



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Policy Committee  
The Venue  
10 Tallmadge Circle  
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278**

Thursday, March 28, 2024  
1:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
  - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
  - B. Audience Participation
2. **Minutes**
  - A. January 25, 2024 Meeting – **Motion Required** Attachment 2A
3. **Staff Reports**
  - A. Financial Progress Report – **Motion Required** Attachment 3A
  - B. Technical Progress Report Oral
  - C. AMATS Federal Funds Report Attachment 3C
4. **Old Business**
  - A. Draft *Active Transportation Plan* Recommendations. – **Motion Requested** Attachment 4A
5. **New Business**
  - A. AMATS Roundabout Study Update. – **Discussion Only** Attachment 5A
6. **Resolutions**
  - A. **Resolution 2024-07** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6A
  - B. **Resolution 2024-08** – Approving Amendment #5 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to revise funding for three projects and add six new projects. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6B
  - C. **Resolution 2024-09** – Connecting Communities Planning Grant Recommendations. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6C
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 1:30 PM**  
**The Venue**  
**10 Tallmadge Circle**  
**Tallmadge, Ohio 44278**

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Technical Advisory Committee  
The Venue  
10 Tallmadge Circle  
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278**

Thursday, March 21, 2024  
1:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

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7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 1:30 PM**  
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**10 Tallmadge Circle**  
**Tallmadge, Ohio 44278**

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Citizens Involvement Committee  
Virtual Meeting**

Thursday, March 21, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Items**
  - A. Presentation regarding Attachment 4A – Draft *Active Transportation Plan* Recommendations.
  - B. Presentation regarding Attachment 6A – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program.
  - C. Discussion regarding Attachment 6C – Connecting Communities Planning Grant Recommendations.
- 4. Open Discussion**
- 5. Adjournment 7:45 P.M.**

Next Regular Meeting:  
Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Policy Committee  
Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Minutes of Meeting**

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**I. Call to Order**

- A. Chairman Jenkins** called the meeting to order. The attending members constituted a quorum.
- B. Chairman Jenkins** introduced himself as the Portage County engineer and the 2024 AMATS Policy Committee chair. **Chairman Jenkins** invited new Policy Committee members to introduce themselves. **Mayors Sciliano-Kilway, Yeargin, and Mavrides** introduced themselves.
- C. Audience Participation**

**Matt Stewart** presented comments from **Dave Mangold** regarding Greater Akron area rail corridors. Mr. Mangold made his comments during the Jan. 18 virtual meeting of the AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee.

In his comments, Mr. Mangold cautioned the region and its municipalities to not permanently give away or formally abandon any rail corridors that are not currently formally abandoned.

Mr. Mangold specified the Erie Lackawanna line (Freedom Trail) and the Akron Secondary line (Veterans Trail) as rail corridors that should not be abandoned.

Mr. Mangold stated that removing the possibility of rail service would be detrimental to the region's future economic competitiveness. Mr. Mangold expressed his support for the future of rail freight and possibly electrified commuter rail corridors.

Mr. Mangold noted that he is not opposed to recreational trails within rail corridors, but that he does advocate for rails *with* trails. Mr. Mangold noted that there are several examples of this across the nation.

**II. Minutes – Motion Required**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 meeting.

**Motion**

**William B. Judge** made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by **Carol Siciliano-Kilway**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

**III. Staff Reports**

**A. Financial Progress Report**

**Curtis Baker** presented Attachment 3A.

**Motion**

**Paul Adamson** made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by **William B. Judge**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

**B. Technical Progress Report**

**Mr. Stewart** said that grant applications to the AMATS Connecting Communities Program are due Feb. 9.

**Mr. Stewart** introduced Mr. Matt Mullen, a new Transportation Planner with the AMATS Technical Staff.

**C. AMATS Federal Funds Report**

**Amy Prater** presented Attachment 3C.

**Ms. Prater** presented tables concerning STBG, CRP, CMAQ, and TASA Funding Program and Balances dated January 8, 2024.

**IV. Old Business**

None.

**V. New Business**

**A. Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022).**

**Mr. Stewart** presented Attachment 5A.

**Motion**

**Carol Siciliano-Kilway** made a motion to approve the Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022) Technical Memorandum and it was seconded by **Justin Czekaj**. The motion was approved.

**B. Active Transportation Plan Update.**

**Heather Davis Reidl** presented Attachment 5B.

**C. Draft FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.**

Ms. Davis Reidl presented Attachment 5C.

**Motion**

*Claudia Amrhein made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved.*

**VI. Resolutions**

**A. Resolution 2024-01 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Carbon Reduction program (CRP).**

**Resolution 2024-02 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing program.**

**Resolution 2024-03 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program.**

**Resolution 2024-04 – Approving Transportation Alternative Set Aside Supplemental Project List for Possible Future Funding.**

Ms. Prater presented Attachment 6A.

**Motion**

*Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 and it was seconded by William B. Judge. The motion was approved.*

**Motion**

*Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 and it was seconded by Carol Siciliano-Kilway. The motion was approved.*

**Motion**

*Bob Finney made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 and it was seconded by Rocco Yeargin. The motion was approved.*

**Motion**

*Diane Miller-Dawson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 and it was seconded by William B. Judge. The motion was approved.*

**B. Resolution 2024-05 – Approving the 2024 Update of the AMATS Area Federal Functional Classification of Highways.**

Seth Bush presented Attachment 6B.

**Chairman Jenkins** said that the Portage County Engineer's office appreciated AMATS updating the AMATS Area Federal Functional Classification of Highways. **Chairman Jenkins** said that the update was timely.

**Motion**

**Joe Paradise** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 and it was seconded by **Paul Adamson**. The motion was approved.

**C. Resolution 2024-06 – Approving the AMATS Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.**

**Jeff Gardner** presented Attachment 6C.

**Motion**

**Paul Adamson** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 and it was seconded by **Carol Siciliano-Kilway**. The motion was approved.

**VII. Other Business**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**A. Motion**

**Paul Adamson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by **Claudia Amrhein**. The motion was approved.

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.**

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
2024 ATTENDANCE**

| <b>M Denotes Member Present</b>  | <b>Jan</b> | <b>Mar</b> | <b>May</b> | <b>Aug</b> | <b>Sept</b> | <b>Dec</b> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>A Denotes Alternate Present</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>AKRON</b> – Mayor Shammass Malik (DiFiore) (Vollman)                    | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>AURORA</b> - Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin (Stark) (Januska)                 |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>BARBERTON</b> - Mayor William B. Judge (Teodecki) (Wearstler)           | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>BOSTON HEIGHTS</b> – Mayor Ron Antal (Maccarone)                        |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>CLINTON</b> - Mayor William C. McDaniel                                 |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>CUYAHOGA FALLS</b> - Mayor Don Walters (Zumbo)                          | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>DOYLESTOWN</b> - Mayor Terry Lindeman (Kerr)                            |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>FAIRLAWN</b> - Mayor Russell Sharnsky (Staten) (Visca)                  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>GARRETTSVILLE</b> - Mayor Rick Patrick (Klamer)                         |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>GREEN</b> - Mayor Rocco Yeargin (Wax Carr)                              | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>HIRAM</b> - Mayor Ann Haynam (McGee)                                    |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>HUDSON</b> – Thomas Sheridan (Comeriatto)                               | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>KENT</b> – City Mgr. David Ruller (Baker) (Bowling)                     | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>LAKEMORE</b> – Mayor Richard Cole (Fast)                                | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MACEDONIA</b> - Mayor Nick Molnar (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)                  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MANTUA</b> - Mayor Tammy Meyer (Klemm)                                  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>METRO</b> – Dawn Distler  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MOGADORE</b> - Mayor Michael Rick                                       |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MUNROE FALLS</b> - Mayor Allen Mavrides (Bowery)                        | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NEW FRANKLIN</b> - Mayor Paul Adamson (Ganoe) (Kepler)                  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NORTHFIELD</b> – Mayor Jenn Domzalski (Hipps)                           |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NORTON</b> – Administrative Officer Dennis Loughry (Binsley)            | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>ODOT</b> – Gery Noirot (Phillis) (Root)                                 | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PARTA</b> – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Forbes) (Proseus) (Schrader)        | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PENINSULA</b> - Mayor Daniel R. Schneider, Jr.                          |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY COMM.</b> - Anthony J. Badalamenti (Mann)                |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY COMM.</b> – Mike Tinlin (Long)                           |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY COMM.</b> - Sabrina Christian-Bennett (Hlad)             |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Larry Jenkins (Steigerwald)               | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>RAVENNA</b> - Mayor Frank Seman (Finney) (DiSalvo)                      | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>REMINDERVILLE</b> - Mayor Sam Alonso (Krock)                            |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>RICHFIELD</b> - Mayor Michael Wheeler (Frantz) (Waldemarson)            | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>RITTMAN</b> – City Mgr. Bobbie Beshara (Robertson) (Neumeyer)           |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SILVER LAKE</b> – Mayor Therese Dunphy (Housley)                        |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>STOW</b> - Mayor John Pribonic (McCleary)                               | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>STREETSBORO</b> - Mayor Glenn M. Broska (Cieszkowski) (Czekaj)          | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS</b> - Mayor Jeffrey A. Coffee                         |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER</b> -Al Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber)<br>(Paradise) | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE</b> - Ilene Shapiro (Tubbs)                     |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. &amp; ECON. DEV.</b> – Diane Miller-Dawson          | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. &amp; ECON. DEV.</b> – David Lukas                  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>TALLMADGE</b> - Mayor Carol Siciliano-Kilway (Kidder)                   | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>TWINSBURG</b> - Mayor Sam Scaffide (Mohr)                               | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>WAYNE COUNTY COMM. BOARD</b> - Dominic Oliverio (Broome)                |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Scott A. Miller (Jones)                     |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>WINDHAM</b> – Mayor Lawrence Cunningham, Jr.                            |            |            |            |            |             |            |



**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
2024 ATTENDANCE**

**OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

| <b><u>NAME</u></b>      | <b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>      |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mr. Curtis Baker        | AMATS                           |
| Mr. Seth Bush           | AMATS                           |
| Ms. Heather Davis Reidl | AMATS                           |
| Mr. Jeff Gardner        | AMATS                           |
| Mr. Matt Mullen         | AMATS                           |
| Ms. Amy Prater          | AMATS                           |
| Mr. Kerry Prater        | AMATS                           |
| Mr. Matt Stewart        | AMATS                           |
| Mr. Rick Bohan          | Signal Akron                    |
| Mr. Lawrence Hall       | Federal Highway Administration  |
| Ms. Tatia M. Harris     | METRO                           |
| Mr. Chuck Hauber        | Summit County Engineer's office |
| Ms. Megan Pitman        | Village of Lakemore             |
| Mr. Ken Simpson         | CTL Engineering                 |
| Mr. Sam Wallace         | Federal Highway Administration  |
| Ms. Gert Wilms          | METRO                           |

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**I. Call to Order**

- A. **Chairman Finney** called the meeting to order. The attending members constituted a quorum.

**II. Minutes – Motion Required**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting.

**Motion**

***Jim McCleary** made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by **Wayne Wiethe**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

**III. Staff Reports**

A. **Financial Progress Report**

**Curtis Baker** presented Attachment 3A.

**Motion**

***Wayne Wiethe** made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by **Tony Demasi**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

B. **Technical Progress Report**

**Matt Stewart** said that grant applications to the AMATS Connecting Communities Program are due Feb. 9.

**Mr. Stewart** introduced Mr. Matt Mullen, a new Transportation Planner with the AMATS Technical Staff.

C. **AMATS Federal Funds Report**

**Amy Prater** presented Attachment 3C.

**Ms. Prater** presented tables concerning STBG, CRP, CMAQ, and TASA Funding Program and Balances dated January 8, 2024.

#### IV. Old Business

None.

#### V. New Business

##### A. *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022).*

**Mr. Stewart** presented Attachment 5A.

**Joe Hadley** asked if there was a reason as to why 2018 was the low point for fatalities. **Mr. Stewart** noted that fatalities were trending down until the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Mr. Stewart** said that an explanation regarding the downward trend was not readily available. **Mr. Hadley** asked if law enforcement data was available that could provide some insight regarding the peaks and valleys in totals. **Mr. Stewart** said that such data may not be available on a large scale.

**Joe Paradise** asked if inquiries could be made of ODOT as to whether the department is working on any projects within the identified high-crash sections and intersections. **Mr. Stewart** said that he was unaware of any ODOT projects. **Ms. Prater** noted that ODOT has a “hot-spot” analysis and maintains top lists of troublesome locations. **Mr. Baker** said that AMATS could contact ODOT and determine if any projects are planned in locations identified in the *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022)* report.

##### Motion

*Joe Paradise made a motion to approve the Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022) Technical Memorandum and it was seconded by Bobbie Beshara. The motion was approved.*

##### B. *Active Transportation Plan Update.*

**Heather Davis Reidl** presented Attachment 5B.

##### C. *Draft FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.*

**Ms. Davis Reidl** presented Attachment 5C.

##### Motion

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**Resolution 2024-03 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program.**

**Resolution 2024-04 – Approving Transportation Alternative Set Aside Supplemental Project List for Possible Future Funding.**

**Ms. Prater** presented Attachment 6A.

**Motion**

***Tony Demasi** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 and it was seconded by **Wayne Wiethe**. The motion was approved.*

**Motion**

***Joe Paradise** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 and it was seconded by **Amy Mohr**. The motion was approved.*

**Motion**

***Joe Hadley** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 and it was seconded by **Wayne Wiethe**. The motion was approved.*

**Motion**

***Jim Bowling** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 and it was seconded by **Bradley Kosco**. The motion was approved.*

**B. Resolution 2024-05 – Approving the 2024 Update of the AMATS Area Federal Functional Classification of Highways.**

**Seth Bush** presented Attachment 6B.

**Mr. Hadley** asked whether a roadway must be in an urban cluster to be eligible for federal functional classification. **Mr. Bush** said no and noted that there are rural and urban classifications.

**Motion**

***Bobbie Beshara** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 and it was seconded by **Joe Paradise**. The motion was approved.*

**C. Resolution 2024-06 – Approving the AMATS Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.**

**Jeff Gardner** presented Attachment 6C.

**Motion**

***Jim Bowling** made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 and it was seconded by **Tony Demasi**. The motion was approved.*

## **VII. Other Business**

None.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be at **1:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 21, 2024.**

**Chairman Finney** reminded the members of the TAC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee to remain for the subcommittee meeting immediately following the TAC meeting.

