

## Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

February 1, 2024

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch

3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

*Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.*

*A live stream and recording will be made available on [Channel Clintonville](#) on YouTube.*

7:00	<p><b>Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Chair Boulton</b></p> <p><b>Commissioners Present</b></p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Greg Nutter</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 8 – Josh Hively</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 6 – Mark Moritz</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 9 – Drew Miller</td></tr></table> <p><b>Absences – none</b></p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance – led by Officer Brown</b></p> <p><b>Announcements – none</b></p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda – approved</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Greg Nutter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 8 – Josh Hively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 6 – Mark Moritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 9 – Drew Miller
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	<p><b>District Updates – all commissioners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>District 1 – Paul Lada</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Attended Columbia Gas meetings. Impressed with neighbors’ involvement.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 2 – Greg Nutter</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Attended Columbia Gas meetings. Impressed with neighbors’ involvement.</li><li>○ Neighbors reached out about North Broadway</li><li>○ Shout out to Boy Scouts and Clintonville Historical Society for placing luminaries along North Broadway.</li><li>○ Recognized neighbor Brian Peifer for service on CAC.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Attended Columbia Gas meetings. Appreciate the efforts of the company</li><li>○ Attended Rotary tree lighting.</li><li>○ Conversations with Walhalla Ravine residents</li><li>○ Jenny’s dinner will open on February 12</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 4 – Hugh Crowell</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Met with Greenspot Committee and others to plan pollinator garden in Brevort Park with support of city.</li><li>○ Planning of first annual Arbor Fest in Whetstone Park of Roses, celebrating all things tree. The intention to make it a city-wide event, probably in late September.</li><li>○ Met with groups in support and opposed to the Blueprint plans for Walhalla.</li><li>○ Report from CRC Kids Club about pedestrian light that is not working at High and Henderson, which makes it dangerous for students to cross.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 5 – Brittany Boulton</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Appointed to community relation committee by the city. Looking for more volunteers from</li></ul></li></ul>									

- underrepresented populations.
- **District 6 – Mark Moritz**
  - Heard from resident about speeding on West Cooke Road. Advised them to contact community liaison John Brown and submit 311 requests.
  - Attended Columbia Gas West Weber meeting. Also impressed with neighbors’ involvement.
- **District 7 – Mike Weinman**
  - No reports
- **District 8 – Josh Hively**
  - Spoke with contractor for Chick-Filet about mud coming from the construction site.
- **District 9 – Drew Miller**
  - Met with Wild One chapter to develop pollinator gardens.
  - New benches installed at Sharon Meadows Park.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Moritz**

- Minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Miller**

- No report

**Update from City of Columbus –**  
 Council member Nicholas J. Bankston, district 5

- Introduction, including of his team and their roles
- Appreciation of area commissions
- Question from resident about movement of Greyhound station
- Question from resident about spending in Clintonville

Representative from Department of Neighborhoods – David Hooie

- Area commissions should not sign MoUs
- Training schedule for area commissioners
- Recommends trainings in Planning Variance and Rezoning
- Hopes to have a new liaison for the commission next month
- Announcement of tree assistance program of Department of Recreation and Parks

Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown

- Crime stats are normal
- Report on Whetstone High School incident.
- Report on robbery at Taco Bell
- Report on presentation to boy scouts

**Approval of 2024 Committee Rosters**

- Zoning and Variance Committee – approved, all yes
- Election Committee – approved, all yes

**Motion to table vote of Greenspot Committee roster until next commission meeting – approved by all.**  
**Motion to table vote of Planning and Development Committee – approved, 7 yes and 2 no**

**Proposed changes to CAC By-laws**

- Clarify that non-commissioners can serve on committees and that they count towards quorum.
- Changing clerical errors of dates.

Commissioner	Vote – Yes	Vote - No	Vote - Abstain	Absent
District 1 – Lada	1			
District 2 – Nutter	1			
District 3 – Leigh-Osborne	1			

District 4 – Crowell	1			
District 5 – Boulton	1			
District 6 – Moritz	1			
District 7 – Weinman	1			
District 8 – Hively	1			
District 9 – Miller	1			

Note: These changes were proposed and discussed at the January 4, 2024 CAC meeting

**Zoning and Variance Agenda – Zoning and Variance Chair Hardwick**

**Announcements:**

- The committee will discuss and vote on by-laws in next month’s meeting.

**Agenda:** BZA23-153, 3070 N. High St. The applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required parking spaces from 44 to the existing 12, CC3312.49.

- Question from resident about parking variance. It stays with the building.
- Owner discusses parking agreements with three neighboring businesses.
- Question from commissioner Leigh-Osborne about parking on East Weber.
- Question from commissioner Miller about parking at hookah lounges in general.

