



## Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of January 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Police Chief Greg Jones, City Engineer Ed Ferris, Engineer Mike Barker, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, Public Information Officer Scott McAfee, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding	P
CM Colleen Briscoe	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	A
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P

Clerk Mason reported that Council Member Durik was out of town and requested to be excused. Mayor Spalding moved to excuse Council Member Durik from the meeting. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with six yes votes to excuse Council Member Durik from the regular meeting.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed January 7, 2020 organizational meeting minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Hearing none, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the January 7, 2020 organizational minutes. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with six yes votes to approve the January 7, 2020 organizational meeting minutes.

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### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Clerk Mason reported that Resolution R-03-2020 had been revised and a copy sent out to council. The title needed to be changed in the agenda. Mayor Spalding further stated that the Executive Session was no longer needed and the council clerk should contact board and commission members about additional terms. Mayor Spalding moved to amend the agenda. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with six yes votes to amend the agenda for those two items.

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**HEARING OF VISITORS:**

**Proclamation Recognizing Owen Troutman**

Mayor Spalding read the proclamation, presented it to Owen Troutman, and thanked him for stepping up to make a difference. Owen Troutman thanked the mayor and council members. Some people who helped him along the way included Tracy Turner, Katie Peck, and his family. He wanted to help families like his own and the Brittons. Behren Britton was diagnosed with Leukemia when he was 2 and it had been a long journey since that time. Council Member Shull asked and Mr. Troutman answered that the charity basketball tournament would be returning on February 29<sup>th</sup>. There was an adult division.

**MORPC Presentation – 2020-2050 Plan**

Maria Schaper, Transportation Planning Manager with Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and New Albany resident, presented the attached PowerPoint slide show. The drafted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) would be available for comment in February. There would be a public open house at the MORPC Brewery District offices on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period would be open through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The MTP would be taken to the MORPC Board for adoption in May. The draft list of projects and strategies would be released ahead of the full MTP and would be available on-line. Hard copy or translated materials could also be provided.

Mayor Spalding asked and Ms. Schaper answered that, in the 2016-2040 Plan, the widening of State Route 161 was included. She knew that New Albany was updating its Strategic Plan and would be working with city staff to make sure MORPC was using the correct alignments. Because the MTP was a long range plan, it was very conceptual in nature, specific alignments and details were flexible.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: Clerk Mason reported that the CRAB discussed fencing options and the overall restoration of Wagner Cemetery. Chair Zets would be

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talking to City Manager Joseph Stefanov. The CRAB also continued to work on the historical sign for the New Albany Cemetery.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

NONE.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:**

NONE.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE O-01-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A UTILITY AND LEISURE PATH EASEMENT OF 0.099 ACRES AND RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION OF 0.296 ACRES AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY METHODIST CHURCH.

Engineer Mike Barker told council that the New Albany Methodist Church was in the middle of a significant expansion. They would be adding a building and parking. City staff determined that the church owned to the centerline of Dublin-Granville Road. As with any development project, the city asked for right-of-way for the roadway. The road existed within a highway easement and the city's standard was to take that on as right-of-way. There would be an additional easement running parallel to the northern right-of-way line that would accommodate a leisure trail.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

**ORDINANCE O-02-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY CHAPTER 113 "COUNCIL", SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 113.01 "SALARY OF THE MAYOR" AND 113.02 "SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL."

Clerk Mason told council that Section 4.04 of the Charter authorized council to annually determine its compensation, including pay for council's designee for Mayor's Court. This ordinance would increase council's salary by 2.75%, the same as city staff received for 2020. The ordinance created a new section 113.03 which took the Mayor's Court pay and put it under a new heading. Clerk Mason reminded council that there would be an extra pay period in 2020 due to accumulated extra days from previous years. These amounts were appropriated in the city's 2020 budget. Mayor Spalding noted that, more recently, council was keeping pace with city staff increases instead of catching up after a few years.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

**READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION R-03-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW ALBANY

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COMPANY IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A 98+/- ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 5526 EAST DUBLIN GRANVILLE ROAD, IDENTIFIED BY PARCEL NUMBERS 222-002057-00, 222-002059-00 AND 222-002060-00; AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE TAYLOR PROPERTY.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that The New Albany Company (NACO) recently entered into a land purchase option on the Taylor property. NACO recognized the city's long term interests in acquiring this particular piece of property because of the natural features and for the buffer it would create between the commercial development at Hamilton Road and New Albany. In exchange for the opportunity to mitigate other local wetlands on the property, NACO proposed to discount the city's acquisition price for the Taylor property by \$1 million. There were large flood plain and wetland areas in the Taylor property. The Taylor property and the business park were in the same watershed. The city successfully obtained a state Green Space Preservation Grant for just under \$860,000. The city would pay approximately \$814,000 out of pocket. The Taylor property wetlands would be designed for passive recreation and accommodate leisure trails connecting back to Rose Run Park. On top of environmental, aesthetic, and physical buffer benefits, preserving the area from residential development would mean no additional students for the school system. This was a good community investment. Dick Roggenkamp, NACO Director of Real Estate, was present to answer questions.

