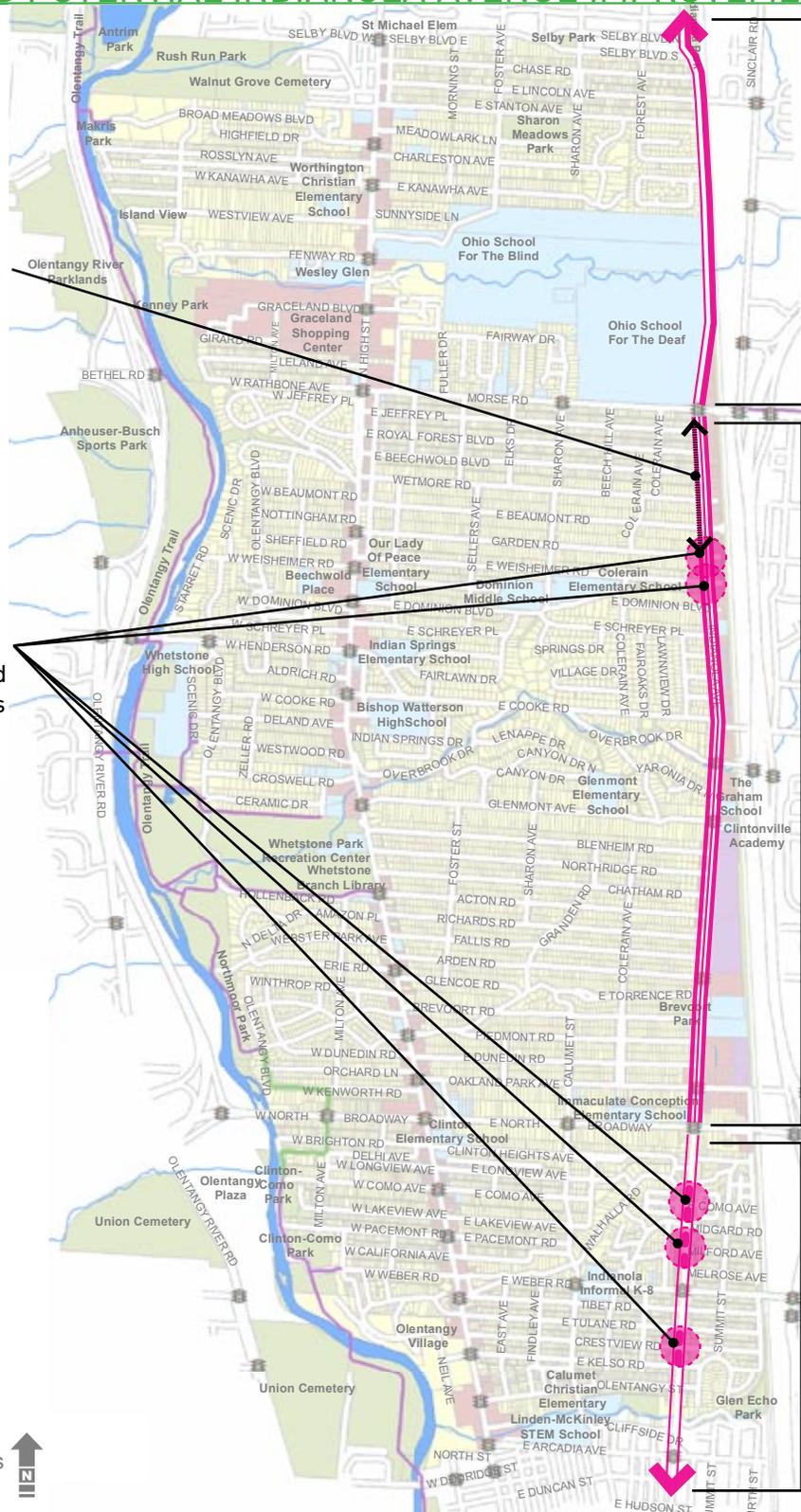Dedicated on-street parking with sharrows south of North Broadway

Traffic Signal

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3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

West North Broadway

The current round of UIRF funding has allocated dollars to a Road Diet study for West North Broadway. This should consider the following:

• Bump outs or medians to slow cars down

• Bike Lanes

• A Crosswalk at West North Broadway and Hennepin Avenue

• Ladder crosswalks at Milton Avenue on all four sides

• New bridge on West North Broadway with sidewalks on both sides

• On-street parking

• Study alternative designs of the West North Broadway ramp from 315

• Make Kenworth Road more accessible to people bicycling

• Make Milton Avenue and West North Broadway no turn on red in all directions

Improvements to the Milton Avenue intersection with West North Broadway should be studied to improve the safety of people bicycling and walking

The 315 ramp to West North Broadway dumps fast moving traffic onto this residential street

Kenworth Road should be made to be more accessible for people bicycling

STUDY CONSIDERATIONS FOR W. NORTH BROADWAY

W DUNEDIN RD

ORCHARD LN

Improve access at Kenworth Road

OAKLA

KENWORTH RD

New bridge with sidewalks

Crosswalk improvements at Milton and North Broadway

Clinton

Study alternative designs for 315 exit ramp to North Broadway

W NORTH BROADWAY

New crosswalk at Hennepin and North Broadway

Elementary Sc

CLINTO

W BRIGHTON RD

DELHI AVE

W LONGVIEW AVE

W COMO AVE

Clinton-Como Park

Olentangy Plaza

A striped parking lane on East North Broadway has helped to physically define the eastbound travel lane and calm traffic speeds. Similar strategies should be considered for West North Broadway.

3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Calumet Street

Calumet Street is a critical north-south linkage within the neighborhood. A lower speed and lower traffic alternative to both High Street and Indianola Avenue, this is an attractive street for both people walking and people bicycling. Unfortunately, the limited width of the street and the current design of the street make these activities unpleasant and unsafe. North of Weber Road, Calumet lacks a painted center line, and while on-street parking is allowed on portions of the street, the lack of pavement markings in reality creates a 30-foot-wide lane that encourages speeding. The lack of a tree lawn and narrow sidewalks also means that sign poles and telephone poles are often obstructing pedestrian pathways.

While the UIRF funding has been approved for a North-South Neighborhood Greenway (see page 30) that will improve bikeability along the corridor, other improvements are necessary including:

• Pavement markings: center line striping where missing and parking lane striping (similar to East North Broadway and Weber Road)

• Crosswalk improvements at multiple intersections, especially around schools (see page 28)

• Rain garden bump outs on the west side of Calumet to provide needed green space, control stormwater and define the parking lane

The lack of a defined parking lane or a centerline creates a visually wider street that encourages speeding

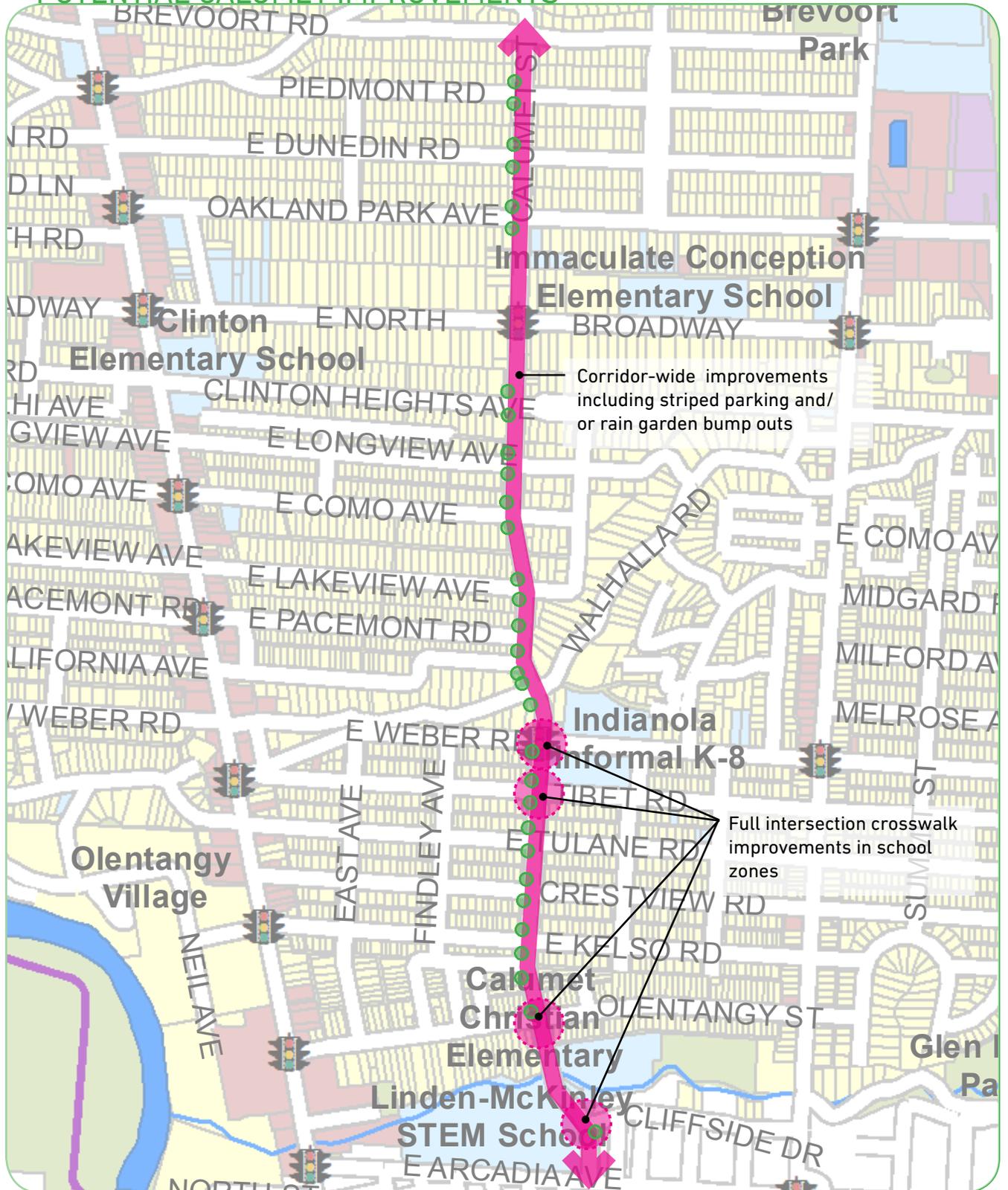Already narrow sidewalks are blocked by sign poles and telephone poles

Rain garden bump out demonstration at Calumet Street and Tibet Road showing how such a facility could define the parking lane and add needed greenspace and stormwater treatment

POTENTIAL CALUMET IMPROVEMENTS

Corridor-wide improvements including striped parking and/or rain garden bump outs

Full intersection crosswalk improvements in school zones

3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

East/West Streets

Throughout Clintonville there are east-west streets that connect High Street and Indianola Avenue. The streets that have a traffic light at each or either end, tend to receive additional traffic. In an effort to calm traffic and to aid in controlling stormwater runoff, there is an opportunity to explore green infrastructure facilities along these corridors. As part of the City's Blueprint initiative, the Department of Public Utilities is exploring how this might be possible. While they are beginning in the Adena Brook area (roughly Weisheimer Road to Glenmont Avenue), there are numerous such opportunities across the neighborhood.

To the extent that it is possible, these improvements should be studied to see what infrastructure could be built that could both serve the stormwater goals and neighborhood traffic calming goals. These include:

• Sidewalks (with stormwater storage below)

• Permeable pavement roadways or parking lanes

• Rain garden bump outs

• Other rain gardens in tree lawns or areas of leftover pavement

Demonstration on Weisheimer Road at Colerain Elementary School to illustrate how a rain garden bump out and sidewalk could improve this street

A wide eastbound lane on Lincoln Road at Indianola provides an opportunity for a bump out that could narrow the pedestrian crossing distance at this busy intersection

This leftover space at the intersection of Tibet Road and Weber Road could be repurposed to capture stormwater and clarify both pedestrian and vehicular movements

POTENTIAL EAST/WEST STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Priority streets are highlighted with potential intersection bump out locations identified. Specific locations and configurations of recommended improvements will require further study. Similar improvements should be explored on other streets throughout Clintonville.
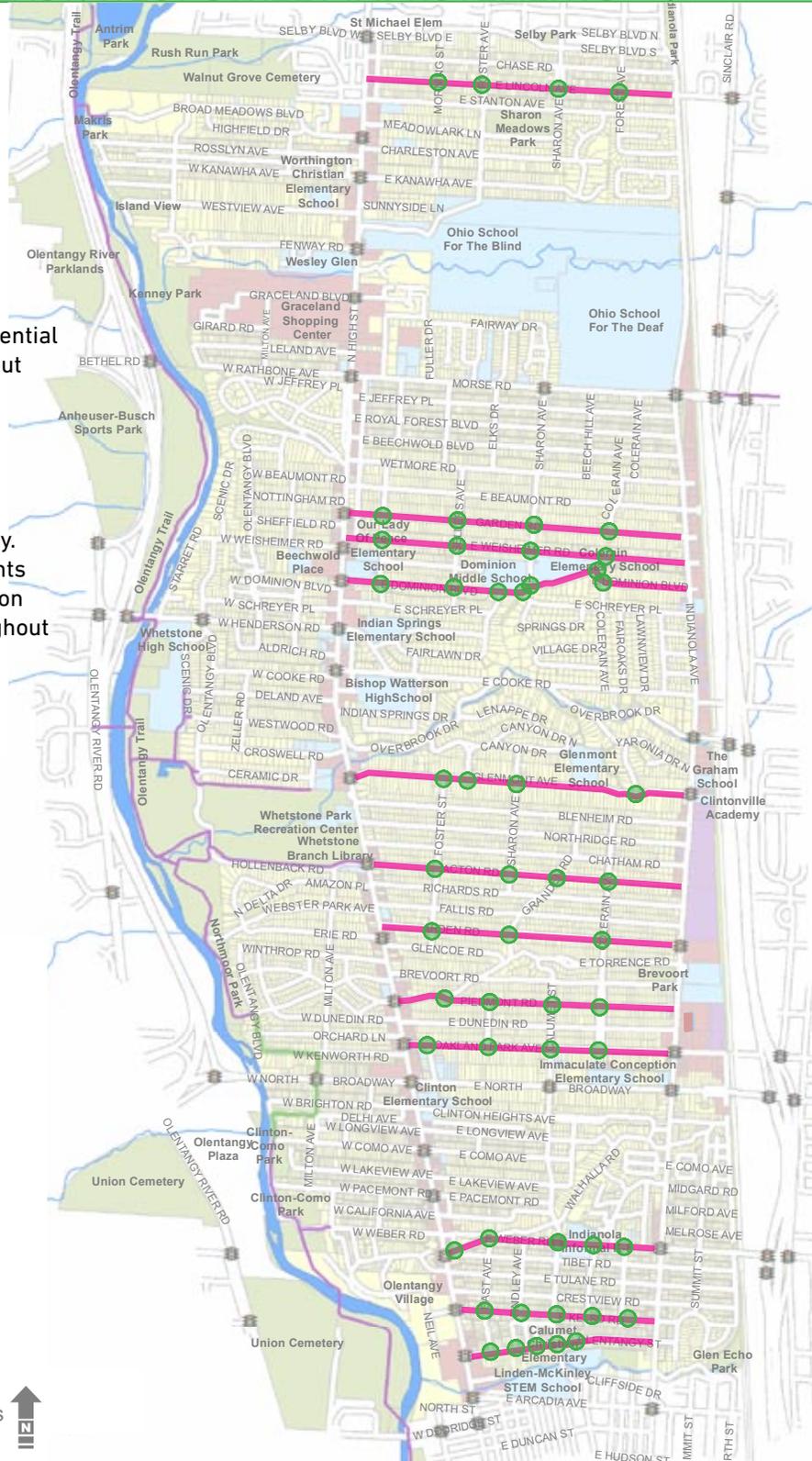

Traffic Signal

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3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Other Corridors

While not corridor-wide, there are many other specific improvements needed along other major roadways in Clintonville. These include:

Henderson Road

• Study median with pedestrian refuge and crosswalk at Starrett Road to enable pedestrian and bicyclist movement across Henderson Road to and from the Olentangy Trail.