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District 3 – Leigh-Osborne			1	
District 7 – Weinman		1		

**Presentation from MORPC, Maria Schaper**

- Presentation of draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) (see attachment below).
- MORPC is seeking input on the draft plan on this interactive website:  
<https://morpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdssourceReporter/index.html?appid=01572a13b70546e6b186403bdf3bcea5>
  - MORPC open house, March 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 6:30 PM at MORPC 111 Liberty Street
- Draft plan is available at <https://www.morpc.org/2024-2050-metropolitan-transportation-plan/>
- Questions and comments from commissioners about intersection on W. Cooke, transit on High Street, safety on Indianola, bike infrastructure should run east-west, what premium transit is, what a smart lane is.

**Whetstone Ballfield Light Installation, by Mike Wagner**

- Presentation of a budget Request Proposal – North Columbus Intramural League (NCIL) (see attachment below).
- Suggestions from commissioner Leigh-Osborne and Lada to ask for more than lights.
- Commissioners will put together a letter of support addressed to State Legislators and City Officials to

	match NCIL web form.
	<b>Announcement of Next Meeting</b> - The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Whetstone Library.
	<b>Public Comment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comment from resident that most if not all committee members are from East of High Street and that representation from West of High Street would be welcome.</li></ul>
8:55	<b>Adjourn</b>