Mayor Spalding agreed that the passive space would be a nice gateway to New Albany. Council Member Kist asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that the city was hoping to close on the property before the end of 2020. Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov replied that there were grant regulations that the city needed to comply with. Adding wetlands was an unusual action that the city would have to work out with the state. The dollar amount of the grant was fixed. Council Member Kist asked and City Manager Stefanov stated that the option to purchase could be exercised within the next 45 days. The city could request a one year extension of the grant, but City Manager Stefanov didn't anticipate needing the extra time.

Council Member Shull asked and City Manager Stefanov agreed that leisure trails would be included. The land containing the Taylor home and barn was excluded from the greenspace preservation grant. The city would have more flexibility to use that land, should council decide to do so. The idea was to design the wetlands so that trees could be planted and a path installed to provide circulation around the wetlands – perhaps with some overlooks and boardwalks.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with six yes votes to approve Resolution R-03-2020.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance Committee: Council Member Briscoe reported that the Finance Committee met. Interest rates continued to be down and the city would not make as much per dollar invested due to the low rates. The city's investments continued to do well, no real changes. Council Member Fellows asked and Finance Director Bethany Staats answered that the majority of the city's investments were in federal agency bonds and STAR Ohio. The latter was more liquid than most which was useful for capital projects, like Rose Run.
- B. Safety Committee: No report.
- C. Public Utilities: No report.
- D. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- E. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- F. Administration Committee: No report.
- G. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: Council Member Shull told council that grant applications would be due at the end of January. The subcommittee would meet shortly after that and make recommendations at one of the February council meetings.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No meeting.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Brisk reported that the city and school board had put together a meeting to talk about possible partnerships on capital projects and other joint endeavors. Mayor Spalding, Council Member Brisk, and City Manager Joseph Stefanov would be meeting with New Albany Schools Superintendent Michael Sawyers and two school board representatives. The first meeting would take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Shull asked and Mayor Spalding answered that he was not aware of any current joint projects in the budget.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

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- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported he would be in Washington, DC for the next three days for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He would bring back materials. This was the first time New Albany had participated in this organization.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council members about Sunshine Law training happening in Village Hall on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Joseph Stefanov reported that ODOT Director Marchbanks presented on the gas tax at the recent COMMA meeting. ODOT spent about \$155 million in maintenance projects in 2019 and projected spending \$850 million on infrastructure projects in 2020. ODOT was working on Access Ohio 2045, a strategic planning document. ODOT was supporting proposed legislation to make distracted driving a primary offense. ODOT was working with Indiana to establish a truck automation corridor along Interstate 70. ODOT was looking at a 21% increase in the maintenance of lane miles and a 26% increase in bridge projects, both using additional funds available from the gas tax. Ford Motor Company announced they were trying to make their entire fleet electric by 2025. Representative Jay Hottinger was at COMMA supporting legislation to restore front license plates on Ohio vehicles. Single plate legislation was set to take effect in July. Front plates were helpful to law enforcement. COMMA supported a resolution in favor of the front plate. Rep. Hottinger asked councils of participating communities to also adopt resolutions in support.

City Manager Stefanov displayed a conceptual picture, prepared by MKSK, of Stefanov Circle. He solicited council's feedback. Mayor Spalding noted it had been five years since council voted to name the circle. City Council members approved of the displayed design. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly stated that the name would be made of the same type of pin letters as were on Rose Run Park's planter. Lighting was still under consideration. It would depend on how generally lit the area was. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that the letters could be ordered soon and usually arrived about five weeks out.

- E. City Attorney: No report.

**POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE.

**POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:**

*Clerk's note: headers added for better legibility. These were not agenda items*

**Local support of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

Mayor Spalding applauded Owen Troutman's efforts to fight blood cancers and told council that a number of other students had contacted him or city staff asking for help to promote their project.

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Mayor Spalding asked if Public Information Officer Scott McAfee to use the city's social media network to support their effort. PIO McAfee could include a link if a reader wanted to know more. Mayor Spalding asked and council agreed to that type of posting.

### New Albany Community Events Board

Mayor Spalding reported there had been earlier discussions about moving the Community Events Board (CEB) to the Chamber of Commerce (COC). The city had been providing funding to the COC and the CEB from the hotel excise tax. It made sense to put the organizations together. Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that, if combined, the COC would have oversight over the CEB. Mayor Spalding recalled that the COC Director and CEB President were in favor of the move. It would be helpful with cross-marketing. Mayor Spalding asked and council agreed that it would be helpful for Hans Schell, president of the CEB, to come make a presentation and request funding for 2020. Finance Director Bethany Staats asked and Mayor Spalding replied that his intention was to support the Chamber with additional funding for the CEB, once it had been moved over. Council Member Fellows asked that the additional funding carry a stipulation that it couldn't be used for anything other than the CEB. Mayor Spalding stated that the COC would be the fiscal manager for the CEB. Council would formally adopt something to make this happen.