### **Motion**

**Wayne Wiethe** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by **Jim McCleary**. The motion was approved.

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2024 ATTENDANCE**

| <b>M Denotes Member Present</b>  | <b>Jan</b> | <b>Mar</b> | <b>May</b> | <b>Aug</b> | <b>Sept</b> | <b>Dec</b> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>A Denotes Alternate Present</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>AKRON ENGINEERING BUREAU</b> - Christine Jonke (Solomon)                | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>AKRON PLANNING DEPT.</b> – Helen Tomic (Garritano)                      | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>AKRON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING</b> - Michael Lupica (Meyer)                  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>AURORA</b> - Harry Stark (Cooper)                                       | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>BARBERTON</b> – Mike Teodecki (Shreve)                                  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>BARBERTON</b> – Pete Wearstler  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>CUYAHOGA FALLS</b> – Rob Kurtz (Paul)                                   | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>CUYAHOGA FALLS</b> - Tony V. Demasi (Kaser)                             | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>DOYLESTOWN</b> - Eng. Assoc. - Ronny Portz                              |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>FAIRLAWN</b> – Geary Visca (Staten)                                     | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>GREEN</b> - Wayne Wiethe (Haring)                                       | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>GREEN</b> - Paul Pickett (Ciocca)                                       | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>HUDSON</b> – Nick Sugar (Hannan)  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>HUDSON</b> – Brad Kosco (Rapp)  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>KENT</b> - Jim Bowling  | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>KENT</b> - Jon Giaquinto (Baker)  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>LAKEMORE</b> – Mayor Richard Cole, Jr. (Fast)                           | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MACEDONIA</b> - Joseph Gigliotti (Sheehy)                               |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>METRO</b> –   | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MOGADORE</b> – Vacant   |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>MUNROE FALLS</b> – Vacant   |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NEFCO</b> – Joseph Hadley, Jr. (Lautzenheiser)                          | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NEW FRANKLIN</b> – Bryan Kepler (Ganoe)                                 | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NORTHFIELD</b> – Daniel J. Collins                                      |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>NORTON</b> – Brian Binsley (Hess)                                       | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>ODOT</b> – Chad Root (Bruner) (Phillis)                                 | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PARTA</b> – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Forbes) (Proseus) (Schrader)        | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Mike Collins (Vermes)                     | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE CO. REG. PLANNING COMM.</b> – Gail Gifford (Peetz)              | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES</b> – Tom Hardesty                        |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC</b> – John Kovacich (Derthick)            |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>RAVENNA</b> - Robert Finney (DiSalvo)                                   | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>RICHFIELD</b> – Scott Waldemarson (Frantz) (Neumeyer)                   | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>RITTMAN</b> – Bobbie Beshara (Neumeyer) (Robertson)                     | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SILVER LAKE</b> – John Tutak  |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>STOW</b> – Jim McCleary (Simpkins)                                      | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>STOW</b> – Mike Jones (Cowan)   | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>STREETSBORO</b> – John H. Cieszkowski, Jr. (Broska) (Czekaj)            | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT CO. COMM. &amp; ECON. DEV.</b> – Diane Miller-Dawson (Tubbs)     |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER</b> - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise) | A          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES</b> – Brian Gorog                          | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>SUMMIT COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC.</b> - Richard Reville (Funk)              |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>TALLMADGE</b> - Andrea Kidder (Rorar)                                   | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>TWINSBURG</b> - Amy Mohr (Jeffers)                                      | M          |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Scott A. Miller (Jones)                     |            |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>WINDHAM</b> – Deborah Blewitt (Brown)                                   |            |            |            |            |             |            |

# AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## 2024 ATTENDANCE

**M Denotes Member Present**  
**A Denotes Alternate Present**

| Jan<br>18 | Mar<br>21 | May<br>9 | Aug<br>1 | Sept<br>19 | Dec<br>5 |
|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
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### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

**AKRON CANTON AIRPORT** - Renato Camacho

**AKRON REG. AIR QUALITY MGT. DIST.** – Sam Rubens (Brown) (Vadas)

**AMATS** - Curtis Baker M

**CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK** – Vacant

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY REP.** - Kurt Princic

**GREATER AKRON CHAMBER** - Gregg Cramer (Carpenter)

**GREATER AKRON CHAMBER** – Dennis West

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION** – Anthony Yacobucci

**PORTAGE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY** – Vacant

**PORTAGE PARK DISTRICT** - Christine Craycroft

**PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER (CYC)** - Mark Posten (Stolfo) M

**RAILROAD INDUSTRY REP.** - William A. Callison (Davis)

**SUMMIT METRO PARKS** – Mark Szeremet (King) (Saunier) M

**TRUCKING INDUSTRY** – Vacant

### OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

#### NAME

#### REPRESENTING

|                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. Ryan Gillespie        | Michael Baker International      |
| Mr. Larry D. Jenkins, Jr. | Portage County Engineer's office |
| Ms. Megan Pitman          | Lakemore                         |
| Mr. David Pulay           | EDG                              |
| Mr. Drew Reilly           | City of Stow                     |
| Mr. Kevin Westbrooks      | GPD Group                        |
| Ms. Gert Wilms            | METRO                            |

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Mr. Seth Bush           | AMATS |
| Ms. Heather Davis Reidl | AMATS |
| Mr. Jeff Gardner        | AMATS |
| Mr. Matt Mullen         | AMATS |
| Ms. Amy Prater          | AMATS |
| Mr. Kerry Prater        | AMATS |
| Mr. Matt Stewart        | AMATS |

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Citizens Involvement Committee  
Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Summary**

**Attendees:**

Tenora Corley  
Amore Hill

Dave Mangold  
Austen Rau

Gert Wilms

**Staff:**

Curtis Baker, Director  
Seth Bush, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator  
Jeff Gardner, Transportation Planner  
Matt Mullen, Transportation Planner  
Wali Rahim, Planning Aide  
Matt Stewart, Planning Administrator

**I. Welcome**

**Matt Stewart** welcomed the AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC) meeting attendees.

**II. Discussion Items**

**A. Mr. Stewart** presented Attachment 5A – *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures*.

**Austen Rau** asked whether the location of the Towpath Trail at the Riverview Road and Ira Road intersection contributed to the intersection's ranking as second in Table 2 – High Crash Intersections. The attendees discussed the intersection's ranking and other possible contributing factors at the four-way intersection such as the location of other pedestrian and at-grade rail crossings.

**Dave Mangold** asked if the report considered at-grade crossing accidents and the impact of roundabouts. **Mr. Stewart** said that the AMATS Staff is preparing a separate roundabout study. **Mr. Stewart** said that the agency has not conducted a comprehensive safety analysis of at-grade crossings, but noted that the agency has the capability to consider site-specific issues, such as at the Riverview and Ira road intersections.

**Mr. Mangold** stated that two at-grade rail crossings in Hudson now have whistle restrictions in which locomotive engineers may not blast their horns except during emergencies and when maintenance workers are present. **Mr. Mangold** said that the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) recently provided the local matching funding for the construction of the Hines Hill Road Overpass in Hudson.



**Mr. Mangold** asked if there were any rail-related crash fatalities within the Greater Akron area in 2023. **Curtis Baker** said that there were no rail-related fatalities.

- B. Mr. Stewart** presented Attachment 6A – Resolution 2024-01 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Carbon Reduction program (CRP); Resolution 2024-02 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing program; Resolution 2024-03 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program; and Resolution 2024-04 – Approving Transportation Alternative Set Aside Supplemental Project List for Possible Future Funding.

**Mr. Rau** praised the funding of three TASA projects. **Mr. Rau** asked if the \$1.1 million in TASA funding for the Rubber City Heritage Trail Phase 3 in Akron was correct. **Mr. Rau** asked if \$1 million in TASA funding was the maximum amount permitted for projects. **Mr. Baker** explained that Mr. Rau was correct about the maximum amount of TASA funds being limited to \$1 million, but noted that the total listed included funding from the AMATS Project Delivery Incentive Program (PDIP).

- C. Matt Mullen** presented Attachment 5B – *Active Transportation Plan* Update.

**Mr. Rau** asked if the *Active Transportation Plan* update would include a public comment period. **Mr. Stewart** said that a draft Shared-Use Map would be available for public review and comment in a web-based app. The agency is first preparing a web portal for communities to share their comments and insights on the map. The public will be asked to react to these map additions and also provide their own. This should occur in March. **Mr. Stewart** said that AMATS will include received map comments into the draft *Active Transportation Plan* to be presented to the AMATS Policy Committee in May.

- D. Mr. Mangold** cautioned the Greater Akron area and its municipalities to not permanently give away or formally abandon any rail corridors that are not currently formally abandoned. **Mr. Mangold** stated that removing the possibility of rail service would be detrimental to the region’s future economic competitiveness. **Mr. Mangold** expressed his support for the future of rail freight and possibly electrified commuter rail corridors. **Mr. Mangold** noted that he is not opposed to recreational trails within rail corridors, but that he does advocate for rails *with* trails. **Mr. Mangold** noted that there are several examples of this across the nation. **Mr. Mangold** requested that his comments be submitted to the AMATS Policy Committee. **Mr. Stewart** said that he would do so.

- E. Mr. Rau** asked if TASA funding would be held by AMATS for two Veterans Trail projects. **Mr. Baker** said that the TASA funding is secure. The attendees discussed funding scenarios for the trail projects.

### **III. Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the CIC is scheduled for **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024.**

**FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT**  
**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**  
**February 29, 2024**

| Description |  | Annual Budget      | Year-to-Date Expenses | % Budget Expended | February Expenses |
|-------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| I.          | <b>Short Range Planning</b>                      | <b>\$685,000</b>   | <b>\$309,776</b>      | <b>45%</b>        | <b>\$59,330</b>   |
|             | FY2023 Carryover                                 | 185,000            | 184,961               |                   | 0                 |
|             | FY2024   | 500,000            | 124,815               |                   | 59,330            |
| II.         | <b>Transportation Improvement Program</b>        | <b>\$250,000</b>   | <b>\$127,958</b>      | <b>51%</b>        | <b>\$10,185</b>   |
|             | FY2024   | 250,000            | 127,958               |                   | 10,185            |
| III.        | <b>Continuing Planning &amp; Data Collection</b> | <b>\$432,000</b>   | <b>\$205,837</b>      | <b>48%</b>        | <b>\$47,187</b>   |
|             | <b>Transportation System Update</b>              |                    |                       |                   |                   |
|             | FY2023 Carryover                                 | 132,000            | 130,903               |                   | 0                 |
|             | FY2024   | 300,000            | 74,934                |                   | 47,187            |
| IV.         | <b>Long Range Plan Activity</b>                  | <b>\$560,000</b>   | <b>\$202,181</b>      | <b>36%</b>        | <b>\$25,719</b>   |
|             | FY2023 Carryover                                 | 110,000            | 104,293               |                   | 0                 |
|             | FY2024   | 450,000            | 97,887                |                   | 25,719            |
| V.          | <b>Service</b>                                   | <b>\$665,000</b>   | <b>\$226,449</b>      | <b>34%</b>        | <b>\$39,436</b>   |
|             | FY2023 Carryover                                 | 165,000            | 147,150               |                   | 0                 |
|             | FY2024   | 500,000            | 79,299                |                   | 39,436            |
| VI.         | <b>OhioRideshare and AQ Advocacy</b>             | <b>\$180,000</b>   | <b>\$63,201</b>       | <b>35%</b>        | <b>\$0</b>        |
|             | FY2024 OhioRideshare                             | 80,000             | 25,764                |                   | 0                 |
|             | FY2024 Air Quality                               | 100,000            | 37,437                |                   | 0                 |
| VII.        | <b>Local</b>                                     | <b>\$25,000</b>    | <b>\$22,747</b>       | <b>91%</b>        | <b>\$0</b>        |
|             | AMATS local Costs                                | 25,000             | 22,747                |                   | 0                 |
| VIII.       | <b>AMATS Transportation Quarterly</b>            | <b>\$100,672</b>   | <b>\$12,066</b>       | <b>12%</b>        | <b>\$4,127</b>    |
|             | FY2023 Carryover                                 | 4,000              | 3,972                 |                   | 0                 |
|             | FY2024   | 96,672             | 8,094                 |                   | 4,127             |
| IX.         | <b>GRAND TOTAL AMATS BUDGET</b>                  | <b>\$2,897,672</b> | <b>\$1,170,214</b>    | <b>40%</b>        | <b>\$185,984</b>  |

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Policy Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Citizens Involvement Committee

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** AMATS Federal Funds Report

**DATE:** March 28, 2023

AMATS is almost three-quarters of the way through Fiscal Year 2024 and approximately 78% of all STBG project funding has been encumbered. STBG funds are overbudgeted by approximately \$1.4 million and AMATS is already discussing a loan with ODOT, so that the remaining FY 2024 STBG projects can be sold on time. TASA funds are underbudgeted by \$419,463 and CRP has no funds programmed in FY 2024. CRP funds will continue to carry over into future years. CMAQ funds are budgeted at the statewide level so that balance should not be an issue locally.

As the agency prepares to begin the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, AMATS still has five STBG projects to sell. One of AMATS' largest STBG projects in FY 2024, the Wooster Rd West Reconstruction, was awarded on 3-1-24. Two projects still have right-of-way money in FY 2024, but that funding may move to construction in future years.

CMAQ still has one construction project to sell, and TASA has one right-of-way phase and three construction phases to be encumbered.

The AMATS committees are expected to review and approve STBG projects later at this meeting. Those projects will be added to the funding sheets as they are programmed with ODOT. CMAQ, CRP, TASA, and Resurfacing projects that were approved in the last few months have been added to the funding sheets and PID numbers are added as they are programmed with ODOT. Please remember to submit these projects to ODOT if you haven't already done so.

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**STBG Funding Program and Balances**  
March 11, 2024