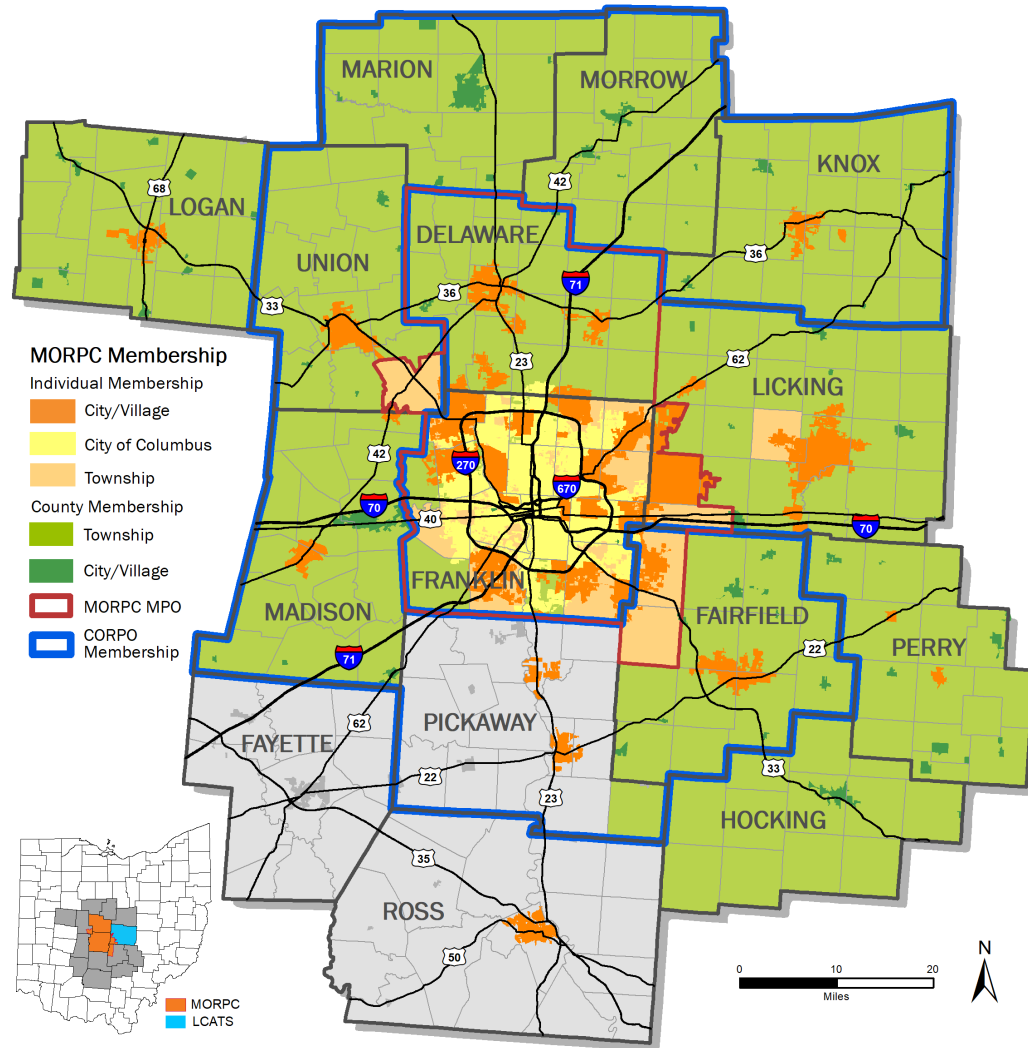
# 2024 - 2050 DRAFT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Clintonville Area Commission  
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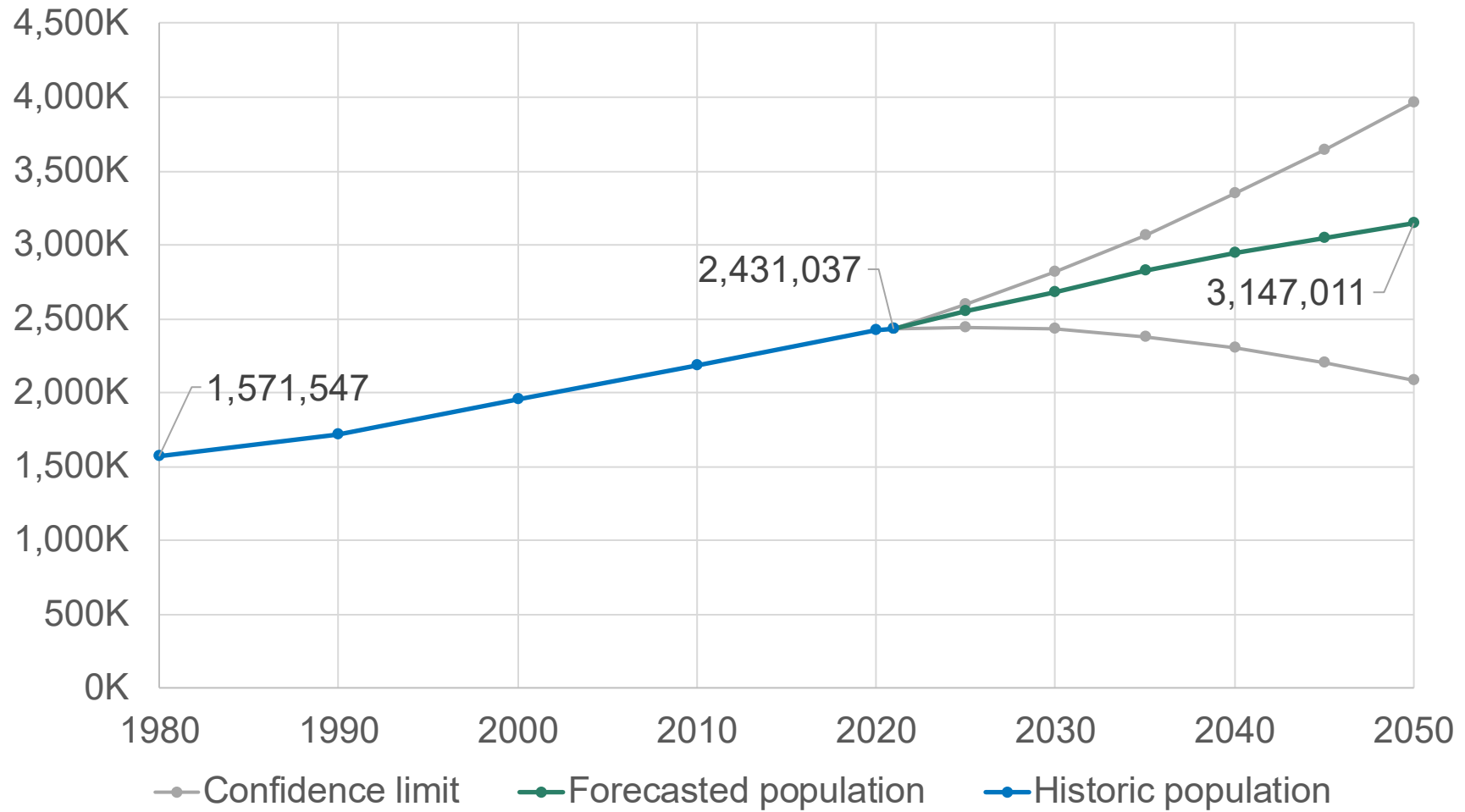
# MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



- Regional Council for Columbus, Ohio Region
  - 2.4 million and growing
- Services for 85 Local Governments
  - Rural \* Urban \* Suburban
- Focus Areas:
  - Transportation & Infrastructure
  - Development Support (EDD)
  - Planning & Sustainability
  - Data, Research & Mapping
  - Residential Services
  - Policy & Grant Development
  - Engagement
- Key Partner to Businesses & Non-Profits