Morse Road

• Implement planned road diet and bike lane west of Indianola.

• Add crosswalk striping and traffic light functionality change at the intersection of Morse Road and Sharon Avenue allowing for pedestrian and bicycle traffic to cross Morse Road safely via a signal change forcing vehicular traffic to stop. Currently the light is a flashing yellow with no ability to trigger the light to turn red.

Weber Road/Tibet Road

• Study Bike Boulevard opportunities.

• Implement previous UIRF request for high visibility crosswalk at High Street.

Milton Avenue

• Additional bicycle improvements. Study potential of sidewalks.

• Study traffic circle at "six point" intersection in the Northmoor neighborhood.

Sidewalks

• Specific parts of the neighborhood (Beechwold and Northmoor) have requested sidewalks. Some streets lack sidewalks completely, while others have gaps in the sidewalk system. CAC commissioners should consult with other areas of Clintonville to determine community interest and priority locations for sidewalk completion.

A median with a pedestrian refuge and crosswalk would aid connectivity across Henderson Road and calm traffic

The flashing signal and single crosswalk at Morse Road and Sharon Avenue is not sufficient to slow traffic and enable safe crossing

This leftover space at the six point intersection on Milton Avenue could become a traffic circle and rain garden that would calm traffic and beautify the neighborhood

POTENTIAL OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Road diet with bike lanes for Morse Road west of Indianola

(Note: Current UIRF funding includes bike lanes on Morse Road)

Median with pedestrian refuge and crosswalk at Henderson and Starrett Road

Traffic circle at "six point" intersection

Northmoor neigh-borhood sidewalk completion

Sidewalk and bicycle enhancements along Milton

Improve crosswalk and traffic signal function at Morse and Sharon

East Beechwold neighborhood sidewalk completion

High visibility crosswalk at Weber/Tibet and High

Traffic Signal

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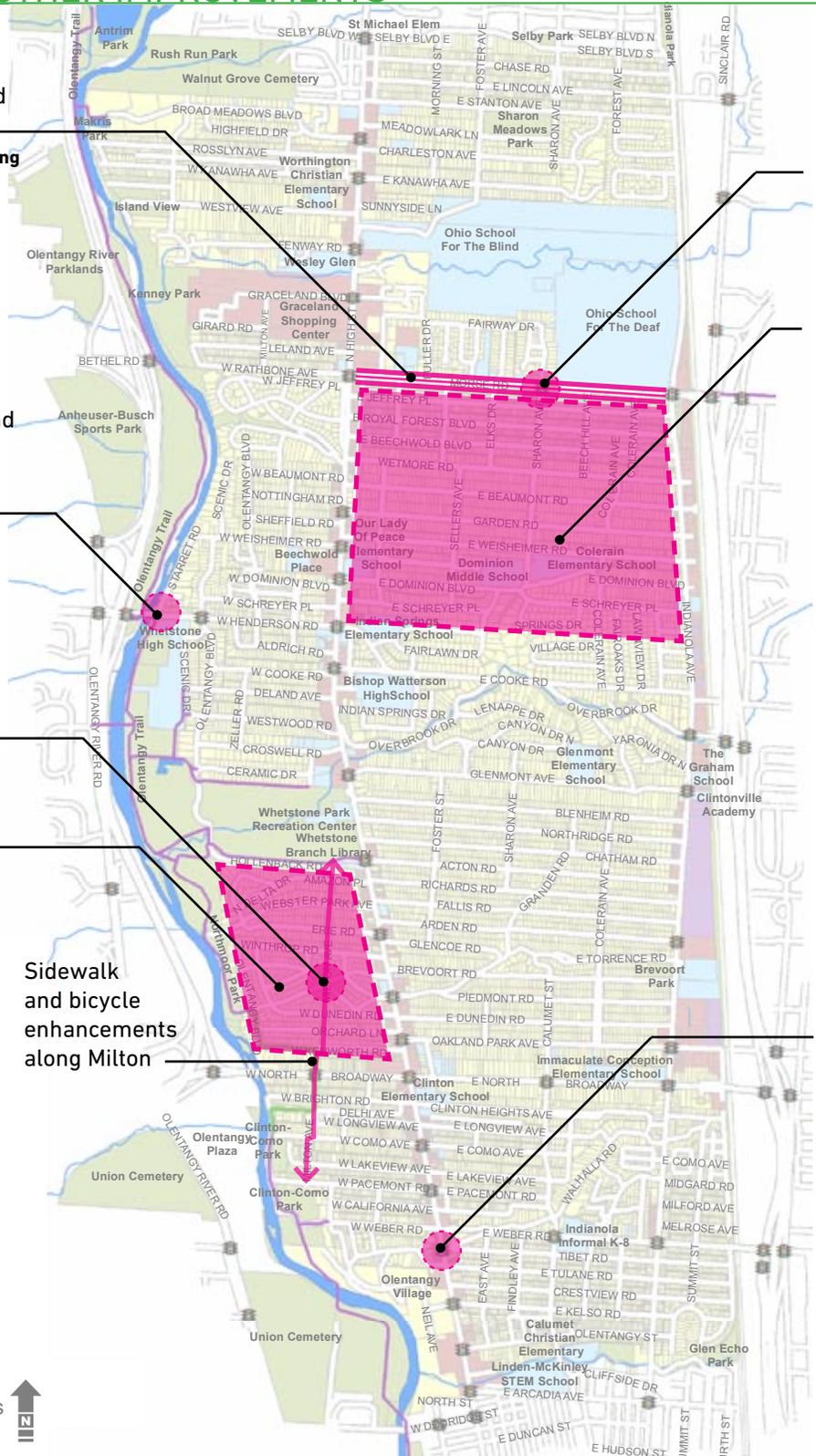
3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Clintonville is home to 10 public, private, charter or parochial schools. There are two additional schools on the border between Clintonville and the University Area commissions areas and one more (slightly farther away) which many Clintonville students attend.

Parents in Clintonville, like all parents throughout Columbus, want our students to feel protected and cared about as they make their way to school. We would like for our all of our schools to have every possible protection that is possible to ensure that drivers are aware of pedestrian activity and school zones. Many of our schools are on streets without sidewalks which, therefore, do not qualify for crosswalks in spite of the fact that the neighborhood is extremely walkable.

Instead of providing only what is minimally required, we ask that the city consider providing everything that can be done to show we value our children. Children will be walking to school grounds at all times of the day to access some of its facilities and we would like city policy to reflect that reality.

In addition to providing sidewalks on streets adjacent to schools (primarily in the northern section of Clintonville), the following are school zone safety measures should be considered:

- Traffic calming on E. Cooke Road and E. Henderson Road by way of planted medians with pedestrian crosswalks incorporated within medians.

- Pedestrian triggered lighted crosswalks for Bishop Watterson High School and Indian Springs Elementary School.

- Add crosswalk striping for Dominion Middle School; two crossings, one at Sharon Avenue and one at the intersection of E. Dominion and Ingham Avenue.

- Clinton Elementary: Median between Como Avenue and Clinton Heights Avenue.

- Indianola Informal: Ladder crosswalks at all four legs of the intersection of Weber Road and Calumet and Tibet Road and Calumet Street. This is already present at the intersection of Calumet Street and E North Broadway close to Immaculate Conception Elementary School.

- Additional traffic calming along Calumet Street to decrease average vehicular speeds, enable bicycling and increase the safety of pedestrians (see page 22).

Ladder crosswalks and signs alone at Bishop Watterson High School are not effective. RFBB or HAWK signals are necessary (in addition to sidewalks on both sides of the street).

Dominion Middle School is surrounded by streets without sidewalks
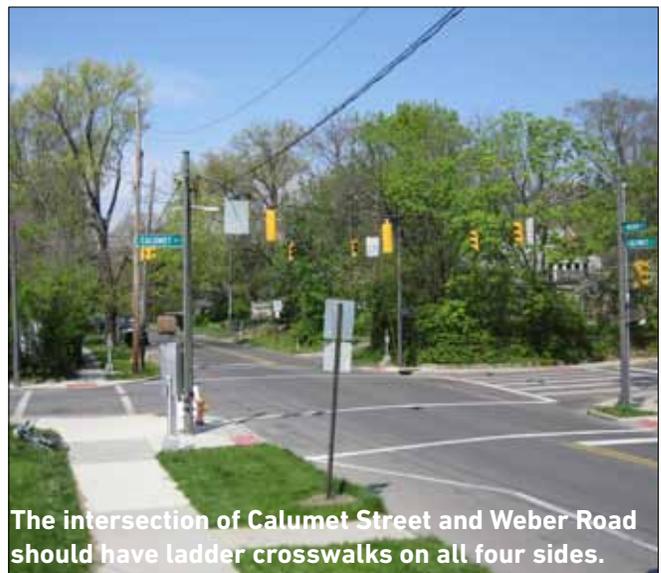
The intersection of Calumet Street and Weber Road should have ladder crosswalks on all four sides.

POTENTIAL SCHOOL ZONE IMPROVEMENTS
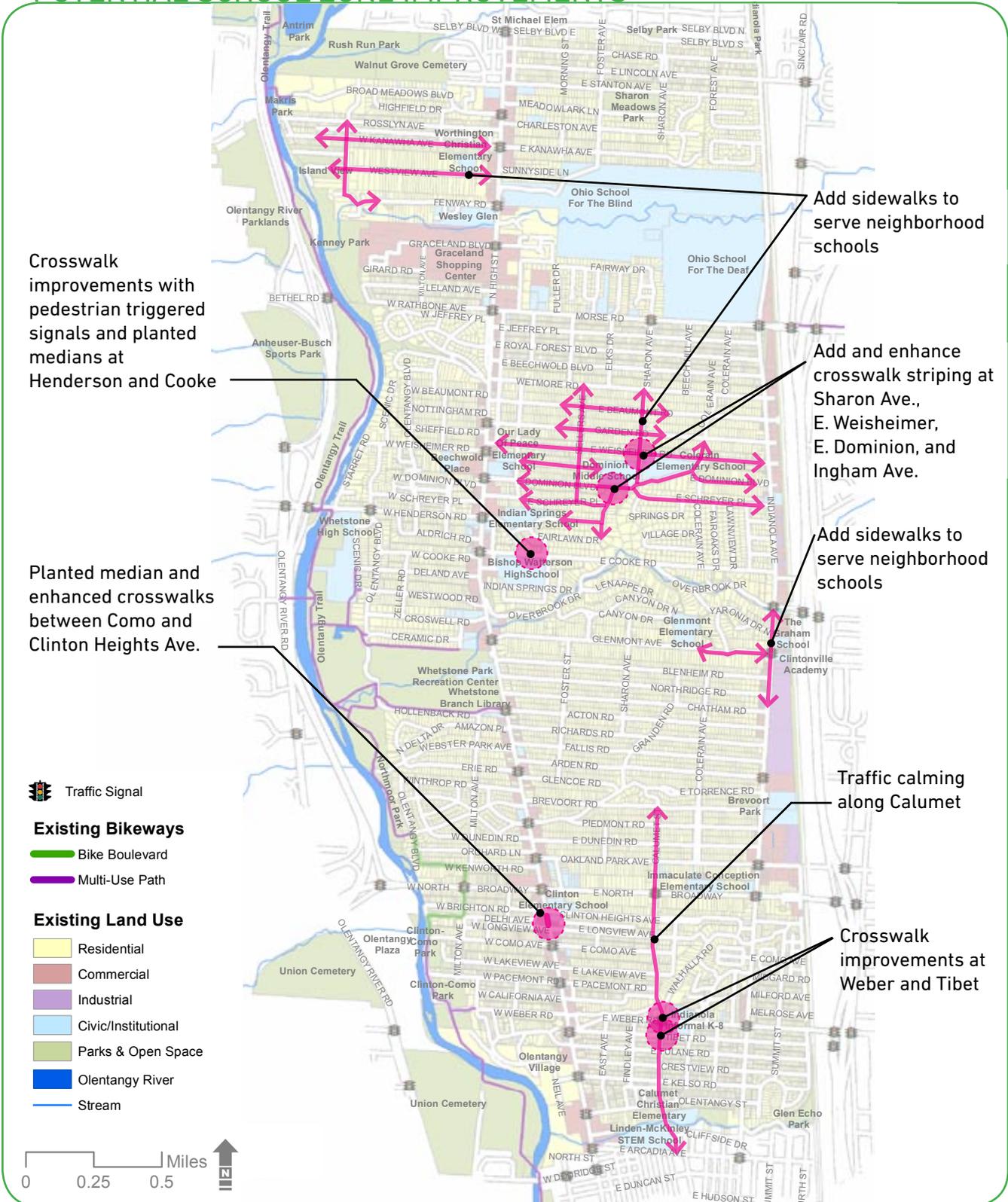
Crosswalk improvements with pedestrian triggered signals and planted medians at Henderson and Cooke

Planted median and enhanced crosswalks between Como and Clinton Heights Ave.

