



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Policy Committee  
Ohio Department of Transportation District 4  
2088 S. Arlington Road  
Akron, Ohio 44306**

Thursday, February 12, 2026  
1:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
  - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
  - B. Audience Participation
2. **Minutes**
  - A. December 11, 2025 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**
5. **New Business**
  - A. Draft FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget. Attachment 5A  
– **Motion Required**
  - B. Connecting Communities Notice of Funding Available. Attachment 5B  
– **Discussion Only**
  - C. *Micromobility Report.* – **Motion Requested** Attachment 5C
6. **Resolutions**
  - A. **Resolution 2026-01** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. Attachment 6A  
– **Motion Required**  
  
**Resolution 2026-02** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing Program. – **Motion Required**  
  
**Resolution 2026-03** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program.  
– **Motion Required**
  - B. **Resolution 2026-04** – Approving Amendment #7 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to revise funding and year for one project. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6B

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- C. **Resolution 2026-05** – To Add Ohio Workforce Mobility Funds  
for METRO RTA (FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #8).  
– **Motion Required**

Attachment 6C

7. **Other Business**

8. **Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:**

**Thursday, March 26, 2026 - 1:30 PM**

**ODOT District 4**

**2088 S. Arlington Road**

**Akron, OH 44306**

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Ohio Department of Transportation District 4  
2088 S. Arlington Road  
Akron, Ohio 44306**

Thursday, February 5, 2026  
1:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
  - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
2. **Minutes**
  - A. December 4, 2025 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**
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  - A. Draft FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget. Attachment 5A  
– **Motion Required**
  - B. Connecting Communities Notice of Funding Available. Attachment 5B  
– **Discussion Only**
  - C. *Micromobility Report.* – **Motion Requested** Attachment 5C
6. **Resolutions**
  - A. **Resolution 2026-01** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. Attachment 6A  
– **Motion Required**  
  
**Resolution 2026-02** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing Program. – **Motion Required**  
  
**Resolution 2026-03** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program.  
– **Motion Required**
  - B. **Resolution 2026-04** – Approving Amendment #7 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to revise funding and year for one project. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6B
  - C. **Resolution 2026-05** – To Add Ohio Workforce Mobility Funds for METRO RTA (FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #8). Attachment 6C  
– **Motion Required**

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7. **Other Business**

8. **Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 1:30 PM**

**ODOT District 4**

**2088 S. Arlington Road**

**Akron, OH 44306**

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

Thursday, February 5, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Items**
  - A. Presentation regarding Attachment 5C – *Micromobility Report*.
  - B. Presentation regarding Attachment 6A – *Resolutions 2026-01, 2026-02, and 2026-03* approving projects to be funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Resurfacing, and Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) programs.
4. **Open Discussion**
5. **Adjournment 7:45 P.M.**

Next Regular Meeting:  
**Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.**

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Policy Committee  
Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Recordings of AMATS committee meetings are available in the *Past Meetings* page of the agency web site at <https://www.amatsplanning.org/past-meetings>.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**B. Audience Participation**

None.

**II. Minutes – Motion Required**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting.

**Motion**

*Paul Adamson made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Tom Sheridan. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

**III. Staff Reports**

**A. Financial Progress Report**

**Curtis Baker** presented Attachment 3A.

**Motion**

*Bobbie Beshara made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by Carol Siciliano-Kilway. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

**B. Technical Progress Report**

**Matt Stewart** said that AMATS received five proposals in response to the agency's soliciting contracts for the collection of pavement condition index (PCI) data. The staff and several committee members are reviewing the proposals.

AMATS will send 2026 Membership Forms to the representatives and alternate representatives of the Policy Committee and TAC soon.

**Mr. Stewart** said that Ohio House Bill 445 remains in committee in the 136<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly. The proposed legislation would enact changes in the composition of regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) such as AMATS throughout the state.

**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 November 24, 2025.

**IV. Old Business**

None.

**V. New Business**

**A. Draft Project Application Scores for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Resurfacing Program, and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program.**

**Ms. Prater** presented Attachment 5A.

**Bobbie Beshara** asked how many of the projects listed will receive funding. **Ms. Prater** said that project selection has not occurred yet. The TAC TIP Subcommittee will meet in January to discuss project funding recommendations.

**Director Baker** said that the subcommittee expects that \$11 million in STBG funds and \$11 million in Resurfacing funds will be available, but those totals may be adjusted accordingly.

**Ms. Prater** asked that the members relay any concerns regarding the project scores to herself or Director Baker for presentation to the subcommittee.

**VI. Resolutions**

**A. Resolution 2025-16 – Approving TIP Amendment #5 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to delete one project.**

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

**Motion**

**Jim Bowling** made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 and it was seconded by **Amy Mohr**. The motion was approved.

**B. Resolution 2025-17 – To Add Additional Transit Funds for METRO RTA (FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #6).**

**Matt Mullen** presented Attachment 6B.

**Motion**

***Claudia Amrhein** made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17 and it was seconded by **Bobbie Beshara**. The motion was approved.*

**C. Resolution 2025-18 – Approving New Projects to be funded under the CMAQ Program.**

**Mr. Stewart** presented Attachment 6C.

**Motion**

***Paul Adamson** made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 and it was seconded by **Carol Siciliano-Kilway**. The motion was approved.*

**VII. Other Business**

**A. 2026 Officer Nominations.**

**Chairman Jenkins** asked Mayor Siciliano-Kilway to present the report of the 2026 Officer Nominating committee, which consisted of himself, Mayor Siciliano-Kilway and Portage County Commissioner Sabrina Christian-Bennett.

**Mayor Siciliano-Kilway** reported that the 2026 Nominating Committee recommended Barberton Mayor William B. Judge for chair and Kent Engineer Jim Bowling as vice chair for a two-year term commencing in 2026. **Chairman Jenkins** asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

**Motion**

***Carol Siciliano-Kilway** made a motion that the Policy Committee accept the report of the 2026 Nominating Committee and it was seconded by **Bobbie Beshara**. The motion was approved.*

**B. Chair Recognition.**

**Director Baker** presented Chairman Jenkins with a Certificate of Appreciation from the AMATS Policy Committee recognizing his service as chair during 2024 and 2025. **Chairman Jenkins** expressed his appreciation for AMATS and the Policy Committee for allowing him to serve as committee chair.

**C. Director Baker** said that ODOT District 4 officials recently suggested that AMATS use Outlook meeting invitations to notify the AMATS Policy Committee and TAC about upcoming meetings. The committee membership expressed



support for the suggestion. **Director Baker** said that the staff would investigate the use of Outlook invitations.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- A. The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026.**

**Motion**

***Jim Bowling*** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by ***Carol Siciliano-Kilway***. *The motion was approved.*