### 15-County Region Population

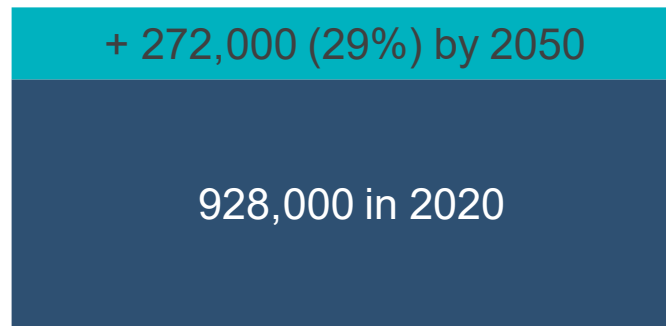




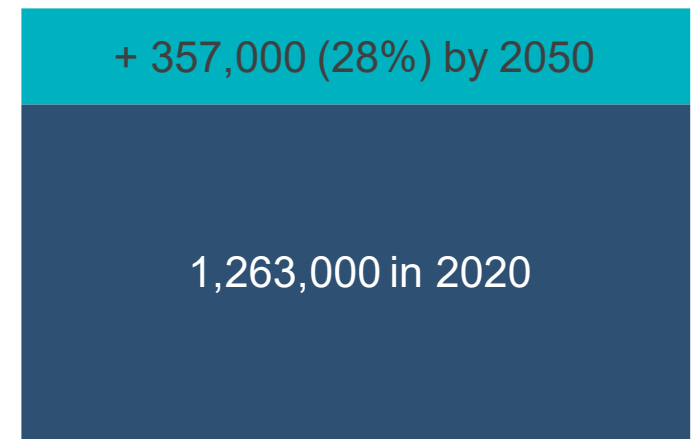
# 15-County Regional Growth



Population



Households



Labor force





# WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?

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



# WHY IS THE MTP IMPORTANT?

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



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



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



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



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



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

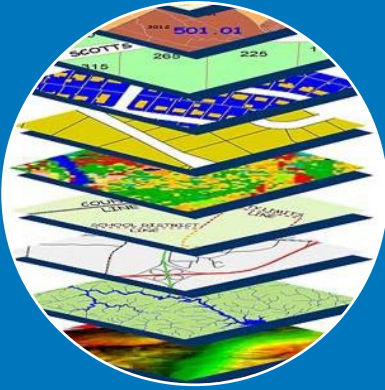


*Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.*

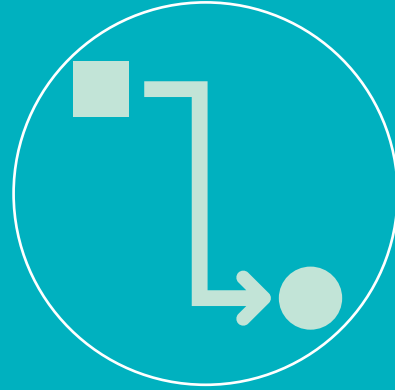


*Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.*

# 2024-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Goals, Objectives &  
Targets  
Local & State Plans  
Data



Pop/Emp Forecasting  
Travel Demand Modeling  
Project Evaluation  
Fiscal Analysis  
Impact Analyses



Regional Strategies  
Priority Projects  
Documentation



**Public Participation**



# DRAFT STRATEGIES

- **System Management**

- Preservation & Maintenance
- Technology & Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Demand Management
- Safety & Security