Add sidewalks to serve neighborhood schools

Add and enhance crosswalk striping at Sharon Ave., E. Weisheimer, E. Dominion, and Ingham Ave.

Add sidewalks to serve neighborhood schools

Traffic calming along Calumet

Crosswalk improvements at Weber and Tibet

Traffic Signal

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3. POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

North-South Neighborhood Greenway

The 2009 Clintonville Neighborhood Plan identified the need for a north-south bikeway to act as a secondary network that connected neighborhoods to destinations. Initially conceived as following Calumet Street north from Arcadia along a series of other streets, this idea has been expanded to create greater connectivity throughout the neighborhood to enable more residents to bike and walk more safely. This new concept of a Neighborhood Greenway received UIRF funding and is in the early stages of implementation.

Neighborhood Greenways are a network of streets where people biking and walking are given priority. These slower, quieter streets create safe routes to bike and walk around Clintonville without using High Street or Indianola. This encourages more people to bike and walk to work, to shop, to socialize, and to just have fun. Neighborhood Greenways are designed to feel safe for people of all ages and abilities. They appeal to a large cross-section of people, sometimes referred to as the "bike curious," who would bike and walk more if they felt safe on the roads.

Greenways benefit the whole neighborhood:

* By creating a quieter, more pleasant street environment that improves safety for everyone.

* By building a stronger sense of community and neighborhood identity. With more people biking and walking, there are more opportunities for social encounters where neighbors and friends can meet and interact. These impromptu meetings make the neighborhood friendlier, safer and more pleasant for everyone.

* By encouraging increased patronage of local businesses. People biking and walking visit local businesses more frequently and spend more money over time than people driving.

* By raising property values. Studies show that greenways and bike trails increase home values. The National Association of Homebuilders and the National Association of Realtors report that greenways are one of the top amenities homebuyers want.

* By creating more "eyes on the street". More people and a slower street environment result in more awareness of neighborhood activities.

The Neighborhood Greenway will be defined by pavement markings and signage,

The initial phase of the Neighborhood Greenway would link 8 different schools and provide a safe way for students to ride or walk to school.

The Neighborhood Greenway would also connect to High Street retail including the Farmer's Market.

Whetstone Park, Library and Recreation Center is a key destination along the Neighborhood Greenway.

NORTH-SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY

...... Preliminary Phase I Route

...... Potential Future Phases

(Note: Current UIRF funding includes bikeway improvements to Calumet Street, to be coordinated with the Phase I Greenway concept)

🚦 Traffic Signal

Existing Bikeways
- ── Bike Boulevard
- ── Multi-Use Path

Existing Land Use
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Civic/Institutional
- Parks & Open Space
- Olentangy River
- Stream

Miles
0   0.25   0.5

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4. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation

Dozens of mobility improvements have been outlined in this study. Several of them are already underway and are slated for design and implementation.

Others will need to be funded by subsequent rounds of UIRF funding or by other sources of City or community monies. The projects discussed within this study have been cataloged in the matrix that follows. This tool is to be used by the Clintonville Area Commission, the community and the City to track progress on projects that are currently funded and to advocate for and identify funding for those that are not.

This resource should be updated annually by the Planning and Development Committee through discussion with the Area Commission, community members, the City and, as is applicable, future UIRF funding processes.

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CURRENT UIRF FUNDED PROJECTS

Clintonville UIRF Plan (2015)		
Project	**Location/Description**	**Approx. Cost Estimates**
Planted median	One location on High Street, south of North Broadway	$250,000
Planted median	One location on Indianola, south of Weber	$250,000
Road diet	Indianola between North Broadway and Morse	$275,000
Bike lanes	Indianola between North Broadway and Morse	$100,000
Road diet study	West North Broadway between SR 315 and High Street	$65,000
New sidewalks	Indianola (west side) from Garden to Jeffrey	$300,000
Bike facility	North–South bike connector (including Calumet and other sections to be determined)	$350,000

UIRF Projects (2012)	
Project Description	Dollars Allocated
Street trees along both sides of High Street from Morse Road to Chase Road.*	$30,000
Traffic study to determine locations of planted medians on High Street and Indianola**	$50,000
Construction of planted medians on High Street between Como and Clinton Hts and south of Weber and on Indianola between North Broadway and Morse and between Milford and Melrose.***	$250,000
Connect Glen Echo Park walkway to the steps at the bridge on Indianola that spans the ravine	$25,000
Planting of understory trees to reduce storm water runoff into the Olentangy River	$10,000
Brick crosswalks. North High Street at: • W. Rathbone Avenue/Morse Road • Hollenback Road/Acton Road • Henderson Road • E. Dominion Boulevard	$110,000

* Some trees have been planted
** This study has been completed
*** The study mentioned above recommended two locations for medians: Indianola at Milford and High at Oakland. Other locations were studied, but these two are able to move forward now because they do not impact access.
**** The 2009 Clintonville Crosswalk Task Force Report identified these and other crosswalks for improvements using prior UIRF funding allocations. Remaining dollars from prior funding cycles should be confirmed with the City of Columbus.

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT MATRIX

Street	Improvement	Potential Funding Sources
High (p. 16)	Medians at Kelso, Clinton Heights, Kenworth, Chatham and Beechwold	UIRF, City Capital Budget
High	Signalized Crosswalks at Walhalla, Tulane, Fallis/ Webster Park, Beechwold	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
High	Add on-street parking between W. Cooke and Acton	Department of Public Service
High	Street tree replacements and additions	UIRF, Recreation and Parks
High	Buried Utilities	City Capital Budget
High	Decorative Street Lights from Morse to Corporate Limits	City Capital Budget
Indianola (p. 18)	Allow on-street parking at all hours south of North Broadway	Department of Public Service
Indianola	Striped parking lanes or rain garden bumpouts	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Indianola	Signalize Crestview or provide signalized crosswalk	UIRF, Department of Public Service
Indianola	Signalized Crosswalks at Walhalla or Como	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Indianola	Sharrows south of North Broadway	UIRF, Department of Public Service
Indianola	Sidewalk and curb replacement where necessary south of North Broadway	Department of Public Service
Indianola	Signalized Crosswalks at Garden or Weisheimer	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Indianola	Retain HAWK Signal at Olympic Pool site	N/A
Indianola	Curb Replacement	Department of Public Service
Indianola	Bike path shoulder north of Morse Road	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Calumet (p.22)	Center line striping north of Weber	Department of Public Service
Calumet	Parking lane striping	Department of Public Service
Calumet	High Visibility crosswalks at Tibet and Weber	Department of Public Service
Calumet	Rain garden bump outs	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Utilities

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POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT MATRIX

Street/ Location	Improvement	Potential Funding Sources
East/West Streets (p.24)	Sidewalks with storage below	Department of Public Utilities
East/West Streets	Permeable pavement roadways or parking lanes	Department of Public Utilities
East/West Streets	Rain Garden bump outs and planters	Department of Public Service
East/West Streets	Street tree replacements and additions	UIRF, Recreation and Parks
Henderson (p.26)	Median at Starret	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Morse (p.26)	Bike lane west of Indianola	City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Morse	Signalized Crosswalk at Sharon	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Tibet (p.26)	Bike Boulevard on Tibet	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Weber/Tibet (p.26)	High Visibility Crosswalk at High	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Milton (p.26)	Bike improvements, sidewalks	City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Milton	Traffic Circle at six points intersection	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Northmoor/ Beechwold (p.26)	Sidewalks	City Capital Budget
Cooke/ Henderson (p.28)	Medians and crosswalks	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School
Bishop Watterson (p. 28)	Crosswalk striping	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School
Indian Springs Elementary (p.28)	Signalized Crosswalks	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School
Dominion Middle (p.28)	Crosswalks at Sharon and Ingham	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School
Dominion Middle (p.28)	Sidewalks on Dominion from High Street to Indianola	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School
Colerain Elementary (p.28)	Sidewalks on Weisheimer from High Street to Indianola	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT MATRIX

Street/ Location	Improvement	Potential Funding Sources
Clinton Elementary (p.28)	Median between Como and Clinton Heights	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service
Indianola Informal (p. 28)	High Visibility Crosswalks on Calumet at Weber and Tibet	UIRF, City Capital Budget, Department of Public Service, Safe Routes to School

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COTA NEWS RELEASE

COTA WILL RETURN TO FARES BEGINNING JANUARY 11

12/8/2020

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) will soon reinstate fares for customers after temporarily suspending them at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Fares will resume Jan. 11 on all fixed-route transit lines and COTA//Plus services, and Feb. 1 for COTA Mainstream and Mainstream-on-Demand.

Beginning Dec. 14, customers will be able to purchase new passes or have their expired pass replaced at no charge. Fares will remain the same as they have since 2012. Monthly pass are $62; daily one-way fares are $2, and a wide variety of 3-day and 7-day passes are available. Customers previously eligible for discounted fares will continue to be served through the eligibility program at COTA or through non-profit partners. Employees or students whom have transit service paid for by an employer/school will resume using their previous smart phone app or employment/student I.D. card on Jan. 11.

COTA customers using passes, cash or credit will be able to purchase passes at the Customer Experience Center, located at 33 North High Street, Columbus, or one of the more than [more than 30 retail locations](#) in the region. More information for customers can be found at [COTA.com/passes](#).

"We took this unique, but important step to temporarily offer our transit services at no fare to the community at a time when there was no uniform guidance on how to properly protect employees and customers," said COTA President/CEO Joanna M. Pinkerton. "This allowed us to have customers board from the rear of the vehicle while we took time and care to implement new state-of-the art sanitization protocol and protective equipment, and educate the community on the role they can play in wearing proper protective face coverings. We did so knowing it was the right thing to do for those who relied on us most, especially throughout the summer when we witnessed economic impacts to those who bore the brunt of COVID-19 societal impacts most. We have demonstrated for a number of months that we can effectively employ measures to successfully move people in the region with industry-leading sanitization procedures and we appreciate the commitment from our customers and employees who have adopted wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing. We are glad we were able to provide this contribution to the community."

COTA temporarily suspended fares in March when transit vehicles began requiring rear-door boarding. Since then, COTA has put in place multiple measures to protect the health of all aboard transit vehicles.

- Masks are required for all customers.

- Virus-killing disinfectants and long-lasting *Aegis Microbe Shield*, an antimicrobial solution commonly used in the hospital and food industries, are applied to every vehicle through spraying, fogging and intense cleaning of every surface.

- All COTA vehicles employ strong ventilation systems, ensuring fresh air is circulated inside vehicles every minute.

- All fixed-route transit vehicles are temporarily limited to 20 customers. COTA//Plus and Mainstream Vehicles are limited to two customers (or more if a family unit).

- Additional vehicles are being added to support social distancing on high ridership lines.

For information on COTA's safety and sanitization protocol, click here.

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COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENTS

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19, CALL COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH: 614-645-1519
Or the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).
FOR MORE INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19 PLEASE VISIT: COLUMBUS.GOV/CORONAVIRUS
<mark>PLEASE VISIT PAGE 12 Holiday Resources</mark>

Disclaimer: The provider of this resource list assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information. This does not represent all the Pantries and Meals and resources available in the area. The data includes self-reported and third party reported information, understood to be current and complete for each site as of: December 2020

COVID19 Testing Sites and Medical/Health Care Providers

Columbus Public Health *(testing provided by Mount Carmel, OhioHealth, and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center)*

Service Description: Preregistration and appointment will be required for testing. Call testing organization to schedule. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.
Call: 614-645-1519
Visit www.columbuspublichealth.gov/coronavirus
To find testing site near you, please visit https://covid-19-response-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/
Address: Ohio Expo Center & State Fair Celeste Center
717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211
Hours: Monday-Friday - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Heart of Ohio Family Health

Service Description: Preregistration and appointment will be required for testing. Call testing organization to schedule. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.
https://heartofohiofamilyhealth.org
Scheduling Your COVID-19 Testing, please call 614-235-5555

Capital Park Family Health Center
2365 Innis Rd., Columbus 43224
Monday to Friday 1 to 4:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 11:30 am

Whitehall Family Health Center
882 S. Hamilton Rd., Whitehall 43213
Mon. -Thurs. 1pm-4:30pm
Fri. - 1pm-2:30pm

Whitehall- Yearling High School
675 S. Yearling Rd, Whitehall 43213
Mon. –Fri. 8am-11:30am

Lower Lights Christian Health Center

Service Description: Preregistration and appointment will be required for testing. Call testing organization to schedule. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.
Call: 614-274-1455
Visit https://llchc.org/covid19
Location: Lower Lights at Mount Carmel West
777 W. State St., Columbus 43222
Friday, -9a.m-5p.m.

PrimaryOne Health

Service Description: Pre-registration and appointment will be required for testing. Call testing organization to schedule. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. ***Please Note: PrimaryOne Health is the only location testing those without symptoms.**

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Visit www.primaryonehealth.org/covid19testing for more information.

PrimaryOne Health at Health and Wellness Center
2300 W. Broad St., Columbus 43204
Phone: 614-645-2300 or 614-645-5500
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.

PrimaryOne Health at the John R. Maloney Health and Wellness Center
1905 Parsons Ave., Columbus 43207
Phone: 614-586-4159 or 614-645-5500
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.

PrimaryOne Health
3433 Agler Rd., Suite 2800 Columbus 43219
Phone: 614-645-1600 or 614-645-5500
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.

PrimaryOne Health at St. Stephens Community House
1500 E. 17th Ave., Columbus 43219
Phone: 614-645-2700 or 614-645-5500
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.