| ODOT PID | STBG PROJECT NAME                          | SPONSOR                           | PHASE | FY 2024     | Quarter | FY 2025     | Quarter | FY 2026     | FY 2027   | FY 2028   | FY 2029 | Orig. Amt   |
|----------|--|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|          | <b>Sold</b>                                |                                   |       |             |         |             |         |             |           |           |         |             |
| 112735   | Hopocan Av/Norton Av/Snyder Av Resurfacing | Barberton                         | C     | \$1,556,500 | 1       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$1,602,334 |
| 115360   | N Chestnut St/S Prospect St Resurfacing    | Ravenna                           | C     | \$864,225   | 1       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$864,225   |
| 110743   | SR 59-7.95 resurfacing (curb ramps)        | Stow                              | C     | \$150,000   | 1       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$150,000   |
| 102732   | SR 59-6.80 resurfacing (curb ramps)        | Ravenna                           | C     | \$150,000   | 1       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$150,000   |
| 116470   | Frost Rd PH 2 Resurfacing                  | Streetsboro                       | C     | \$447,414   | 2       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$531,110   |
| 116932   | Valley View Rd Resurfacing                 | Hudson                            | C     | \$675,571   | 3       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 108240   | Wooster Rd West Reconstruction             | Barberton                         | C     | \$6,000,000 | 3       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$6,000,000 |
|          | <b>Pending</b>                             |                                   |       |             |         |             |         |             |           |           |         |             |
| 113161   | Highland & Valley View Improvements        | Macedonia                         | R(C)  | \$64,000    | 1       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$64,000    |
| 102745   | Darrow Rd Reconstruction                   | Stow                              | R(C)  | \$160,000   | 3       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$160,000   |
| 102744   | SR 18-9.75 resurfacing (curb ramps)        | Akron                             | C     | \$150,000   | 3       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$150,000   |
| 116539   | Miller Rd Resurfacing                      | Akron                             | C     | \$409,500   | 3       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$409,500   |
| 116479   | Highland Rd Resurfacing                    | Twinsburg                         | C     | \$522,000   | 4       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$522,000   |
| 115358   | Canton Rd Resurfacing                      | Summit Co                         | C     | \$528,000   | 4       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$528,000   |
| 117105   | S Main St Resurfacing                      | Green                             | C     | \$787,500   | 4       |             |         |             |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 116917   | Arlington Rd Widening                      | Green                             | R(C)  |             |         | \$674,602   | 1       |             |           |           |         | \$674,602   |
| 116742   | Wyoga Lake Rd                              | Cuyahoga Falls                    | R(C)  |             |         | \$200,000   | 1       |             |           |           |         | \$200,000   |
| 113175   | Ravenna Rd Part 2 Resurfacing              | Summit Co                         | C     |             |         | \$600,000   | 1       |             |           |           |         | \$600,000   |
| 112716   | N Main St Complete Streets                 | Akron                             | (R)C  |             |         | \$6,000,000 | 3       |             |           |           |         | \$6,000,000 |
| 102745   | Darrow Rd Reconstruction                   | Stow                              | (R)C  |             |         | \$4,500,000 | 3       |             |           |           |         | \$4,500,000 |
| 113161   | Highland & Valley View Improvements        | Macedonia                         | (R)C  |             |         | \$238,051   | 3       |             |           |           |         | \$238,051   |
| 116742   | Wyoga Lake Rd                              | Cuyahoga Falls                    | (R)C  |             |         |             |         | \$5,900,000 |           |           |         | \$5,900,000 |
| 116917   | Arlington Rd Widening                      | Green                             | (R)C  |             |         |             |         | \$1,699,040 |           |           |         | \$1,699,040 |
| 116929   | SR 91/Terex Rd Turn lane Improvements      | Hudson                            | C     |             |         |             |         | \$400,142   |           |           |         | \$400,142   |
| 105213   | SR 14/SR 43 Intersection Reconstruction    | Streetsboro                       | C     |             |         |             |         | \$1,089,752 |           |           |         | \$1,089,752 |
| 116741   | Hudson Dr Resurfacing                      | Cuyahoga Falls                    | C     |             |         |             |         | \$700,000   |           |           |         | \$700,000   |
| 116925   | E Barlow Rd Resurfacing                    | Hudson                            | C     |             |         |             |         | \$439,744   |           |           |         | \$439,744   |
| 116703   | Valley View Rd Resurfacing                 | Summit Co                         | C     |             |         |             |         | \$787,500   |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 116740   | Bailey Rd Resurfacing                      | Cuyahoga Falls                    | C     |             |         |             |         | \$700,000   |           |           |         | \$700,000   |
| 117138   | Cleveland Massillon Rd PH 3 Resurfacing    | New Franklin                      | C     |             |         |             |         | \$700,000   |           |           |         | \$700,000   |
| 116620   | Greenwich Rd Resurfacing                   | Norton                            | C     |             |         |             |         | \$787,500   |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 116855   | Doylestown Rd/Portage St Resurfacing       | Wayne Co                          | C     |             |         |             |         | \$508,829   |           |           |         | \$508,829   |
| 116557   | S Main St Resurfacing                      | Summit Co                         | C     |             |         |             |         | \$787,500   |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 116505   | Glenwood Dr Resurfacing                    | Twinsburg                         | C     |             |         |             |         | \$787,500   |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 116623   | Graham Rd Resurfacing                      | Stow                              | C     |             |         |             |         | \$787,500   |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 116939   | Cleveland/Diagonal/Ravenna Resurfacing     | Portage Co                        | C     |             |         |             |         | \$935,966   |           |           |         | \$935,966   |
| 116556   | Albrecht Ave Resurfacing                   | Mogadore/Summit Co                | C     |             |         |             |         | \$787,500   |           |           |         | \$787,500   |
| 117631   | N Main St Resurfacing                      | Rittman                           | C     |             |         |             |         | \$355,788   |           |           |         | \$355,789   |
| 115359   | Old Forge Rd Resurfacing                   | Portage Co                        | C     |             |         |             |         | \$628,362   |           |           |         | \$628,362   |
| 121203   | S Main St Resurfacing                      | Rittman                           | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$698,067 |         | \$698,067   |
|          | Munroe Falls Ave Resurfacing               | Cuyahoga Falls                    | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$855,000 |           |         | \$855,000   |
|          | Eastern Rd & Portage St Resurfacing        | Norton                            | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$791,264 |           |         | \$791,264   |
|          | Tuscawaras Ave & Lake Ave Resurfacing      | Barberton                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$900,000 |           |         | \$900,000   |
|          | Eastwood Ave Resurfacing                   | Tallmadge                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$582,120 |           |         | \$582,120   |
|          | Graybill Rd Resurfacing                    | Green                             | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$774,000 |           |         | \$774,000   |
|          | Munroe Rd Resurfacing                      | Tallmadge                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$889,850 |           |         | \$889,850   |
|          | Brecksville Rd Resurfacing                 | Richfield                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$900,000 |         | \$900,000   |
|          | Fishcreek Rd Ph 1 Resurfacing              | Stow                              | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$900,000 |           |         | \$900,000   |
| 121204   | CR 70 (Doylestown Rd) Resurfacing          | Wayne Co                          | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$900,000 |         | \$900,000   |
| 121118   | Liberty Rd (south) Resurfacing             | Twinsburg/Summit Co               | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$787,500 |           |         | \$787,500   |
|          | Chamberlain Rd & Mennonite Rd Resurfacing  | Portage County                    | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$900,000 |           |         | \$900,000   |
|          | S Main St Resurfacing                      | Akron                             | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$800,000 |           |         | \$800,000   |
|          | White Pond Dr Resurfacing                  | Akron                             | C     |             |         |             |         |             | \$400,000 |           |         | \$400,000   |
| 121117   | Liberty Rd (north) Resurfacing             | Reminderville/Summit Co/Twinsburg | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$615,600 |         | \$615,600   |
| 121069   | Mogadore Rd Resurfacing                    | Mogadore                          | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$632,727 |         | \$632,727   |
| 121290   | Krumroy Rd Part 1 Resurfacing              | Summit Co                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$720,000 |         | \$720,000   |
| 121291   | Krumroy Rd Part 2 Resurfacing              | Summit Co                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$720,000 |         | \$720,000   |
| 121292   | Krumroy Rd Part 3 Resurfacing              | Summit Co                         | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$855,000 |         | \$855,000   |
|          | South Turkeyfoot Rd Resurfacing            | New Franklin                      | C     |             |         |             |         |             |           | \$633,391 |         | \$633,391   |

P = Engineering  
R = Right-of-Way  
C = Construction

|                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          | 2024         | 2025         | 2026         | 2027         | 2028         | 2029         |
| Annual STBG Expenditures | \$12,678,691 | \$12,212,653 | \$9,088,934  | \$9,693,689  | \$5,490,301  | \$9,764,218  |
| Annual STBG Allocations  | \$11,320,988 | \$11,192,704 | \$11,416,572 | \$11,416,572 | \$11,416,572 | \$11,416,572 |
| Balance                  | -\$1,357,703 | -\$1,019,949 | \$2,327,638  | \$1,722,883  | \$5,926,271  | \$1,652,354  |

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**CRP Funding Program and Balances**  
March 11, 2024

| ODOT PID | CRP PROJECT NAME                   | SPONSOR   | PHASE | FY 2024 | Quarter | FY 2025     | Quarter | FY 2026     | FY 2027   | FY 2028     | FY 2029     | Orig. Amt   |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 112026   | SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)             | Kent      | C     |         |         | \$3,600,000 | 4       |             |           |             |             | \$3,600,000 |
| 116917   | Arlington Rd Corridor Improvements | Green     | C     |         |         |             |         | \$2,000,000 |           |             |             | \$2,000,000 |
| 121287   | Killian Rd/Pickle Rd Roundabout    | Summit Co | R(C)  |         |         |             |         |             | \$240,000 |             |             | \$240,000   |
| 121376   | North Mantua St Improvements       | Kent      | C     |         |         |             |         | \$2,000,000 |           |             |             | \$2,000,000 |
| 121287   | Killian Rd/Pickle Rd Roundabout    | Summit Co | (R)C  |         |         |             |         |             |           | \$1,750,000 |             | \$1,750,000 |
|          | Wooster Rd/Hopocan Ave Roundabout  | Barberton | R(C)  |         |         |             |         |             |           | \$274,400   |             | \$274,400   |
|          | Wooster Rd/Hopocan Ave Roundabout  | Barberton | (R)C  |         |         |             |         |             |           |             | \$1,713,452 | \$1,713,452 |
|          |                                    |           |       |         |         |             |         |             |           |             |             |             |
|          |                                    |           |       |         |         |             |         |             |           |             |             |             |
|          |                                    |           |       |         |         |             |         |             |           |             |             |             |
|          |                                    |           |       |         |         |             |         |             |           |             |             |             |

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C = Construction

|                         |             |              |             |              |             |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                         | 2024        | 2025         | 2026        | 2027         | 2028        | 2029        |
| Annual CRP Expenditures | \$0         | \$3,600,000  | \$2,000,000 | \$2,240,000  | \$2,024,400 | \$1,713,452 |
| Annual CRP Allocations  | \$3,919,305 | \$1,200,454  | \$1,224,465 | \$1,224,465  | \$1,224,465 | \$1,224,465 |
| Balance                 | \$3,919,305 | -\$2,399,546 | -\$775,535  | -\$1,015,535 | -\$799,935  | -\$488,987  |

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CMAQ Funding Program and Balances**

March 11, 2024

| ODOT PID | CMAQ PROJECT NAME                   | SPONSOR     | PHASE | FY 2024     | Quarter | FY 2025     | Quarter | FY 2026     | FY 2027 | FY 2028     | FY 2029 | Orig. Amt   |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
|          | <b>Sold</b>                         |             |       |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
| 111429   | Air Quality Advocacy Program        | AMATS       |       | \$100,000   | 1       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$100,000   |
| 111433   | Rideshare Program                   | AMATS       |       | \$80,000    | 1       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$80,000    |
| 113165   | Ravenna & Shephard Improvements     | Twinsburg   | R(C)  | \$116,996   | 1       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$116,996   |
| 113161   | Highland & Valley View Improvements | Macedonia   | R(C)  | \$105,680   | 2       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$105,680   |
| 112245   | METRO CNG Replacements (3 buses)    | METRO       | C     | \$1,260,000 | 3       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$1,260,000 |
| 112244   | PARTA CNG Replacements (2 buses)    | PARTA       | C     | \$896,141   | 3       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$896,141   |
|          | <b>Pending</b>                      |             |       |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
| 116924   | Downtown Hudson Signal Improvements | Hudson      | C     | \$2,142,461 | 4       |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$2,316,939 |
| 118654   | Air Quality Advocacy Program        | AMATS       |       |             |         | \$100,000   | 1       |             |         |             |         | \$100,000   |
| 118657   | Rideshare Program                   | AMATS       |       |             |         | \$80,000    | 1       |             |         |             |         | \$80,000    |
| 116917   | Arlington Rd Roundabouts            | Green       | R(C)  |             |         | \$762,124   | 1       |             |         |             |         | \$762,124   |
| 113165   | Ravenna & Shephard Improvements     | Twinsburg   | (R)C  |             |         | \$1,252,292 | 2       |             |         |             |         | \$1,252,292 |
| 112716   | N Main St Complete Streets          | Akron       | C     |             |         | \$900,000   | 3       |             |         |             |         | \$900,000   |
| 116990   | Kent Rd Signal Improvements         | Stow        | C     |             |         | \$1,520,145 | 3       |             |         |             |         | \$1,520,145 |
| 102745   | Darrow Rd Signal Improvements       | Stow        | C     |             |         | \$1,197,690 | 3       |             |         |             |         | \$1,197,690 |
| 113161   | Highland & Valley View Improvements | Macedonia   | (R)C  |             |         | \$1,703,131 | 3       |             |         |             |         | \$1,703,131 |
| 112026   | SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)              | Kent        | C     |             |         | \$5,301,065 | 4       |             |         |             |         | \$5,301,065 |
| 118655   | Air Quality Advocacy Program        | AMATS       |       |             |         |             |         | \$100,000   |         |             |         | \$100,000   |
| 118658   | Rideshare Program                   | AMATS       |       |             |         |             |         | \$80,000    |         |             |         | \$80,000    |
| 116917   | Arlington Rd Roundabouts            | Green       | (R)C  |             |         |             |         | \$3,305,666 |         |             |         | \$3,305,666 |
| 105213   | SR 303/SR 14/Ranch Improvements     | Streetsboro | C     |             |         |             |         | \$459,517   |         |             |         | \$459,517   |
| 117253   | METRO 2 electric buses              | METRO       | C     |             |         |             |         | \$1,454,750 |         |             |         | \$1,464,750 |
| 116416   | PARTA 3 clean diesel buses          | PARTA       | C     |             |         |             |         | \$1,600,000 |         |             |         | \$1,600,000 |
| 118656   | Air Quality Advocacy Program        | AMATS       |       |             |         |             |         | \$100,000   |         |             |         | \$100,000   |
| 118659   | Rideshare Program                   | AMATS       |       |             |         |             |         | \$80,000    |         |             |         | \$80,000    |
| 121457   | Graham Rd Signal Improvement        | Stow        | C     |             |         |             |         | \$2,860,000 |         |             |         | \$2,860,000 |
| 121067   | Highland Rd Improvements            | Macedonia   | R(C)  |             |         |             |         | \$213,600   |         |             |         | \$213,600   |
| 120949   | SR 532 & Albrecht Ave Signal        | Mogadore    | R(C)  |             |         |             |         | \$4,800     |         |             |         | \$4,800     |
| 112869   | East Ave Ph 1                       | Tallmadge   | C     |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$8,509,995 |         | \$8,509,995 |
| 121067   | Highland Rd Improvements            | Macedonia   | (R)C  |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$2,006,400 |         | \$2,006,400 |
| 120949   | SR 532 & Albrecht Ave Signal        | Mogadore    | (R)C  |             |         |             |         |             |         | \$256,090   |         | \$256,090   |

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|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                  |                          | 2024        | 2025         | 2026        | 2027        | 2028         | 2029        |
| P = Engineering  | Annual CMAQ Expenditures | \$4,769,941 | \$12,816,447 | \$6,999,933 | \$3,258,400 | \$10,772,485 | \$0         |
| R = Right-of-Way | Annual CMAQ Allocations  | \$6,345,068 | \$6,211,708  | \$6,335,950 | \$6,335,950 | \$6,335,950  | \$6,335,950 |
| C = Construction | Balance                  | \$1,575,127 | -\$6,604,739 | -\$663,983  | \$3,077,550 | -\$4,436,535 | \$6,335,950 |

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
TASA Funding Program and Balances**