- **System Development**

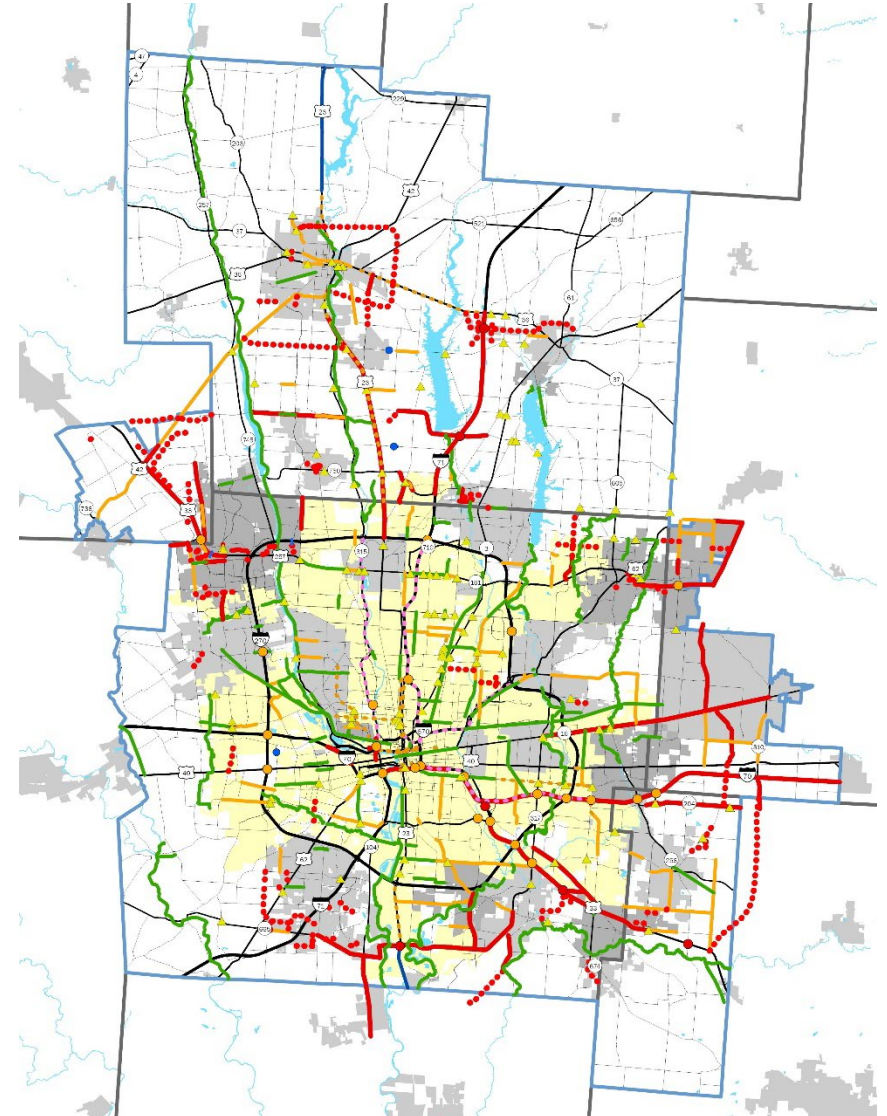
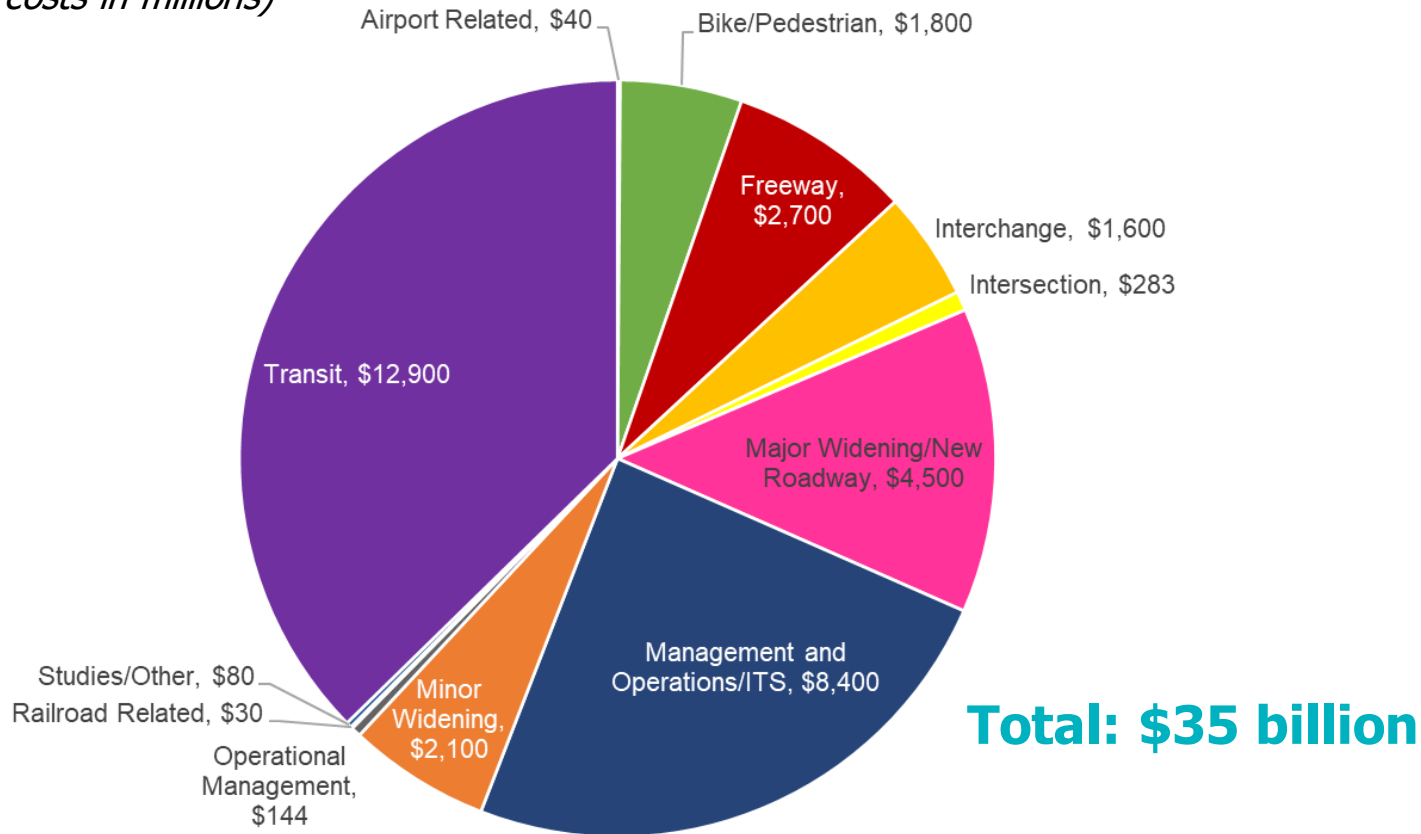
- Infrastructure Projects
  - Bike/Ped
  - Transit
  - Freight
  - Roadways
  - Multimodal Connections & Hubs