Equitas Health
Service Description: Pre-registration and appointment will be required for testing. Call testing organization to schedule. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Phone: 614-300-2334
Visit: https://equitashealth.com
Location: King-Lincoln Medical Center- 750 E. Long St., Columbus 43203
Telehealth Screening: Monday-Friday, 9a.m.-1p.m.
Hours: Testing: Monday-Friday, 11a.m.-3p.m.

Southeast Healthcare
Service Description: Pre-registration and appointment will be required for testing. Call testing organization to schedule. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.
Service Description:
Phone: 614-360-0160
Location: 86 N. Front St., Columbus 43215
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. – 1-4 p.m

Kroger
Service Description: Drive-thru COVID-19 testing **by appointment**. Test results are expected to be available within 48 hours after the test is administered. People can register online (see link below) and will go through a virtual screening process based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
https://www.krogerhealth.com/covid-locations

CVS Pharmacy—COVID-19 Testing
Service Description: Drive-thru COVID-19 testing **by appointment**.
https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing

Southeast Inc.
Services Description: Southeast Healthcare, a comprehensive provider of community mental health, primary care, dental, alcohol and drug, vocational, housing and homeless. Accepting new patients in need of primary care doctor and testing for COVID19

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Hours/Location: Serving 43215, 43223, 43205. Call for specific locations, hours and current service being provided.
Phone: 614-225-0980

OSU Total Health and Wellness
Services Description: Accepting new patients in need of primary care doctor and testing for COVID19.
Phone: 614-685-9994
Location: 543 Taylor Ave Columbus, OH 43203
http://nursing.osu.edu

COVID TESTING FOR OSU STUDENTS, FACULTY/STAFF MEMBERS
OSU students, faculty members/staff that have questions about COVID testing requirements and to determine if a test should be ordered should call the OSU office of student life at
Phone: 614-292-4321 or email at: shs@osu.edu.
Student Life FAQs: Coronavirus (COVID-19) questions follow this link: https://studentlife.osu.edu/articles/student-life-faqs-coronavirus-covid-19/

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Visit www.columbuspublichealth.gov/coronavirus
To find testing site near you, please visit https://covid-19-response-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/
Ohio Expo Center & State Fair Celeste Center
717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211
Hours: Monday-Friday - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nationwide Children's Vaccination Clinics
Services Description: Your child can get their needed vaccines at selected Columbus City Schools' locations from Nationwide Children's providers.
Hours: All clinics are from 8am-to 3:00 p.m.
Phone: Call (614) 355-2590 to schedule. Walk-ins are welcome.

Reynoldsburg HS --Livingston Campus
6699 E Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

East HS
1500 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43205
Tuesday-Friday

Northland High School
1919 Northcliff Dr, Columbus, OH 43229
Tuesday-Friday

South High School
1160 Ann St, Columbus, OH 43206
Monday- Thursday

West High School
179 S Powell Ave, Columbus, OH 43204
Monday-Thursday

Complete medical visits or COVID-19 testing are not provided, only vaccines. Additional health care services are available at some schools. Please call (614) 355-2590 for more information. Visit the "Mobile Care" tab on this page to view the Mobile Care summer schedule.

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Columbus Metropolitan Library

OPEN FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP & WALK-UP SERVICES ONLY

Services Available: Drive-Up Pickup is available at our New Albany, Northern Lights, Parsons, Shepard and Whitehall locations. Main library (Grant Ave) provides Curbside Pickup in the parking garage. Walk-Up Service is available at the entrance off Library Park North, facing Grant Ave. Face coverings are required for walk-up service.

Reserve an Expert: Book an online, one-on-one appointment to get the help you need.

Benefits and Resources: Book an online appointment with an intern in the Social Work program at The Ohio State University to learn more about social services in the community and to get answers to your questions.

Information & Questions: (614) 645-2275.

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday

GENERAL INFO/RESOURCES

Dial 2-1-1

Service Description: If you need assistance finding food, paying for housing bills, accessing free childcare, or other essential services, visit 211.org or dial 211 to speak to someone who can help.

Central Ohio Latino Health and Social Services Directory

Service Description: This guide should serve as a resource for community members and leaders to learn and utilize the wide array of health and social services available to the Hispanic/Latino community in Central Ohio. Central Ohio Latino Health and Social Services Directory FINAL April 2020.pdf

CITY OF COLUMBUS 311

Live calls to 311 are back! : Call 311 and speak to a customer service representative Monday to Friday from 8AM to 5PM. Requests for service can also be submitted online at 311.columbus.gov, or use the My Columbus mobile app, and by e-mail to 311@columbus.gov.

CareSource

Service Description: 24-hour Nurse Hotline is still operating.

Phone: 1-866-206-0554 or 1-800-488-0134.

Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Our newer change is the *Ohio Department of Medicaid has announced Medicaid Renewals are not being processed at this time. Medicaid coverage will not be lost for non-renewal.* Please visit their website regarding their telemedicine policy. Members can have a doctor's appointment without leaving their home.

Hilltop USA

Service Description: Website with general information about resources and community response to COVID-19**.**
http://hilltopusa.org/covid-19/

BIO ONE- Cleaning Services

Service Description: Coronavirus Cleaning and Disinfection Services

Bio-One specializes in all types of extreme cleaning including blood, unattended death, homicide, suicide, hoarding, and feces cleanup throughout Columbus and surrounding areas. www.bioonecolumbus.com

Email: Info@BioOneColumbus.com

Phone: 614-743-1795

Mailing Address: 3000 E. Main St. #151 Columbus, OH 43209

Women, Children and Infants

CelebrateONE

Service Description: CelebrateOne connectors are still taking referrals. Anyone needing assistance with transportation to a prenatal appointment, a crib and or other baby items. All services are at no cost to the client. Visits are made to clients in their own homes or other locations as arranged.

Phone: 614-570-3592

Email: SLPosten@columbus.gov

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Maternal and Child Health at Columbus Public Health

Service Description: Maternal & Child Health Home Visiting Programs are dedicated to promoting healthy mothers, babies and families.

My Baby & Me

Home visitation program that provides in-home family-centered service coordination and education services to pregnant women, parenting women, and their infants up to the age of 2 years, who reside in Franklin County. Learn more.

Moms & Babies First

Culturally specific home visitation program that provides community-based outreach and care coordination services to high-risk, low-income, African-American pregnant women and their infants to age 1 year who reside in 17 specific Columbus zip codes.

Phone: (614) 724-BABY (2229)

Prescription Delivery- ScriptDrop

Service Description: Text DELIVER to 727478 to have prescriptions delivered from any pharmacy (during COVID-19) for an $8 delivery fee. Requests placed before 11:00am can be delivered same day after 2:00pm. https://scriptdrop.co/
Phone: 614-641-0648

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio

Service Description: Provides medication, health screenings, health and wellness education, medication counseling, and social program referrals at no cost for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured Franklin County residents.
Phone: (614) 227-0301
Address: 200 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43215

Older Adult Response and Resources For Seniors

Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center (CRC)

Service Description: Older adults in greater Columbus in need of necessity bags. Potential items include: Paper towels, Soap, Toilet paper, Disposable Thermometer, Gloves, Shelf stable food & snacks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Christine Happel at: christine.happel@clintonvillecrc.org
Phone: 614-268-3539 for delivery or pick up.
Address: 3222 N. High St Columbus, OH 43202 for delivery or pick up.
Hours: Delivery on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 9am-5pm. Pick up at CRC Monday-Friday between 9am-5pm.

The Friendly Phone Line

Service Description: available to older adults in greater Columbus who are looking for friendly conversation and social connection. The Friendly phone-line is intended to be a touch point to combat loneliness in our community during this unprecedented time of social distancing. These calls are **not** intended to be a space to provide counseling, case management, or health information/recommendations.
Phone: 614-993-3614
Hours: Older adults may call Monday - Friday, between 9am-5pm

LifeCare Alliance

Service Description: Meals-on-Wheels: Hot, nutritious home-delivered 365 days a year for homebound older adults or medically challenged neighbors who are 60 years old and unable to prepare meals for themselves.
Eligibility: Over the age of 60 years old. If you reside in the following counties (Franklin, Madison, Marion, Logan, and Champaign.) Homebound, i.e. if you no longer can drive nor take public transportation. Lives alone or is home doing the day along without any other assistance. If you have any ailment that prevents you from being able to prepare healthy meals for yourself.
Enrollment Process for Short Team Pandemics meals is as follows:
- Over the age of 60 and If you reside in the following counties (Franklin, Madison, Marion, Logan and Champaign)
- If you're shut in due to the outbreak, you can receive five frozen meals delivered weekly until the pandemic is lifted

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Phone: 614-278-3130 or go to www.lifecarealliance.org and click on the referral tab and complete the referral application and it will be sent directly to our Customer Service Intake Team.

Breathing Association
Service Description: The emergency Winter Crisis Program is accepting applications for assistance from November through March 31, 2021. This program provides assistance once per heating season to:
- Eligible households that are disconnected, threatened with disconnection, need service, transferring utility service or have less than a 25% supply of bulk fuel.

Phone: (614) 457-4570 or (614) 457-2997 if you have questions concerning this program
Address: 788 Mt Vernon Ave, Columbus, OH 43203
Website: https://www.breathingassociation.org/heap/winter-crisis-program/

Salvation Army
Services: Seniors age 60 and over who meet income guidelines of 130% of the Federal Poverty Level and live in Franklin County are eligible to receive a monthly senior food box. Salvation Army also provides assistance with emergency financial needs for rent, utilities and program for veterans.
Phone: (614) 437-2134.
Location: 966 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205

Gladden Community House
Services: Food delivery to homebound seniors, case management services and socialization outings for seniors living in Franklinton: 43222, 43215 west of the river and 43223.
Phone: (614) 227-1600
Address: 183 Hawkes Ave Columbus, Ohio 43223

Senior Options
Services: Any Franklin County resident 60 or over who is struggling to access food while sheltering in place is eligible to receive home delivered meals. Now through December 30, 2020, Franklin County Senior Options will not require income verification to receive home delivered meals. Call to request the meals and other available services.
Phone: 614-525-6200, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Court Filings/Hearing Updates & Legal Aid
Franklin County Municipal Court- Court Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic
Franklin County Municipal Court's Self Help Center will only offer assistance via online chat function Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm. Website with chat function: http://www.fcmcselfhelpcenter.org/

Traffic Arraignments in Courtrooms 1A, 1B, and Eviction Hearings in Courtroom 11B will be heard at the Columbus Convention Center until December 31, 2020.

*Updated September 4, 2020: CDC temporarily stops evictions until 2021.
Order from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Temporary halt in residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. **Effective September 4th - December 31st, 2020**. For more information, refer to the following links from the CDC via Federal Register and Ohio Supreme Court: https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2020-19654.pdf https://supremecourt.ohio.gov/coronavirus/resources/cdcEvictions.pdf

You **must wear a face covering** that will protect against the spread of the COVID-19 virus to be admitted to the Columbus Convention Center.
Phone: Traffic cases- (614) 645-8186 Eviction cases- (614) 645-7235
Location:
Main Concourse Entry
B Meeting Rooms

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Housing, Employment and Emergency Financial Assistance
https://www.findhelp.org/---social service resource search engine that pinpoints assistance through zip codes

Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services
Unemployment Benefits
Eligibility: Employer shut down operations, employees were laid off by employer because of coronavirus, or individual was requested by medical professional, local health authority, or employer to be isolated or quarantined.
Hours: Monday through Friday 8am-5pm
Intake Process: Franklin County workers impacted by closures due to COVID-19 should visit:
www.unemployment.ohio.gov or call 1-877-644-6562.
Hours: weekdays from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The OhioMeansJobs Employment Center
The OhioMeansJobs Employment Center is now open by appointment only
Important Reminders:

- ✓ Call 740-833-2338 to schedule your appointment.
- ✓ Appointments will last 60 minutes.
- ✓ Upon arrival, you must check in with Security. Then a member of the OhioMeansJobs staff will come and escort you to the Employment Center.
- ✓ The OMJ Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm.

Only 1 person permitted per appointment.   (No spouses, friends, or children allowed at this time.)
SNAP Benefits: Apply online at https://benefits.ohio.gov/ ** If you have a child in kindergarten through twelfth grade in your household who was receiving free or reduced-price meals while in school, your child is eligible for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits as a result of the school closure. Please read https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm/pdf/PEBT-flyer.pdf for additional information.

NOTE: Jobs and Family Services hours of operation has changed to: 8 AM to 12 PM from Monday through Friday at all locations. No longer providing in-person customer assistance. FCDJFS urges customers to apply for benefits online or over the phone by calling 1-844-640-6446. You can apply, or check on the status of an existing application, over the phone at 1-844-640-6446 or online at any time at www.benefits.ohio.gov.

Columbus Urban League
Service Description: The Columbus Urban League is now accepting Rental Assistance Applications. You can get help of up to $1,000 if you're at risk of being evicted, need help with a security deposit, and /or are at risk of becoming homeless — no matter your income.
Phone: 614-484-9111.
Address: 788 Mount Vernon Avenue Columbus, OH | 43203
Email us at emergencyassistance@cul.org . For applications and more information visit: https://www.cul.org/.

COMPASS
Service Description: provides services to prevent homelessness and stall evictions, allowing families to remain in their homes. We also refer individuals and families to other agencies within the community. COMPASS does not provide assistance for utility bills in default with the gas or electric company or for tenants scheduled to be evicted within the next 2 business days. COMPASS does not have any in person-hours. Because of COVID-19 we are processing all applications online.
Phone: (614) 221-6552
Address: 760 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43205
Website: https://bspc.org/compass-2/

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Utilities & Internet Services

Columbus Literacy Council (CLC) is assisting anyone in the Franklin County Area pay their utility bill. For more information, please call Sam at (614) 282-7661x722 or email sam@columbusliteracy.org

Catholic Social Services

Service Description: Emergency assistance for utility services to Franklin County residents facing hardship due to COVID-19.

Call 614-221-5891 to learn if you qualify.