March 11, 2024

| ODOT PID | TASA PROJECT NAME                              | SPONSOR              | PHASE   | FY 2024   | Quarter | FY 2025   | Quarter | FY 2026   | FY 2027   | FY 2028     | FY 2029   | Orig. Amt   |
|----------|--|----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|          | <b>Sold</b>                                    |                      |         |           |         |           |         |           |           |             |           |             |
| 112788   | Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk                | Summit Co            | (P)R(C) | \$60,000  | 1       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$60,000    |
| 116841   | Heartland Trail, Phase 4A                      | Wayne Co             | P(C)    | \$51,108  | 1       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$68,144    |
| 102745   | Darrow Rd Sidewalks                            | Stow                 | R(C)    | \$56,000  | 3       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$140,000   |
|          | <b>Pending</b>                                 |                      |         |           |         |           |         |           |           |             |           |             |
| 112788   | Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk                | Summit Co            | (P)(R)C | \$340,000 | 3       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$340,000   |
| 116457   | Springside Dr Sidewalks                        | Summit Co            | (P)R(C) | \$10,000  | 3       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$10,000    |
| 105556   | The Portage Trail - Ravenna Rd Bridge          | Portage Co           | (P)C    | \$313,600 | 3       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$313,600   |
| 102796   | Freedom Trail/Middlebury Connector             | MetroParks/Tallmadge | C       | \$700,000 | 4       |           |         |           |           |             |           | \$700,000   |
| 107930   | Freedom Trail Phase 4                          | MetroParks           | C       |           |         | \$700,000 | 1       |           |           |             |           | \$700,000   |
| 116464   | Rubber City Heritage Trail PH 2                | Akron                | C       |           |         | \$700,000 | 3       |           |           |             |           | \$700,000   |
| 102745   | Darrow Rd Sidewalks                            | Stow                 | (R)C    |           |         | \$560,000 | 3       |           |           |             |           | \$560,000   |
| 112026   | E Main St (SR 59) Improvements                 | Kent                 | C       |           |         | \$700,000 | 4       |           |           |             |           | \$700,000   |
| 116841   | Heartland Trail, Phase 4A                      | Wayne Co             | (P)C    |           |         |           |         | \$590,584 |           |             |           | \$590,583   |
| 113016   | Stow Silver Lake Cuyahoga Falls Bike Connector | Stow                 | C       |           |         |           |         |           | \$700,000 |             |           | \$700,000   |
| 116868   | Veteran's Trail Rails to Trails                | Hudson               | C       |           |         |           |         |           | \$700,000 |             |           | \$700,000   |
| 116457   | Springside Dr Sidewalks                        | Summit Co            | (P)(R)C |           |         |           |         |           | \$590,000 |             |           | \$590,000   |
|          | Stow/Summit St Pedestrian Improvements         | Portage Co           | P       |           |         |           |         | \$200,000 |           |             |           | \$200,000   |
|          | Rubber City Heritage Trail Ph 3                | Akron                | P(R)C   |           |         |           |         |           | \$133,600 |             |           | \$133,600   |
|          | Headwaters Trail Phase IX                      | Portage Parks        | C       |           |         |           |         |           |           | \$1,000,000 |           | \$1,000,000 |
|          | Rubber City Heritage Trail Ph 3                | Akron                | (P)R(C) |           |         |           |         |           |           | \$45,200    |           | \$45,200    |
|          | Rubber City Heritage Trail Ph 3                | Akron                | (P)(R)C |           |         |           |         |           |           |             | \$921,200 | \$921,200   |

|                  |                          |             |              |             |             |             |             |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  |                          | 2024        | 2025         | 2026        | 2027        | 2028        | 2029        |
| P = Engineering  | Annual TASA Expenditures | \$1,722,293 | \$2,660,000  | \$790,584   | \$2,123,600 | \$1,045,200 | \$921,200   |
| R = Right-of-Way | Annual TASA Allocations  | \$2,154,756 | \$1,204,431  | \$1,228,521 | \$1,228,521 | \$1,228,521 | \$1,228,521 |
| C = Construction | Balance                  | \$432,463   | -\$1,455,569 | \$437,937   | -\$895,079  | \$183,321   | \$307,321   |

## AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Policy Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Citizens Involvement Committee

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** 2024 Active Transportation Plan Draft Recommendations

**DATE:** March 7, 2024

AMATS Staff is currently developing the *2024 Active Transportation Plan (ATP)*, which will inform the next long-range transportation plan, *Transportation Outlook 2050*. This plan will present the various strategies and recommendations that the agency will pursue to improve the Greater Akron area's bicycle and pedestrian networks.

In November, Staff created an interactive map of the current bicycle network and requested assistance from member communities in capturing updates to the network since the 2019 *ATP*. In January, a listing of future Shared Use Paths was updated with the assistance of member communities, as well as several townships and community organizations within the AMATS area. Finally, an interactive map of these future Shared Use Path projects in combination with the current bicycle network was created and made available for public comment. The Citizens Involvement Committee will be invited to provide comments at their March 21, 2024 meeting. The public comment period will close on March 22, 2024.

As a result of this outreach and collaboration, Staff has accumulated a draft listing of future shared use path projects, as well as goals and strategies to be incorporated into the *ATP*. Attached is the listing of shared use path recommendations and its accompanying map. In addition, the Goals and Strategies Matrix lists the specific infrastructure and outreach goals that the agency will pursue to promote accessibility, efficiency, and safety of the area's networks. In addition to increasing the infrastructure available for cyclists and pedestrians in the AMATS area, the agency strongly encourages safety improvements for some of our most vulnerable users.

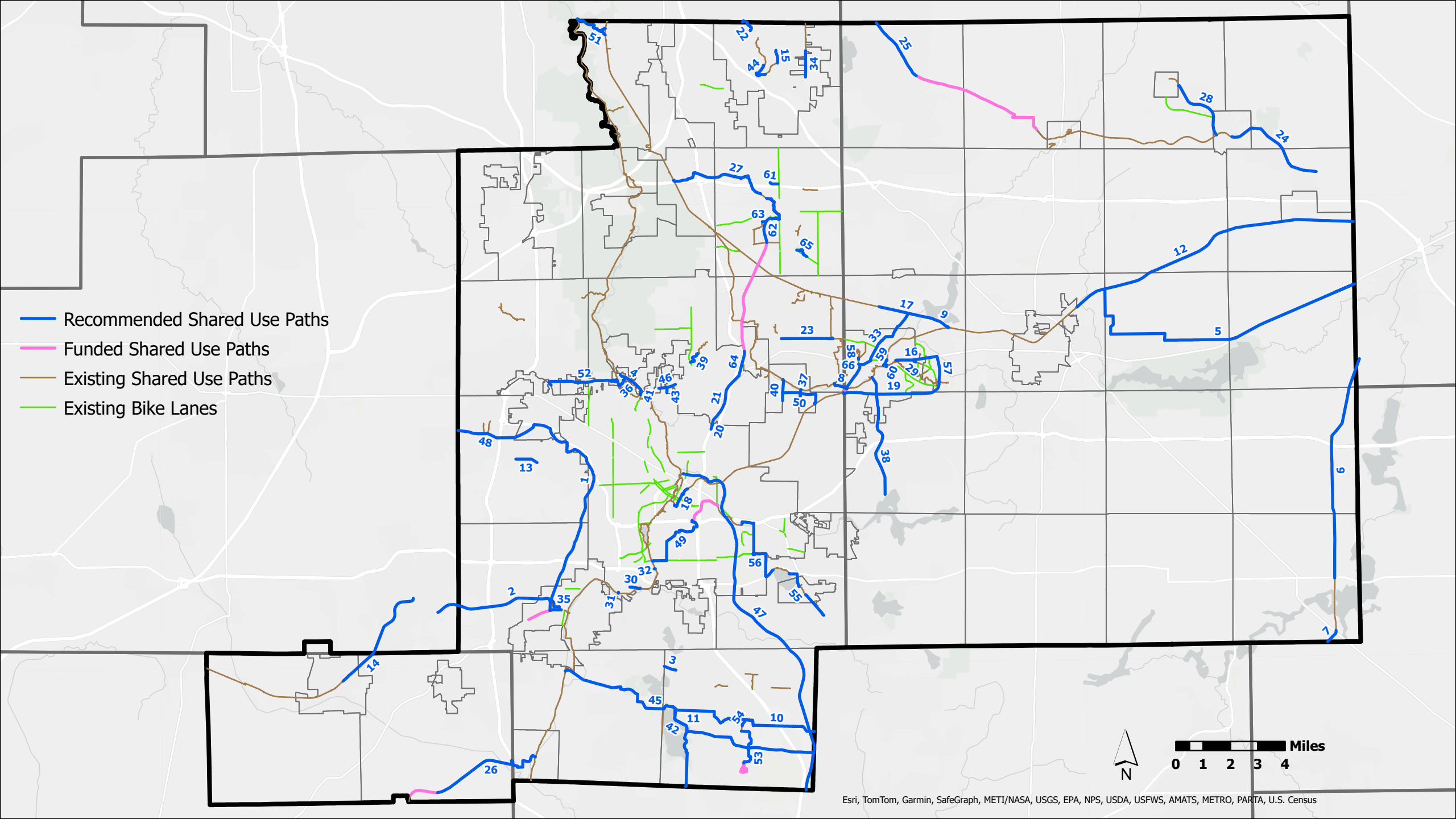
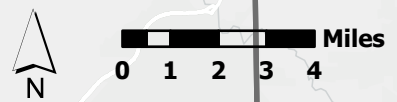
The outline for the final Active Transportation Plan is attached. Staff anticipates bringing the final draft of the ATP to Policy for approval in May.

AMATS Staff is requesting approval of the draft Shared Use Path Recommendations list and map, the draft Goals and Strategies Matrix, and their inclusion in the final Active Transportation Plan.

## **Active Transportation Plan 2024 DRAFT Outline**

1. Introduction and Purpose
2. What is Active Transportation, and Why is it Important?
3. Pedestrian
  - a. Existing Conditions
  - b. Sidewalk Inventory Map
4. Bicycle
  - a. Existing Conditions
  - b. Map of Bike Network
  - c. Pavement Condition Map
5. Transit
  - a. Existing Conditions
  - b. Bus Stop Inventory Map
  - c. Stops without Sidewalks Map
6. Micromobility
7. Safety
  - a. Pedestrian Crash Map
  - b. Bicycle Crash Map
  - c. SS4A
8. What is AMATS doing to improve Active Transportation?
  - a. Connecting Communities, Bike-N-Brainstorm, Gohio Commute
  - b. TASA, TASA Supplemental
9. Toolkit (types of infrastructure)
10. Goals and Strategies
11. Shared-Use Path List
12. Shared-Use Path Map
13. Conclusion

- Recommended Shared Use Paths
- Funded Shared Use Paths
- Existing Shared Use Paths
- Existing Bike Lanes




















## Shared Use Path Recommendations


























| Map # | Name  | From   | To                                    | Length | County   | Community                                |
|-------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|--|
| 1     | 3 Creeks - Pigeon Creek / Wolf Creek Trail      | Copley High School                             | Hopocan Ave                           | 10.22  | SUM      | Barberton, Norton, Copley Twp., Fairlawn |
| 2     | 3 Creeks - Silver Creek Trail                   | Silvercreek Rd (Wadsworth)                     | Magic Mile                            | 5.55   | SUM, MED | Wadsworth Twp., Norton, Barberton        |
| 3     | 619 Trail                                       | Green West City Limits                         | S Main St                             | 0.49   | SUM      | Green                                    |
| 4     | Akron Peninsula Trail (Phase 2)                 | Portage Trail Ext                              | Timberland Village Apartments         | 1.12   | SUM      | Akron, Cuyahoga Falls                    |
| 5     | Arsenal South Trail                             | Conrail Freedom Secondary                      | Trumbull Co line                      | 13.47  | POR      | Charlestown, Paris Twps.                 |
| 6     | Berlin Lake Trail North                         | Berlin Lake Trail (Northern End) / US 224      | South of Hott West Rd                 | 8.97   | POR      | Deerfield, Palmyra, Paris Twps.          |
| 7     | Berlin Lake Trail South                         | Southern Portage County / Mahoning County Line | Berlin Lake Trail (Southern End)      | 0.58   | POR      | Deerfield Twp.                           |
| 8     | Bike & Hike - Portage Connector                 | Bike & Hike Trail                              | The Portage at Middlebury Rd          | 0.59   | SUM, POR | Stow, Kent                               |
| 9     | Bike & Hike Trail extension                     | Ravenna Rd                                     | Conrail Freedom Secondary             | 0.83   | POR      | Franklin Twp.                            |
| 10    | City of Green Buckeye Trail (Part 1)            | Green Middle School                            | Green East City Limits                | 3.21   | SUM      | Green                                    |
| 11    | City of Green Buckeye Trail (Part 2)            | Mt. Pleasant / Christman                       | Steese / Greenwood                    | 6.25   | SUM      | Green                                    |
| 12    | Conrail Freedom Secondary Trail                 | Peck Rd  | Portage County - East County Line     | 11.88  | POR      | Charlestown, Freedom, Windham Twps.      |
| 13    | Copley Community Park Connector                 | Copley Circle                                  | Copley Community Park                 | 0.88   | SUM      | Copley                                   |
| 14    | County Line Trail North                         | County Line Trail                              | Interurban Trail (Wadsworth)          | 4.63   | WAY, MED | Rittman, Chippewa and Wadsworth Twps.    |
| 15    | Darrow Rd Shared Use Path                       | Miktarian Pkwy                                 | Post Rd                               | 0.52   | SUM      | Twinsburg                                |
| 16    | E Main St (SR 59) Bikeway                       | S Willow St                                    | SR 261                                | 1.65   | POR      | Kent, Franklin Twp.                      |
| 17    | Franklin Connector                              | Hudson Rd                                      | Ravenna Rd                            | 2.10   | POR      | Franklin Twp.                            |
| 18    | Freedom Trail (Phase IV)                        | Towpath Trail                                  | Akron Secondary / CVS RR Junction     | 1.02   | SUM      | Akron                                    |
| 19    | Freeway Trail                                   | Middlebury Trailhead                           | Esplanade                             | 4.13   | POR      | Kent, Franklin Twp.                      |
| 20    | Front St Shared Use Path                        | E Cuyahoga Falls Ave                           | Front Street Connector Trail          | 0.17   | SUM      | Akron                                    |
| 21    | Front Street Connector Trail                    | Veterans Trail (Easton Dr)                     | Veterans Trail (Front St / Hudson Dr) | 2.32   | SUM      | Cuyahoga Falls                           |
| 22    | Glenwillow Connector                            | Moraine Dr                                     | Glenwillow South Corp Limit           | 0.64   | SUM      | Twinsburg                                |
| 23    | Graham Rd Shared Use Path                       | Darrow Rd (SR 91)                              | Stow-Munroe Falls High School         | 2.07   | SUM      | Stow                                     |
| 24    | Headwaters Bikeway East                         | Windham St (SR 82)                             | Horn Rd                               | 4.26   | POR      | Garrettsville, Nelson and Windham Twps.  |
| 25    | Headwaters Bikeway West                         | Portage County / Geauga County Line            | Chamberlain Rd                        | 2.66   | POR      | Aurora                                   |
| 26    | Heartland Trail                                 | Coal Bank Rd                                   | Towpath Trail (Clinton)               | 5.11   | WAY, SUM | Chippewa Twp., Clinton                   |
| 27    | Heights to Hudson Trail                         | Bike and Hike Trail                            | Steepleview Dr                        | 4.37   | SUM      | Boston Heights, Hudson                   |
| 27    | Heights to Hudson Trail                         | E of Clayton Ct                                | Veterans Trail North                  | 1.25   | SUM      | Hudson                                   |
| 28    | Hiram Trail                                     | SR 305   | Headwaters Trail                      | 2.81   | POR      | Garrettsville, Hiram Twp., Hiram         |
| 29    | Horning Rd Connection                           | E Main St                                      | Horning Rd Shared Use Path            | 0.13   | POR      | Kent                                     |
| 30    | Kenmore Carnegie Ave Towpath Connector          | Lake Nesmith Park                              | Towpath Trail                         | 0.45   | SUM      | Akron                                    |
| 31    | Kenmore Towpath Footbridge A                    | Hancock Ave / Cory Ave                         | Towpath Trail                         | 0.04   | SUM      | Akron                                    |
| 32    | Kenmore Towpath Footbridge B                    | Nesmith Lake Blvd / Stanford St                | Towpath Trail                         | 0.05   | SUM      | Akron                                    |
| 33    | Lake Rockwell Trail                             | Freedom Trail                                  | Franklin Connector                    | 4.21   | POR      | Kent, Franklin Twp.                      |
| 34    | Liberty Park Connector                          | Liberty Park                                   | Liberty Trail                         | 1.05   | SUM      | Twinsburg                                |
| 35    | Magic Mile (West)                               | W Hopocan Ave                                  | 4th St & W Wooster Rd                 | 0.71   | SUM      | Barberton                                |
| 36    | Merriman Valley Cuyahoga River Bridge Connector | Akron Peninsula Rd                             | Towpath Trail                         | 0.41   | SUM      | Akron                                    |
| 37    | Metro Park River Crossing Connector             | Munroe Falls Metro Park                        | Bike & Hike Trail                     | 0.26   | SUM      | Munroe Falls                             |
| 38    | Mogadore Lake (W&LE)                            | Mogadore Reservoir                             | Cuyahoga River                        | 4.93   | POR      | Brimfield, Kent                          |
| 39    | Mud Brook - Mill Pond (Phase II)                | E Bath Rd                                      | State Rd                              | 0.66   | SUM      | Cuyahoga Falls                           |

