



**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
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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
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Thursday, March 21, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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7. **Other Business**

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**Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 1:30 PM
The Venue
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**

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

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2024 ATTENDANCE**

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
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 Sympson	CTL Engineering
Mr. Sam Wallace	Federal Highway Administration
Ms. Gert Wilms	METRO

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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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

Wayne Wiethe 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

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

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

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2024 ATTENDANCE**

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Jan Mar May Aug Sept Dec
18 21 9 1 19 5

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Ryan Gillespie	Michael Baker International
Mr. Larry D. Jenkins, Jr.	Portage County Engineer’s office
Ms. Megan Pitman	Lakemore
Mr. David Pulay	AMATS
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. Short Range Planning	\$685,000	\$309,776	45%	\$59,330
FY2023 Carryover	185,000	184,961		0
FY2024	500,000	124,815		59,330
II. Transportation Improvement Program	\$250,000	\$127,958	51%	\$10,185
FY2024	250,000	127,958		10,185
III. Continuing Planning & Data Collection Transportation System Update	\$432,000	\$205,837	48%	\$47,187
FY2023 Carryover	132,000	130,903		0
FY2024	300,000	74,934		47,187
IV. Long Range Plan Activity	\$560,000	\$202,181	36%	\$25,719
FY2023 Carryover	110,000	104,293		0
FY2024	450,000	97,887		25,719
V. Service	\$665,000	\$226,449	34%	\$39,436
FY2023 Carryover	165,000	147,150		0
FY2024	500,000	79,299		39,436
VI. OhioRideshare and AQ Advocacy	\$180,000	\$63,201	35%	\$0
FY2024 OhioRideshare	80,000	25,764		0
FY2024 Air Quality	100,000	37,437		0
VII. Local	\$25,000	\$22,747	91%	\$0
AMATS local Costs	25,000	22,747		0
VIII. AMATS Transportation Quarterly	\$100,672	\$12,066	12%	\$4,127
FY2023 Carryover	4,000	3,972		0
FY2024	96,672	8,094		4,127
IX. GRAND TOTAL AMATS BUDGET	\$2,897,672	\$1,170,214	40%	\$185,984

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
	Sold											
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
	Pending											
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	Annual STBG Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
R = Right-of-Way	Annual STBG Allocations	\$12,678,691	\$12,212,653	\$9,088,934	\$9,693,689	\$5,490,301	\$9,764,218
C = Construction	Balance	\$11,320,988	\$11,192,704	\$11,416,572	\$11,416,572	\$11,416,572	\$11,416,572
		-\$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

P = Engineering	Annual CRP Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
R = Right-of-Way	Annual CRP Allocations	\$0	\$3,600,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,240,000	\$2,024,400	\$1,713,452
C = Construction	Balance	\$3,919,305	\$1,200,454	\$1,224,465	\$1,224,465	\$1,224,465	\$1,224,465
		\$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
	<i>Sold</i>											
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
	<i>Pending</i>											
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				\$1,454,750
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

		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
	<i>Sold</i>											
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
	<i>Pending</i>											
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.