Website: https://www.colscss.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/The-City-Cares-Program-Emergency-Utility-Assistance.pdf

HEAP – Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program- November 1- March 31, 2021

Service Description: Provides a one-time benefit to eligible Ohioans with cooling assistance, assistance with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Households with a household member who is either 60 years of age and older, has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has a certified medical condition, and households who have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new electric service may be eligible. Please contact your local Energy Assistance Provider for a list of all required documents. Depending on your income type, additional forms may be required.

Phone: 1(800) 282-0880

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Website: https://development.ohio.gov/is/is_heap.htm

Transportation

COTA BUS SERVICES

Service Description: **COTA will waive all bus fares.** They are asking all bus riders to do the following:

- Enter the buses from the back. The front bus doors will be closed. This is to give their drivers some distance from the public.
- Don't sit right next to other people. Put distance between passengers and maintain as much social distancing as possible.
- There will be hand sanitizer on the bus. Use it when you get on and off.

Please check back daily to COTA's website, www.cota.com/major-service-change-annoucements/, or subscribe to alerts and call COTA's customer service center at 614-228-1776.

COTA will return to fares beginning Jan. 11 for fixed-route vehicles and COTA//Plus and Feb. 1 for Mainstream and Mainstream On-Demand. COTA operates on a fare-based system for its long-term financial sustainability.

Customers will have time to purchase new passes and replace expired

Mental Health and Substance Abuse & Recovery Support Resources

Hotlines

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis, call:

- Netcare Access: For immediate assistance for Adults in crisis: 614-276-2273.

Netcare Access is not accepting walk-ins, law enforcement or other referrals at this time.

- Nationwide Children's Hospital: For immediate assistance for a Youth (17 and under) in crisis: 614-722-1800

If you or someone you know is in distress, contact:

- **Franklin County Suicide Prevention Hotline** call or text: 614-221-5445
  (texting only available from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM)
- **Teen Suicide Hotline**: 614-294-3300
- **Senior Suicide Prevention Hotline**: 614-3309
- **Veteran crisis line**: 1-800-273-8255 option 1 (or text 838255)
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**: 1-800-273-8255
- Text 4HOPE to the **Crisis Text Line**: 614-741-741
- Call The **National Disaster Helpline** at 1-800-985-5990 or text "TALKWITHUS" to 66746

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DDH provides crisis counseling and support for anyone in the U.S. experiencing distress or other behavioral health concerns related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including public health emergencies.

- **The Trevor Project**, call 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678. A national 24 hour, toll free confidential suicide hotline for LGBTQ Youth.
- **The Warmlines** exists to help individuals in their recovery from mental health issues and let them know they are not alone. Call 614-358-8255
- **The National Domestic Violence Hotline**: 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-799-7233 for TTY or if you're unable to speak safely, you can log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522.

Harding Hospital- PHP/IOP and STAR TRC

Service Description: Harding's Partial Hospitalization Programs /Intensive Outpatient programs are running virtually via WebEx and new patients can call and speak with Tonya or Amber to schedule a virtual orientation.
Phone: 614-293-9560 or 614-293-7827 (STAR).
The STAR TRC case management team and therapists are utilizing various means to provide support, services, and therapy to our patients. The referral process remains the same for the STAR TRC.

RiverVista

Service Description: behavioral health hospital, serving the adult and senior populations in a contemporary hearing environment.
Hours: open 24/7 and accept walk in's.
Phone: 614-643-5500- Referral Line.
Address: 1599 Alum Creek Drive Columbus, Ohio 43209

SAFE Stations Access to Detox

Services: providing 24/7 access to eligibility screening and transport to treatment for those in active addiction. In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, temporary changes are being made to the screening process to adhere to physical distancing guidance and ensure EMS crews are available to respond to the higher volume of community 9-1-1 calls. Those without access to transportation can still walk into the Whitehall Division of Fire to be screened and transported to treatment.
Phone: 614-237-5478 to receive screening over the phone 24/7.
Location: 390 South Yearling Road, Whitehall, OH 43213
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.

Franklin County Public Health

Narcan Kits: Get NARCAN mailed to you: https://fckaddiction.com/
Phone: (614) 525-3160
Address: 280 East Broad Street Columbus OH 43215

Counseling/Support Groups/ Domestic Violence Resources for Victims

Pro-Bono Counseling

Service Description: Pro-Bono Counseling program is **still accepting referrals.** Many of their volunteers may be utilizing tele-therapy options to promote a healthy environment. *Please note:* Wait times may be longer than usual, but we are working diligently to get you connected.
Phone: 614-884-7227 for urgent counseling needs.

Discreet Texting Service - City Attorney's Office

Services: Victims can reach the City Attorney's Domestic Violence & Stalking Unit by sending a text message and providing domestic violence advocates with their name, a safe time to communicate, and an email or phone number where they can be reached. For their protection, victims are encouraged to delete their own message after it is sent. The City Attorney's domestic violence advocates will contact the victim at the designated time to discuss safety planning for them and their family.
Phone: 614-653-8075.

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Columbus Springs PHP and IOP

Service Description: Columbus Springs has begun offering group teletherapy through Zoom's secure video conferencing for both their partial hospitalization program (PHP) and intensive outpatient program (IOP).
Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We're happy to help connect patients to the appropriate levels of care with assessments 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Phone: 614-717-1800 (Dublin) and 614-300-9100 (Columbus)

Cornerstone of Hope

Service Description: Cornerstone of hope is now offering Telehealth, a virtual counseling service. Telehealth will allow us to continue offering our grief counseling services, while minimizing interruption of services and upholding a high standard of care.
Phone: 614-824-4285 to set up a Telehealth appointment today.

Focus Counseling Clinic

Service Description: provide counseling services for adolescents (13+), families, individuals and couples. We also provide community based, in-home, in-school concierge counseling for adolescents (13+) and their families.
Call: 614-489-8759 to schedule an appointment.

POEM (Perinatal Outreach and Encouragement for Moms)

Service Description: Offer free of charge services including Mom-to-mom support over the phone, online or in groups with a casual, open session format. Referrals to specialized health care providers and community resources. An unbiased, central source of information and support.
Phone: 614-315-8989, mom to mom support line is available 7 days a week. If your call is directed to voicemail all messages requesting support are returned within 24 hours.

Grief Recovery Institute

Grief Recovery Method specialists and programs in central Ohio.
Contact Lois Hall @ lhall.griefrecoverymethod.com and/or www.griefrecoverymethod.com/grms/lois-hall

NAMI Franklin County

Service Description: NAMI Franklin County is available to speak via telephone and help connect you with the resource you need. NAMI Franklin County is offering select support groups and classes online via Zoom.
Visit their website here: https://namifranklincounty.org/ for meeting codes and passwords.
Phone: 614-501-6264. If you need help after regular business hours, please call: 614-266-06709.

Online Meeting Directory for AA

Service Description: Offers a directory of AA online meetings for everyday of the week and at different times.
- Https://www.aa-intergroup.org/directory.php

Online Recordings of AA speakers

Service Description: Offers online recordings of AA speakers.
- Https://www.aaspeaker.com/
- https://www.hacoaa.org/archives/speakers/
- https://www.recoveryaudio.org/

Pause a While

Service Description: provides free AA meetings, daily at 2 PM CT
Phone: 425-436-6360, access code 422932#

My Recovery Works- Peer Support

Service Description: During this time of concern over Covid-19, individuals can become anxious and isolated. To help combat this, we would like to offer our assistance of Peer Support. Although groups are being suspended, all Peer Supporters are available to provide resource/linkage information that someone may need by phone.
Phone: 614-294-7117 or www.myrecoveryworks.com

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Southeast Healthcare

Service Description: Still filling prescriptions, ensuring that clients are receiving their medications, and assess their well-being. The addiction treatment programs continues to operate and clients are seen on an individual basis only. Groups are not meeting at this time. Currently exploring opportunities for behavioral and primary telehealth whenever possible.
Location/Hours: Downtown Columbus Office, 16 W. Long Street, will close daily at 5:00 PM, effective immediately. Merion Village, office hours in Columbus, 8:00 AM to 7:15 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday, Thursday and Fridays.
Phone: 614-360-0222 **-** central scheduling number for Franklin County mental health, primary healthcare and dental care services.

Alvis Community Reentry Program

Services Description: Reentry and family support programs: behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services, recovery housing for women and children, and services to individuals with developmental disabilities who are trying to live their lives more independently in the community.
There are no changes in the hours of operation at any of our Residential Facilities (halfway houses and recovery houses) or at any of our DD Facilities (Wittwer Hall, licensed supported living, and regular supported living).
All other **locations of Alvis** are operating with reduced hours and minimal on site staff:
- Women's Behavioral Health Treatment Services through Amethyst program, please call (614) 242-1284.
- Behavioral Health Treatment service through, Choices program, please (614) 252-8834
- Workforce Development services at Alvis Community Reentry Services Center, please call (614) 252-0660.
- For all other Alvis services or departments, please call (614) 252-8402.

Afrocentric Personal Development Shop

Service Description: Wellness programs, treatment and recovery services for individuals, families, and organizations and communities. APDS is still accepting new clients. Call to schedule an appointment or walk-in between the hours of
Location: 1409 E. Livingston Ave, Cols 43205
Phone: (614) 253-4448
Hours: 9:00am-6:00pm.
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. APDS provides "walk-in" intake/assessments for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program clients. No appointment necessary.

RREACT- RAPID RESPONSE EMERGENCY ADDICTION AND CRISIS TEAMS

Services: Addiction Support Services. A paramedic, mental-health nurse and a social worker will follow up with overdose patients treated by Columbus fire medics. Those who are interested in additional recovery are then put in touch with the nonprofit group Southeast Inc. for treatment.
Phone: 614-330-3413

Columbus Public Health- Alcohol and Drug Services Program

Services: Alcohol and Drug Services is mailing Narcan Nasal Spray to residents of Franklin County. Community members can fill out a secure online form (https://redcap.columbus.gov/surveys/?s=WYWTREKWXY) found on the Health Department's website (https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth/programs/Alcohol-and-Drug-Abuse/Access-to-Naloxone/). After the form is reviewed, the Narcan kit with information about opioids use and instructions on how to administer and use Narcan will be sent.
Phone: 614-645-6839.

Comp Drug

Services: Providing a variety of treatment options to those seeking help for their addictions. Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) services available. Group and individual outpatient treatment services and mental health counseling.
Address: 547 E 11th Ave, Columbus, OH 43211
Phone: 614-224-4506

Safe Point Services

Services: Providing overdose prevention education, syringe exchange, linkage to care, drug intervention and HIV, STI, Hepatitis C testing.
Address: 1267 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH, 43222

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Hours: Safe Point syringe exchange services will be open TUES, 4-8 PM and SAT, 9-1 PM only.
Due to concerns of COVID-19, program services will be expedited for your safety.

Financial Assistance for Funeral or Memorial Services and Resources

JOIN (Catholic Social Services) will assist low income families with burial assistance if under the 175 percent of poverty level ($18,953 annually for a single person). Please call 614.241.2531. Intake is processed by phone.

The Columbus Department of Public Safety (614.645.8366) has limited assistance to indigent families for burial assistance up to $750.00. You have to be Columbus resident. The funeral home has to complete the application, submit a copy of the death certificate and an itemized list of costs. This can take up to two weeks to process.

Schoedinger's, Newcomer and several other Funeral Homes in the area offer programs for children up to 5 years of age that have died. Please call your preferred funeral home for more information. Call (614) 224-6105 for locations and details.

Disaster Financial Assistance- Find out how to get emergency financial help from the government if you've been affected by the coronavirus pandemic or a natural disaster. Get help with food, housing, bills, and more. Learn about stimulus checks and read what's included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
https://www.usa.gov/disaster-financial-help

Holiday Help

Feddersen Rec Center Drive-By-Toy-Giveaway
Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 2-5pm
3911 Dresden St
Columbus, OH 43224
Child Must Be Present to Exit Vehicle for Toys

The Men of Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity Inc. Columbus, OH Alumni Chapter Presents 11th Annual Toy Giveaway
Saturday, December 12, 2020
9am-3pm
Kappa House
1461 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Columbus, OH 43203
Serving zip codes: 43201. 43203, 43205, 43206, and 43219 ONLY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Victorious Life Toys for Tots Phone Sign Up
Saturday, December 12, 2020
12-2pm
Call these numbers. Have family name, contact information, alternative pickup contact name and number, ages, and gender of the children. All orders are based on availability of what we are given from the Marines. First come. First served. Pick up will be no contact on Saturday, December, 19, 2020 from 12-2pm. MASK REQUIRED
1875 Tamarack Circle North
Columbus, OH 43229
Evangelist Lisa Johnson—614-634-5909
Elder Reggi Williams--- 614-496-9753
Church Office Sis Marilyn—614-880-3700
You can also email information to vlccoutreach@yahoo.com

Brightside Academy Ohio Presents Holiday Food Box Giveway
Drive Thru Distribution
Friday, December, 18, 2020 from 4-6pm
Brightside Academy Ohio-Livingston
Address: 3611 Livingston Avenue Columbus, OH 43227

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FREE Food Boxes will be distributed FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. Additionally, community and family resources, mask, goodie bags, and more will be distributed. Limited one food box per family while supplies last.
Questions, please email Courtney Harris at charris@brightsideohio.com

Wooden Tax Service in partnership with Teenstart presents Christmas Toy Giveaway for the Linden Area-DRIVE THRU ONLY
Sunday, December 13th at 12pm No Documentation-Just tell us your name, phone number, zip code, and ages of the children.
Pick Up location: 2256 Cleveland Ave @ Wooden Tax Service
For more information or questions, contact Colleen at 614-804-5213 or 614-797-3897.

YMCA 2020 Holiday Toy Drive
December 19th 11am-4pm
Address: 6767 Refugee Rd. Canal Winchester 43110
Desrcription: Anyone welcome. Name and birth certificate for each child in household in required.
Call: 614-834-9622 or DaVon Marshall at: davon.marshall@ymcacolumbus.org, 614 389 4556 ext. 4019 for questions.