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
2025 ATTENDANCE**

<b>M Denotes Member Present</b> <b>A Denotes Alternate Present</b>	<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>
<b>AKRON</b> – Mayor Shammass Malik (DiFiore) (Vollman)	A	A	A	A		A
<b>AURORA</b> - Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin (Stark) (Januska)						
<b>BARBERTON</b> - Mayor William B. Judge (Teodecki) (Carr)	M	M	M	M		M
<b>BOSTON HEIGHTS</b> – Mayor Ron Antal (Maccarone)						
<b>CLINTON</b> - Mayor William C. McDaniel						
<b>CUYAHOGA FALLS</b> - Mayor Don Walters (Zumbo)	A	A	A	A	A	A
<b>DOYLESTOWN</b> - Mayor Terry Lindeman						
<b>FAIRLAWN</b> - Mayor Russell Sharnsky (Staten) (Visca)	A					
<b>GARRETSVILLE</b> - Mayor Rick Patrick (Klamer)						
<b>GREEN</b> - Mayor Rocco Yeargin (Wax Carr)	M			M	M	M
<b>HIRAM</b> - Mayor Ann Haynam (Schuller)						
<b>HUDSON</b> – Thomas Sheridan (Griffith)		M			M	M
<b>KENT</b> – City Mgr. David Ruller (Baker) (Bowling)	A	A	A	A	A	A
<b>LAKEMORE</b> – Mayor Richard Cole (Fast)	A			M		
<b>MACEDONIA</b> - Mayor Nick Molnar (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)						
<b>MANTUA</b> - Mayor Tammy Meyer (Klemm)						
<b>METRO</b> – Dawn Distler (Hampshire) (Leppo)	A	A	M	A	A	A
<b>MOGADORE</b> - Mayor Michael Rick						
<b>MUNROE FALLS</b> - Mayor Allen Mavrides (Bowery)		M	M	M	M	
<b>NEW FRANKLIN</b> - Mayor Paul Adamson (Ganoe) (Kepler)		A	M	M	M	M
<b>NORTHFIELD</b> – Mayor Jenn Domzalski (Hipps)						
<b>NORTON</b> – Administrative Officer Dennis Loughry (Binsley)						
<b>ODOT</b> – Gery Noirot (Phillis) (Root)	A	A	M	A	M	A
<b>PARTA</b> – Claudia Amrhein (Jurisch) (Proseus) (Schrader)	M	M	M	M	M	M
<b>PENINSULA</b> - Mayor Daniel R. Schneider, Jr.						
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY COMM.</b> – Jill Crawford (Crombie)	M			M	M	
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY COMM.</b> – Mike Tinlin (Crombie)						
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY COMM.</b> - Sabrina Christian-Bennett (Hlad)	M			A	M	A
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Larry D. Jenkins, Jr. (Steigerwald)			M	M	M	M
<b>RAVENNA</b> - Mayor Frank Seman (Finney) (DiSalvo)			A	A	A	
<b>REMINDERVILLE</b> - Mayor Sam Alonso (Krock)						
<b>RICHFIELD</b> - Mayor Michael Wheeler (Frantz) (Waldemarson)				A		
<b>RITTMAN</b> – City Mgr. Bobbie Beshara (Robertson) (Neumeyer)	M	M		M		M
<b>SILVER LAKE</b> – Mayor Therese Dunphy (Housley)						
<b>STOW</b> - Mayor John Pribonic (McCleary) (Jones)	A		A	A		A
<b>STREETSBORO</b> - Mayor Glenn M. Broska (Cieszkowski) (Czekaj)	A		A	A	A	
<b>SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS</b> - Mayor Jeffrey A. Coffee						
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER</b> -Al Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A	A	A	A	A	A
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE</b> - Ilene Shapiro (Durrant)				A		
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. &amp; ECON. DEV.</b> – Diane Miller-Dawson			M			
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. &amp; ECON. DEV.</b> – Caitlin Elrad	M	M		M		
<b>TALLMADGE</b> - Mayor Carol Siciliano-Kilway (Kidder)	A	M		M	M	M
<b>TWINSBURG</b> - Mayor Sam Scaffide (Mohr)	A		A	A	A	A
<b>WAYNE COUNTY COMM. BOARD</b> - Dominic Oliverio (Broome)						
<b>WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Scott A. Miller (Jones)			M	M		
<b>WINDHAM</b> – Mayor Lawrence Cunningham, Jr.						

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
2025 ATTENDANCE**

**OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Mr. Curtis Baker	AMATS
Mr. Seth Bush	AMATS
Ms. Heather Davis Reidl	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Ms. Amelia Hoffmeier	AMATS
Mr. Matt Mullen	AMATS
Ms. Amy Prater	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. Matt Stewart	AMATS
Mr. Ken Evans	Signal Akron
Ms. Fadhila Fofana	Documenters
Mr. Dave Messner	Summit County
Mr. Steve Rector	New Franklin
Mr. Chad Root	ODOT District 4
Mr. Tony Urankar	MS

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**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 September 18, 2025 meeting.

**Motion**

***Tony Demasi** made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by **Brad Kosco**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

**III. Staff Reports**

A. **Financial Progress Report**

**Curtis Baker** presented Attachment 3A.

**Motion**

***Jim Bowling** made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by **Joe Hadley**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

B. **Technical Progress Report**

**Matt Stewart** said that AMATS received five proposals in response to the agency's soliciting contracts for the collection of pavement condition index (PCI) data. The staff and several committee members are reviewing the proposals.

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 November 24, 2025.

#### IV. Old Business

None.

#### V. New Business

- A. **Draft Project Application Scores for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Resurfacing Program, and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program.**

Ms. Prater presented Attachment 5A.

Brad Kosco asked if the federal funding caps for the STBG and Resurfacing programs are firm. Mr. Baker said that funding for AMATS projects is scheduled through 2026.

#### VI. Resolutions

- A. **Resolution 2025-16 – Approving TIP Amendment #5 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to delete one project.**

Ms. Prater presented Attachment 6A.

**Motion**

*Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 and it was seconded by Mike Collins. The motion was approved.*

- B. **Resolution 2025-17 – To Add Additional Transit Funds for METRO RTA (FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #6).**

Matt Mullen presented Attachment 6B.

**Motion**

*Kelly Jurisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17 and it was seconded by Mike Collins. The motion was approved.*

- C. **Resolution 2025-18 – Approving New Projects to be funded under the CMAQ Program.**

Mr. Stewart presented Attachment 6C.

**Motion**

*Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 and it was seconded by Jim McCleary. The motion was approved.*

#### VII. Other Business

- A. **Mobility Innovation eXchange (MIX) Presentation by Andrew Bremer – Managing Director, Local Affairs, DriveOhio.**

**Mr. Bremer** briefed the committee members regarding the purpose and activities of the ODOT DriveOhio Mobility Innovation eXchange Program.

**Joe Hadley** asked whether the program studied the ability of higher-end automobiles to drive “hands-free” or autonomously from a safety perspective.

**Mr. Bremer** noted that the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has developed levels of vehicle autonomy. **Mr. Bremer** said that the regulation of such vehicle technology was under federal purview while the state program’s purpose is to ensure that Ohio’s infrastructure can accommodate such technologies.

**Mr. Hadley** asked whether companies are subject to various approvals at the local and state levels before using autonomous vehicle technology. **Mr. Bremer** said that firms such as Waymo and Zoox usually work with local jurisdictions to accommodate communities. **Mr. Bremer** noted that there are no federal guidelines for such deployment. **Mr. Bremer** said that the Ohio AV Collaborative is analyzing data from the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Ohio Department of Insurance, localities, MPOs, and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations, to determine what sort of regulations might be required to ensure that companies are responsive. **Mr. Hadley** asked whether the deployment of autonomous vehicles was analogous to the system used for scooters. **Mr. Bremer** said yes.

**Mr. Hadley** asked whether the program works with the Ohio-UAS Center regarding the use of drones by first responders. **Mr. Bremer** said yes and that the center’s research and operations are conducted in the Dayton-Springfield, Ohio area near the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. **Mr. Bremer** said that the DriveOhio Program oversees the center and its research.

**Chairman Finney** asked when state and federal funding may be available for DriveOhio-related projects. **Mr. Bremer** said that project funding has yet to be determined, but that the program welcomes private sector participation.

## **B. 2026 Officer Nominations.**

**Mr. Baker** asked Jim Bowling for the report of the 2026 Nominating Committee. **Jim Bowling** reported that the committee nominated Stow Assistant City Engineer Mike Jones to be the 2026 chair and Portage County Project Manager Mike Collins to be the vice chair of the TAC.

### **Motion**

**Jim Bowling** made a motion that the TAC accept the report of the 2026 Nominating Committee and it was seconded by **Jim McCleary**. The motion was approved.