Finance Director Bethany Staats told council that \$10,000 had already been supplied to the CEB for Springfest. She recalled that council approved appropriating \$65,000 for general funding and \$45,000 for Oktoberfest, and that the CEB had requested an additional \$7,600. She understood that she was waiting on council's decision about whether or not to increase the appropriation. Mayor Spalding said council would hear the CEB's presentation, finalize the 2020 funding, and clarify the CEB's relationship with the COC.

Council discussed the amounts of various community grants, the total amount council was awarding, setting policies for grants, and standardizing and suggesting a template organizational budget for grant applications. Council Member Brisk wanted to sit down with Healthy New Albany soon to further discuss future senior programming and how that budget should look. Clerk Mason reported that Director Staats was going through several previously provided budgets to work up a template to provide to outside organizations. Council discussed that applications were already in the works for 2020, but that there was time to figure out how to get more accountability for 2021. Council further discussed the total amount that council awarded in grants and contributed for programming by other organizations and the sources of those funds. Council Member Fellows would reach out to Mr. Schell for the CEB presentation. Mayor Spalding and Council Member Brisk would reach out to Cherie Nelson at the COC.

### School-related traffic on State Route 161

Council Member Fellows reported that he and Council Member Brisk attended the Engage New Albany meeting the prior week. The meeting was very well attended. The participants were engaged and asked a lot of questions. Some attendees approached Council Member Fellows regarding the

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city's planning around the Rose Run/State Route 161 development and the traffic situation during school hours – particularly at pick-up time around 3 pm. Council Member Fellows also experienced difficulties trying to go west on State Route 161 at this time. The McCoy Center Loop became completely backed up, sometimes all the way to the red light. Parents would arrive early and park to wait for their kids.

Council Member Fellows suggesting having a school official or School Resource Officer move parents in the loop along. Council Member Kist noted that the Express Loop was set to open the following week. Council discussed how Dublin-Granville Road was mostly dedicated to the school at those times and that alternate routes were available. Council Member Fellows said that cars could not sit on the road. They needed to continue on and come back around. He suggested an officer direct traffic or signage that said "No Stopping." Cars used to pull to the side, but new curbs prevented that. It only happened for 20 minutes, but those 20 minutes were a problem. Council Member Kist observed that the Rose Run bridge allowed for drop-off on the other side of Dublin-Granville Road without a wait.

Council discussed the safety issue created by stopped cars. Council members meeting with the school representatives would be discussing this. Mayor Spalding asked for anyone adding to the school discussion agenda to email City Manager Stefanov or himself with those items.

Police Chief Greg Jones stated that the school tested the additional loop and that Officer Southers reported that it worked well. Hopefully, that would help alleviate traffic. Police Chief Jones also said he would talk to Officers Southers and Leeland to get their input. Council Member Kist voiced concern that, once a queue had formed for the McCoy Loop on the road, parents wouldn't be able to get to the Express Loop. Police Chief Jones told council that asking parents waiting for their kids to move on was a difficult conversation. Council Member Fellows asked about stacking two rows of cars on the loop. Police Chief Jones responded that the school didn't want kids walking in between the cars for safety reasons. Council discussed how this wasn't a problem in the morning because parents were dropping off and leaving whereas they were waiting in place in the afternoon.

Mayor Spalding told council that New Albany Schools Superintendent Michael Sawyers was reluctantly opening the additional loop. The superintendent had wanted that for special needs students and emergency situations.

#### AEP Community Energy Savers Grant

Council Member Kist reported that the city did receive the AEP Energy Savers Grant. The city would be receiving \$40,000 for the school playground. Council Member Kist credited Public Information Officer Scott McAfee for his efforts in communicating about the grant and promoting the program on social media. AEP would be presenting the check soon.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:





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### Board and Commission Appointments

Council Member Fellows move to reappoint Philip Smith to the Community Improvement Corporation for the term of 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with six yes vote to reappoint Mr. Smith to the CIC for the term specified.

### ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Briscoe seconded to adjourn the January 21, 2020 regular council meeting at 7:46 pm.

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council.

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A blue ink signature of Sloan Spalding, Mayor.