Dodge Recreation Center Holiday Meal and Toy Giveaway
Dinner on December 17th from 12:00pm-2:30pm
Toy Giveaway on Friday, December 18th (Time TBD)
Call for details: (614) 645-3176
Address: 667 Sullivant Ave 43215

Winter Wonderland Whimsy Drive-Thru Event at Hilltop YMCA
December 18th from 3pm-5pm while supplies last. Call to reserve a spot.
Address: 2879 Valleyview Dr. 43204
Phone: 614-389-4565

Matthew 25:35 Ministry
Address is 4701 Winchester Pike
Columbus, Ohio 43232
Main phone - (614) 837-5807
A free Christmas dinner is available. Senior citizens, the homebound, and disabled can request transportaion as well.

Community Kitchen
640 South Ohio Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43205
(614) 252-6428
Christmas meals may be served to the homeless and Franklin families in poverty.

Restoration Christian Center
1570 S High Street, P. O. Box 07861
Columbus, OH 43207
Programs are only for the zip code of 43207. Toys, games, electronics and more are for the youth. Seniors may have a holiday meal delivered to them.

St. Stephen's Community House
The main address is 1500 East 17th AvenueColumbus, OH 43219
Call (614) 294-6347
Holiday food baskets for a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal are offered. They also offer toys, winter clothing, presents, and more as part of Firefighters for Kids, as the charity is a registration site.

For additional agencies in central Ohio providing holiday help, please visit the links below with additional list.

Here you go
https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/franklin_county_free_christmas.html

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LEGAL RESOURCES

Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center	Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio
• Legal information provided to anyone with a civil municipal court issue. • The Center is currently providing online resources only. Please visit fcmcselfhelpcenter.org	• Free conflict resolution program for landlords and tenants to help them come to an agreed outcome about their eviction dispute outside of Court • CMS is currently offering phone mediations • 614-228-7191 ext. 13
Legal Aid Society of Columbus	**Municipal Court Dispute Resolution Department**
• Legal advice and representation to tenants facing eviction • 614-241-2001 • www.columbuslegalaid.org	• Telephone and online negotiation and mediation. • Information about court procedures. • Information about case scheduling. • 614-645-8500

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC)	Franklin County Veterans Service Commission
• One-time or short-term assistance • Emergency Assistance provides one-time financial assistance to aid with emergency situations. You must have at least one minor child or a pregnant woman living in your home and be at or below 165% of poverty to qualify for PRC one-time emergency assistance. • https://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/emergency-assistance-(prc)	• Short term financial assistance covering rent, utilities, and food • Must be a resident of Franklin County and meet one of the eligibility requirements • Eligibility requirements (includes dependents and survivors): o Veterans discharged under honorable conditions, Current Active Duty Members, Veterans with VA recognized service-connected conditions, current Active Duty Members called to active duty by Presidential Order • 614-525-2500
Columbus Urban League Housing Stabilization Program	**IMPACT Community Action Emergency Assistance**
• Emergency financial assistance • Must be at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level and have a qualifying emergency • Credit Repair for Housing & Ombudsman Services • emergencyassistance@cul.org • 614-484-9111, www.cul.org	• Emergency financial assistance for families facing a challenge that would affect self-sufficiency • 614-252-2799 • emergencyassistance@impactca.org • www.impactca.org
State of Ohio Benefits	**Physicians CareConnection**
• The State of Ohio has expanded access to Unemployment compensation during the COVID-19 emergency • To apply for Unemployment, SNAP (food stamps), or other benefits, visit www.Ohio.gov	• Financial assistance for families with children • Must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline • 614-884-2441, option 1, then option 4 • www.pcchealth.org

COMPASS
- Limited emergency financial assistance for families/individuals facing a challenge that would affect self-sufficiency
- Have a qualifying temporary emergency
- Employed (full-time, part-time or temporary) – those recently unemployed due to COVID-19 may qualify
- 614-463-9612, www.Compass614.com
- www.bspc.org

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December 22, 2020

Dear Esteemed Community Member,

In 2018 Columbus residents passed a charter amendment to enhance neighborhood advocacy and amplify community voices inside City Hall. The vote added two Council seats to bring the total number to nine while establishing residential districts for each seat. To fulfill this charter amendment, Columbus City Council is creating the Council Residential Districting Commission (CRDC).

The CRDC will consist of five members of the community tasked to create three district maps that will then be presented to Columbus City Council for a vote at the end of 2021. We need dedicated and hard-working residents to serve as members of this commission and help transform our city into a more representative landscape.

Please consider this letter your invitation to review the CRDC process and apply to be a commission member. Applications are due by noon on Thursday, January 21st, 2021. You can find everything you need at www.columbus.gov/districtingcommission and any questions can be sent to CRDC@columbus.gov. If you would like to discuss this at your organization's next meeting, I or a member of my team will be happy to attend. We need as much engagement as possible to make this a city-wide success.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Yours in Service,

Emmanuel V. Remy
Columbus City Councilmember

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Election Rules - 2021

I. Election Committee

The Committee is responsible for:

 (1) Convening meetings to plan and execute election procedures.

 (2) Determining the polling location(s) for each District in which an election is to occur.

 (3) Enlisting and assigning volunteer workers to staff polling places.

 (3) Providing poll worker training and creating poll worker orientation materials.

 (4) Obtaining and distributing equipment and supplies required in the polling places.

 (5) Selecting a location for and equipping headquarters for the Committee.

 (6) Arranging for the production and distribution of petitions for potential candidates for Commission seats.

 (7) Providing an orientation for potential candidates

 (8) Certifying the adequacy of circulated petitions submitted by potential candidates and making public announcement of the names and Districts of the certified candidates who qualify by timely filing of petitions.

 (9) Arranging for and supervising the production of ballots.

 (10) Verifying that no person has voted more than once in any election.

 (11) Tallying the votes and certifying the results to the Commission.

 (12) Providing timely website information to the CAC webmaster.

 (13) Provide regular reports of the election process to the CAC during the election cycle.

 (14) Making all other necessary and appropriate arrangements and determinations with respect to the nomination and election process.

II. Elections

A. The Committee shall determine the polling hours.

B. The Committee shall determine the location of polling places. To encourage voter participation, the Committee will:

    (1) Select well-known sites for polling places that provide public access, adequate access to disabled persons,

    (2) Select sites with adequate parking and clearly marked entrances.

    (3) Designate the polling places no later than the deadline for submitting nominating petitions.

C. Publicity

The Committee shall:

    (1) Submit a call for candidates for publication to at least one newspaper of general circulation in the community and to the CAC website and social media outlets ten weeks before the election, announcing the Districts in which elections are to be held, descriptions or maps of those Districts, and the place or places where petitions and copies of the Election Rules may be obtained. The Committee may also use any other means to publicize the elections as may be available and appropriate.

    (2) At least ten days before the election, submit to at least one newspaper of general circulation in the community and to the CAC website and social media outlets:

        (a) the election Districts;

        (b) the location of the polls;

        (c) the date and hours of the election;

        (d) descriptions or maps of those Districts;

        (e) the names of the candidates for each District who have established eligibility by petition;

        (f) that a voter must present a photo identification and evidence of place of residence and age, or sign a statement that he or she is eighteen years of age or older and currently resides at a stated address within the election District; and

        (g) The Committee shall not include the names of Write-In Candidates in the announcements for the election.

D. Staff

    (1) The Election Committee shall appoint at least two people to staff each polling place. Such staff shall not include CAC members, candidates in that year's election to the CAC, or members of a candidate's immediate family or household. The election committee may appoint only one person to staff a polling place in which there is only one candidate.

    (2) Before the election, the Committee shall designate a presiding staff member for each polling place and specify that person's authority and duties.

    (3) The duties of the polling staff shall include the orderly operation of the polls and balloting, verifying voter eligibility, maintaining a register of persons voting, and ensuring the security of the ballots.

III. Candidates

A. The Committee is authorized to verify in whatever way it considers appropriate the place of residence for any candidate whose residency is challenged, for example:

    (1) The potential candidate's County Board of Elections voting address, if any.

    (2) The potential candidate's residence address as listed in a public telephone directory.

    (3) The potential candidate's residence address as listed in a public address directory.

    (4) Written statements from neighbors abutting the potential candidate's residence.

B. Should there be reasonable evidence that the potential candidate's address is as claimed, the Committee shall not withhold certification of the potential candidate's nominating petition solely on the residency question.

C. All potential candidates are encouraged to attend a candidate orientation provided by the Election Committee.

Following the orientation, any question from a potential candidate or certified candidate to the Committee must be submitted in writing or asked at a public meeting. The Committee will respond to questions in writing and will make the answer available to all candidates.

IV. Candidate Nomination

A. Petition Procedures

   (1) The Committee shall make nominating petitions available at one or more locations designated by the Committee, beginning at least ten weeks before Election.

   (2) A potential candidate for election to the CAC shall obtain petitions from the designated places, and shall at the time of receipt of the petitions, place on file his or her name, signature, residence address, CAC District, email address (if available) and telephone number. Any attempt to deceive in providing the above information may result in a disqualification by the Committee for that election.

   (3) A potential candidate shall personally circulate the petition(s) for his or her candidacy. The Committee may grant an exemption to this requirement if the potential candidate demonstrates that he or she has a disability which would make it a hardship for the potential candidate to personally circulate his or her petitions. In this case, the candidate shall designate a circulator for gathering signatures for the candidate's candidacy.

   (4) Each potential candidate, or, in the case of a potential candidate granted a disability exemption, each Circulator, must complete and execute the affidavit at the end of the petition before its submission to the Committee at the location specified by the Committee. At a minimum, the affidavit will include a certification that the potential candidate is qualified to be a candidate for the CAC.

   (5) Each potential candidate must submit a petition (attached) containing the following information for at least 25 qualified voters who reside in the potential candidate's District:

   (a) valid signature,

   (b) residence address and

   (c) residence phone number or e-mail address.

(6) In lieu of a valid signature a petitioner may send an email from the petitioner's normal email address to the potential candidate nominating the potential candidate. The email must include:

> (a) the name of the petitioner

> (b) residence address of the petitioner

> (c) residence phone number or e-mail address of the petitioner

> (d) name and CAC district of the potential candidate

> (d) a statement that the petitioner is at least 18 years old and a resident of the potential candidate's district

(7) Potential candidates shall submit nominating petitions and affidavit for candidacy with the Election Committee at least five days before the regular April CAC meeting in the election year. If a Candidate wishes verification of submission of the petition, the Candidate shall contact the Chairperson of the Election Committee by email. The email address of the Chairperson will be made available to the Candidates in the nominating packets.

B. Petition Validation

(1) The Committee shall check the validity of the petition signatures for each potential candidate by attempting to contact a representative number of petition signers by telephone or email.

(2) If any of discrepancies or possible improprieties are discovered from these contacts, the Committee shall check all signatures for that potential candidate for validity in a like manner until either 25 valid signatures are found or the potential candidate's petition is ruled invalid for lack of sufficient signatures.

(3) The determination of the Committee shall be announced within five days of the deadline for submitting the petition.

C. Write-in Candidate Application

(1) A person who does not submit a nominating petition may qualify as a Write-In Candidate by submitting their completed candidate packet to the Committee no later than 5 p.m. the day after the regular April meeting of the CAC in the election year. Only 15 valid signatures will be required for a write-in candidate if no candidate submitted a valid petition under Section B. above.

(2) A potential candidate for election to the CAC shall obtain petitions from the designated places, and shall at the time of receipt of the petitions, place on file

his or her name, signature, residence address, CAC District, email address (if available) and telephone number. Any attempt to intentionally deceive in providing this information will result in disqualification by the Committee for that election.

(3) The Committee shall determine whether the candidate meets the eligibility requirements other than timely filing of nomination petitions, and if the result is affirmative, shall certify that the applicant qualifies as a Write-In Candidate, no later than the five days after the deadline for receiving the application.

(4) The Committee shall immediately notify any Petition Candidate of the existence of a Write-In Candidate in the same District.

V. Ballots, Regular and Absentee

A. The Committee shall record the total number of ballots produced for each District.

B. Each ballot shall prominently display the identifying number for the respective District of the candidates listed.

C. Each ballot shall carry a list, headed with the phrase "Vote for One", of the names of Petition Candidates certified by the Committee as meeting Candidate Qualifications for that CAC District, with a "( )" preceding each name.

D. The order of listing candidate's names on the ballot of each District shall be determined randomly.

E. Each ballot in a District in which there is a certified Write-In Candidate shall conclude with a blank line, preceded by a "( )" for use in the event voters wish to write in the name of a Write-In Candidate.

F. No Write-In Candidates are to be listed on the ballots.

G. The absentee ballot shall be identical to the in-person ballot.

H. No political party or other organization shall be named on the ballot in association with a candidate's name.

VI. Polling Procedures

A. The Committee shall provide voting opportunities for voters who will be absent or otherwise not voting in person at the polls on Election Day and for in-person voters at the polls on Election Day.

B. Mail-in Balloting

   (1) The Committee will rent a P.O. Box for the purpose of receiving Ballot Request Forms and Cast Ballots for the elections. The P.O. Box will be opened on specific dates set by the Committee and at least two members of the Election Committee must be present when the box is opened. In addition, there may be a drop box at the Whetstone Library.

   (2) The Committee will provide mail-in ballot request forms to candidates, the Whetstone Library and the local newspaper. The form will be provided the same day that candidate petitions are made available and the call for candidates is issued. Candidates may duplicate the mail-in Ballot Request Form and give it to prospective voters.

   (3) The prospective voter must complete the Ballot Request Form and mail the completed form to the Election Committee's P.O. Box or drop the request in the drop box.   A candidate or candidate's representative cannot collect and/or submit requests for a mail-in ballot. Multiple Ballot Request Forms cannot be mailed in one envelope.   Only one absentee ballot request form per envelope will be accepted.

   (3)(4)   Within 7 days following the certification of candidates and write-in candidates, the Ballot Request Forms will be collected from the P.O. Box and the drop box and the Committee will convene to process the Mail-in Ballot Request Forms.

   (4)(5)   Each mail-in Ballot request envelope will be opened, reviewed, and one ballot will be issued to each requester .

   (5)(6)   The Committee will log the ballot number on the Voter's Ballot Request form and file the Ballot Request Form in ballot number order by district.

   (6)(7)   On Election Day, the mail-in ballots will be retrieved from the P.O. Box and drop box prior to regular polling hours and brought to the Election Headquarters.

   (7)(8)   Mail-in and drop box ballots will be counted after the in person ballots.