## **C. Chair Recognition.**

**Director Baker** presented Chairman Finney with a Certificate of Appreciation from the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recognizing his service

as chair during 2024 and 2025. **Chairman Finney** expressed his appreciation for AMATS and the TAC for allowing him to serve as committee chair.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be at **1:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, February 5, 2026.**

##### **Motion**

***Tony Demasi*** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by ***Brad Kosco.*** *The motion was approved.*

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

# AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 ATTENDANCE

<b>M Denotes Member Present</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>A Denotes Alternate Present</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>AKRON ENGINEERING BUREAU</b> - Christine Jonke (Solomon)	A	A	M	A	M	M
<b>AKRON PLANNING DEPT.</b> – Helen Tomic (Garritano)		A		A		
<b>AKRON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING</b> - Michael Lupica (Meyer)	M	A	M	M	M	M
<b>AURORA</b> - Harry Stark (Cooper)				A		
<b>BARBERTON</b> – Mike Teodecki (Shreve)						
<b>BARBERTON</b> – Stacy Carr						
<b>CUYAHOGA FALLS</b> – Rob Kurtz (Paul)	A	M	A	M	A	M
<b>CUYAHOGA FALLS</b> - Tony V. Demasi (Kaser)	M	M		M	M	M
<b>DOYLESTOWN</b> - Eng. Assoc. - Ronny Portz						
<b>FAIRLAWN</b> – Geary Visca (Staten)			A		A	A
<b>GREEN</b> - Wayne Wiethe (Haring)	M	M	A	M	M	
<b>GREEN</b> - Paul Pickett (Ciocca)					A	A
<b>HUDSON</b> – Nick Sugar (Hannan)	M	M				
<b>HUDSON</b> – Brad Kosco (Szalay)	A	A	M	M	M	M
<b>KENT</b> - Jim Bowling	M		M	M	M	M
<b>KENT</b> - Jon Giaquinto (Baker)						
<b>LAKEMORE</b> – Mayor Richard Cole, Jr. (Fast)	A	A			M	A
<b>MACEDONIA</b> - Joseph Gigliotti (Sheehy)	M					
<b>METRO</b> – Nathan Leppo (Harris)	M	M	M	M	M	A
<b>MOGADORE</b> – Vacant						
<b>MUNROE FALLS</b> – Vacant						
<b>NEFCO</b> – Joseph Hadley, Jr. (Lautzenheiser)	M	M	M	M	M	M
<b>NEW FRANKLIN</b> – Bryan Kepler (Ganoe) (Testa)	M	M	A	M	A	A
<b>NORTHFIELD</b> – Daniel J. Collins						
<b>NORTON</b> – Brian Binsley (Hess)	M	M	M	M	M	M
<b>ODOT</b> – Chad Root (Bruner) (Phillis)	M	A	A	A	M	A
<b>PARTA</b> – Claudia Amrhein (Jurisch) (Proseus) (Schrader)	A	A	A	A	A	A
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Mike Collins (Vermes)				M	M	M
<b>PORTAGE CO. REG. PLANNING COMM.</b> – Gail Gifford (Peetz)						
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES</b> – Tom Hardesty						
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC</b> – Jeff Derthick (Kovacich)	A		A	A		M
<b>RAVENNA</b> - Robert Finney (DiSalvo)			M	M	M	M
<b>RICHFIELD</b> – Scott Waldemarson (Frantz) (Neumeyer)	M		M		M	M
<b>RITTMAN</b> – Bobbie Beshara (Neumeyer) (Robertson)	M	M		M	M	
<b>SILVER LAKE</b> – John Tutak						
<b>STOW</b> – Jim McCleary (Cowan)		M	M		M	M
<b>STOW</b> – Mike Jones (Simpkins)	M	M	M	M		M
<b>STREETSBORO</b> – John H. Cieszkowski, Jr. (Broska) (Czekaj)	A	M	M	A	M	M
<b>SUMMIT CO. COMM. &amp; ECON. DEV.</b> – Diane Miller-Dawson (Elrad)	M	M	M	M	M	
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER</b> - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A	A	A	A	A	
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES</b> – Brian Gorog	M		M			M
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC.</b> - Richard Reville (Funk)	M			A		
<b>TALLMADGE</b> - Andrea Kidder (Rorar)				M	M	
<b>TWINSBURG</b> - Amy Mohr (Jeffers)	M			M	M	
<b>WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER</b> – Scott A. Miller (Jones)						
<b>WINDHAM</b> – Deborah Blewitt (Brown)						



# AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## 2025 ATTENDANCE

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

<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

**AKRON CANTON AIRPORT** - Renato Camacho

<b>AKRON REG. AIR QUALITY MGT. DIST.</b> – Sam Rubens (Brown) (Vadas)	M			M		
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<b>AMATS</b> - Curtis Baker	M	M	M	M	M	M
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<b>CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK</b> – Ivan Kassovic (McMahon)	M		M			
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**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY REP.** - Kurt Princic

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

**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** David Emerman

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION** – Anthony Yacobucci

**PORTAGE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY** – Vacant

<b>PORTAGE PARK DISTRICT</b> - Christine Craycroft (Moskos)			A	A		A
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**PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER (CYC)** - Mark Posten (Stolfo)

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

<b>SUMMIT METRO PARKS</b> – Mark Szeremet (King) (Saunier)	A	A	M	M	M	A
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**TRUCKING INDUSTRY** – Vacant

### OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Andrew Bremer	DriveOhio
Mr. Curtis Deibel	American Structurepoint
Ms. Shelley Kiwala	Osborn Engineering
Mr. Shane Locke	Patrick Engineering
Mr. George Maki	E.L. Robinson Engineering
Mr. Jim Meduri	METRO
Ms. Cynthia Richardson	METRO
Mr. Rob Solomon	City of Akron
Mr. John Szalay	City of Hudson

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Seth Bush	AMATS
Ms. Heather Davis Reidl	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Ms. Amelia Hoffmeier	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, December 4, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Summary**

**Attendees:**

Ron Brubaker  
Andy Manka  
Pete Mohan  
Nick Muffet  
Christina Zink

**Staff:**

Seth Bush, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator  
Heather Davis Reidl, Mobility Planner  
Jeff Gardner, Transit Planner  
Amelia Hoffmeier, GIS Planner  
Matt Mullen, Transportation Planner  
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 – Draft Project Application Scores for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Resurfacing Program, and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program.

**Ron Brubaker** asked Mr. Stewart to describe the TASA-awarded projects. **Mr. Stewart** described the projects listed in Table 3 - 2025 TASA Funding Program Project Summary.

**Andy Manka** asked for a description of the process to program projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **Mr. Stewart** described the biennial process to include and schedule highway, public transit, and bike and pedestrian projects in the Greater Akron area's TIP.

**Mr. Manka** asked whether it was the community's responsibility to decide which projects to submit to AMATS for funding. **Mr. Stewart** said yes and added that the agency coordinates with communities as to which projects that they want to pursue throughout the development and maintenance of the four-year TIP and the area's long-range regional transportation plan.

**Pete Mohan** asked whether information was available regarding all TASA-funded projects from the present through Fiscal Year 2030. **Mr. Stewart** said that information regarding TASA projects was available at **amatsplanning.org** and Table 3. **Seth Bush** demonstrated how to access such information on the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026-2029 Map on the agency website.

- B. Mr. Stewart** presented Attachment 6C – Resolution 2025-18 – Approving New Projects to be funded under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program.

**Mr. Manka** asked for additional information regarding the Barney’s Busy Corners Signal project listed among the 2025 CMAQ Committee Recommendations. **Mr. Stewart** described the project.

- C. Mr. Brubaker**, a member of TASCforce, said that METRO of Summit County offered to reimburse the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) \$12.5 million in two payments for grants to purchase three area rail lines: the Akron Secondary, the Freedom Secondary, and the Sandyville Line. The FTA accepted METRO’s proposal on Nov. 18. FTA also agreed to identify potential missing parcels from the lines once METRO pays its initial \$6 million to FTA for the lines. METRO has indicated that the transit authority plans to sell the line rights-of-way and is soliciting bids.

The attendees discussed various scenarios in which private and public entities could purchase the rail lines and rights-of-way.

- D. Mr. Manka** suggested that AMATS use a public calendar link to improve access to Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC) meetings hosted on Microsoft Teams. **Mr. Stewart** said that AMATS would consider other means to provide public access to CIC meetings. **Mr. Bush** said that AMATS could investigate sending meeting invitations in 2026 rather than relying on an email link.