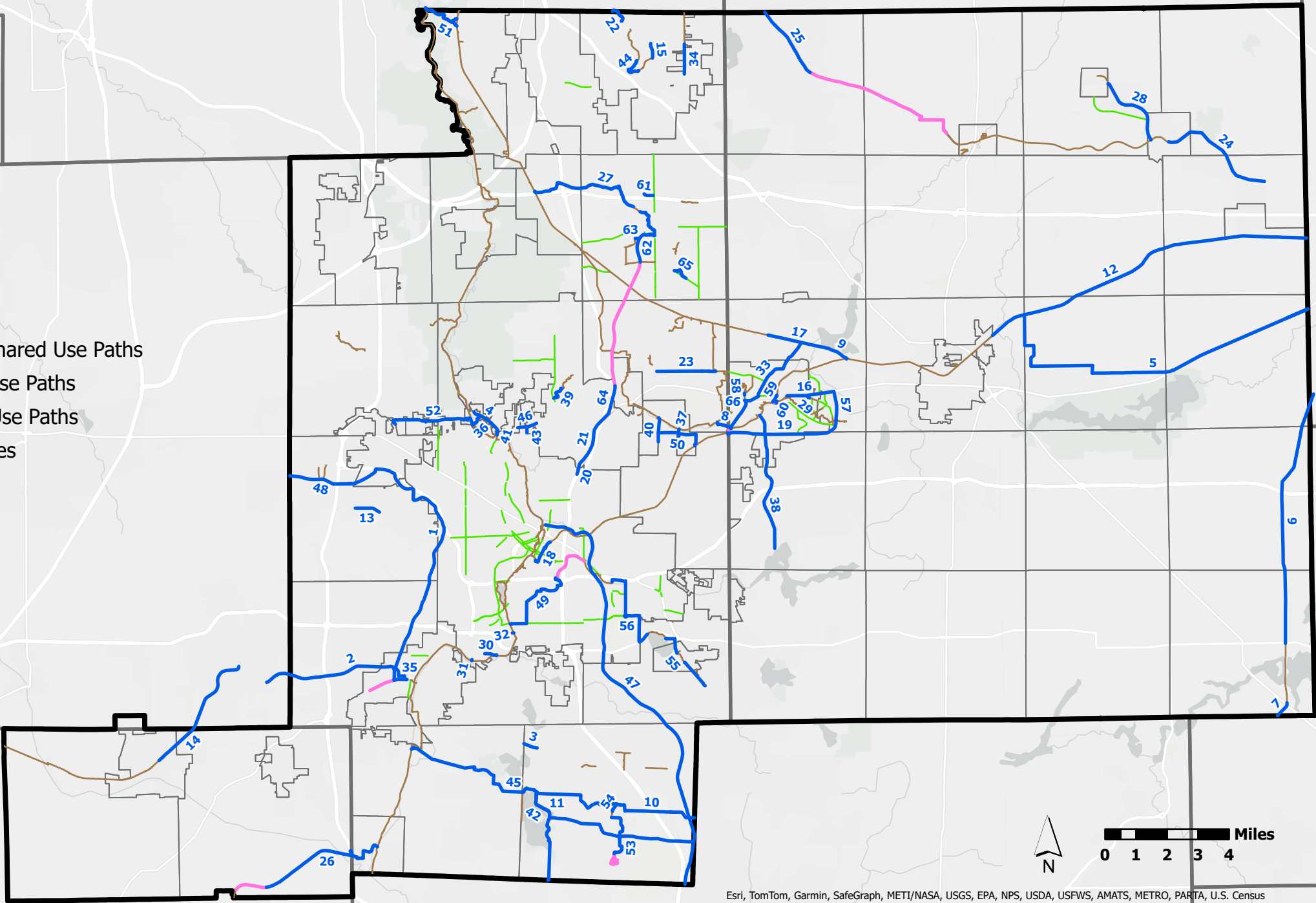
The outline for the final Active Transportation Plan is attached. Staff anticipates bringing the final draft of the ATP to Policy for approval in May.

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. Identify 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> . https://roadinsights.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d11875a3ee74d38c8a9e11c8788485
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. https://gohiocommute.com/#/
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: https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/safe-routes-srts
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 5th to Matt Stewart, Planning Administrator, at 330.375.2436, extension 3567 or 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?
Existing Roundabouts on Federal Fuctional Classification Roadways						
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	Steese 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
Planned/Programmed Roundabouts						
	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
Potential/Unprogrammed Roundabouts						
	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
Other Roundabouts - Local Roadways or Private Property						
	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
Other Rotaries or Traffic Circles						
	Akron	Mull Ave.	Hawkins St.			All-Way Stop Control
	Akron	Triplet 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
Neighboring Roundabouts (i.e. within apx. 2.5 miles of AMATS' borders)						
	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)

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

Total **\$15,212,000**

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.

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

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 H	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	STBG R/W	STBG CONST	CONST TRC	TOTAL	RUNNING TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE	PDIP PROJECT
1	Kent/PARTA/ Portage Co	SR 59 Alternative Transportation 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/ 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	Steese 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 120494)** – 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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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_{2.5} 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.