Sloan Spalding, Mayor

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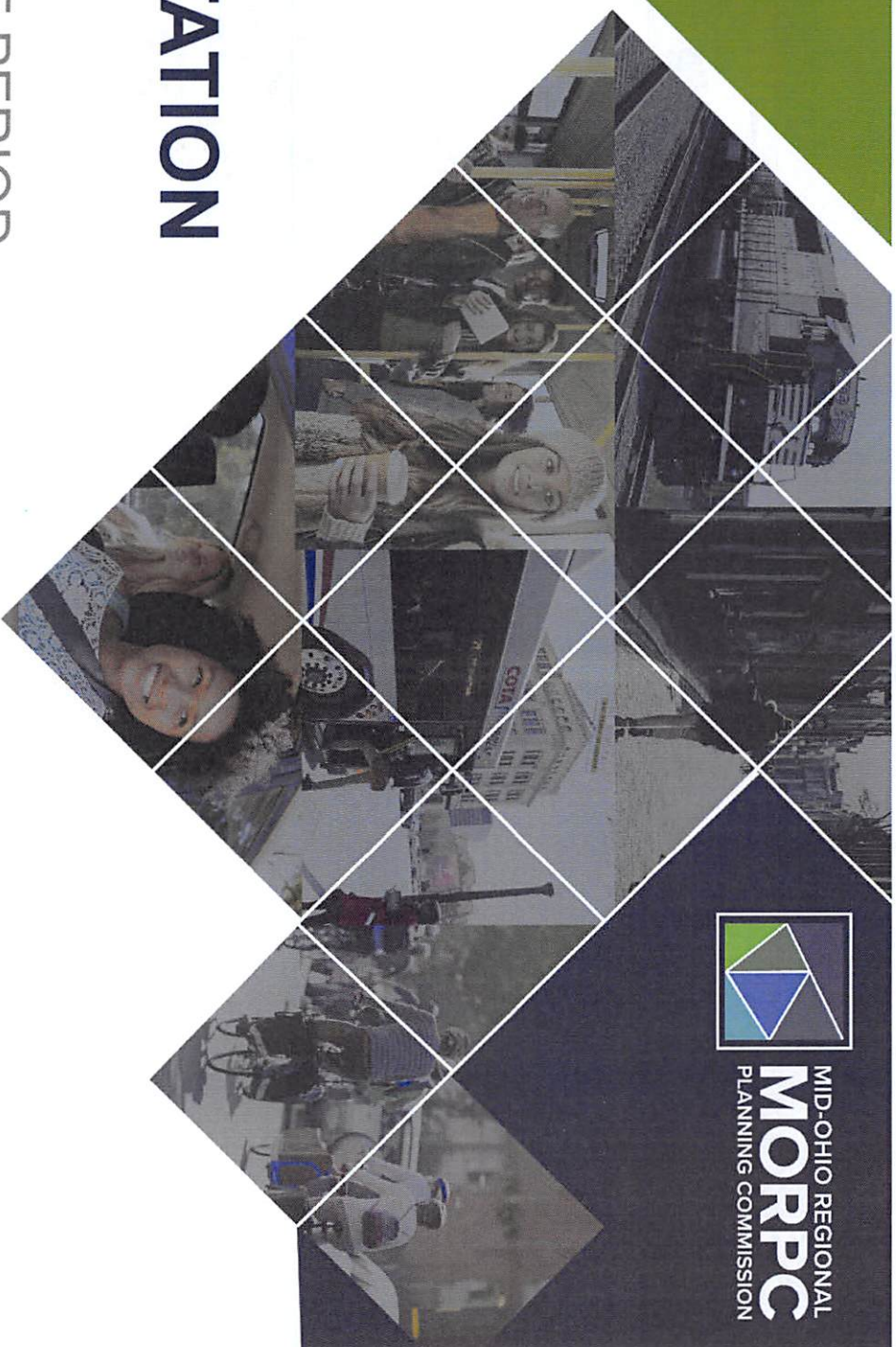
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# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



2020-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN





## WHO IS MORPC?

### MORPC Membership

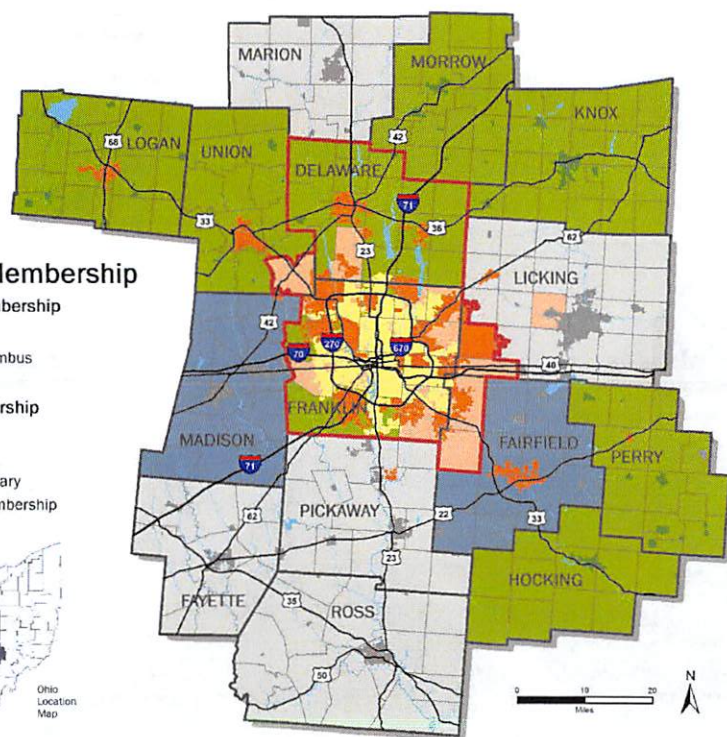
#### Individual Membership

- City/Village
- City of Columbus
- Township

#### County Membership

- County
- Township
- MPO Boundary
- CORPO Membership

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- Transportation & Infrastructure Development
- Planning & Sustainability
- Data & Mapping
- Residential Services
- Government Affairs
- Communications & Engagement