### **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, February 5, 2026.**

**FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT  
AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
December 31, 2025**

Description		Annual Budget	Year-to-Date Expenses	% Budget Expended	December Expenses
<b>I.</b>	<b>Short Range Planning</b>	<b>\$552,600</b>	<b>\$319,668</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>\$75,279</b>
	FY2025 Carryover	152,600	152,578		0
	FY2026	400,000	167,089		75,279
<b>II.</b>	<b>Transportation Improvement Program</b>	<b>\$324,500</b>	<b>\$143,603</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>\$30,241</b>
	FY2025 Carryover	74,500	74,430		0
	FY2026	250,000	69,173		30,241
<b>III.</b>	<b>Continuing Planning &amp; Data Collection Transportation System Update</b>	<b>\$338,000</b>	<b>\$114,241</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>\$26,030</b>
	FY2025 Carryover	38,000	37,945		0
	FY2026	300,000	76,295		26,030
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Long Range Plan Activity</b>	<b>\$415,300</b>	<b>\$62,942</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$20,007</b>
	FY2025 Carryover	15,300	15,277		0
	FY2026	400,000	47,665		20,007
<b>V.</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>\$642,115</b>	<b>\$265,438</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>\$40,706</b>
	FY2025 Carryover	150,400	149,369		0
	FY2026	491,715	116,070		40,706
<b>VI.</b>	<b>OhioRideshare and AQ Advocacy</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$20,687</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$1,838</b>
	FY2025 OhioRideshare	80,000	20,666		1,817
	FY2025 Air Quality	100,000	20		20
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$16,119</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>\$542</b>
	AMATS local Costs	25,000	16,119		542
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>AMATS Transportation Quarterly</b>	<b>\$50,922</b>	<b>\$31,039</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>\$7,657</b>
	FY2025 Carryover	11,200	11,107		0
	FY2026	39,722	19,932		7,657
<b>IX.</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL AMATS BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,528,437</b>	<b>\$973,737</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>\$202,301</b>

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

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

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

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** AMATS Federal Funds Report

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

The third quarter of FY 2026 is about half over and still very little has encumbered. AMATS is continuing to use the E-STIP, ELLIS, and ODOT's MPO Dashboard to keep up to date on project details.

STBG allocations are lower this year than in previous years due to the \$2.1 million loan repayment to OKI from FY 2025. Another loan will be needed again this year to cover all the STBG projects, which AMATS estimates will be around \$3.1 million if all projects encumber as expected. So far, a small portion of Wooster/State reconstruction and Valley View Rd resurfacing in Summit County have been encumbered. Also, right of way monies from Arlington Rd Widening have been moved to construction phase. A few more projects are expected to sell before the next meetings in March.

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding only has one project in FY 2026, and it is locked in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for sale. No loan should be needed for this funding program.

Air Quality, Rideshare, and both bus purchases have been encumbered from CMAQ funds. CMAQ allocations are lower this year due to the FY 2025 loan repayment of almost \$2 million. A loan will be needed again this year of approximately \$3.7 million; however, since CMAQ is a statewide program, loans are completed internally at a statewide level. Currently, the CMAQ program has a balance in FY 2026 statewide, so a loan should be easy to achieve.

The remainder of Cleveland Massillon Sidewalk and a portion of Heartland Trail Phase 4A have encumbered so far. The remaining TASA funds are expected to encumber in the next few months. No loan should be needed for this funding program.



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

January 27, 2026

ODOT PID	CMAQ PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2026	Quarter	FY 2027	Quarter	FY 2028	Quarter	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	Orig. Amt
	<i>Sold</i>													
118655	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS		\$100,000	1									\$100,000
118658	Rideshare Program	AMATS		\$80,000	1									\$80,000
117253	METRO 2 electric buses	METRO	C	\$1,464,750	1									\$1,464,750
116416	PARTA 3 clean diesel buses	PARTA	C	\$1,600,000	1									\$1,600,000
	<i>Pending</i>													
116924	Downtown Hudson Signal Improvements*	Hudson	C	\$25,878										\$2,664,480
105213	SR 303/SR 14/Ranch Improvements	Streetsboro	C	\$459,517	3									\$459,517
121457	Graham Rd Signal Improvement	Stow	C	\$1,581,854	3									\$2,860,000
116917	Arlington Rd Roundabouts	Green	(R)C	\$3,305,666	4									\$3,305,666
118656	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS				\$100,000	1							\$100,000
118659	Rideshare Program	AMATS				\$80,000	1							\$80,000
120949	SR 532 & Albrecht Ave Signal	Mogadore	C			\$260,890	1							\$260,890
112869	East Ave Ph 1	Tallmadge	C			\$8,509,995	3							\$8,509,995
121067	Highland Rd Improvements	Macedonia	R(C)			\$213,600	4							\$213,600
123136	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS						\$100,000	1					\$100,000
123138	Rideshare Program	AMATS						\$80,000	1					\$80,000
123137	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS								\$100,000				\$100,000
123139	Rideshare Program	AMATS								\$80,000				\$80,000
121067	Highland Rd Improvements	Macedonia	(R)C							\$2,006,400				\$2,006,400
124198	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS									\$80,000			\$100,000
124202	Rideshare Program	AMATS									\$80,000			\$80,000
124200	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS										\$80,000		\$100,000
124204	Rideshare Program	AMATS										\$80,000		\$80,000
AMA-03	Barney's Busy Corners Signal	Cuy Falls	C			\$325,465								\$325,465
AMA-12	Fischcreek/Stow Roundabout	Stow	R(C)					\$400,000						\$400,000
AMA-12	Fischcreek/Stow Roundabout	Stow	(R)C								\$3,200,000			\$3,200,000
AMA-07	METRO 3 CNG Buses	METRO	C								\$2,087,395			\$2,087,395
AMA-09	PARTA 4 Clean Diesel Buses	PARTA	C								\$2,310,931			\$2,310,931
AMA-19	Twinsburg Citywide Signals	Twinsburg	C									\$5,880,753		\$5,880,753

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

Annual CMAQ Expenditures	2026 \$8,617,665	2027 \$9,489,950	2028 \$580,000	2029 \$2,186,400	2030 \$7,758,326	2031 \$6,040,753	2032 \$0
Annual CMAQ Allocations	\$4,893,385	\$6,403,613	\$6,403,613	\$6,403,613	\$6,403,613	\$6,403,613	\$6,403,613
Balance	-\$3,724,280	-\$3,086,337	\$5,823,613	\$4,217,213	-\$1,354,713	\$362,860	\$6,403,613

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

January 27, 2026

ODOT PID	TASA PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2026	Quarter	FY 2027	Quarter	FY 2028	Quarter	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	Orig. Amt
	<i>Sold</i>													
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co	(P)R(C)	\$3,760										
116841	Heartland Trail, Phase 4A*	Wayne Co	P(C)	\$6,562	2									\$68,144
116841	Heartland Trail, Phase 4A	Wayne Co	(P)C	\$427,152	2									\$590,583
	<i>Pending</i>													
116457	Springside Dr Sidewalks*	Summit Co	P(C)	\$8,582										\$100,000
116841	Heartland Trail, Phase 4A*	Wayne Co	(P)C	\$53,690										\$590,583
105556	The Portage Trail - Ravenna Rd Bridge	Portage Co	(P)C	\$183,390	3									\$313,600
116457	Springside Dr Sidewalks	Summit Co	(P)C			\$600,000	1							\$600,000
121747	Rubber City Heritage Trail Ph 3	Akron	(P)R(C)					\$45,200	1					\$45,200
121754	Headwaters Trail Phase IX	Portage Parks	C							\$1,000,000				\$1,000,000
121747	Rubber City Heritage Trail Ph 3	Akron	(P)R(C)							\$821,200				\$821,200
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

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

Annual TASA Expenditures	2026 \$683,136	2027 \$600,000	2028 \$45,200	2029 \$1,821,200	2030 \$1,400,000	2031 \$0	2032 \$0
Annual TASA Allocations	\$1,068,998	\$1,156,505	\$1,156,505	\$1,156,505	\$1,156,505	\$1,156,505	\$1,156,505
Balance	\$385,863	\$556,505	\$1,111,305	-\$664,695	-\$243,495	\$1,156,505	\$1,156,505

**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:** Draft FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget

**DATE:** January 28, 2026

A draft Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget is submitted annually to ODOT for review. The Work Program identifies the AMATS staff planning activities that will take place in the upcoming fiscal year and describes the funding sources that will be used to pay for them. Once ODOT completes its review of the Work Program, it is presented to the Policy Committee for final adoption in May.