| Map # | Name   | From                                       | To   | Length | County   | Community                         |
|-------|--|--|--|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 40    | Munroe Falls Metro Park Connector            | Tallmadge Meadows Area Metro Park          | Bike & Hike Trail                            | 0.85   | SUM      | Munroe Falls                      |
| 41    | N Portage Path Existing Sidewalk             | Towpath Trail                              | Portage Trail Extension                      | 0.11   | SUM      | Akron                             |
| 42    | Nimisila Bikeway West                        | Nimisila Bikeway W                         | Caston Rd                                    | 0.92   | SUM      | Green                             |
| 43    | Northampton Rd Shared Use Path               | Cascade Valley Metro Park - Schumacher     | Portage Trail Extension West Shared Use Path | 0.22   | SUM      | Akron                             |
| 44    | Park Loop Trail                              | Center Valley Bikeway                      | Center Valley Parkway                        | 0.92   | SUM      | Twinsburg                         |
| 45    | Portage Lakes Trail                          | Towpath Trail                              | Railroad Corridor Trail                      | 11.77  | SUM      | New Franklin, Green               |
| 46    | Portage Trail Extension West Shared Use Path | 780 Portage Trl Ext W                      | 440 Portage Trl Ext W                        | 0.68   | SUM      | Akron, Cuyahoga Falls             |
| 47    | Railroad Corridor Trail                      | Northside Connector                        | Green South City Limits                      | 15.46  | SUM      | Green, Springfield Twp., Akron    |
| 48    | Ridgewood Rd Trail                           | Medina Line Rd                             | S Cleveland Massillon Rd                     | 2.31   | SUM      | Copley Twp.                       |
| 49    | Rubber City Heritage Trail (Phases 4-8)      | Brown / Johnston                           | Towpath Trail                                | 3.32   | SUM      | Akron                             |
| 49    | Rubber City Heritage Trail (Phase 9)         | Seiberling St                              | Massillon Rd                                 | 0.56   | SUM      | Akron                             |
| 50    | S River Rd Trail                             | S Main St                                  | Freedom Trail                                | 1.75   | SUM      | Munroe Falls                      |
| 51    | Sagamore Hills Bike & Hike Connector         | Towpath Trail                              | Bike & Hike Trail                            | 1.73   | SUM, CUY | Sagamore Hills Twp., Valley View  |
| 52    | Sourek Corridor Trail                        | Ghent Rd METRO RTA Park & Ride             | Towpath Trail                                | 3.32   | SUM      | Bath, Akron, Cuyahoga Falls       |
| 53    | Southgate Connector Trail                    | Koons Rd                                   | Willadale Trail Split                        | 1.66   | SUM      | Green                             |
| 53    | Southgate Connector Trail                    | Willadale Trail Split (from Greensburg)    | Shriver Rd                                   | 0.26   | SUM      | Green                             |
| 54    | Southgate Trail                              | PLCC North Driveway                        | Central Park                                 | 0.37   | SUM      | Green                             |
| 55    | Spartan Trail East                           | Spartan Trail (East End)                   | Kenny Ray Jr Memorial Pkwy                   | 0.85   | SUM      | Lakemore, Springfield Twp.        |
| 55    | Spartan Trail East                           | Sanitarium Rd                              | Canton Rd                                    | 1.10   | SUM      | Springfield Twp.                  |
| 56    | Spartan Trail West                           | Massillon Rd / Englewood Ave               | Spartan Trail (West End)                     | 3.13   | SUM      | Springfield Twp., Akron           |
| 57    | SR 261 Trail                                 | Esplanade                                  | E Main St (SR 59) Bikeway                    | 1.02   | POR      | Kent, Franklin Twp.               |
| 58    | Stonewater Connection                        | Stonewater Dr Shared Use Path (South End)  | Stonewater Dr Shared Use Path (North End)    | 0.07   | POR      | Kent                              |
| 59    | The Portage                                  | Stow St                                    | W Main St                                    | 0.29   | POR      | Kent                              |
| 60    | The Portage Bike & Hike Connection           | Summit St / Franklin St                    | The Portage Bike & Hike                      | 0.07   | POR      | Kent                              |
| 61    | Valley View Trail                            | Hunting Hollow Dr                          | Darrow Rd (SR 91)                            | 0.33   | SUM      | Hudson                            |
| 62    | Veterans Trail North                         | Barlow Rd Shared Use Path                  | Darrow Rd (SR 91)                            | 1.50   | SUM      | Hudson                            |
| 63    | Veterans Trail North Connector               | Veterans Trail (West side of Cascade Park) | Veterans Trail North                         | 0.15   | SUM      | Stow, Hudson                      |
| 64    | Veterans Trail South                         | Front St                                   | Springdale Rd                                | 0.99   | SUM      | Cuyahoga Falls, Silver Lake, Stow |
| 65    | W Barlow Rd Shared Use Path                  | Barlow Farm Park                           | Wood Hollow Metropark                        | 0.62   | SUM      | Hudson                            |
| 66    | W Main St Connection                         | Lake Rockwell Trail                        | Stonewater Dr Shared Use Path                | 0.05   | POR      | Kent                              |

## Infrastructure Goals and Strategies

| Strategy  | Benefit   |   | Implementation  |   | How To Do It  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | Direct/Primary  | Potential/Secondary   | Lead  | Support                                       |   |
| Construct Additional Shared Use Paths - Shared use paths separated from vehicular traffic significantly contribute to the comfort and safety of people using other modes of transportation.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Apply to AMATS funding sources such as TASA, STBG, and CRP and ODOT Safety programs to construct new bicycle trails and/or shared use paths along roadways.   |    |   | Municipal governments, park districts, transit agencies | AMATS, ODOT                                   | Focus on recommended/future shared use paths identified in this ATP and/or future planning study recommendations (e.g. Connecting Communities plans).   |
| Increase the Number of Bike Lanes - Constructing bike lanes along roadways provides a dedicated space for cyclists and some level of separation and added protection from vehicular traffic.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Consider road diets (where appropriate), reducing travel lanes and reappropriating roadway space to bicycle lanes.  |    |  | Municipal governments                                   | AMATS   | Refer to 2015 (and forthcoming) AMATS Road Diet Report for possible locations.  |
| Apply to AMATS funding sources such as STBG to construct bicycle lanes on roadway projects.   |    |  | Municipal governments                                   | AMATS, transit agencies                       | Focus on recommended/future shared use paths identified in this ATP and/or future planning study recommendations (e.g. Connecting Communities plans).   |
| Increase the Quantity and Quality of Sidewalks - Well-designed sidewalks allow for safe pedestrian travel, keeping pedestrians separated from vehicles and vegetation. Sidewalks are the most basic and most popular upgrade to a standard roadway. |   |   |   |   |   |
| Apply to AMATS funding sources such as TASA, STBG, and CRP and ODOT Safety programs to construct new sidewalks along roadways, especially in areas where known sidewalk gaps exist.   |    |   | Municipal governments                                   | AMATS, transit agencies, major employers      | Sidewalks should be considered along nearly all urban and suburban roadways within the AMATS planning area, and any areas with potential pedestrian demand.   |
| Apply to AMATS funding sources such as TASA, STBG, and CRP and ODOT Safety programs to upgrade existing sidewalks. Consider widened sidewalks especially in areas of higher pedestrian traffic.   |    |  | Municipal governments                                   | AMATS, transit agencies, major employers      | Refer to AMATS' SS4A HIN web app to target areas of past pedestrian crashes. Indentify gap areas through the AMATS sidewalk inventory.  |
| Increase the walkability of transit stops by targeting the construction of new or improved sidewalks within a half mile of transit stops, particularly along priority routes and/or areas of high ridership.  |    |   | Municipal governments, transit agencies                 | AMATS, Social Service agencies                | Communities can work with METRO and PARTA to analyze transit stop data and assess areas where walkability to transit stops can be improved.   |
| Maintain Pavement in Good Repair - Pavements in good and excellent condition are a prerequisite for safe and desirable places to ride bicycles and scooters.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Continue investing in Pavement Condition Index (PCI) analysis that assesses the condition of road surfaces across the region. This allows communities to make wise decisions on how to maintain roadways.   |    |   | AMATS members, AMATS                                    |   | Support AMATS' continued investment in collecting this data and publishing reports/ <i>Pavement Management Dashboard</i> .<br><a href="https://roadsights.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d1b7f5a3ee74d38c8a9e11c8788485">https://roadsights.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d1b7f5a3ee74d38c8a9e11c8788485</a> |
| Apply to AMATS' Resurfacing Program and ODOT's Urban Paving Program to resurface key roadways, especially those conducive to safe bicycle transportation.   |   |   | Municipal governments                                   | ODOT, AMATS                                   | Utilize the <i>Pavement Management Dashboard</i> to prioritize roadways for consideration.  |
| Improve Safety for Active Transportation - Merely having bike and pedestrian amenities does not automatically make these users safe. Designing a system for safe travel for all users—not just vehicles—is important and necessary.                 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Continue to support and work toward an areawide Vision Zero goal, which aims to significantly reduce and eventually eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users.  |  |   | AMATS members, AMATS                                    | FHWA  | Chapter 2 of AMATS' SS4A Action Plan describes the <i>Vision Zero</i> commitment. Continuing the focus on FSI crashes via the SS4A Process and funding policy solidifies commitment.  |
| Consider FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures (PSCs) related to active transportation and implement as appropriate. PSCs can be incorporated systemically, as part of large projects, or as standalone improvements.                                |  |   | Project Applicants, AMATS                               | ODOT, FHWA                                    | PSCs related to active transportation are listed and described earlier in this chapter. Also refer to Chapter 7 of AMATS' SS4A Action Plan.   |
| Focus on improving areas of known safety issues based on AMATS' Annual Crash Report (ACR) and the SS4A Action Plan. Apply for ODOT Safety funding or AMATS funding sources as appropriate.  |  |   | Project Applicants, AMATS                               | ODOT, FHWA                                    | Utilize SS4A Webapp and the ACR to understand where and why crashes are occurring. Identify any hotspots or patterns (AMATS staff can assist).  |
| Create Environments Conducive to Active Transportation - Although often an afterthought, it is imperative to thoughtfully consider the comfort and feel of an area in order for active transportation usage to realize its potential.               |   |   |   |   |   |
| Ensure that quality landscaping is incorporated into project designs. This may include shade trees for pedestrians' benefit and/or other aesthetically pleasing greenery to make the project area more attractive.                                  |  |   | Municipal governments, landscape-related professionals  | ODOT  | Consult with landscape architects, certified arborists and other professionals to ensure that the appropriate species of plants are incorporated into a project's design.   |
| Focus on quality design elements within and adjacent to the public sphere (e.g. powerlines, distance between bikes/people and vehicles, crossing distances, what buildings look like and how they are situated).                                    |  |   | Municipal governments                                   | ODOT, utility companies, consulting engineers | Conduct planning activities. Ensure that subdivision/land dev. ordinances require quality development. Be mindful of how these elements affect overall design prior to construction.  |

## Outreach and Encouragement Goals and Strategies

| Strategy  | Benefit   |   | Implementation   |   | How To Do It   |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
|   | Direct/Primary  | Potential/Secondary   | Lead   | Support                                       |  |
| Spread Awareness/Education - Educating the public on how, why and where people can ride or walk can yield great health benefits and even reduce private vehicle trips. Having public buy-in can empower citizens and lead to strong partnerships. |   |   |  |   |  |
| Conduct Bike-N-Brainstorm events that engage participants by giving them a voice in the planning process for potential improvements to the bicycle network.   |    |    | Municipal governments, AMATS   | Health agencies, CDCs, community institutions | Communities that want to improve bicycle infrastructure or obtain public input on current or future conditions should contact AMATS to plan an event.                              |
| Promote Bike to Work Month.   |    |    | AMATS, The League of American Bicyclists, Municipal governments          | Employers                                     | May is National Bike to Work Month. Organize and encourage bike events to further promote the benefits of cycling.   |
| Continue to help fund and participate with other Ohio Large MPOs in the Gohio Commute program, which helps commuters across the region explore their commute options.   |     |   | AMATS, Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC)                      |   | Visit Gohio Commute website or watch for future e-blasts or social media posts from AMATS. <a href="https://gohiocommute.com/#/">https://gohiocommute.com/#/</a>                   |
| Help organize and/or participate in public events that help to promote active transportation as safe and healthy travel options.  |     |   | Municipal governments, AMATS   | Public health agencies                        | Communities interested in organizing an event can contact AMATS to help plan or participate. AMATS staff can likely attend and provide free giveaway items.                        |
| Plan for Future Active Transportation Improvements - Continued planning is necessary as the active transportation network expands and improves.   |   |   |  |   |  |
| Apply for Connecting Communities Planning Grants through AMATS to prioritize alternative transportation improvements that connect people and places and promote livable communities.  |     |   | Municipal governments, transit agencies                                  | AMATS   | Watch for AMATS to release <i>Notice of Funding Availability</i> and apply for funding. Applicants can meet with AMATS staff at any time to discuss issues and goals.              |
| Prioritize active transportation by conducting community-led planning efforts such as comprehensive plans, corridor studies, or municipal-level Active Transportation Plans.  |     |   | Municipal governments, agencies related to transit, health, and planning | AMATS   | Advocate to make sure active transportation planning is a component of local planning studies and work to make sure recommendations are well thought-out and realistic.            |
| Promote Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - All schoolchildren living reasonably close to schools should have the ability to safely get to school by walking or riding, whether they do so by choice or out of necessity.                              |   |   |  |   |  |
| Encourage communities and respective school districts to participate in the Ohio SRTS program and draft SRTS School Travel Plans that outline projects and programs to encourage walking and cycling.   |     |   | School districts, Municipal Governments, ODOT                            | AMATS, FHWA                                   | Visit ODOT's SRTS website to learn more: <a href="https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/safe-routes-srts">https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/safe-routes-srts</a> |
| Encourage Transit Ridership Through Active Transportation Options - A well-designed active transportation network can encourage transit ridership.  |   |   |  |   |  |
| Increase Awareness of Bike Racks on Buses.  |     |   | METRO, PARTA   | AMATS   | Continue to promote to the bicycle community that METRO and PARTA have bike racks on all fixed route buses.  |
| Encourage the development and education surrounding the benefits of implementing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route(s) throughout the region.   |    |   | Transit agencies, municipal governments, FTA Small Starts program        | AMATS   | Discuss with local municipalities the social, economic and financial benefits of TOD and BRT investments. Gain an understanding of funding options for multiple scenarios.         |

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Policy Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Citizens Involvement Committee

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** Areawide Roundabout Study

**DATE:** March 13, 2024

AMATS is working on an areawide roundabout study. Among other topics, the study will assess the safety performance of 28 existing roundabouts along roadways eligible for AMATS funding. AMATS staff expect to bring this study before AMATS committees in May for approval.