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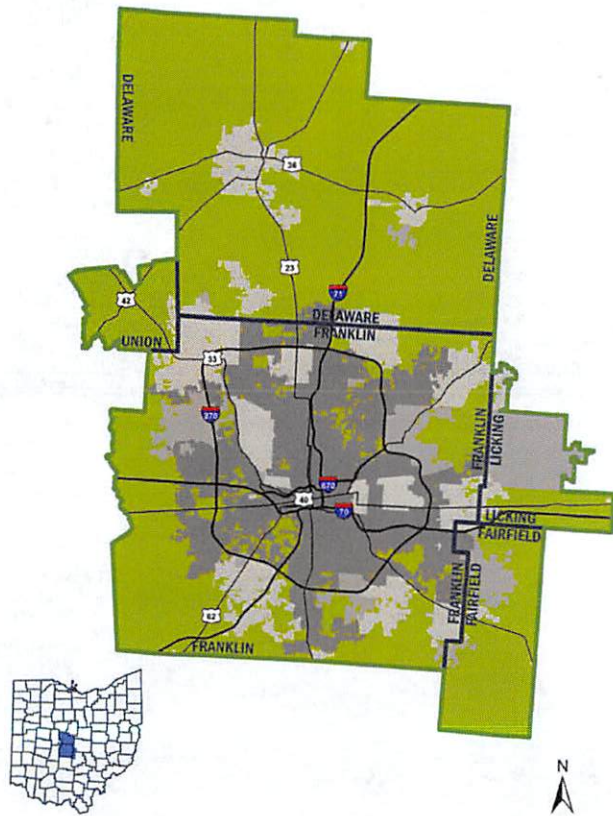
## **WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?**

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





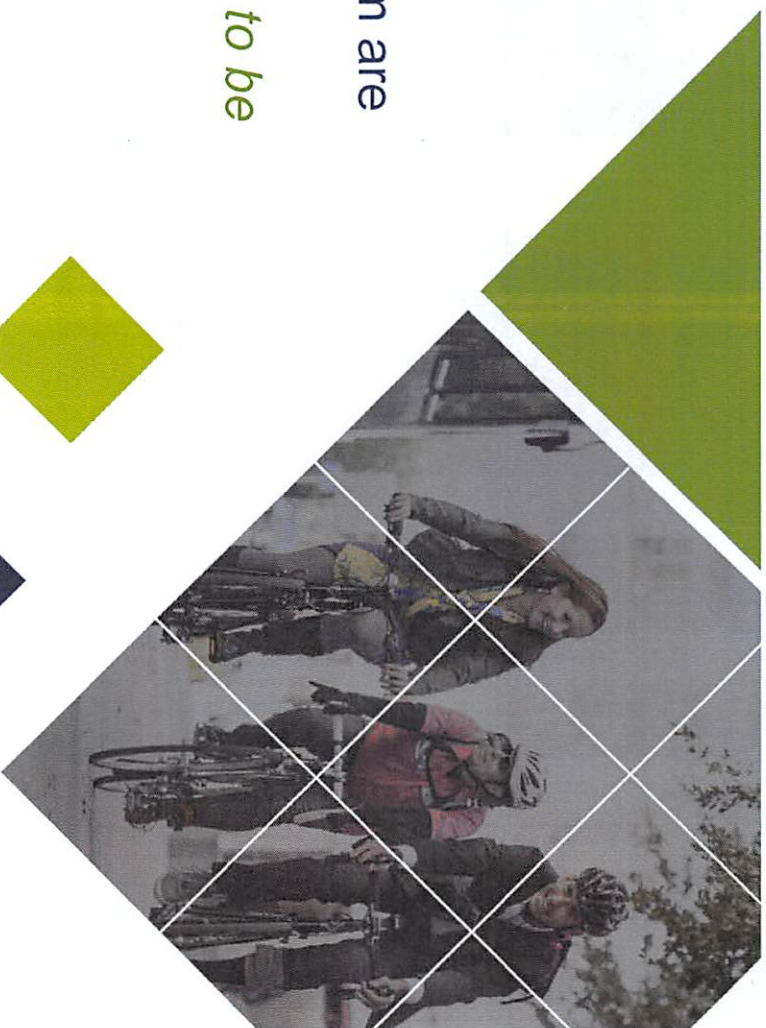
# METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA



The Metropolitan Transportation Plan includes only communities within the official MPO boundary.