AMATS members receive almost \$20 million annually in several funding categories to be used for highway, transit and enhancement improvements. AMATS is the federally mandated conduit for these funds.

The major source of funding for staff activities listed in the Work Program is United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Consolidated Planning funding. Other sources of revenue include federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, as well as state and local funds.

It has been estimated that \$1,516,463 in federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds will be available to AMATS for planning activities in FY 2027. These funds must be matched by state and local funds at a percentage rate of 80/10/10, yielding a total FY 2027 base budget of \$1,895,579. Remaining funds from this fiscal year (FY 2026) will be carried over on July 1 and may be used through December 31, 2026.

The local match for FY 2027 is calculated to be \$189,558. Local share funds may also be used in matching federal CMAQ dollars as part of the Rideshare and Air Quality Programs, where applicable.

Table 1 shows the draft local share calculation for each individual member of AMATS. Each member's contribution is based on the dues structure established by the Policy Committee in 2005. The dues structure is based on population. Local share amounts were modified following the release of the 2020 Census figures in December 2021.



As a result, the FY 2027 per capita assessment for each community has been set at \$0.232. In addition, METRO and PARTA will be assessed collectively \$32,175.

Table 2 shows the work elements and major planning tasks for FY 2027. Key activities include:

- Developing the new Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2028-2031)
- Providing the Annual Report on Roadway Congestion
- Participating in the Statewide CMAQ Discretionary Funds Program
- Directing the Gohio Commute and Air Quality Advocacy Programs
- Continuing to integrate performance measures as part of the Plan and TIP processes
- Reviewing Title VI Civil Rights and Environmental Justice documentation
- Documenting public participation activities
- Continuing the Pavement Condition Data Collection and Analysis Program
- Continuing the newest round of Connecting Communities Planning Grants
- Developing the Preservation Needs Report
- Beginning to develop the Freight Plan
- Beginning to develop the Active Transportation Plan
- Develop a new 3P – Public Participation Plan
- Continued implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Table 3 summarizes all funds budgeted in the Work Program by source. Also included in Table 3 are planning activities performed by METRO and PARTA.

The Staff is requesting approval of the draft *FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget* and asks for permission to submit it to ODOT for review. The Staff will then meet with ODOT in February to discuss any comments. A final version of the Work Program will be submitted for Policy Committee approval in May. The state fiscal year begins on July 1.

TABLE 1

**AMATS  
LOCAL SHARE CALCULATION\*  
SFY 2027 WORK PROGRAM**

MEMBERS	2020 POP (CENSUS)	LOCAL SHARE PERCENT	CY 2026 LOCAL SHARE
METRO RTA	N/A	14.0%	\$27,574
PARTA	N/A	2.3%	\$4,601
<u>SUMMIT COUNTY</u>			
AKRON	190,469	22.4%	\$44,153
BARBERTON	25,191	3.0%	\$5,839
CUYAHOGA FALLS	51,114	6.0%	\$11,850
FAIRLAWN	7,710	0.9%	\$1,787
GREEN	27,475	3.2%	\$6,369
HUDSON	23,110	2.7%	\$5,357
LAKEMORE	2,926	0.3%	\$678
MACEDONIA	12,168	1.4%	\$2,821
MOGADORE	3,811	0.4%	\$883
MUNROE FALLS	5,044	0.6%	\$1,169
NEW FRANKLIN	13,877	1.6%	\$3,217
NORTHFIELD	3,541	0.4%	\$821
NORTON	11,668	1.4%	\$2,705
REMINDEVILLE	5,412	0.6%	\$1,255
RICHFIELD	3,729	0.4%	\$864
SILVER LAKE	2,516	0.3%	\$583
STOW	34,483	4.1%	\$7,993
TALLMADGE	18,394	2.2%	\$4,264
TWINSBURG	19,248	2.3%	\$4,462
SUMMIT CO. UNINCORP.	76,699	9.0%	\$17,779
<u>PORTAGE COUNTY</u>			
AURORA	17,239	2.0%	\$3,996
KENT	28,215	3.3%	\$6,540
RAVENNA	11,323	1.3%	\$2,625
STREETSBORO	17,260	2.0%	\$4,001
PORTAGE CO. UNINCORP.	80,133	9.4%	\$18,576
<u>WAYNE COUNTY</u>			
DOYLESTOWN	3,051	0.4%	\$707
RITTMAN	6,131	0.7%	\$1,421
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER	9,708	1.1%	\$2,250
TOTAL	721,109		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS	711,645		\$197,140

\* \$0.232 per person

Communities under 2,400 in population do not pay local dues.

**TABLE 2**  
**AMATS STAFF**  
**FY 2027 MAJOR PLANNING TASKS**

<b><u>Work Element</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>
<b>601.71 Short Range Planning</b>	\$400,000	CPG
1. Safety and Congestion Studies		
2. Assistance with major project studies		
3. Prioritize AMATS area applications for TRAC		
4. Assist with the Coordinated Public Transit / Human Services Transp. Plan		
5. Coordinate with Other Agencies and Local Governments		
6. Bike and Pedestrian Planning		
7. Freight Planning and Coordination		
8. High Crash Locations and Safety Performance (2023-2025) Memorandum		
9. Land Use Transportation Coordination		
10. Safe Streets 4 All assistance		
<b>602.71 Transportation Improvement Program</b>	\$250,000	CPG
1. Develop the new FY 2028-2031 TIP		
2. Manage STBG and TASA allocations		
3. Manage Federal Transit Administration funding		
4. Participate in the Statewide CMAQ Discretionary Program		
5. Maintain Performance Measures for the TIP consistent with the current federal guidance		
<b>605.71 Transportation System Update</b>	\$300,000	CPG
1. Maintain data, including: land use and zoning, population, employment, dwelling unit, and other Census data, motor vehicle registrations, transit ridership, traffic counts, and road and street conditions		
2. Seasonal traffic counting, including bicycle and pedestrian counts		
3. Continue the Pavement Condition Data Collection and Analysis program		
<b>610.71 Transportation Plan Update</b>	\$450,000	CPG
1. Maintain the Regional Transportation Plan: <i>Transportation Outlook 2050</i>		
2. Maintain the travel demand model		
3. Develop the Annual Report on Roadway Congestion		
4. Integrate Performance Measures in the Regional Transportation Plan Process		
5. Develop the 3P – Public Participation Plan		
6. Develop the Preservation Needs Report		
7. Begin development of the Freight Plan		
8. Begin development of the Active Transportation Plan		

<b><u>Work Element</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>
<b>625.71 Service</b>	\$450,000	CPG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan implementation assistance</li> <li>2. Assist ODOT in reviewing design traffic analyses</li> <li>3. Provide data for use by others</li> <li>4. Review transportation impacts of zoning changes and subdivision proposals</li> <li>5. Assist Ohio EPA by Reviewing EPA Permits to Install</li> <li>6. Air Quality Coordination</li> <li>7. AMATS website maintenance</li> <li>8. Connecting Communities Planning Grant Program</li> </ul>		
<b>667.71 Gohio Commute Program</b>	\$80,000	CMAQ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ridesharing assistance</li> <li>2. Marketing and promotional advertisements</li> <li>3. Manage the Gohio Commute website and branding</li> </ul>		
<b>667.72 Air Quality Advocacy Program</b>	\$100,000	CMAQ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advocate for alternative modes of transportation</li> <li>2. Support Bike &amp; Brainstorm events</li> <li>3. Commuter Alternatives – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy</li> </ul>		
<b>682.71 Local</b>	\$25,000	LOCAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Miscellaneous local expenses</li> <li>2. Travel and miscellaneous meeting/hospitality expenses</li> <li>3. AMATS Annual Meeting (October 2026)</li> <li>4. The initial purchase of capital items (as needed)</li> <li>5. Vehicle maintenance and repair</li> </ul>		
<b>697.71 AMATS Transportation Newsletter / Annual Report</b>	\$45,579	CPG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. July - December Newsletter</li> <li>2. January - June Newsletter</li> <li>3. Monthly Web Updates</li> <li>4. 2026 Annual Report</li> </ul>		