**Report Components**

An abridged version of the plan's draft outline is shown on the following page.

The body of the report will include three chapters. Brief introductory and concluding chapters will bookend the main content for a total of five chapters.

Chapter Two, *Roundabout Characteristics*, begins by defining roundabouts and describing the different types of roundabouts. The chapter then covers numerous advantages and disadvantages, siting considerations, best practices and issues regarding signage, typical costs, and other key considerations.

Chapter Three, *AMATS Roundabouts*, will be the most comprehensive chapter of the report. The chapter begins by laying out a large inventory of existing and planned roundabouts on AMATS roadways, traffic circles, privately owned roundabouts, roundabouts on local streets, and neighboring roundabouts outside, but close to the AMATS planning boundary. Comprehensive data were collected for each of these roundabouts and traffic circles. The latter part of the chapter includes individual sheets for each of the 28 existing roundabouts, complete with pre-and-post imagery, specifications of the roundabout, and crash performance of each roundabout. Staff has gathered the crash data for each roundabout, including total crashes by level of severity for each year from 2012-2022. Because some of the area's roundabouts were built prior to 2012, we also have older data on hand for these locations; the data just doesn't line up the same way as post-2012 data does. Still to be determined is the full pre vs. post roundabout crash comparison analysis, so that it can be determined for each roundabout and collectively, across the region, how they are performing post-construction vs. pre-roundabout.

Chapter Four, *Planning for Roundabouts in the Greater Akron Area*, will include local government planning considerations and best practices and funding considerations.

Before staff concludes the writing of this draft report, staff is asking AMATS Committees to consider the following:

1. Please review the attached *Inventory of AMATS Area Roundabouts and Traffic Circles* document and provide any changes to AMATS.
2. Consider sharing any positive or negative experiences on how your community has navigated while planning and constructing roundabouts, including public outreach, or lessons learned over time. Our staff is aware of many of the lessons learned over the past 15 years, but we would welcome any additional commentary that can help inform Chapter Four of our plan.

Please provide any comments by April 5<sup>th</sup> to Matt Stewart, Planning Administrator, at 330.375.2436, extension 3567 or [mstewart@akronohio.gov](mailto:mstewart@akronohio.gov).

### **Roundabout Study Draft Outline**

1. Introduction
2. Roundabout Characteristics
  - a. Definitions
  - b. Types of Roundabouts
  - c. Differentiation between a modern roundabout and rotaries/traffic circles
  - d. When to consider a roundabout—advantages and disadvantages
  - e. Siting
  - f. Signage/traffic control devices
  - g. Costs
  - h. Other key considerations
3. AMATS Roundabouts
  - a. Inventory
  - b. Performance, Evaluation, and Comparison (of 28 existing roundabouts)
4. Planning for roundabouts in the Greater Akron area
  - a. Public acceptance considerations
  - b. Local government planning considerations
  - c. Funding considerations
5. Conclusion
6. Appendix

## Inventory of AMATS Area Roundabouts and Traffic Circles

| PID #   | Municipality(ies)        | Road 1                              | Road 2                              | Road 3                           | Completion Date     | Previous Signalization? |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Existing Roundabouts on Federal Functional Classification Roadways</b>     |                          |                                     |                                     |                                  |                     |                         |
| 84907   | Akron                    | Eagle St.                           | Seiberling Way                      |                                  | 11/1/2014           | N/A-New Intersection    |
| 104042  | Akron                    | S. Main St.                         | Mill St.                            |                                  | 12/13/2019          | Traffic Signal          |
| 93433   | Akron                    | E. Market St./SR 18                 | Canton Rd./SR 91                    | Robindale Ave.                   | 10/14/2021          | Traffic Signal          |
| 77269   | Akron                    | Bachtel Ave.                        | Old Main St.                        | W. South St.                     | 10/29/2021          | N/A-New Intersection    |
| 84103   | Akron                    | Innovation Way/SR 241               | Seiberling St.                      | Eagle St.                        | 11/15/2010          | Partial Stop Control    |
| 83628   | Akron/Cuyahoga Falls     | Riverview Rd.                       | Smith Rd.                           |                                  | 12/1/2011           | Partial Stop Control    |
| 80779   | Copley Twp               | Ridgewood Rd.                       | Hametown Rd.                        |                                  | Summer/Fall 2006    | Partial Stop Control    |
| 103293  | Copley Twp/Fairlawn      | Cleveland Massillon Rd              | Rothrock Rd                         |                                  | 9/30/2022           | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Fairlawn/Copley Twp      | Ridgewood Rd.                       | Jacoby Rd.                          |                                  | 2010                | Partial Stop Control    |
|   | Franklin Twp             | Summit Rd.                          | Powdermill Rd.                      |                                  | 2014                | All-Way Stop Control    |
| 103172  | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | Boettler Rd.                        | Franks Pkwy.                     | 11/20/2023          | Traffic Signal          |
| 103172  | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | Corporate Woods Cir.                | Thorn Dr.                        | 11/20/2023          | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | Steele Rd.                          |                                  | 2009                | Traffic Signal          |
| 80665   | Green                    | Greensburg Rd.                      | Lauby Rd.                           |                                  | 10/9/2015           | Partial Stop Control    |
|   | Green                    | E. Turkeyfoot Lake/SR 619           | Pickle Rd.                          |                                  | 11/23/2018          | Partial Stop Control    |
|   | Green                    | Corporate Woods Pkwy.               | Corporate Woods Cir.                |                                  | Spring 2019         | Partial Stop Control    |
|   | Green                    | E. Turkeyfoot Lake/SR 619           | Myersville Rd.                      |                                  | 8/20/2019           | Partial Stop Control    |
| 90415   | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | Raber Rd.                           |                                  | 5/15/2022           | Traffic Signal          |
| 90415   | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | Stein Rd.                           |                                  | 5/15/2022           | Partial Stop Control    |
| 90415   | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | E. Turkeyfoot Lake/SR 619           |                                  | 5/15/2022           | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Arlington Rd.                       | Greensburg Rd.                      |                                  | Fall 2022           | Partial Stop Control    |
| 84546   | Kent                     | Summit St.                          | Ted Boyd Dr.                        | Johnston Dr.                     | 11/29/2019          | Traffic Signal          |
| 84546   | Kent                     | Summit St.                          | Campus Center Dr.                   | Risman Dr.                       | 11/29/2019          | Partial Stop Control    |
| 111007  | Mantua Twp.              | Twinsburg-Warren Rd./SR 82          | Chamberlain Rd.                     |                                  | 3/15/2023           | Partial Stop Control    |
| 81533   | Tallmadge                | Northeast Ave./SR 261               | E. Howe Rd.                         | N. Munroe Rd.                    | 3/2/2011            | Traffic Signal          |
| 92032   | Twinsburg                | Darrow Rd./SR 91                    | Ethan's Dr.                         | Meadowood Blvd.                  | 2018                | Traffic Signal          |
| 92032   | Twinsburg                | Darrow Rd./SR 91                    | Glenwood Dr.                        |                                  | 2015                | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Twinsburg/Reminderville  | Liberty Rd.                         | Glenwood Dr.                        | Glenwood Blvd.                   | 2009                | Partial Stop Control    |
| <b>Planned/Programmed Roundabouts</b>   |                          |                                     |                                     |                                  |                     |                         |
|   | Barberton                | Wooster Rd. North                   | Hopocan Ave.                        |                                  | 2029                | Traffic Signal          |
| 114845  | Brimfield Twp            | Old Forge Rd                        | Mogadore Rd                         |                                  | 9-30-267            | All-Way Stop Control    |
| 116212  | Chippewa Twp.            | SR 57/Wadsworth Rd.                 | Easton Rd./SR 604                   |                                  | 9-1-247             | Partial Stop Control    |
| 118008  | Chippewa Twp.            | Akron Rd./SR 585                    | Mt. Eaton Rd. North/SR 94           | Easton Rd./SR 604                | 9-1-277             | Partial Stop Control    |
| 107649  | Green                    | Mayfair Rd.                         | Mt. Pleasant Rd.                    |                                  | 12-1-247            | Traffic Signal          |
| 116917  | Green                    | Arlington Rd.                       | Boettler Rd.                        |                                  | 11-1-277            | Traffic Signal          |
| 116917  | Green                    | Arlington Rd.                       | Southwood Dr.                       |                                  | 11-1-277            | Partial Stop Control    |
| 118287  | Green                    | Arlington Rd.                       | Mt. Pleasant                        |                                  | 9-30-287            | Traffic Signal          |
| 112026  | Kent                     | E. Main St./SR 59                   | Haymaker Pkwy.                      | Willow St.                       | 10-31-277           | Traffic Signal          |
| 112026  | Kent                     | E. Main St./SR 59                   | Horning Rd.                         |                                  | 10-31-277           | Traffic Signal          |
| 121376  | Kent/Franklin Twp.       | N. Mantua St./SR 43                 | Davey Tree HQ (new road)            |                                  | 2027                | N/A-New Intersection    |
| 121287  | Springfield Twp.         | Killian Rd.                         | Pickle Rd.                          |                                  | 2028                | Partial Stop Control    |
| <b>Potential/Unprogrammed Roundabouts</b>                                     |                          |                                     |                                     |                                  |                     |                         |
|   | Barberton                | Wooster Rd. North                   | Norton Ave.                         | Coventry, Orchard, Gum, Parkview |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Mayfair Rd.                         | Graybill Rd.                        |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Mayfair Rd.                         | Raber Rd.                           |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Mayfair Rd.                         | E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd./SR 619       |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Cottage Grove Rd.                   | Moore Rd.                           |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
|   | Green                    | Greensburg Rd.                      | Mayfair Rd.                         |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Green                    | Massillon Rd./SR 241                | Graybill Rd.                        |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Hudson                   | Hines Hill Rd.                      | Valley View Rd.                     |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | New Franklin             | E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd./SR 619       | S. Turkeyfoot Rd./Point Comfort Dr. |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | New Franklin             | Manchester Rd./SR 93                | Nimisila Rd.                        |                                  |                     | Traffic Signal          |
|   | Sagamore Hills Twp.      | Valley View Rd.                     | Chaffee Rd.                         |                                  |                     | Partial Stop Control    |
| <b>Other Roundabouts - Local Roadways or Private Property</b>                 |                          |                                     |                                     |                                  |                     |                         |
|   | Akron                    | Edgewood Ave                        | Westerly Rd                         |                                  |                     | Partial Stop Control    |
|   | Akron                    | Bell St.                            | AT&T Offices                        | Innerbelt Exit Ramp              |                     | Partial Stop Control    |
|   | Fairlawn                 | Summit mall                         |                                     |                                  |                     | N/A-New Intersection    |
|   | Green                    | Acme plaza in Green                 |                                     |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
|   | Green                    | Brier Creek Pkwy.                   | Crest View Dr.                      |                                  |                     | N/A-New Intersection    |
|   | Tallmadge                | The Village at Town Center Pkg. Lot |                                     |                                  |                     | N/A-New Intersection    |
| <b>Other Rotaries or Traffic Circles</b>                                      |                          |                                     |                                     |                                  |                     |                         |
|   | Akron                    | Mull Ave.                           | Hawkins St.                         |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
|   | Akron                    | Triplett Blvd                       | Massillon Rd.                       |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
|   | Deerfield Twp            | SR 14/SR 225                        | US 224                              |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
|   | Kent                     | Stonewater Dr.                      | Admore Dr.                          |                                  |                     | N/A-New Intersection    |
|   | Nelson Twp               | SR 305 (Nelson Center)              | Parkman Rd.                         |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
|   | Tallmadge                | Tallmadge Cir.                      |                                     |                                  |                     | All-Way Stop Control    |
| <b>Neighboring Roundabouts (i.e. within apx. 2.5 miles of AMATS' borders)</b> |                          |                                     |                                     |                                  |                     |                         |
|   | Glenwillow/Oakwood (Cuy) | Richmond Rd.                        | Pettibone Rd.                       |                                  | 2013                | All-Way Stop Control    |
| 94688   | Granger Twp (Medina)     | SR 94                               | Granger Rd                          |                                  | 2020                | Partial Stop Control    |
| 103288  | Jackson Twp (Stark)      | Shuffel St. NW                      | Pittsburg Ave. NW                   |                                  | 6/29/2023           | Traffic Signal          |
| 103288  | Jackson Twp (Stark)      | Pittsburg Ave. NW                   | Orion St. NW                        |                                  | 6/29/2023           | Traffic Signal          |
| 111050  | Jackson Twp (Stark)      | Lake O' Springs                     | Strausser Rd. NW                    |                                  | 11/30/25? (planned) | Traffic Signal          |
| 93172   | Lake Township (Stark)    | Edison St NW                        | Kaufman Ave NW                      |                                  | 2021                | Partial Stop Control    |
| 93172   | Lake Township (Stark)    | Edison St NW                        | King Church Ave NW                  |                                  | 2021                | Traffic Signal          |
| 94438   | Wadsworth (Medina)       | Wadsworth Rd./SR 57                 | Seville Rd.                         |                                  | 10/31/2022          | Traffic Signal          |

Potential/Unprogrammed Roundabouts will not be listed in the report, but staff can add/remove locations to the database for future use. These are locations staff has been made aware of.



**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Policy Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Citizens Involvement Committee

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** Resolution 2024-07 - Approving Projects to be Funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program.

**DATE:** March 28, 2024

The AMATS Policy Committee administers the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), funding program. This flexible program provides much needed funds for area highway, bike and pedestrian projects. As part of administering these funds, the Policy Committee has assigned the TAC-TIP Subcommittee the responsibility of reviewing and maintaining a viable program and to make recommendations to the Policy committee as needed. Staff assistance is provided to the TAC- TIP Subcommittee in performing these duties.

The TAC-TIP Subcommittee met on December 6, 2023 and January 18, 2024, to review the recently submitted project applications, approve evaluation criteria, and develop a list of project recommendations for STBG program. These projects will be added to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or to the next TIP depending on the project schedule.

**Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Recommendations**

The attached Table 1 summarizes all 26 projects that were submitted under the STBG funding program. Total funding requested through the STBG program was approximately \$85.6 million. Three projects, totaling approximately \$15.2 million, are being recommended for funding and are listed in bold type on the table. The project summary includes total project scores based on criteria contained in AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines.

Staff Comments

As with all AMATS project decisions, considerations with respect to public involvement, financial capability, environmental justice, and air quality are important.