Full list of strategies available at: [www.morpc.org/mtp2050](http://www.morpc.org/mtp2050)



# DRAFT PROJECTS





(costs in millions)

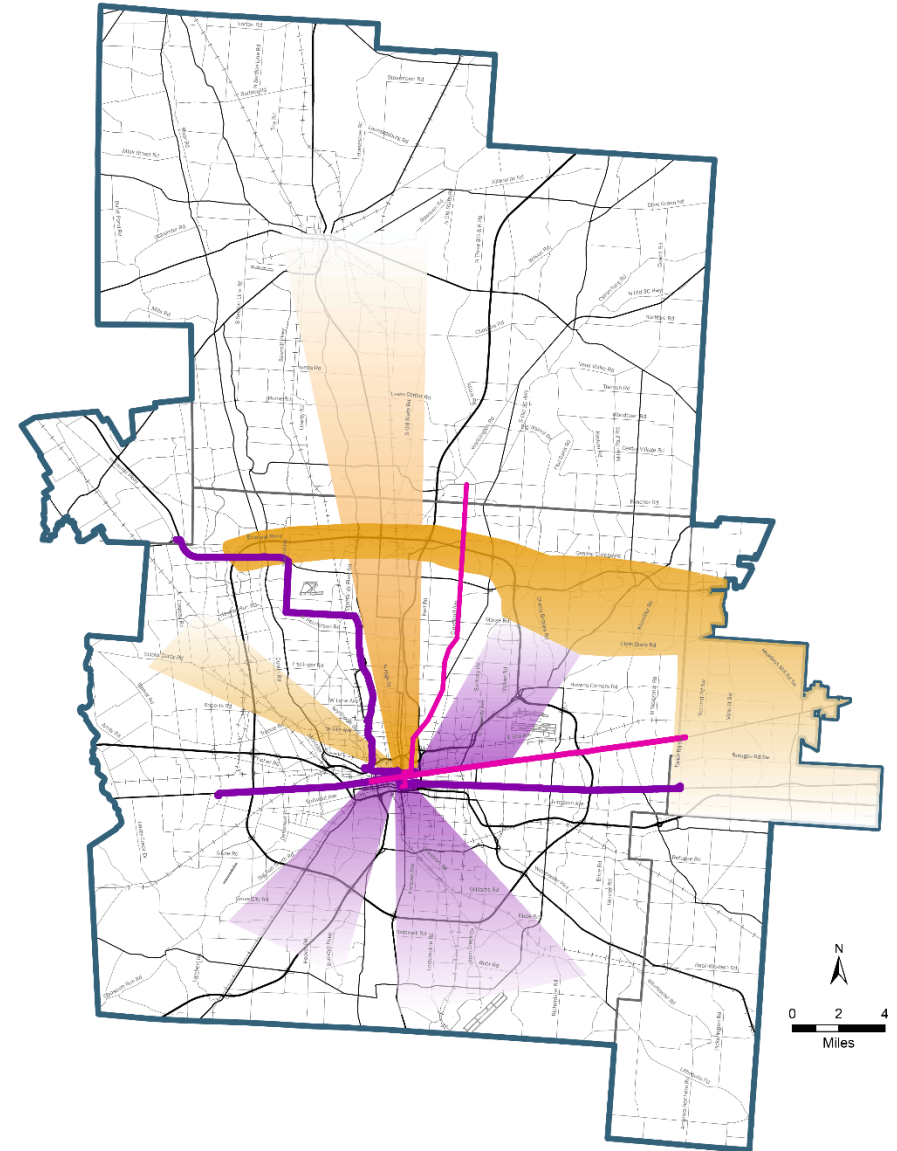


Webmap available at: [www.morpc.org/mtp2050](http://www.morpc.org/mtp2050)