**TABLE 3**  
**AMATS DRAFT FY 2027 WORK PROGRAM**  
**FUNDING BY SOURCE**

<b><u>AMATS AGENCY ONLY</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027</u></b>
USDOT Consolidated Planning Grant	\$1,516,463
ODOT Match	\$189,558
AMATS Local Share (Match)	<u>\$189,558</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,895,579</b>
AMATS Local Expenses	\$25,000
FY 2026 Carryover (Estimated)	\$675,000
FHWA/CMAQ (Gohio Commute & AQ)	<u>\$180,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,775,579</b>
 <b><u>METRO RTA PLANNING</u></b>	
METRO Planning (Local METRO Funds)	\$850,000
 <b><u>PARTA PLANNING</u></b>	
PARTA Planning (Federal and Local PARTA Funds)	<u>\$65,000</u>
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$3,690,579</b>

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

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

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

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** Notice of Funding Available – Connecting Communities Planning Grant

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

This memorandum announces funding being made available for FY 2026 for the AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant Program. Attached is the Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) which details which types of projects are eligible for funding, as well as the timeline for the application process. Applications will be due March 20, 2026.

This will be the eighth round of Connecting Communities Planning Grants since the program's inception in 2010. AMATS plans to award up to two \$50,000 grants at the Policy Committee meeting on May 14, 2026.

# CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

## 2026 Planning Grant

### Notice of Funding Available

#### Connecting Communities Planning Grant

**The Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study** developed the Connecting Communities Initiative to encourage the integration of land use and transportation. The purpose of the Connecting Communities Planning Grant Program is to fund transportation plans that are consistent with the Connecting Communities Initiative to promote livable communities through transportation planning.

**The Planning Grant Program has been created to provide communities with funding to develop transportation plans that will lead to projects eligible for AMATS funds.**

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 to develop places which support alternative transportation and complete streets through land use and design

To be eligible for a Connecting Communities Planning Grant, a project must:

- Be intended for transportation planning
- Be site specific
- Result in transportation and land use improvements that are consistent with *Connecting Communities – A Guide to Integrating Land Use and Transportation*

Ineligible activities include:

- Preliminary Engineering
- Final Design
- Preparation of environmental documentation
- Right-of-way acquisition
- Preparation of bid documents
- Construction

AMATS has made \$100,000 available for planning grants (up to \$50,000 per grant) to be awarded through the Connecting Communities Planning Grant Program. Projects may be a joint venture between sponsors, but each project is eligible for a maximum of one grant. Additionally, applications for no more than 2 projects may be submitted per community. A selection committee, The Connecting Communities Task Force, will be charged with reviewing sponsors' applications and making recommendations to the Policy Committee.

Local commitment, in the form of specific legislation, is required of sponsors and co-sponsors seeking planning grant funds. This ensures that Councils and Boards recognize that the project is being submitted for federal funding. Legislation must include the following: project name, description and cost. All projects are required to include legislation. Failure to submit legislation by planning grant commencement may result in cancellation of project application.

# CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

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## 2026 Planning Grant

### Important Dates:

**February 13, 2026** –Applications will be made available on the AMATS website.

**March 20, 2026** – Deadline to submit applications by 4:30 pm.

**May 14, 2026** – Approval of grants takes place at the Policy Committee Meeting.

For more information, please contact Heather Davis Reidl at [hreidl@akronohio.gov](mailto:hreidl@akronohio.gov) or 330-375-2436 ext. 4434.



## 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:** 2026 Micromobility Report

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

AMATS' inaugural *Micromobility Report* explores the rapidly changing concept of micromobility, its trends (nationally and locally), and provides considerations on deploying micromobility to communities in a safe and efficient manner. Although AMATS' regional 2024 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) discusses micromobility at a high level, this report was written to further introduce a mode of transportation not yet understood by the mass population.

Micromobility is defined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as “[a]ny small, low-speed, human, or electric-powered transportation device, including bicycles, scooters, electric-assist bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), and other small, lightweight, wheeled conveyances.” AMATS' Micromobility report primarily focuses on e-scooters, and much of the report explores the emergence of the shared micromobility industry—private companies that own fleets of e-scooters (or e-bikes) that are rented for short-to-middle distance individual trips.

The report, which can be viewed on the [AMATS Website](#), is comprised of several chapters:

**Chapter 1—Overview** introduces the report, defines micromobility, and provides a general overview of micromobility usage and regulation.

**Chapter 2—Micromobility Trends and Evolution** explores the micromobility landscape and trends. Various partnerships and providers in the deployment of shared fleets are discussed at a general level, by recognizing the importance of regulatory structure and other general considerations. Key trends include a rise in shared mobility and personal ownership, technological advancements (such as battery technology and better components), a growing emphasis on safety regulations, and sustainable materials and design in manufacturing. Recent developments include the number of shared e-scooter systems declining nationally while bikeshare systems have remained steady, despite a national shared micromobility ridership that is increasing. Shared e-scooter ridership has fluctuated over the past five years.

**Chapter 3—Micromobility on a Local Scale** discusses local examples of micromobility. Currently, a single provider of shared micromobility (Spin) provides services within two cities within the AMATS planning area, Akron and Kent. In both local examples, much of the service is catered toward their respective college student populations. Trip data revealed that total rides are down from earlier peaks (2022 or 2023), modestly in Akron and precipitously in Kent. The average distance traveled per trip

has declined too; people renting scooters in both cities had average rides of well over a mile to about a half a mile over the last four years. Cost structures for Akron's and Kent's systems are compared too, which are revealed to be relatively similar. Chapter 3 also includes maps showing where the shared micromobility systems are enabled to operate within their respective cities.

**Chapter 4—Benefits** and **Chapter 5—Challenges** summarize some of the notable considerations regarding micromobility. Possible benefits discussed include convenience, modal shift and traffic congestion mitigation, environmental benefits and efficiency, and a variety of quality-of-life improvements. This section makes the point that micromobility has rarely been deployed at a scale necessary for some of these benefits to be realized at a meaningful scale, e.g., a reduction in vehicular congestion or realized environmental benefits, and that there is significant nuance to consider before assuming these as benefits. Possible challenges include safety, access and parking, regulation, weather, theft and vandalism of the units, and the life-cycle and sustainability of the units.

**Chapter 6—Recommendations** begins by looking back to the framework of recommendations included within AMATS' *2024 Active Transportation Plan* pertaining to micromobility. These include five *Infrastructure-Related* goals that essentially revolve around building a network that allows e-scooters to safely, efficiently and comfortably travel through the transportation system, and two *Outreach and Encouragement* goals that play an important role in developing and promoting micromobility within the region. The remainder of Chapter 6 expands this framework by including seven additional recommendations for decisionmakers to keep in mind as they explore the new and changing regulatory environment and technologies surrounding micromobility. These include:

- Create access to micromobility parking
- Obtain and analyze data
- Proactively consider guiding principles for regulating micromobility
- Utilize pilot programs
- Support safety efforts and invest in alternative mobility infrastructure
- Be creative in promoting micromobility
- Be proactive about learning from other cities

Finally, **Chapter 7—Conclusion** wraps up the report.

The Staff is requesting approval of the *Micromobility Report* by the AMATS Policy Committee.