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Central Ohio is growing
  - Demographics are changing
  - Preferences are changing
  - Demands on the transportation system are changing
- *Transportation projects must be on MTP to be eligible for federal funding*

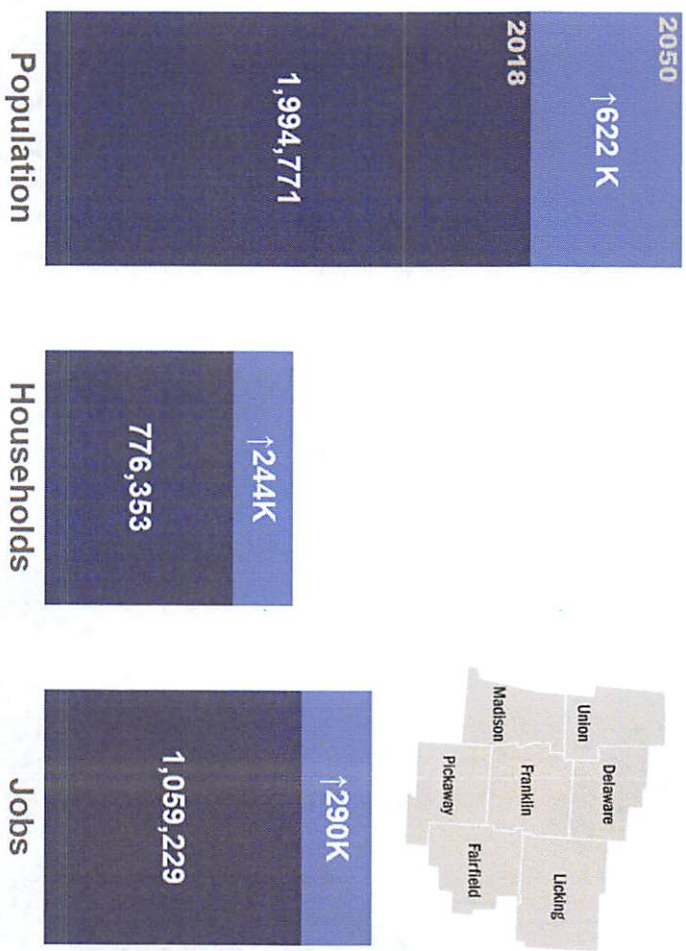
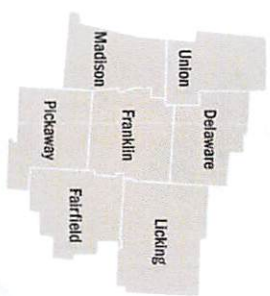






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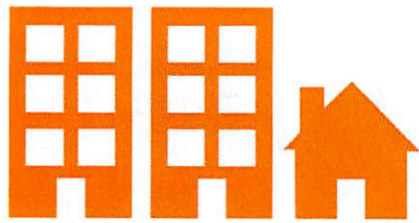
**Projected Growth**  
7-County Central Ohio Region





# PREFERENCES ARE CHANGING

We want options.



Smaller Homes



Walkability



Amenities



More Mobility



Green Space



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## REGIONAL GOALS

REDUCE PER CAPITA ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE FUEL RESOURCES TO INCREASE AFFORDABILITY AND RESILIENCE OF REGIONAL ENERGY SUPPLIES



PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND MITIGATE INFRASTRUCTURE VULNERABILITIES TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM AND COMMUNITY



POSITION CENTRAL OHIO TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROSPER AS A REGION AND COMPETE GLOBALLY



CREATE SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE



INCREASE REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND EMPLOY INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS TO MAXIMIZE THE RETURN ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



USE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS TO BENEFIT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF PEOPLE



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## 2020-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN



### INPUT

Local Plans  
Data  
Public Engagement  
Goals, Objectives &  
Targets

### PROCESS

Evaluation Criteria  
Fiscal Analysis  
Impact Analysis

### OUTPUT

Regional Strategies  
Priority Projects  
Documentation



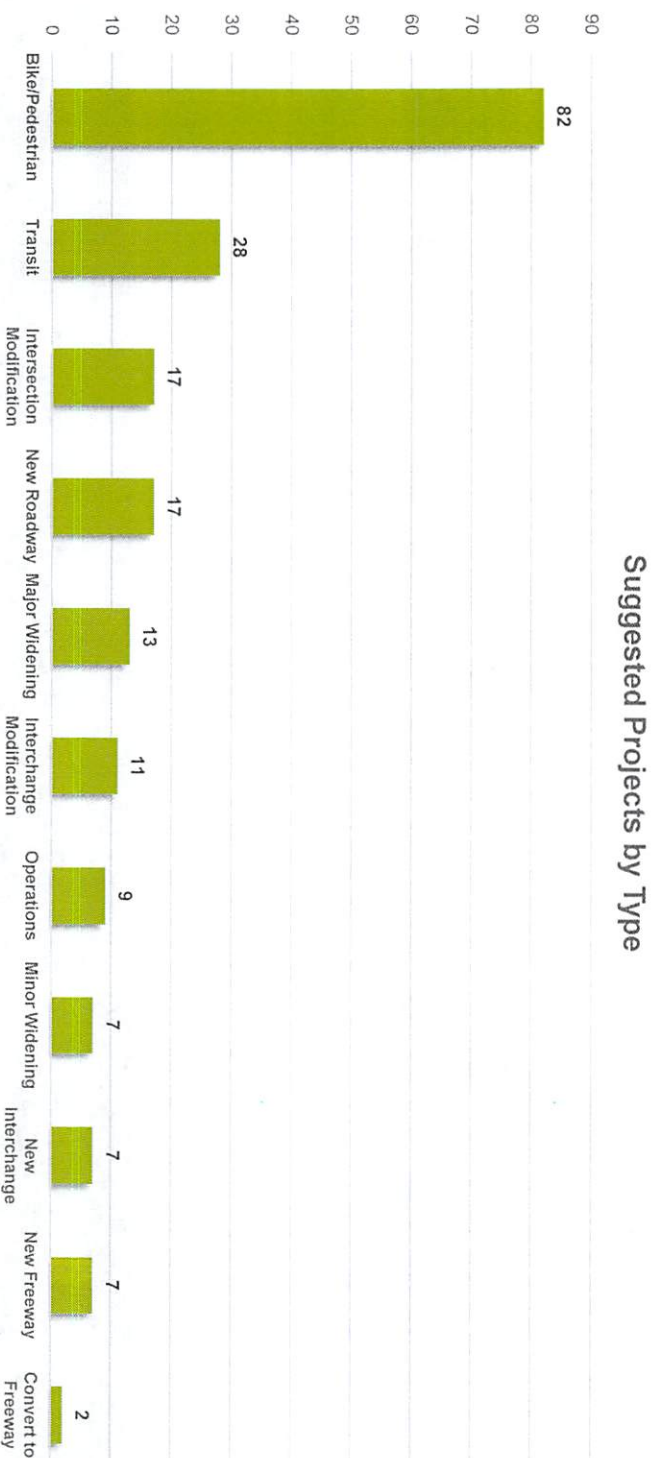
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# STRATEGY & PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

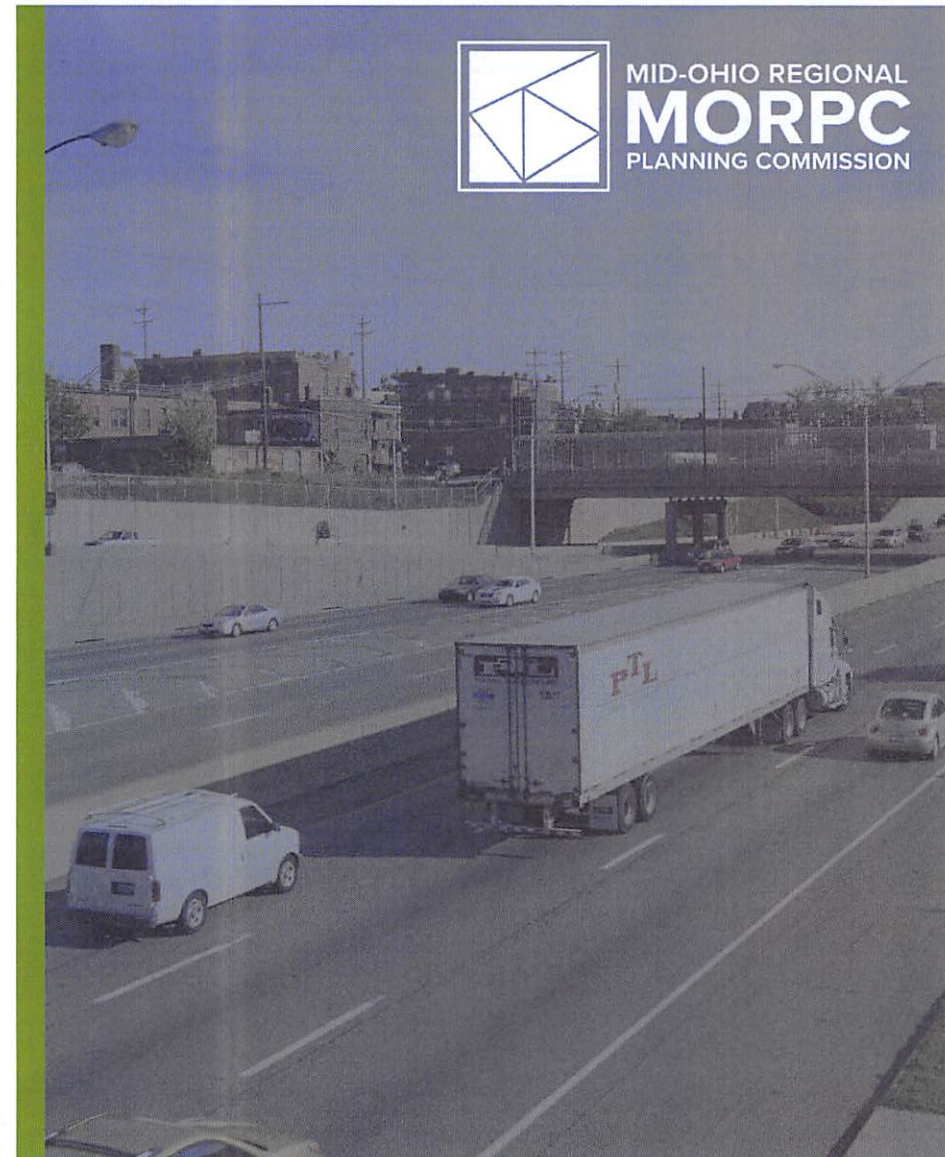
- Most suggested project type: Stand-alone Bike & Pedestrian



