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MORPC Seeks Comments on TRAC Projects

(Columbus–August 11, 2016) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is soliciting comments on four projects seeking funding from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The TRAC has accepted Major/New Project applications for their 2016 project selection round. Major/New Projects are transportation projects that have a total project cost greater than \$12 million and which “add transportation capacity, and are critical to the mobility, economic development, and quality of life of the citizens of Ohio”.

The four TRAC projects from the MORPC area include:

- **City of Delaware: Delaware Point Project U.S.36/SR 37**
The Delaware Point project will replace the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge over U.S.36/SR 37 and widen this National Highway System route to two lanes in each direction. Additional turn lanes will also be constructed at the U.S.36/SR 37 and U.S.36/SR 37/SR 521 intersections.
Requesting \$1.5 million for detailed design for all improvements
- **ODOT District 6: Far East Freeway: I-270 & Brice Road Phase 2 and 3**
The Far East Freeway interchange improvements in the I-270 and Brice Road area involve four phases that will result in the widening of shoulder widths, increasing interchange spacing between I-270 and Brice Road to relieve heavy weaving volumes, as well as improvements to relieve traffic congestion in the area.
Requesting \$7 million for detailed design for Phases 2 and 3
- **Union County: U.S. 33/SR 161/Post Road Interchange**
This project will include two new loop ramps that will eliminate the existing left turn conflicts to enter the U.S. 33 ramps. The intersections with both the east and west ramp terminals will be controlled via multi-lane roundabouts that will ensure viable traffic operations well into the future.
Requesting \$20.68 million for construction
- **ODOT District 6: U.S. 36/SR 37/I-71 Interchange Improvements**
This interchange improvement project includes additional ramps and a new east-west regional route to alleviate congestion.
Requesting \$10 million for construction

One page fact sheets on the four projects are available [here](#). Please provide comments or any additional information to set the priorities, including advantages and/or disadvantages of particular projects. MORPC will review and consider comments during the prioritization. We anticipate recommending regional priorities for adoption during the October business meetings (starting October 3 with the Community Advisory Committee). These priorities will be transmitted to TRAC by October 14.

Please send your comments in writing to the attention of Dina López by letter, fax (614-233-0750), or e-mail (dlopez@morpc.org) to arrive by Friday, September 9, 2016. If you have questions please contact López at 614-233-4149.