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

Date

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

PID #	CO-RTE-SECTION	LENGTH (MILES)	LOCATION & TERMINI	TYPE OF WORK	FUND TYPE	PHASE	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL PROJECT COST (\$000)	PROJECT SPONSOR	AIR QUALITY STATUS
112869	SUM EAST AVE (MOVED FROM GROUP/REVISED FUNDING)	2.19	TALLMADGE COMMUNITY RD (2.37) TO PORTAGE COUNTY LINE (4.56)	ADD TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE, CURBS, AND SIDEWALKS	SAFETY-F SAFETY-S	R R	479,357 53,262				44,062,580 13,934,674	ODOT	EXEMPT
114865	SUM IR 77/SR 8 11.65/0.00 (REVISED FUNDING)	1.95	AKRON I-77 FROM JUST NORTH OF LOVERS LANE TO SR 8 AND SR 8 FROM I-77 TO JUST NORTH OF PERKINS ST	CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON MAINLINE, SERVICE ROADS AND RAMPS	FED STATE FED STATE	P P R R	1,600,000 400,000		800,000 200,000		64,000,000 75,000,000	ODOT	EXEMPT
116855	WAY-DOYLESTOWN RD CR 70-18.13 (NEW PROJECT)	0.81	MILTON/CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIPS DOYLESTOWN-RITTMAN EAST CORP LIMIT TO DOYLESTOWN WEST CORP LIMIT; PORTAGE- WHITMAN RD TO DOYLESTOWN WEST CORP LIMIT	RESURFACING	STBG LOCAL	C C				508,829 127,207	636,036	WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT
116917	SUM S ARLINGTON RD (GREEN) (REVISE FUNDING)	0.87	GREEN SOUTH OF BOETTLER RD TO JUST NORTH OF SEPTEMBER DR	WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES AND ADD NEW ROUNDBOUTS AT BOETTLER RD AND SOUTHWOOD DR. ALSO, ADD NEW SIDEWALKS	CMAQ STBG LOCAL CMAQ STBG LOCAL LOCAL CRP SAFETY-F FED-DIS	R R R C C C C C C C		762,124 674,602 359,182			18,148,352 21,922,841	GREEN	ANALYZE
120494	SUM-SR 532 & ALBRECHT AVE SR 532-0.80 (NEW PROJECT)	0.01	MOGADORE SR 532 & ALBRECHT AVE	NEW SIGNAL	CMAQ LOCAL	R R				4,800 1,200	358,113	MOGADORE	EXEMPT
121067	SUM-HIGHLAND RD (MACEDONIA) (NEW PROJECT)	0.35	MACEDONIA SR 8 TO S BEDFORD RD	NEW SIGNALS AT SR 8 AND S BEDFORD RD; NEW WB LEFT TURN LANE (DUAL) AT SR 8; NEW SB RIGHT TURN LANE AT S BEDFORD RD; NEW SIDEWALK ALONG S BEDFORD RD	CMAQ LOCAL	R R				213,600 53,400	2,950,600	MACEDONIA	EXEMPT
121287	SUM-KILLIAN RD/PICKLE RD ROUNDBOUT CR 135-2.60 (NEW PROJECT)	0.05	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP KILLIAN RD & PICKLE RD INTERSECTION	ROUNDBOUT AT KILLIAN RD/PICKLE RD INTERSECTION; REPROFILING THE EASTERN APPROACH TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE; SIDEWALKS	CRP LOCAL	R R				240,000 60,000	2,640,600	SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT
121376	POR-NORTH MANTUA ST IMPROVEMENTS SR 43-12.74 (NEW PROJECT)	0.43	KENT NEEDHAM AVE TO NORTH OF DAVEY TREE ENTRANCE	PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING, SIGNAL UPGRADE AT ROOSEVELT HS, NEW SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, CURB RAMPS, STORM SEWERS, SIGNING, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS	CRP LOCAL	C C				2,000,000 3,800,000	5,800,000	KENT	EXEMPT
121457	SUM-GRAHAM RD SIGNALS (NEW PROJECT)	N/A	STOW BAILEY RD TO NEWCOMER RD	REPLACE/UPDATE 9 SIGNALS (POLES, MAST ARMS, CONTROLLERS, SIGNAL HEADS, SIGNS, PREEMPTION, AND PED SIGNALS) ALONG THE GRAHAM RD CORRIDOR	CMAQ LOCAL	C C				2,860,000 715,000	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.

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

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

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.