# REGIONAL STRATEGIES

- System Management
  - Physical Preservation
  - Operations
  - Safety & Security
  - Demand Management
- System Development
  - Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure
  - Transit Infrastructure
  - Freight Rail Infrastructure
  - Multimodal Infrastructure Connections
  - Roadway Infrastructure

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## NEXT STEPS

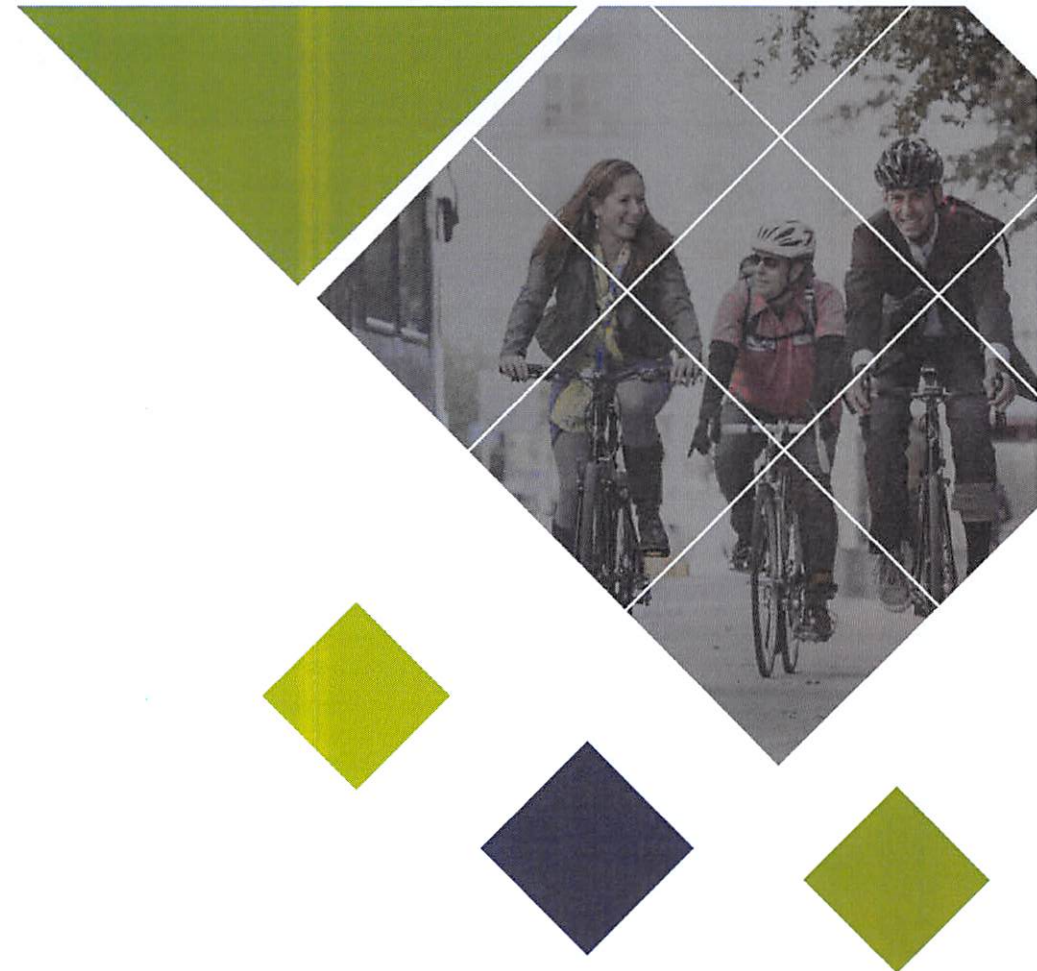
- December 2019 –February 2020
  - Community presentations
  - Draft document available in February
  - February 26, 2020 - Public Open House at MORPC
- April 3, 2020 – Public comment period closes
- May 2020 – Plan Adoption

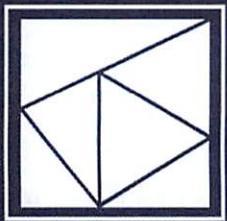


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# WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF YOU?

- Review & Comment
  - Draft plan
  - Comment period ends April 3, 2020
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  - For hard copies or translated materials:
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