Direct Link to Report:

<https://www.amatsplanning.org/sites/default/files/docs/reports/Micromobility%20Report%202026.pdf>

**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 2026-01 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program.

Resolution 2026-02 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing Program.

Resolution 2026-03 - Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program.

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

The AMATS Policy Committee administers the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Resurfacing and Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) funding programs. These programs provide 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 January 13, 2026, to review project applications and scoring, and to develop a list of project recommendations for the STBG, Resurfacing and TASA programs. Based on available funding, the subcommittee recommended approximately \$28.9 million in total project funding. These projects will be added to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or a future TIP depending on the project schedule.

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

The attached Table 1 summarizes all 23 projects that were submitted under the STBG funding program. Total funding requested through the STBG program was approximately \$89.8 million. Three projects, totaling approximately \$11.3 million, are recommended for funding and are listed

in bold type on Table 1. The project summary includes total project scores based on criteria contained in AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines.

### **Resurfacing Program**

The attached Table 2 summarizes all 39 projects that were submitted under the Resurfacing program, totaling almost \$31.9 million. Thirteen projects, totaling over \$12.6 million, are recommended for funding and are in bold type on Table 2. The project summaries also include total project scores.

### **Transportation Alternatives Set Aside**

The attached Table 3 summarizes all nine projects that were submitted under the TASA funding program. Applications requested a total of almost \$8.8 million. Five projects, totaling approximately \$4.9 million, are recommended for funding and are in bold type in Table 3.

### Staff Comments

As with all AMATS project decisions, considerations with respect to public involvement, financial capability, civil rights, 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 the 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 February 5, 2026. Any comments on these projects will then be forwarded to the Policy Committee meeting on February 12.

### **Financial Capability**

Newly selected projects will be programmed in fiscal years towards the end of the current TIP or beyond. In most cases the new projects will be programmed after FY 2029, which is the end date for the current TIP. Trading funds with other MPOs may be pursued to advance some projects.

### **Civil Rights**

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 the population.

**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 are Resolution Numbers 2026-01, 2026-02, 2026-03 approving projects to be funded under the STBG, Resurfacing, and TASA programs and included in the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026-2029 where applicable. The TAC TIP Subcommittee and Staff recommend approval.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-01**

**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 areas of Wayne County, and

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

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

1. <b>SR 619 Corridor Improvements</b> , New Franklin	\$4,939,454
2. <b>Stow St Bridge &amp; Trail Improvements</b> , Portage County	\$2,300,011
3. <b>Waterloo Rd Full Improvement</b> , Akron	<u>\$4,100,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,339,465</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Involvement Committee held a meeting on February 5, 2026 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**, this Committee has determined that the effects of these projects are consistent with *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, which requires that AMATS shall not, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, exclude anyone from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found these projects to be consistent with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 February 5, 2026 as adequately providing for public involvement.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-01 (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 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan.
5. That this Committee affirms conformity with Civil Rights requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 Transportation Policy Committee of the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study.

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William B. Judge, 2026 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

**Table 1 - 2025 STBG Funding Program Project Summary**

Funds to be programmed in FY 2030 and FY 2031

Project cap is \$6 million, \$6.1 million with PDIP (PS&E submitted by Jan 2030 with Feb 2026 approval)

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RANK	SPONSOR	PROJECT	LOCATION & TERMINI	LENGTH (MILES)	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	AMATS STBG FUNDS REQUESTED				RUNNING TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE	PDIP	HAS A PID
							R/W	CONST	TRC	TOTAL				
1	New Franklin	SR 619 Corridor Improvements	SR 619: State Park Dr to East Corp line; S Turkeyfoot Rd: SR 619 to 600' north of SR 619	0.33	Add single lane roundabout at SR 619 & S Turkeyfoot Rd, add RRFB with refuge island, 11' shared use path south side (west of Turkeyfoot) and north side (east of Turkeyfoot) and west side along Pointe Comfort Dr, raised crosswalk for golf course crossing, ped bridge south of SR 619 for multi-use path over Turkeyfoot Channel, lighting enhancements	\$6,899,218	\$520,000	\$4,319,454	\$100,000	\$4,939,454	\$4,939,454	93.51	Y	
2	Portage County	Stow St Bridge & Trail Improvements	West of bridge to Franklin Ave	0.15	Replace bridge with single span to include sidepath on southside, concrete channelization for EB right to Mogadore Rd	\$5,222,471	\$0	\$2,200,011	\$100,000	\$2,300,011	\$7,239,465	78.51	Y	121755
3	Akron	Waterloo Rd Full Improvements	Allendale Ave to Arlington St	0.60	Reconstruction and Sidewalks with other possible bike/ped improvements	\$5,400,000	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$100,000	\$4,100,000	\$11,339,465	78.29	Y	
4	Hudson	Darrow Rd (SR 91)	Middleton Rd to north corp limit	0.50	Signal reconstruction at Middlebury, add TWLTL, add 175' SB right turn lane at Haymarket Dr, add bike lanes and storm upgrades	\$4,200,000	\$57,600	\$3,096,000	\$100,000	\$3,253,600	\$14,593,065	76.67	Y	
5	Cuyahoga Falls	Portage Trail Improvements	2nd St to 13th St	0.93	Reconstruction, replace signals with preemption and coordination, Ped signals with audible assistance, water/sewer improvements	\$9,234,886	\$320,000	\$5,680,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$20,693,065	76.29	Y	
6	Mogadore	SR 532/Mogadore Rd	SR 532/Mogadore Rd Intersection	0.28	Upgrade signal, add EB and SB right turn lanes, lengthen NB, EB, & SB left turn lanes; adjust curb radii and stop bar placement	\$2,319,285	\$172,000	\$1,474,308	\$100,000	\$1,746,308	\$23,879,373	73.00	Y	
7	Summit County	Killian/Pickle Roundabout	Killian/Pickle Intersection	0.35	One lane roundabout	\$4,612,500	\$40,000	\$1,300,000	\$100,000	\$1,440,000	\$22,133,065	71.34	Y	121287
8	Fairlawn	SR 18 Corridor	Smith Rd to N. Revere Rd	1.77	Complete streets-Ped refuge islands, trail improvements, crosswalk visibility enhancements. Also, access management, lighting improvements, improved turn lanes	\$8,019,655	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$29,979,373	71.00	Y	
9	Portage County	SR 44 Corridor	600' south of Tallmadge Rd to Rootstown School north drive/NEOMED central drive	0.54	Signal upgrades, roundabout at NEOMED south drive, lane reconfigurations, midblock crossing with RRFB and refuge island, reconfigure Cook Rd realign to SR 44, sidewalks, access management	\$7,970,000	\$320,000	\$5,680,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$36,079,373	68.14	Y	
10	Twinsburg	Citywide Signals	All existing traffic signals	N/A	Upgrade/replace all traffic signals with ADA improvements	\$9,047,312	\$0	\$5,880,753	\$0	\$5,880,753	\$41,960,126	68.00		
11	Munroe Falls	SR 91/Northmoreland Rd Signal Improvements	SR 91/Northmoreland Rd	0.00	Upgrade signal, add sidewalk and curb ramps at intersection	\$804,054	\$0	\$593,263	\$74,158	\$667,421	\$42,627,547	66.00	Y	
12	Hudson	Ravenna St/Stow Rd	Ravenna St/Stow Rd intersection	0.06	Single lane roundabout	\$3,124,000	\$132,000	\$1,817,600	\$100,000	\$2,049,600	\$44,677,147	63.96	Y	
13	Tallmadge	East Ave Phase 2	Community Road to N Munroe Rd	1.00	Add TWLTL, sidewalks where missing	\$8,902,535	\$666,800	\$5,333,200	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$50,777,147	56.41	Y	
14	Norton	SR 21 Phase 1	Eastern Rd to Greenwich Rd	2.53	Reconstruction with drainage	\$13,326,037	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$56,877,147	56.00	Y	
15	Stow	Graham Rd Upgrade Phase 1	SR 91 to Liberty Rd	1.00	Add TWLTL, add sidewalks along north side, curbs, handicap ramps, storm sewer improvements, and bus shelters	\$6,819,819	\$600,000	\$4,775,855	\$100,000	\$5,475,855	\$62,353,002	55.00	Y	
16	Macedonia	SR 8 & Highland Intersection	Highland Rd from SR 8 to S Bedford Rd; S Bedford Rd from Highland Rd to Blue Jay Trail	0.75	Intersection improvement at Highland Rd and SR 8 by installing a new signal and constructing new westbound and eastbound turn lanes along Highland Rd and constructing a new dedicated right turn lane on S Bedford Rd at Highland Rd. Includes new sidewalks on the west side of S Bedford Rd and a new signal at the Highland/S Bedford Rd intersection.	\$4,961,623	\$0	\$1,232,394	\$100,000	\$1,332,394	\$63,685,396	47.00	Y	121067
16	Stow	Fishcreek Rd/Stow Rd Improvement	Fishcreek Rd/Stow Rd	0.42	Improve sidewalks, add turn lanes, improve signals	\$2,246,952	\$160,000	\$1,540,000	\$100,000	\$1,800,000	\$65,485,396	47.00	Y	
18	Rittman	College St Reconstruction	Main St to Industrial St	0.31	Reconstruction with traffic control, curbs, and storm sewer	\$2,152,313	\$0	\$1,537,366	\$100,000	\$1,637,366	\$67,122,762	40.39	Y	
19	Stow	Norton Rd Reconstruction	Hudson Dr to 500' west of SR 91	0.57	Reconstruction. Widen to standard widths, eliminate vertical and horizontal profile issues, Bike and Hike tunnel added to extend path	\$9,817,749	\$800,000	\$5,200,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$73,222,762	34.18	Y	
20	Norton	SR 21 Phase 2	Greenwich Rd to Kempfill Rd	2.53	Reconstruction with drainage	\$13,889,830	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$79,322,762	32.00	Y	
21	Streetsboro	Frost Rd Phase 2	Phillip Parkway to SR 43	1.50	Add TWLTL and sidewalk along north side	\$9,867,433	\$800,000	\$5,200,000	\$100,000	\$6,100,000	\$85,422,762	31.60	Y	
22	Rittman	Sunset Dr Reconstruction	Main St to Gish Rd	0.45	Reconstruction with curb ramps, sidewalks, and drainage systems	\$3,538,616	\$0	\$2,549,293	\$100,000	\$2,649,293	\$88,072,055	30.44	Y	
23	Hudson	Barlow Rd (W)/Terex Rd	Barlow Rd (W)/Terex Rd intersection	0.38	Signal upgrades and add NB & SB left turn lanes	\$2,487,000	\$0	\$1,592,000	\$100,000	\$1,692,000	\$89,764,055	30.12	Y	