   (8)(9)   Each mail-in and drop box ballot will be opened and matched to the Ballot Request form. The Ballot numbers will be verified. The Ballot will be stapled to the Ballot Request form. The ballot will be compared to the poll book. If the Election Committee determines that the voter has cast a ballot on Election Day, the mail-in ballot will not be counted.

   (9)(10)   Post count, the mail-in ballots will be stored and handled in the same manner as the in-person ballots.

C. Direct in-person voting at the polls:

    (1) In addition to voting on Election Day, voters will be provided the opportunity to vote early. The early voting date(s) will be scheduled after announcement of the candidates' and write-in candidates' certification and prior to the first Saturday in May (i.e. Election Day).

    (2) If there is more than one candidate (including a write-in candidate) in a district election, the polling place for that district shall be staffed by at least two people during voting hours.

    (3) Each polling place will have, at a minimum, a secure ballot box, ballots, a map of CAC districts, the CAC bylaws and election rule, and a poll book for registering voters.

    (4) Each voter shall present photo identification with current address and age, or photo identification with another piece of identification with the voter's current address and age to a polling place election staff member designated by the Committee for that purpose. A voter may also present photo identification with an out-of-date address plus a bill, check, or the like showing a current address. If a voter does not have such identification materials at the polling place, the voter must sign a statement that he or she is eighteen years of age or older and currently resides at a stated address within the election District in which he or she is voting. A poll worker shall staple the statement to the ballot so that any person may challenge the residency of the voter. Any candidate, candidate's witness, Committee member, CAC member, or poll worker may review the residency statement. Any disputes related to the veracity of a residency statement shall be resolved by two or more Election Committee members viewing the voter's photo identification with current address and date of birth(age) or a photo identification with an out-of date address showing the voter's date of birth (age)plus a bill, check, or the like showing a current address.

    (5) By submitting a residency statement, a voter acknowledges that the ballot is no longer anonymous.

(6) A voter may cast an anonymous ballot by presenting identification that complies with this rule.

(7) Using the identification provided in accordance with the preceding section, the polling place staff member shall verify that the voter is eligible to vote in the district election for which a ballot is requested and has not previously voted at the polling place. Upon such verification, the voter shall register in the poll book, entering name, signature, and residence address.

(8) The voter shall be provided with a single ballot, and shall cast a vote by marking the ballot and depositing it in a sealed ballot box provided for that purpose.

(9) No person shall engage in any campaigning within 100 feet of the entrance of the building used by voters at the polling place during the time the poll is open on Election Day.

(10) At the appropriate polling place, a witness may represent a candidate or an individual or group supporting or opposing any issues or candidate on the ballot. No witness shall directly or indirectly campaign for issues or candidates on the premises of a polling place. A candidate shall not serve as a witness to the voting. No witness shall serve as a poll worker.

(11) The polling staff shall deliver the sealed ballot boxes to the Committee immediately upon the closing of the polls.

VII. Counting of Ballots

A. The ballot boxes and envelopes containing absentee ballots shall remain sealed until the counting begins.

B. Immediately following the conclusion of all voting and the transportation of all ballots to the headquarters, the Committee shall count the ballots from the ballot boxes.

C. No ballots for a non-certified write-in candidate shall be counted.

D. Blank ballots shall be counted to ensure integrity of election results.

E. Any person may witness the counting.

VIII. Security of Ballots

A. During the period of active balloting, election materials will be stored in sealed containers in a secure place whenever the materials are not in use by the Election Committee. Active balloting is from the mailing out of mail-in ballots and concludes with the closing of the polls on Election Day.

B. All voted ballots for each District shall be placed in a sealed container after counting has been completed.

C. The sealed containers shall be kept in a secure place until two weeks after the election or until any formal election complaint is resolved, whichever is later, at which time, the

materials will be handled in accordance with the City of Columbus Record Retention Policy.

D. Ballots not used in the election shall be handled in the same manner as voted ballots.

IX. Results

A. The Committee shall informally notify the candidates and the CAC Chairman of the uncertified election results within twenty-four hours of the close of the polls.

B. Before the Committee certifies the election results, the Committee shall disqualify a potential candidate or candidate who is ineligible to serve due to death, withdrawal of candidacy, lack of residency, or other reason in violation of these rules or rulings by the mayor or city attorney.

CAC Annual Election Timeline – 2021

Saturday, Feb 20	(1) Candidate Petitions Made Available at the Whetstone Library (2) Mail-in Ballot Request forms are available at Whetstone Library and on the CAC website
Monday, March 8 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Orientation Meeting for Candidates at Whetstone Community Center (Optional, but Strongly Encouraged)
Saturday, March 27 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for Submission of Candidate Petitions and Notarized Nominating Petition Affidavits to the Whetstone Library
Thursday, April 1 6:30 p.m.	Election Committee Certifies Candidates at the Whetstone Community Center
Thursday, April 1 7:00 p.m.	Election Committee Presents Certified Candidates to the CAC
Friday, April 2 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to Notify Election Committee of Write-in Candidacy Notification must be in writing and received at the Whetstone Library, 3909 N. High Street
Wednesday, April 7 6:30 p.m	Election Committee Certifies Write-in Candidate(s) and notifies all candidates; deadline for submission of candidate statements to be posted on the CAC website. Election Committee posts final information on election districts, location of polls, date and hours of election, descriptions or maps of the districts, names of candidates for each district and identification requirements at the polls.
Monday, April 12 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Deadline for Submission of Mail-In Ballot Request Forms Election Committee and any candidate witnesses pick up the Ballot Request Forms from the PO Box Mail-in Ballots mailed to requesters.
Wednesday, April 21 (or earlier)	Election Committee Submits to Newspapers Information on: Election Districts; Location of Polls; Date and Hours of Election; Descriptions or Maps of the Districts; Names of Candidates for Each District; Identification Requirements at the Polls
Tuesday, April 27	Early Voting Day: **6:00pm – 8:00 pm** Whetstone Library, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43214
Friday, April 30 5:00 pm	Voters' completed Mail-in Ballots must be received at the PO Box
Saturday, May 1 9:00 am 10:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m.	Election Day Mail-in ballots collected from PO Box 14297 at 4364 N High St Polling takes place at Whetstone Library, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

2:15 p.m.   Election Committee Holds Counting Session After Polls Close
Committee Announces Uncertified Results of the Election

Saturday, May 1 -   Election Complaints Must be Submitted to the Election Committee Chair
Thursday, May 6   in Writing and Delivered to the Whetstone Library no later than the close
of business: 9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 7 -   Period during which the Election Committee Considers Complaints. At
the Tuesday, May 11   end of the period, the Committee Certifies Results to the CAC Chair
Election Committee Chair Notifies Candidates of Final Results

Wednesday, May 12   Appeals by Candidates may be submitted to the CAC Chair. Any
Appeals will be considered at the next CAC Meeting on June 3, 2020

Thursday, June 3   New Commissioners Announced at the June CAC Meeting at
7:00 p.m. for Districts with No Outstanding Appeals or Challenges

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2	$25,860
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4	$39,300
5	$46,020
6	$52,740
7	$59,460
8	$66,180

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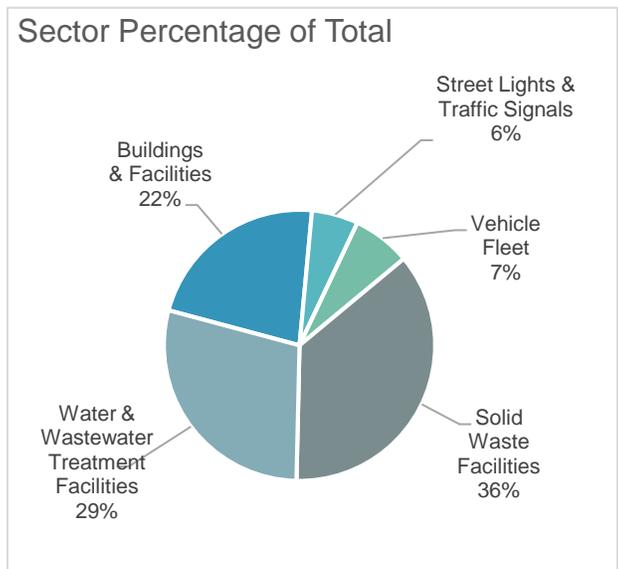## 2019 GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Whereas the population of Columbus has grown 20% since 2005 (the benchmark year), total emissions for government operations have decreased 17% over the same time period.
- On a per capita basis, greenhouse gas emissions for government operations have decreased 31%.
- All sectors show a significant decrease in emissions with the exception of solid waste. A portion of this growth is due to a methodological change in this year's inventory.
- Solid Waste and Water and Wastewater Facilities continue to contribute the most to total emissions for government operations (36% and 29% respectively).
- The majority of emission reductions are due to less carbon intensive fuel sources being used to produce electricity.
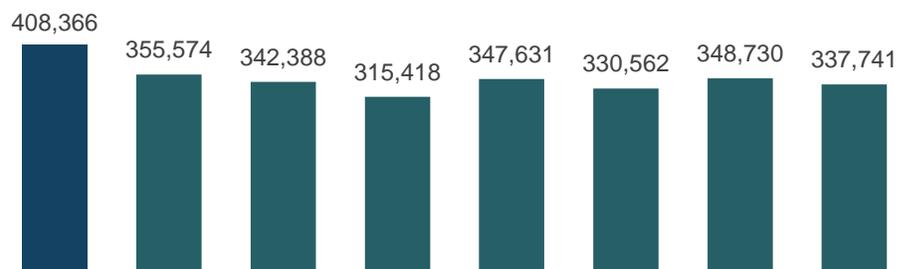
Government Operations Annual Emissions	2005	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Buildings & Facilities	87,931	76,431	87,309	79,818	88,451	81,284	86,011	75,347
Street Lights & Traffic Signals	29,134	26,749	32,442	31,788	30,471	21,616	25,265	18,733
Vehicle Fleet	33,965	30,281	29,459	26,184	23,587	22,564	23,473	23,445
Solid Waste Facilities	97,245	97,218	98,597	102,290	108,272	110,308	111,721	122,917
Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities	160,091	124,895	94,582	75,337	96,851	94,790	102,259	97,300
Total Emissions (Metric tons CO$_2$e)	408,366	355,574	342,388	315,418	347,631	330,562	348,730	337,741

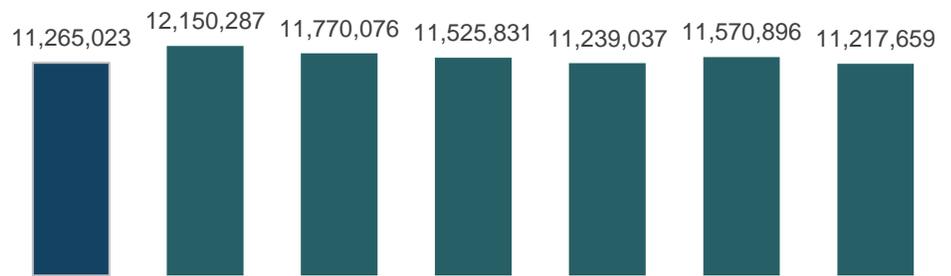| Government Operations Emissions	Percent Change in Total Emissions 2005 to 2019	Percent Change in Emissions per Capita 2005 to 2019
Buildings & Facilities	-14.3%	-28.9%
Street Lights & Traffic Signals	-35.7%	-46.6%
Vehicle Fleet	-31.0%	-42.7%
Solid Waste Facilities	26.4%	4.9%
Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities	-39.2%	-49.6%
Total Emissions	-17.3%	-31.4%

Sector Percentage of Total

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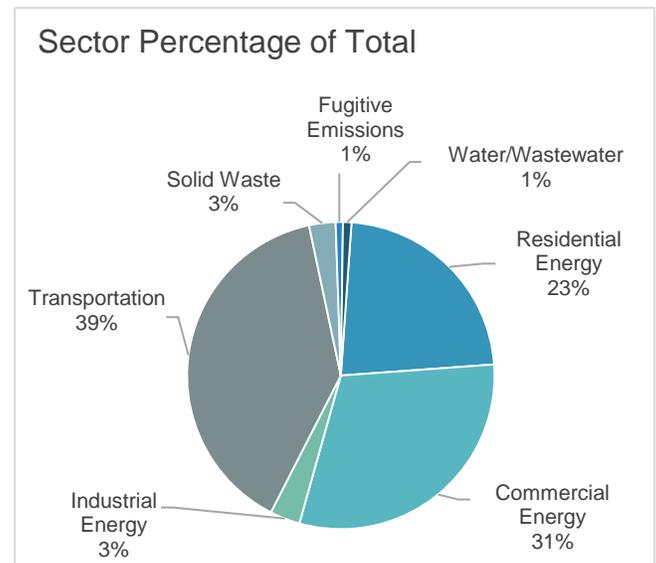## 2019 GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY
COMMUNITY SCALE

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Total greenhouse gas emissions across the City are nearly 3% lower than the benchmark year of 2013, despite an 11% growth in population and regional GDP during the same time period.
- On a per capita basis, emissions are nearly 13% lower than they were in 2013.
- Transportation continues to be the largest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions for Columbus at 39%, having grown by 27% on a per capita basis since 2013.
- The increase in fugitive emissions is primarily due to a change in methodology, bringing it closer in line with US EPA estimates.