## **Public Involvement**

One of the eligibility requirements for funding projects with AMATS suballocated funds is that the project be included in the Regional Transportation Plan. All projects recommended for funding are consistent with the Plan, which gives priority to preserving the existing transportation system, and have therefore gone through public involvement in accordance with AMATS Public Participation Plan.

This process includes a notification in the Akron Beacon Journal that these resolutions will be presented for comment at a Citizens Involvement Committee meeting scheduled for March 21, 2024. Any comments on these projects will then be forwarded to the Policy Committee meeting on March 28.

## **Financial Capability**

Newly selected projects will be programmed in fiscal years towards the end of the current TIP or beyond. These new projects will be programmed in FY 2026-2029. Trading funds with other MPOs may be pursued to possibly advance some projects.

## **Environmental Justice**

These projects have gone through an environmental scan as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and do not have any adverse environmental impacts on minorities and/or low-income people.

## **Air Quality**

Finally, all selected projects can be viewed as exempt from air quality and are in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2024-07 approving projects to be funded under the STBG program and included in the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2024-2027 where applicable. The TAC TIP Subcommittee and Staff recommend approval.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-07**

**OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**Approving New Projects to be Funded under AMATS Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Adding Them to the Transportation Improvement Program.**

**WHEREAS**, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials in Summit and Portage Counties and the Chippewa Township and Milton Township area of Wayne County, and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has been requested to approve funding for the following new projects as discussed in the accompanying memorandum:

Approved STBG Projects (See Table 1 for a full description)

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. <b>SR 59 Alt. Transportation Improvements</b> , Complete Streets, Kent | \$3,212,000 |
| 2. <b>State Rd Widening</b> Two-Way Left Turn Lane, Cuyahoga Falls        | \$6,100,000 |
| 3. <b>S Main St Improvements</b> , Reconstruction, Summit County          | \$5,900,000 |

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$15,212,000</b> |
|--------------|---------------------|

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Involvement Committee held a meeting on March 21, 2024 to review this amendment consistent with its Public Participation Plan and,

**WHEREAS**, the request has been judged to be air quality neutral and is, therefore, excluded from the regional air quality conformity analysis and,

**WHEREAS**, the environmental justice impacts of this amendment has been considered consistent with “Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations” and,

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found this amendment to be consistent with Transportation Outlook 2045, the Regional Transportation Plan, and with the availability of federal funds forecasted for the AMATS area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That this Committee agrees to fund the three previously described projects with federal STBG funds suballocated to the AMATS Policy Committee.
2. That this Committee considers the Citizens Involvement Committee meeting held on March 21, 2024 as adequately providing for public involvement.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-07 (Continued)**

3. That this Committee affirms that sufficient federal funding is expected to be available for the Akron Urbanized Area to maintain financial constraint.
4. That this Committee reaffirms the air quality conformity determination of Transportation Outlook 2045, the Regional Transportation Plan.
5. That this Committee affirms conformity with environmental justice requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook 2045.
7. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Larry Jenkins, P.E., P.S., 2024 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

**Table 1**  
**2023 STBG Funding Program Project Summary**  
 Available Funding: Approximately \$15,200,000  
 Project cap is \$6 million, \$6.1 million with PDIP (PS&E submitted by Feb 2028)  
 Updated 1-19-24

| RANK | SPONSOR                    | PROJECT   | LOCATION & TERMINI                                   | LENGT<br>H | DESCRIPTION   | TOTAL<br>PROJECT<br>COST | STBG R/W  | STBG<br>CONST | CONST<br>TRC | TOTAL       | RUNNING<br>TOTAL | TOTAL<br>SCORE | PDIP<br>PROJECT |
|------|----------------------------|---|--|------------|---|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1    | Kent/PARTA/<br>Portage Co  | SR 59 Alternative<br>Transportation<br>Improvements | East of Horning Rd to SR 261                         | 0.85       | Reduce pavement width (64-56'), new curb, ADA sidewalk extensions at bus shelters, 6' sidewalk (north), 10' shared use path (south), mid-block crossings, pedestrian refuge islands, rectangular rapid flashing beacons | \$5,220,000              | \$0       | \$3,112,000   | \$100,000    | \$3,212,000 | \$3,212,000      | 87.00          | Yes             |
| 2    | Cuyahoga Falls             | State Rd Widening                                   | Quick Rd to Boulder Blvd                             | 1.50       | Reconstruction to add TWLTL and sidewalks with possible roundabout at Quick Rd  | \$15,006,145             | \$69,520  | \$5,930,480   | \$100,000    | \$6,100,000 | \$9,312,000      | 78.06          | Yes             |
| 3    | Summit Co                  | S Main St Improvements                              | Portage Lakes Dr to North Turkeyfoot Rd              | 1.40       | Pavement replacement or resurfacing and 0.86 miles of sidewalks   | \$7,000,000              | \$200,000 | \$5,600,000   | \$100,000    | \$5,900,000 | \$15,212,000     | 76.59          | Yes             |
| 4    | Tallmadge                  | East Ave Ph 2                                       | Community Rd to Tallmadge Recreation Center          | 1.07       | Widen to add TWLTL and sidewalks on the north and south sides   | \$7,282,143              | \$557,760 | \$4,243,954   | \$100,000    | \$4,901,714 | \$20,113,714     | 74.66          | Yes             |
| 5    | Stow                       | Graham Rd Upgrade                                   | East of SR 91 to Newcomer Rd                         | 2.43       | Widen to 3 lanes with TWLTL, shared-use path on north side, bus shelters  | \$14,600,000             | \$800,000 | \$5,200,000   | \$100,000    | \$6,100,000 | \$26,213,714     | 73.86          | Yes             |
| 6    | Mogadore                   | Mogadore Rd/Gilchrist Rd Signal Improvements        | Mogadore Rd at Gilchrist Rd                          | 0.00       | New traffic signal heads with LED bulbs, backplates, new controller, ped crossing facilities wiring, mast arms and vehicular detection  | \$347,875                | \$0       | \$250,700     | \$31,338     | \$282,038   | \$26,495,752     | 71.44          | Yes             |
| 7    | Barberton                  | State St Reconstruction                             | Hiram St to I-76                                     | 0.60       | Reconstruction and replace sidewalks  | \$5,875,991              | \$102,400 | \$4,033,593   | \$100,000    | \$4,235,993 | \$30,731,745     | 69.33          | Yes             |
| 8    | Akron                      | W Exchange St Improvements Ph 1                     | Mull Ave to S Portage Path                           | 0.96       | Reconstruction, new curb and sidewalk, partial bike lanes, considering complete streets design  | \$8,250,000              | \$0       | \$6,000,000   | \$0          | \$6,000,000 | \$36,731,745     | 65.53          | No              |
| 9    | Twinsburg                  | Ravenna Rd Signals                                  | SR 91 to Shepard Rd                                  | 3.61       | Upgrade signals with preemption, ped countdown signals, ADA curb ramps  | \$2,570,038              | \$0       | \$1,802,318   | \$100,000    | \$1,902,318 | \$38,634,063     | 63.96          | Yes             |
| 10   | Fairlawn                   | Smith Rd Improvements                               | Shiawassee Ave to Bath Hills Blvd/Corunna Ave        | 0.12       | Add WB left turn lane at Shiawassee and EB left turn lane at Bath Hills, reconstruct signal and improve ped features  | \$671,362                | \$0       | \$537,090     | \$67,136     | \$604,226   | \$39,238,289     | 62.05          | Yes             |
| 11   | Summit Co                  | Valley View Rd/Chaffee Dr Roundabout                | Valley View Rd at Chaffee Dr                         | 0.20       | Roundabout and sidewalks with high visibility crosswalks  | \$2,325,000              | \$80,000  | \$1,600,000   | \$100,000    | \$1,780,000 | \$41,018,289     | 54.97          | Yes             |
| 12   | Munroe Falls/<br>Tallmadge | SR 91/Northmoreland Rd Signal Improvements          | SR 91 at Northmoreland Rd                            | 0.00       | New traffic signal heads with LED bulbs, backplates, new controller, ped crossing facilities wiring, mast arms and vehicular detection  | \$385,688                | \$0       | \$277,950     | \$34,744     | \$312,694   | \$41,330,983     | 53.00          | Yes             |
| 13   | Barberton                  | Norton Ave/Wooster Rd Intersection Upgrade          | Norton Ave/Wooster Rd Intersection                   | 0.40       | Peanut Roundabout   | \$6,795,999              | \$276,190 | \$4,707,542   | \$100,000    | \$5,083,732 | \$46,414,715     | 49.00          | Yes             |
| 14   | Barberton                  | Robinson Ave Road Diet & Pedestrian Enhancements    | Wooster Rd North to Van Buren Ave                    | 0.35       | Reconstruct Robinson for road diet and add a widened sidewalk to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic from downtown   | \$6,596,051              | \$65,600  | \$4,676,041   | \$100,000    | \$4,841,641 | \$51,256,356     | 45.02          | Yes             |
| 15   | Summit Co                  | Killian Rd/Pickle Rd Roundabout                     | Killian Rd at Pickle Rd                              | 0.25       | Roundabout, reprofile eastern approach to improve sight distance, and sidewalks w/ high visibility crosswalks   | \$2,747,500              | \$240,000 | \$1,750,000   | \$100,000    | \$2,090,000 | \$53,346,356     | 44.60          | Yes             |
| 16   | Hudson                     | SR 91 Reconstruction                                | South corp limit to north corp limit (only portions) | 3.03       | Reconstruction, new & repair sidewalks, bike lanes, update pavement markings  | \$9,527,455              | \$0       | \$6,000,000   | \$0          | \$6,000,000 | \$59,346,356     | 43.00          | No              |
| 17   | Hudson                     | Stow Rd/Ravenna St Intersection Improvements        | Stow Rd at Ravenna St                                | 0.38       | Install turn lanes on Ravenna St, replace span wire with mast arms and poles, upgrade signal, install dilemma zone detectors, sidewalks and ped signal  | \$3,506,480              | \$37,800  | \$2,589,184   | \$100,000    | \$2,726,984 | \$62,073,340     | 40.50          | Yes             |
| 18   | Stow                       | Norton Rd Reconstruction                            | Hudson Dr to west of SR 91                           | 0.57       | Reconstruction to standard widths, elimination of vertical and horizontal profile issues. Bike and Hike tunnel added under Norton Rd to connect shared use path on the north side. Roundabout at Hudson Dr              | \$10,600,000             | \$0       | \$6,000,000   | \$0          | \$6,000,000 | \$68,073,340     | 40.32          | No              |
| 19   | Norton                     | Portage St Reconstruction                           | Eastern Rd to SR 585                                 | 0.27       | Reconstruction with traffic control   | \$861,887                | \$0       | \$629,510     | \$78,689     | \$708,198   | \$68,781,539     | 39.36          | Yes             |
| 20   | Barbeton                   | Wooster Rd/Hopocan Ave Roundabout                   | Wooster Rd/Hopocan Ave Intersection                  | 0.25       | Roundabout  | \$2,810,735              | \$274,400 | \$1,713,452   | \$100,000    | \$2,087,852 | \$70,869,391     | 32.66          | Yes             |
| 21   | Streetsboro                | Frost Rd Ph 2                                       | Greentree Pkwy to Sunny Lane                         | 1.20       | Widen to add TWLTL and sidewalks on the north side  | \$6,484,906              | \$478,400 | \$4,075,925   | \$100,000    | \$4,654,325 | \$75,523,715     | 30.88          | Yes             |
| 22   | Rittman                    | Industrial St Reconstruction                        | Ohio Ave to Sunset Dr                                | 0.60       | Reconstruction with traffic control   | \$3,847,916              | \$0       | \$2,708,733   | \$100,000    | \$2,808,733 | \$78,332,448     | 29.88          | Yes             |
| 23   | Hudson                     | Terex Rd/W Barlow Rd                                | Barlow Rd (west) at Terex Rd                         | 0.38       | Add 300' long left turn lanes for NB and SB. Signal upgrades  | \$1,995,630              | \$0       | \$1,276,504   | \$0          | \$1,276,504 | \$79,608,952     | 29.75          | No              |
| 24   | Hudson                     | Terex Rd/E Barlow Rd Intersection Improvements      | Barlow Rd (east) at Terex Rd                         | 0.38       | Add 300' long left turn lanes for NB and SB. Signal upgrades  | \$1,995,630              | \$0       | \$1,276,504   | \$0          | \$1,276,504 | \$80,885,456     | 26.48          | No              |
| 25   | Streetsboro                | SR 303 Widening                                     | Plaza Dr (SR 303) to Page Rd                         | 0.60       | Widen to add TWLTL and sidewalks on the north and south sides   | \$4,916,525              | \$294,000 | \$3,206,330   | \$100,000    | \$3,600,330 | \$84,485,787     | 22.20          | Yes             |
| 26   | Green                      | Steeze Rd Sidewalk Extension                        | Greenwood Dr to Springdale Rd                        | 0.40       | 8' sidewalk, 3 rectangular rapid flashing beacons   | \$1,535,000              | \$32,000  | \$1,096,000   | \$0          | \$1,128,000 | \$85,613,787     | 21.46          | No              |

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Policy Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Citizens Involvement Committee

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** Resolution 2024-08 - Approving Amendment #5 to the FY 2024-2027  
Transportation Improvement Program to revise funding for three projects  
and add six new projects.

**DATE:** March 28, 2024

The following changes have been requested to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program:

Revise funding

1. **SUM-East Ave (PID 112869)** – Is a project that includes adding a two-way left turn lane, curbs, and sidewalks along East Ave from Community Rd to the Portage County Line. This project moved from the “group” list to the “individual” list when phase 1 received \$8,509,995 in CMAQ construction funding for FY 2028. The total project cost has also been increased to almost \$14 million.
2. **SUM-IR 77/SR 8-11.65/0.00 (PID 114865)** – Is a project for corridor improvements along IR 77 just north of Lovers Lane to SR 8 and SR 8 from IR 77 to just north of Perkins St including ramp and service road reconfigurations to increase safety and reduce congestion. This project is being revised to add right-of-way money into FY 2025 in the current Transportation Improvement Program. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in FY 2029 but is not currently funded.
3. **SUM-S Arlington Rd (PID 116917)** – Is a project to widen South Arlington Rd from Boettler Rd to north of September Dr from 2 to 4 lanes in Green, Ohio. This project includes adding roundabouts at Boettler Rd and Southwood Dr. It also includes adding new sidewalks and a multi-use path along the corridor. \$2 million in carbon reduction program funds and \$3.5 million in highway safety funds have been added to this project in the construction phase. This project is expected to begin construction in FY 2026.