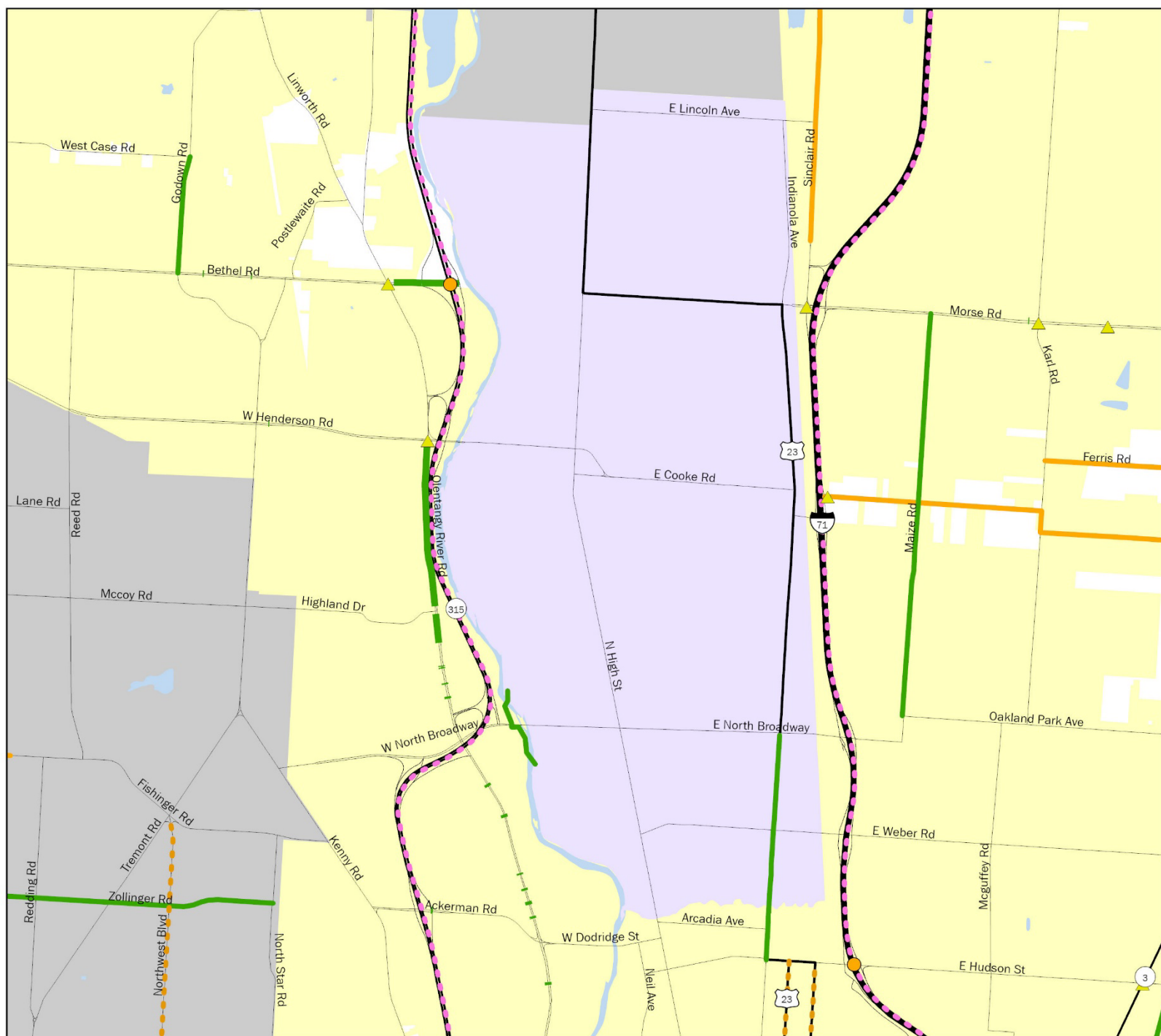


# DRAFT TRANSIT PROJECTS

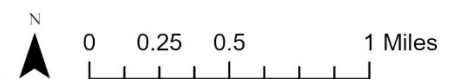
-  Planned BRT Corridors
-  Premium Transit Improvements
-  Future Rapid Transit Corridors
-  Corridors to Study



# MTP 2024-2050 Draft Projects: Clintonville Area



- Interchange Modification
- ▲ Intersection Modification
- New Bridge
- New Interchange
- New Roadway
- Convert to Freeway
- Major Widening
- Minor Widening/Safety
- High Capacity Transit
- Bike/Pedestrian
- - - Operations
- - - Lane Management
- New Bridge
- Clintonville
- Rivers







## 2022

- Review, update, adopt Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures
- Develop and adopt 2050 population and employment growth projections

## 2023

- Compile candidate strategies and projects
- Project Evaluation Criteria
- Interactive webmap
- Strategy and project evaluation
- Fiscal Analysis
- Draft strategies and projects

## 2024

- Impact Analyses
- Full draft document
- Public comment period
- May: MTP Adoption

**Public Participation**



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ENTERTAINMENT**



Sturbridge Rd / Gladys Rd Station



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# WHAT'S NEXT?

