

# MORPC's Role in Active Transportation Planning

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# MORPC

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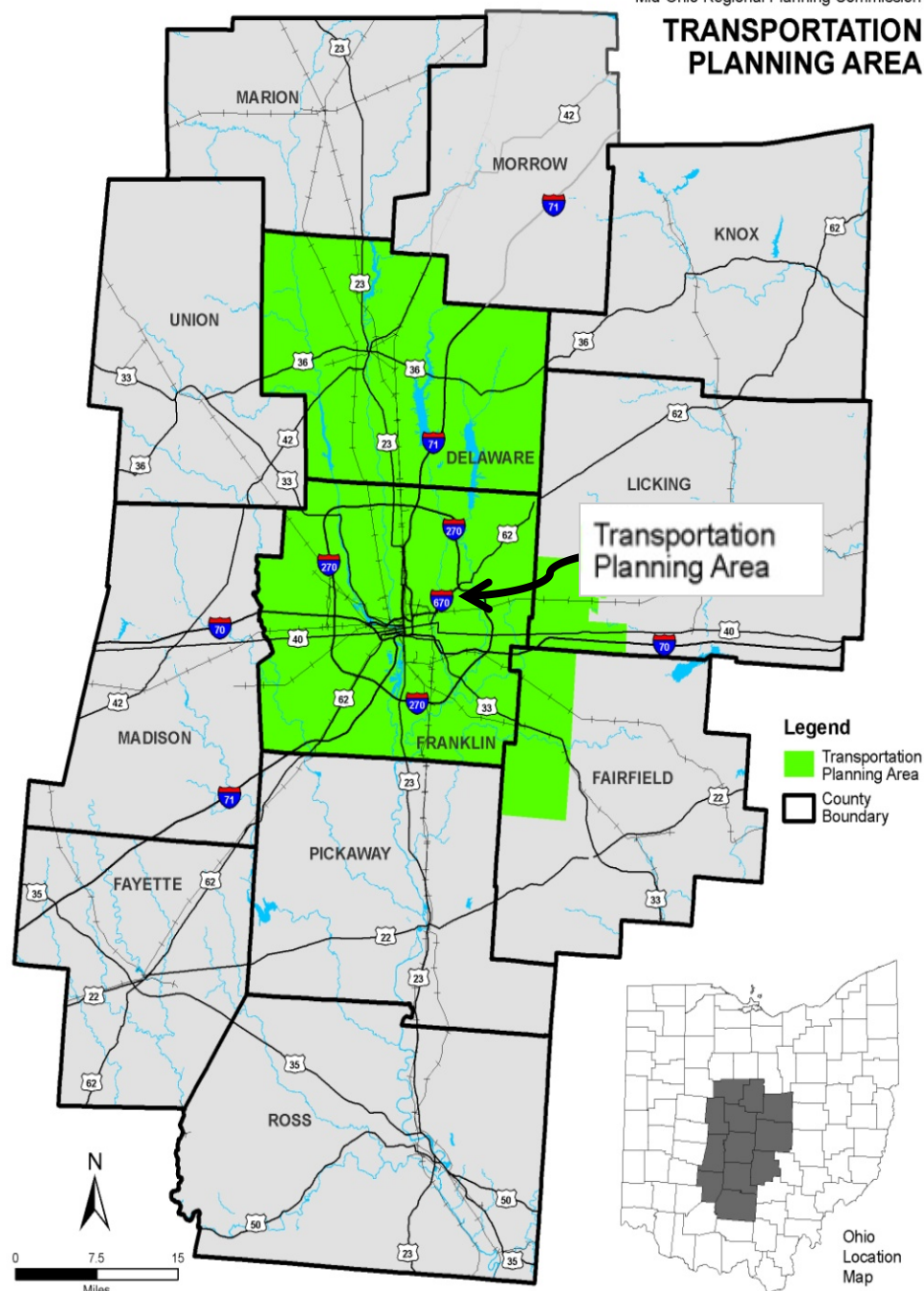
Transportation  
Department (MPO)

Housing  
Department

- 12 counties, 44 local governments, 85 board members
- 1.4 million people in MPO area
- Diversity of geographies and constituents (urban/suburban/rural)

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## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AREA





# MPO Governance

- Policy Committee
  - Elected & appointed officials
  - Transit agencies
  - Citizens Advisory Committee chair
- Transportation Advisory Committee
  - Engineering staff from local governments
- Citizens Advisory Committee
  - Geographic representation: central city, inner ring, etc.
  - Transportation disadvantaged or underserved
  - **Pedestrians/bicyclists**, environmental, health, historic preservation advocates
  - Business



# Funding

- Total infrastructure funding: \$33.6M/yr.
  - 2-year cycle
  - Most recent funding round: \$258M in requests, \$64M available >> **\$194M shortfall**
- Surface Transportation Program (\$21M/yr.)
  - Bike/ped projects eligible
  - **All projects must comply with Complete Streets Policy**
- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (\$10.5M/yr.)
  - Bike/ped projects eligible
  - Has been used for bikesharing in some cities
- Transportation Alternatives (\$2.1M/yr.)



# Transportation Alternatives

- Similar process for MORPC under MAP-21
- Most project requests are for bike/ped infrastructure (trails, sidewalks)
- SRTS being handled jointly by MORPC and Ohio DOT
  - ODOT providing 100% funding; MORPC: 80/20
- Applications accepted in 2-year cycles



# Active Transportation Planning

- Regional Collaboration
  - SRTS forums
  - Trail forums
  - Regional ped/bike staff coordination
  - Data warehouse
- Encouragement: Bike/Walk to School Day, Car Free Day
- Regional network planning
- Regional bike/ped counts
- Count equipment library







# Opportunities

- Complete Streets Policies
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
  - Nearly doubled from \$1.3B to \$2.4B/yr.
  - Ped crashes are focus area for many states
- Surface Transportation Program & CMAQ
  - MPOs are member-driven
- Partnerships
- Flexible funding available through work program
  - Bike/pedestrian counting, development of resources, regional coordination, research, evaluation



# Resources

- A Guide to Transportation Decisionmaking (USDOT)- <http://1.usa.gov/UEmW5N>
- Transportation 101: An Introduction to Federal Transportation Policy (T4A) - <http://bit.ly/UEoflc>
- From the Margins to the Mainstream: A Guide to Transportation Options in Your Community (Surface Transportation Policy Partnership). <http://bit.ly/UEob53>
- A Citizens Guide to the Regional Planning Process (DVRPC) - <http://www.dvrpc.org/GetInvolved/CitizensGuide/>
- MORPC's Complete Streets Policy and Toolkit: [www.morpc.org/CompleteStreets](http://www.morpc.org/CompleteStreets)





# For more information

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