### New projects

4. **WAY-Doylestown Rd (PID 116855)** – Is a resurfacing project in Wayne County on Doylestown Rd from Rittman east corporation limit to Doylestown west corporation limit and Portage St from Whitman Rd to Doylestown west corporation limit. This project includes \$508,829 of STBG construction funding in FY 2027.
5. **SUM-SR 532 & Albrecht Ave (PID 120949)** – Is a project to add a new signal at the intersection of SR 532 and Albrecht Ave in Mogadore. This project includes \$4,800 of CMAQ right-of-way funds in FY 2027.
6. **SUM-Highland Rd (PID 121067)** – Is a project the add new signals at SR 8/Highland Rd and Highland Rd/South Bedford Rd. It is also adding an addition westbound left turn lane at SR 8, a southbound right turn lane at South Bedford Rd, and a new sidewalk along South Bedford Rd. This project includes \$213,600 of CMAQ right-of-way monies in FY 2027.
7. **SUM-Killian Rd/Pickle Rd Roundabout (PID 121287)** – Is a project that reconstructs the Killian Rd/Pickle Rd intersection into a roundabout, improves sight distance on the eastern approach, and adds sidewalks. This project includes \$240,000 of CPR right-of-way monies in FY 2027.
8. **POR-North Mantua St Improvements (SR 43) (PID 121376)** – Is a project for corridor improvements along SR 43 between Needham Ave to north of Davey Tree Entrance. This project includes \$2 million of CRP construction funding in FY 2027.
9. **SUM-Graham Rd Signals (Stow) (PID 121457)** – Is a project that replaces and upgrades nine signals on Graham Rd between Bailey Rd and Newcomer Rd in Stow. This project includes \$2,860,000 of CMAQ construction funding in FY 2027.

### STAFF COMMENTS

As with all TIP amendments, considerations with respect to public participation, financial capability, air quality, environmental justice and Plan consistency are important. Sufficient funding is forecasted from federal and state sources for this amendment. The projects listed meet all the amendment requirements mentioned above. Therefore, this amendment does not cause any negative impact.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2024-08. This Resolution approves the amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP. The Staff recommends approval.

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-08**

### **OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

Approving Amendment #5 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to revise funding for three projects and add six new projects.

**WHEREAS**, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials in Summit and Portage Counties and the Chippewa Township and Milton Township areas of Wayne County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of this Committee to develop and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has been requested to amend the AMATS FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to revise three projects and add six new projects:

- 1. SUM-East Ave (PID 112869)** – Is a project that includes adding a two-way left turn lane, curbs, and sidewalks along East Ave from Community Rd to the Portage County Line. This project moved from the “group” list to the “individual” list when phase 1 received \$8,509,995 in CMAQ construction funding for FY 2028. The total project cost has also been increased to almost \$14 million.
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## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-08 (Continued)**

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**WHEREAS**, the necessary public involvement has been fulfilled as described in the AMATS Public Participation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the S Arlington Rd project is not exempt from regional air quality conformity analysis and has been analyzed for air quality conformity. An air quality conformity determination that addresses both ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollutants has been conducted and has shown that the projects will conform to air quality requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, interagency consultation has occurred on February 22, 2024 and all planning partners concur to use current conformity determination due to no scope changes for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental justice impacts of this amendment has been considered consistent with “Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations”; and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found this amendment to be consistent with Transportation Outlook 2045, the Regional Transportation Plan, and with the availability of federal funds forecasted for the AMATS area.



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-08 (Continued)**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That this Committee amends the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2024-2027 as previously specified.
2. That this Committee considers the necessary public involvement has been carried out as described in the AMATS Public Participation Plan.
3. That this Committee affirms that sufficient federal funding is expected to be available for the Akron Urbanized Area to maintain financial constraint.
4. That this Committee reaffirms the air quality conformity determination in the AMATS Transportation Improvement Program FY 2024-2027 and its consistency with Transportation Outlook 2045, the Regional Transportation Plan.
5. That this Committee affirms conformity with environmental justice requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook 2045, the Regional Transportation Plan.
7. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Larry Jenkins, P.E., P.S., 2024 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

**AMENDMENT # 5 - 3/28/24**  
**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY 2024-2027**  
**TABLE 2-3 (HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS)**

| PID #  | CO-RTE-SECTION   | LENGTH<br>(MILES) | LOCATION & TERMINI   | TYPE OF WORK  | FUND<br>TYPE  | PHASE  | 2024                 | 2025                          | 2026  | 2027                   | TOTAL<br>PROJECT<br>COST (\$000) | PROJECT<br>SPONSOR           | AIR<br>QUALITY<br>STATUS |
|--------|--|-------------------|--|---|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 112869 | SUM EAST AVE<br><br>(MOVED FROM GROUP/REVISED FUNDING)                   | 2.19              | TALLMADGE<br>COMMUNITY RD (2.37) TO PORTAGE COUNTY<br>LINE (4.56)  | ADD TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE, CURBS,<br>AND SIDEWALKS   | SAFETY-F<br>SAFETY-S  | R<br>R   | 479,357<br>53,262    |                               |   |                        | 44,062,580<br>13,934,674         | ODOT                         | EXEMPT                   |
| 114865 | SUM IR 77/SR 8 11.65/0.00<br><br>(REVISED FUNDING)                       | 1.95              | AKRON<br>I-77 FROM JUST NORTH OF LOVERS LANE TO<br>SR 8 AND SR 8 FROM I-77 TO JUST NORTH OF<br>PERKINS ST  | CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON MAINLINE,<br>SERVICE ROADS AND RAMPS   | FED<br>STATE<br>FED<br>STATE  | P<br>P<br>R<br>R                               | 1,600,000<br>400,000 | 800,000<br>200,000            |   |                        | 64,000,000<br>75,000,000         | ODOT                         | EXEMPT                   |
| 116855 | WAY-DOYLESTOWN RD<br>CR 70-18.13<br><br>(NEW PROJECT)                    | 0.81              | MILTON/CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIPS<br>DOYLESTOWN-RITTMAN EAST CORP LIMIT TO<br>DOYLESTOWN WEST CORP LIMIT; PORTAGE-<br>WHITMAN RD TO DOYLESTOWN WEST CORP LIMIT | RESURFACING   | STBG<br>LOCAL   | C<br>C   |                      |                               |   | 508,829<br>127,207     | 636,036                          | WAYNE<br>COUNTY<br>ENGINEER  | EXEMPT                   |
| 116917 | SUM S ARLINGTON RD (GREEN)<br><br>(REVISE FUNDING)                       | 0.87              | GREEN<br>SOUTH OF BOETTLER RD TO JUST NORTH OF<br>SEPTEMBER DR   | WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES AND ADD NEW<br>ROUNDBOUTS AT BOETTLER RD AND<br>SOUTHWOOD DR. ALSO, ADD NEW<br>SIDEWALKS  | CMAQ<br>STBG<br>LOCAL<br>CMAQ<br>STBG<br>LOCAL<br>LOCAL<br>CRP<br>SAFETY-F<br>FED-DIS | R<br>R<br>R<br>C<br>C<br>C<br>C<br>C<br>C<br>C |                      | 762,124<br>674,602<br>359,182 | 3,305,666<br>1,699,040<br>9,233,339<br>7,722,227<br>2,000,000<br>3,500,000<br>2,000,000 |                        | 48,148,352<br>21,922,841         | GREEN                        | ANALYZE                  |
| 120949 | SUM-SR 532 & ALBRECHT AVE<br>SR 532-0.80<br><br>(NEW PROJECT)            | 0.01              | MOGADORE<br>SR 532 & ALBRECHT AVE  | NEW SIGNAL  | CMAQ<br>LOCAL   | R<br>R   |                      |                               |   | 4,800<br>1,200         | 358,113                          | MOGADORE                     | EXEMPT                   |
| 121067 | SUM-HIGHLAND RD (MACEDONIA)<br><br>(NEW PROJECT)                         | 0.35              | MACEDONIA<br>SR 8 TO S BEDFORD RD  | NEW SIGNALS AT SR 8 AND S BEDFORD RD;<br>NEW WB LEFT TURN LANE (DUAL) AT SR 8;<br>NEW SB RIGHT TURN LANE AT S BEDFORD RD;<br>NEW SIDEWALK ALONG S BEDFORD RD    | CMAQ<br>LOCAL   | R<br>R   |                      |                               |   | 213,600<br>53,400      | 2,950,600                        | MACEDONIA                    | EXEMPT                   |
| 121287 | SUM-KILLIAN RD/PICKLE RD ROUNDAABOUT<br>CR 135-2.60<br><br>(NEW PROJECT) | 0.05              | SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP<br>KILLIAN RD & PICKLE RD INTERSECTION  | ROUNDAABOUT AT KILLIAN RD/PICKLE RD<br>INTERSECTION; REPROFILING THE EASTERN<br>APPROACH TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE;<br>SIDEWALKS                                | CRP<br>LOCAL  | R<br>R   |                      |                               |   | 240,000<br>60,000      | 2,640,600                        | SUMMIT<br>COUNTY<br>ENGINEER | EXEMPT                   |
| 121376 | POR-NORTH MANTUA ST IMPROVEMENTS<br>SR 43-12.74<br><br>(NEW PROJECT)     | 0.43              | KENT<br>NEEDHAM AVE TO NORTH OF DAVEY TREE<br>ENTRANCE   | PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING,<br>SIGNAL UPGRADE AT ROOSEVELT HS, NEW<br>SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, CURB RAMPS, STORM<br>SEWERS, SIGNING, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS | CRP<br>LOCAL  | C<br>C   |                      |                               |   | 2,000,000<br>3,800,000 | 5,800,000                        | KENT                         | EXEMPT                   |
| 121457 | SUM-GRAHAM RD SIGNALS<br><br>(NEW PROJECT)                               | N/A               | STOW<br>BAILEY RD TO NEWCOMER RD   | REPLACE/UPDATE 9 SIGNALS (POLES, MAST<br>ARMS, CONTROLLERS, SIGNAL HEADS, SIGNS,<br>PREEMPTION, AND PED SIGNALS) ALONG THE<br>GRAHAM RD CORRIDOR                | CMAQ<br>LOCAL   | C<br>C   |                      |                               |   | 2,860,000<br>715,000   | 3,575,000                        | STOW                         | EXEMPT                   |

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Policy Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** Resolution: 2024-09 Connecting Communities Planning Grant

**DATE:** March 13, 2024

As part of the Connecting Communities Initiative, AMATS developed a grant program that made grant funding available for planning studies. In January 2024, AMATS solicited applications for the grant. AMATS received eight applications prior to the February 9, 2024 deadline. Per the application, these planning studies should further the following Connecting Communities Principles:

- Increase alternative transportation options to connect people and places
- Promote Complete Street principles to create vibrant and safe places for all users
- Leverage transportation projects/funding to develop places which support alternative transportation and complete streets through land use and design

The AMATS staff initially met to score and discuss the applications. The Connecting Communities Planning Grant Task Force met on February 22, 2024 to review the applications and recommend award recipients. The Task Force recommends awarding the planning grants to the city of New Franklin's "SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study" and to the city of Akron's "Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan". The Task Force based this recommendation on each application's scope and objectives, its adherence to the Connecting Communities Principles, and the recommendation of the AMATS staff.

Attached to this memo are scores for all of the applications and a more in-depth description of the proposals submitted by the top two applicants.

The staff and the Connecting Communities Planning Grant Task Force recommend the Policy Committee approve Resolution 2024-09 awarding a Connecting Communities Planning Grant to the city of New Franklin's "SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study" and the city of Akron's "Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan".

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-09**

### **OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**Approving two Connecting Communities Planning Grants to be awarded to the city of New Franklin and the city of Akron for planning studies.**

**WHEREAS**, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in Summit and Portage Counties and the Chippewa Township and Milton Township areas of Wayne County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecting Communities Planning Grant was included under work element 625 and approved as part of the *Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget FY 2024* and will be funded using Federal Consolidated Planning Grant monies, and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of these grants is to encourage the integration of land use and transportation planning and promote livable communities,

**WHEREAS**, the AMATS Policy Committee, on August 11, 2010, approved the formation of a Connecting Communities Planning Grant Task Force to score applications, and

**WHEREAS**, AMATS received eight applications requesting funding prior to the deadline of February 9, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecting Communities Planning Grant Task Force met on February 22, 2024 to review submitted applications and the staff's preliminary scoring, and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of all applications, the Connecting Communities Planning Grant Task Force recommended the following two applications for funding:

- 1. City of New Franklin: SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study** – in anticipation of a new residential development and the introduction of water and sewer, a study of the SR 619 corridor between S. Main St. and State St. with solutions to accommodate all modes of transportation is needed.
- 2. City of Akron: Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan** –with recent investment in the Summit Lake neighborhood, there is an increased need to address pedestrian safety for the visitors to the area. The study should improve safety while enhancing walkability through complete street principles.

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-09 (Continued)

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has found these applications to be consistent with the *Connecting Communities Initiative - A Guide to Integrating Land Use and Transportation*.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That this Committee approves the funding of the city of New Franklin's SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study and the city of Akron's Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan Study.
2. That this Committee affirms that sufficient federal funding is available in the *Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget FY 2024* to award these grants.
3. That this Committee affirms consistency of these two applications with *Connecting Communities – A Guide to Integrating Land Use and Transportation*, and *Transportation Outlook*, the area's long range transportation plan.
4. That this Committee authorizes the staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Larry Jenkins, P.E., P.S., 2024 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

## 2024 AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant Applications

|   |   | 5. Purpose & Need | 6. Outcomes | 7. Connecting Communities Principles | 8. Level of Use | *First Award | Total points |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Application   | Out of 25         | Out of 15   | Out of 30                            | Out of 10       | Out of 5     | Out of 85    |
| 1 | New Franklin SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study - City of New Franklin      | 25                | 12          | 25                                   | 8               | 5            | 75           |
| 2 | Akron Summit Lake Pedestrian Master Plan - City of Akron                            | 21                | 13          | 23                                   | 10              | 0            | 67           |
| 3 | Connecting the Heartland Trail to the Ohio and Erie Towpath - Wayne County Engineer | 19                | 14          | 20                                   | 8               | 5            | 66           |
| 4 | Fairlawn Schocalog to Sand Run Greenway - City of Fairlawn                          | 19                | 10          | 20                                   | 10              | 5            | 64           |
| 5 | Pedestrian Oriented Master Plan (POMP) - City of Ravenna                            | 20                | 10          | 22                                   | 9               | 0            | 61           |
| 6 | Streetsboro Trail Lake to Seneca Ponds Connectivity Study - City of Streetsboro     | 20                | 10          | 18                                   | 8               | 5            | 61           |
| 7 | Streetsboro City Square Bypass Connectivity Study - City of Streetsboro             | 20                | 8           | 17                                   | 8               | 5            | 58           |
| 8 | Tallmadge East West Community Connection for East Ave - City of Tallmadge           | 10                | 10          | 18                                   | 8               | 5            | 51           |

# CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

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## 2024 Planning Grant

### **City of New Franklin's SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study**

State Route 619 between the city of Green to the east and State Street to the west is ripe for development. A new residential development is planned near the intersection of SR 619 and Point Comfort Drive, as is the extension of water and sewer to the SR 619 corridor. These developments promise hundreds of new residents and a need to support additional growth. The corridor currently sees 10,000 cars daily, in addition to bike and pedestrian traffic. Currently, there are no safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, and the city of New Franklin, being proactive, desires a plan to provide recommendations for multiple modes of transportation. Improvements should include, but are not limited to, bike paths, sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting.

### **City of Akron's Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan**

Following the "Our Summit Lake Land Use" planning process, a need was identified to increase safety for all modes of transportation in the Summit Lake neighborhood. With new amenities and increased investment drawing users to the area, as well as speeding traffic creating a hazard for active transportation, it is crucial to address pedestrian safety for persons of all ages and abilities. The Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan will identify a framework for integration and development of complete streets principles to be utilized as the neighborhood grows. The city of Akron anticipates recommendations such as bike lanes/boulevards, improved crosswalks, curb bump outs, on-street parking, and speed tables.