Bar chart values (by year): 11,265,023 | 12,150,287 | 11,770,076 | 11,525,831 | 11,239,037 | 11,570,896 | 11,217,659

Community Scale Sector Emissions	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Residential Energy	2,641,935	3,020,841	2,700,722	2,614,721	2,423,504	2,763,887	2,492,497
Commercial Energy	4,883,764	4,640,654	4,216,227	4,170,874	3,748,313	3,573,927	3,343,330
Industrial Energy	287,152	713,266	657,967	626,048	611,877	371,757	347,443
Transportation	3,015,878	3,365,275	3,796,842	3,696,430	4,029,621	4,373,857	4,292,211
Solid Waste	249,007	249,877	244,372	263,633	275,496	332,321	304,904
Fugitive Emissions	59,171	63,481	57,928	56,682	55,435	52,887	83,799
Water/Wastewater	128,116	96,893	96,017	97,444	94,790	102,259	97,300
Total Emissions (Metric tons CO_2e)	11,265,023	12,150,287	11,770,076	11,525,831	11,239,037	11,570,896	10,961,483

Community Scale Emissions	Percent Change in Total Emissions 2013 to 2019	Percent Change in Emissions per Capita 2013 to 2019
Residential Energy	-5.7%	-15.2%
Commercial Energy	-31.5%	-38.5%
Industrial Energy	21.0%	8.8%
Transportation	42.3%	27.9%
Solid Waste	22.4%	10.1%
Fugitive Emissions	41.6%	27.3%
Water/Wastewater	-24.1%	-31.7%
Total Emissions	-2.7%	-12.5%

Sector Percentage of Total

- Fugitive Emissions 1%
- Water/Wastewater 1%
- Solid Waste 3%
- Residential Energy 23%
- Transportation 39%
- Commercial Energy 31%
- Industrial Energy 3%

ENERGY BASELINE
BY ZIP CODE

In addition to this county level estimate, ZIP Code-level estimates were developed for each sector and energy type. Conducting this analysis at the ZIP Code level begins to reveal where energy cost burdens are the greatest. For this analysis, the study looks at residential energy expenditures which include spending on electricity and natural gas. Expenditures for transportation energy is not included.

Residential customers of the same utility pay the same amount per unit of energy. As such, the energy burden is primarily impacted by the quantity of energy used and the income of the household. Figure 15 contrasts each ZIP Code in Franklin County with the relative percentage of households below the poverty level in that ZIP Code. It may be no surprise that the highest energy cost burdens are in ZIP Codes with higher levels of poverty.

As shown in Table 7, the ZIP Codes with the highest energy cost burden tend to have comparatively low median incomes. There are instances where incomes play less of a role in the energy burden, and the age of home (and thus its energy efficiency) is a greater factor. This energy baseline provides a starting point for further discussion and analysis of energy use at a micro level.

The total energy use in each ZIP Code may be driven by population, commercial and industrial centers, or by transportation infrastructure. Analyzing the consumption by sector and ZIP Code offers an indication of where energy use is most intensive and areas that may be targeted for innovation, efficiency and savings. It is also important to understand which sectors are the greatest contributors to each ZIP Code's energy use intensity. For example, 43219 is the ZIP Code for the John Glenn Columbus International Airport and 43217 is the ZIP Code for the Rickenbacker International Airport, which explains the high energy use for transportation. This analysis provides a starting point, but does not answer all of the questions about what is driving energy consumption with different sub-regions of the county.

TABLE 7: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR ZIP CODES WITH HIGH ENERGY COST BURDENS

Area	Median Household Income	Average Annual Residential Energy Costs	Residential Energy Burden
43222	$21,083	$2,254	10.7%
43211	$23,710	$1,966	8.3%
43203	$20,904	$1,699	8.1%
43217	$34,769	$2,621	7.5%
43223	$29,167	$2,163	7.4%
43201	$25,322	$1,812	7.2%
43205	$30,491	$1,924	6.3%
43224	$33,487	$1,905	5.7%
43227	$34,483	$1,955	5.7%
43126	$39,375	$2,199	5.6%
43207	$38,842	$2,096	5.4%
43213	$34,610	$1,834	5.3%
43219	$33,473	$1,762	5.3%
43232	$36,425	$1,899	5.2%
Franklin County	$52,341	$1,822	4.0%

Franklin County Energy Burden and Percent Poverty by Zip Code
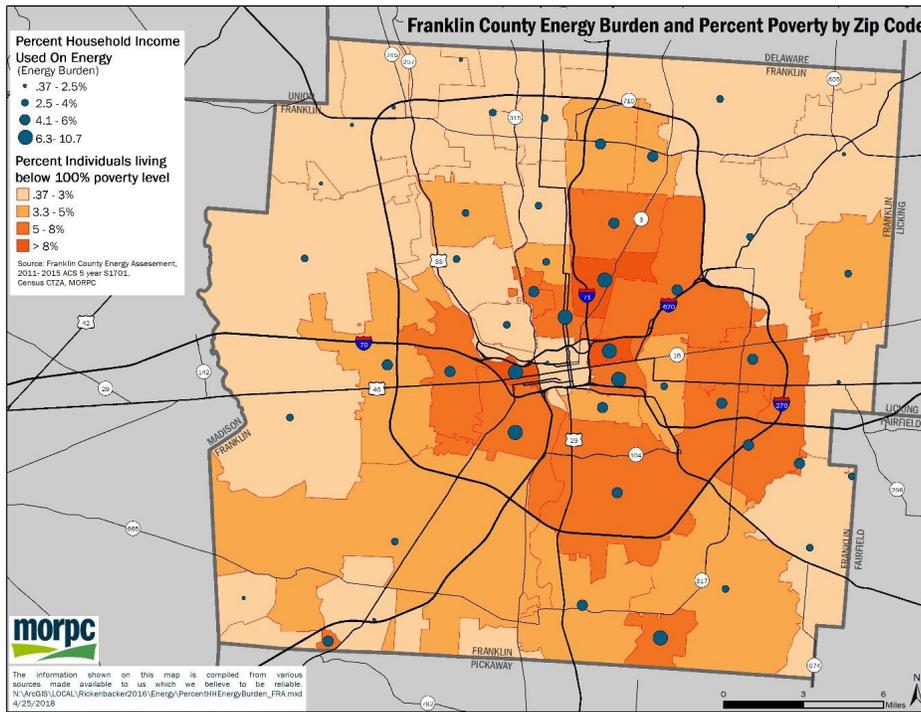
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Pivot, central Ohio's navigation app, is locally-designed to help you get around the region using the area's unique mix of transit options like COTA bus, ride-hailing, carpool, bikes, scooters, taxis and even your own car.

Key Features at a Glance:

- Real-time information allows you to locate nearby transportation options.
- Multiple transportation options give you access to the quickest, fastest and eco-friendliest routes.
- Turn-by-turn navigation guides you to your destination.
- Payment options are linked to the app, allowing for seamless payment with every trip.
- Travel preferences can be set based on maximum walking distance, cost, wheelchair accessibility, access to a personal car or bike and more.

Why Pivot?

1. **Pivot was built in central Ohio for central Ohioans.**

   - Pivot was built by local app developers who are familiar with our roads and use local transit.
   - Central Ohio's public and shared transit network is fully integrated into Pivot. Mobility providers in the app include COTA, Columbus Yellow Cab, OSU Campus Area Bus Service (CABS), CoGo, Bird, Lime, Lyft, Uber, Gohio Commute
   - At Smart Columbus we are committed to finding innovative mobility solutions so everyone can live their best lives. Your feedback on the Pivot app will allow us to continue improving the app to better meet your transportation needs.

2. **Pivot optimizes routes based on personal needs, live traffic data and preferences.**

   - Prices for ride hailing trips are included in the app so you know exactly how much your complete trip will cost.
   - Real-time information allows you to track how long it will take to get from origin to destination, taking into consideration traffic levels, bus frequency and more.
   - Find the best way to get around in the moment or hours, even days, in advance.

3. **Pivot offers seamless payments to different mobility providers.**

   - Mobility providers have linked their payment options to the app.
   - App to app payment portal links from Pivot to mobility providers allowing users to access accounts they already have set up with mobility providers.

4. **Pivot providers are taking significant measures to promote the health and safety of their riders during these unprecedented times. These measures may include:**

   - Face mask and social distancing requirements.
   - Frequent sanitization of vehicles, scooters and bikes.

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What is the Pivot app used for?

Pivot is a locally-designed navigation app that helps to get you around the region using transit options like COTA bus, ride-hailing, carpool, bikes, scooters, taxis and even your own car.

What mobility providers are included in Pivot?

COTA Bus, OSU Campus Area Bus Service (CABS), Yellow Cab of Columbus, CoGo, Bird, Lime, Lyft, Uber, Gohio Commute.

How do I get started?

Download the free Pivot app on Google Play or the App Store. Input your destination, choose your preferred route based on the cheapest, fastest or eco-friendliest route, and get moving!

I need transportation with wheelchair access. Is there a way to set travel preferences?

Pivot allows you to set your travel preferences based on wheelchair accessibility, maximum walking distance and transfers, and more.

What about discounts or credits earned directly through some providers?

You can still redeem any discounts or credits you've earned through participating mobility providers in the app.

How do I pay for my trips in Pivot?

Payment options for each Pivot provider are linked to the app, allowing for seamless payment with every trip.

Can I use cash to pay for my trips?

Our original vision for Pivot was to allow for cash payment. Unfortunately, this feature was not feasible for the initial stage of the app. We will continue to evaluate our options and improve upon the app with a goal to eventually connect those without bank accounts to more mobility options.

I already use the COTA Connector app, how does Pivot differ?

Pivot has nine different modes of transportation that can be booked whereas the COTA Connector only offers access to the COTA bus system. Additionally, Pivot provides real-time bus information, including delays.

Does Pivot allow me to schedule my trips in advance?

Yes, you can schedule and pay for your trips minutes, hours and even days in advance!

Is Pivot here to stay?

Yes, when the Smart Columbus grant ends, the City of Columbus will manage the app and continue to improve upon its offerings as we learn more.

Who do I contact with questions or comments about the app?

We appreciate any and all feedback from Pivot app users. Please open the app, click the menu and "Feedback" to open a contact form.

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- CoGo
- Bird
- Lime
- Lyft
- Uber
- Yellow Cab of Columbus
- Gohio Commute
- OSU Campus Area Bus System (CABS)

KEY PIVOT FEATURES

NAVIGATION	Turn-by-turn directions
	Navigation guided by local traffic
	Trip planning for mixed modes of transportation
REAL-TIME INFORMATION	Real-time bus info
	Real-time updates on delays or other issues
	Real-time info for scooters, bikes and others
PAYMENTS	Linked to payment options in provider apps
OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES	Integration with MORPC carpool application
	Continuous improvement based on user survey feedback
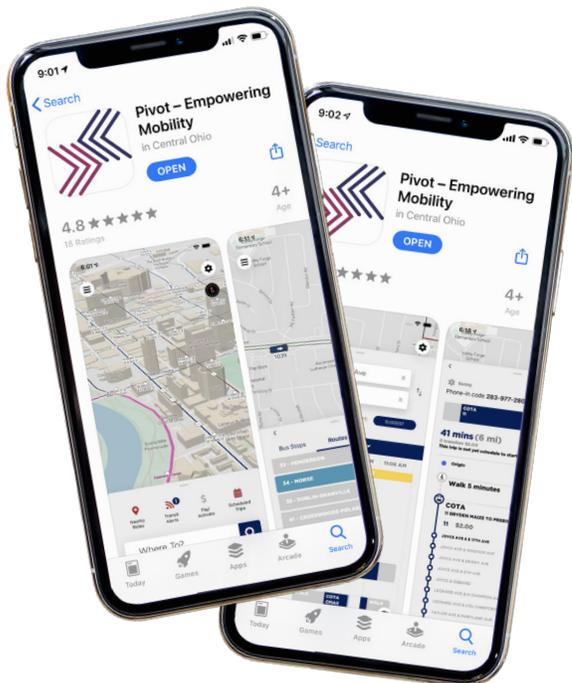
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Return to Fares – Public FAQs

Topline Messages

COTA will return to fares beginning Jan. 11 for fixed-route vehicles and COTA//Plus and Feb. 1 for Mainstream and Mainstream On-Demand

COTA operates on a fare-based system for its long-term financial sustainability.

Customers will have time to purchase new passes and replace expired passes beginning Dec. 14. The Customer Experience Center reopens on Dec. 14.

Public-facing FAQ (for website)

Why is COTA returning to fares?

COTA has always operated on a fare-based system for its long-term financial sustainability. COTA temporarily suspended transit fares in March because fareboxes are located in the front of all its vehicles. At that time COTA required rear-door boarding of all vehicles to allow time for state-of-the art sanitization practices and implementation of protective measures like facial coverings and increased air circulation to be implemented. Beginning January 11, customers will board at the front entrance and exit at the rear.

What health and safety measures are in place?

Masks are required for all operators and customers. All COTA vehicles are equipped with strong ventilation systems, to keep air constantly circulating every minute. COTA has implemented daily sanitization procedures that exceed industry standards. COTA uses virus-killing disinfectants and all surfaces of all transit vehicles are coated with Aegis Microbe Shield, which is an antimicrobial solution used in the hospital and food industries. These solutions are applied through spraying, fogging and intensely cleaning every surface. Meanwhile, additional vehicles are being added to improve social distancing on high ridership lines since capacity is reduced to 20 persons on all fixed route transit vehicles.

How can I purchase a new COTA pass?

COTA passes will be available at the Customer Experience Center, 33 N. High St. in downtown Columbus and more than 30 grocery store retail locations. The Customer Experience Center Opens on December 14 and is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Social distancing measures will be in place.

What if I have a previously purchased COTA pass that was unused but is now expired?

You may turn in your unused pass for a new pass at no additional charge.

What if I need to replace a lost or expired Key Card or Senior ID card?

Key Card and Senior ID customers can replace their card at no charge in three (3) ways:

- Customers can visit cota.com/passes, print out a replacement form, complete the form and mail to:

  COTA
  ATTN: Customer Experience Center
  33 N High St.
  Columbus, OH 43215

  COTA will mail a new card within five (5) business days after the form is received.

- Customers can call COTA's Customer Care Hotline at 614-228-1776 and provide a representative with information needed for a new card. COTA will mail a new card within five (5) business days.

- Customers can visit the Customer Experience Center beginning Dec. 14 to get a replacement card.

Are COVID-19 safety precautions being lifted?

No. COTA continues to protect customers and operators by requiring masks, limiting fixed-route transit vehicles to 20 passengers, and employing innovative and aggressive ventilation and sanitization procedures.

What if a customer is passed by a vehicle that has reached its 20-passenger limit?

COTA continues to focus on the neighborhoods where customers need us most, and we are increasing frequency on high ridership lines. Customers can call the customer care hotline (614-228-1776) to get information on the next available vehicle. Rest assured that we tracking in real-time when a customer has to be passed up. When this happens, additional vehicles respond to pick up the overflow passengers.