- Community Presentations – January - March
  - 54 Presentations Scheduled
- Public comment period open through March
- MORPC MTP Open House: **March 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:30PM**
- Feedback incorporated into final document
- MTP Adoption May 2024



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**FY25-26 CAPITAL BUDGET  
PROJECT INFORMATION  
WORKSHEET**

- 1) Project name, a general description of the overall project, and a specific description of the purposes or specific portion(s) of the overall project for which state capital dollars would be used**

**Title: “One Time Large Community Impact Project. Lighting and Power Connectivity for Concessions at the Whetstone Park of Roses Baseball and Softball Fields in Support of the North Columbus Intramural League.”**

The **citizen committee** of central Columbus (represented by Rob Wood, Jim Harrison, and Eric Wagner...plus all the **North Columbus Intramural League** parents and volunteers) seeks to work with central Ohio legislators and the City of Columbus to formally submit a capital improvement request for the Whetstone field upgrades described herein. The citizens of central Ohio and the thousand players, parents, coaches, and volunteers positively impacted by NCIL will most assuredly deem the appropriation request as a priority.

The citizens of Northern Columbus are requesting our legislators to submit and support an **OTSCIF appropriation of \$570,000 for the Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks** to specifically support the installation and connection of field lighting on Whetstone Park of roses fields 1 and 2 in support of the NCIL programs and other community activities.

- 2) Physical location and address of the project (city/village/township and county)**

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- 3) Legal Entity Name and any alternative Doing Business As (DBA) trade names on file with the Ohio Secretary of State and the organization sponsoring the project**

The park is owned by the City of Columbus, and they should be the recipient of the appropriation. They would oversee the project and become the owners when it is completed. The community will significantly benefit from this one-time project.

**The North Columbus Intramural League (NCIL)** is a registered 501(c)(3) volunteer managed organization (EIN-0902006). They have a use agreement with the City of Columbus for the fields, but others in the community can use them as well.

- 4) Identification of the facility or asset owner during construction and after work is completed**

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**5) Amount of state funding being requested for the FY 2025-26 capital biennium**

The citizen committee has worked with NCIL to identify the priority projects for the Whetstone field and determined the **anticipated costs will be approximately \$570,000**. This includes quotes for innovative lighting (fully installed) for fields 1 and 2, including estimated costs for power connectivity. The citizen committee will volunteer their time and expertise to work with the City of Columbus to properly scope and prepare bid packages for the projects or otherwise develop supporting material for the appropriation request. The citizen committee will identify and engage other “neighbor” experts as needed.



**6) Amount and source of non-state funding, including private, not-for-profit, local, and federal funds supporting the project**

In a demonstration of commitment to the community to the NCIL program and the importance of this appropriation request, the citizen community will launch a region wide funding campaign to support operations of the NCIL with a goal of raising \$250,000

of private funding to support this project. Every year, this important organization struggles to buy uniforms, provide equipment to disadvantaged youth, maintain the fields, and other important activities. Led by Wagner (who will personally **donate \$10,000 to NCIL** when the first lights are installed), the citizen committee will launch a GoFundMe campaign, match funding from the “Day of Giving”, solicit corporate donations, and strive to **match any appropriation made for the field upgrades with private funding for NCIL operations.**

- 7) **The amount and source of state funding the project or asset has received in the past, and whether the project will be requesting additional state funding in future capital biennia**

This project or organization **has never received state funding.**

- 8) **Identification and a description of any use by or involvement of private for-profit businesses or not-for-profit entities**

The organization annually enrolls **over 750 youth players from across 32 central Ohio zip codes.** Approximately 200 volunteers are required each year to support operations, coaching, field keeping, and other activities for the organization. Since its founding **50 years ago**, NCIL has supported tens of thousands of players aged 5 to 15. **NCIL is a pillar of the community, plain and simple.**

- 9) **Identification and description of any use or involvement by the federal government**  
N/A

- 10) **Identification of the annual amount of and source(s) of funding for ongoing operational costs**

NCIL has **operated for over 50 years primarily with donations** from the community, local businesses, and other patrons. The annual operational costs for the energy for the lighting are expected to be immaterial in the City of Columbus Park’s budget. No other annual costs are anticipated.

- 11) **Any additional relevant information that the requesting organization believes would be of assistance in evaluating the project’s value and eligibility to receive state capital funding**

**Colin Wagner, former NCIL player and volunteer, donated his time** to make a documentary of the NCIL program which will be used to launch the fundraising campaign. **NCIL Documentary Trailer and Fund Raising Video -> <https://vimeo.com/880162549>**

**12) Description of how the project’s support will benefit the general public and how often the public will be able to gain access to the facilities or services provided by the community project funds**

The charter of NCIL focuses on inclusion, sportsmanship, personal growth, and enjoyment of the game. Alumni of the NCIL organization, both players and volunteers, actively espouse the value of the program and impact it has on the community. NCIL teams play on the baseball and softball fields at the Whetstone Park of Roses, managed by the City of Columbus Parks and Recreation division. The fields have **no lighting, limited seating, subpar dugouts, no scoreboards, and no concession stands**. In 2020, there was a community request for field-related capital improvements submitted to the district’s state representative. **No action was taken**. The citizens of the region once again seek state and city support funding to upgrade the fields to a standard commensurate with the positive impact the half-century program has had on hundreds of thousands of citizens.

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