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-02**

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

**Approving New Projects to be Funded under AMATS Resurfacing 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 areas 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 Resurfacing STBG Projects (See Table 2 for a full description)

1. <b>Portage St/Summit St</b> , Portage County Engineers	\$1,100,000
2. <b>Graham Rd</b> , Cuyahoga Falls	\$864,844
3. <b>Lake, Park, Main, Springfield</b> , Lakemore	\$932,000
4. <b>Sterling Rd/Calaboone Rd/Edwards Rd</b> , Wayne County Engineers	\$1,011,246
5. <b>Arlington Rd Pt 1</b> , Summit County Engineers	\$1,100,000
6. <b>Portage St/Church St</b> , Doylestown	\$1,096,000
7. <b>Robinson Ave</b> , Barberton	\$1,100,000
8. <b>Clinton Rd</b> , Clinton	\$784,382
9. <b>Chamberlin Rd</b> , Twinsburg	\$900,000
10. <b>E Exchange St</b> , Akron	\$1,100,000
11. <b>Boston Mills Rd</b> , Hudson	\$1,100,000
12. <b>Fishcreek Rd</b> , Stow	\$1,100,000
13. <b>College St</b> , Rittman	\$464,576
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,653,048</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Involvement Committee held a meeting on February 5, 2026 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**, this Committee has determined that the effects of these projects are consistent with *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, which requires that AMATS shall not, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, exclude anyone from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and,

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-02 (Continued)**

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found these projects to be consistent with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 thirteen 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 February 5, 2026 as adequately providing for public involvement.
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 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan.
5. That this Committee affirms conformity with Civil Rights requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 Transportation Policy Committee of the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study.

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William B. Judge, 2026 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

**Table 2 - 2025 Resurfacing Funding Program Project Summary**

Funds to be programmed in FY 2030 and FY 2031

Priority Project cap is \$1,000,000, \$1,100,000 with PDIP (PS&amp;E due Jan 2028 with Feb 2026 approval)

Project cap is \$800,000, \$900,000 with PDIP (PS&amp;E due Jan 2028 with Feb 2026 approval)

**Updated 1-14-26**

RANK	SPONSOR	PROJECT	TERMINI	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	AMATS SBTG FUNDS REQUESTED (CONST. ONLY)	TRC FOR PDIP	TOTAL REQUESTED	RUNNING TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE	PDIP
1	Portage County	Portage St/Summit St Resurfacing	Prospect: Pershing Ave to Summit St; Summit: Lakewood Rd to Prospect St	3.34	Resurfacing	\$1,382,903	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	85.48	Y
2	Cuyahoga Falls	Graham Rd Resurfacing	State Rd to Bath Rd	1.00	Resurfacing	\$995,938	\$768,750	\$96,094	\$864,844	\$1,964,844	82.95	Y
3	Lakemore	Lake, Park, Main, Springfield Resurfacing	Sanitarium Rd to Canton Rd	0.73	Resurfacing	\$1,169,200	\$832,000	\$100,000	\$932,000	\$2,896,844	81.60	Y
4	Wayne County	Sterling Rd/Calaboone Rd/ Edwards Rd Resurfacing	Seville Rd to Rittman City W Limit; Doylestown Limit to SR 21	3.94	Resurfacing	\$1,139,058	\$911,246	\$100,000	\$1,011,246	\$3,908,090	81.21	Y
5	Summit County	Arlington Rd Pt 1 Resurfacing	Bridge at Tusc. River to Akron Corp (Bruce Rd)	0.83	Resurfacing	\$1,328,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$5,008,090	79.00	Y
6	Doylestown	Portage St/Church St Resurfacing	Portage: S Corp limit to N Corp limit; Church: N Portage St to Calaboone Rd	2.04	Resurfacing	\$1,294,900	\$996,000	\$100,000	\$1,096,000	\$6,104,090	78.05	Y
7	Barberton	Robinson Ave Resurfacing	Van Buren Ave to State St	1.60	Resurfacing	\$1,873,790	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$7,204,090	77.99	Y
8	Clinton	Clinton Rd Resurfacing	W village limit to Cleveland Masillon Rd	0.96	Resurfacing	\$916,536	\$697,229	\$87,154	\$784,382	\$7,988,472	77.66	Y
9	Twinsburg	Chamberlin Rd Resurfacing	SR 82 to Ravenna Rd	2.18	Resurfacing	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$8,888,472	72.60	Y
10	Akron	E Exchange St Resurfacing	Fountain St to E Market St	0.76	Resurfacing	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$9,988,472	71.65	Y
11	Hudson	Boston Mills Rd Resurfacing	W Corp limit to SR 303	2.30	Resurfacing	\$1,325,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$11,088,472	68.93	Y
12	Stow	Fishcreek Rd Resurfacing	Kent Rd to Graham Rd	0.87	Resurfacing	\$1,441,995	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$12,188,472	67.00	Y
13	Rittman	College St Resurfacing	Main St to Industrial St	0.31	Resurfacing	\$541,195	\$412,956	\$51,620	\$464,576	\$12,653,048	66.39	Y
14	Summit County	Arlington Pt 3 Resurfacing	Green N Corp Limit to Killian Rd	0.58	Resurfacing	\$928,000	\$742,400	\$92,800	\$835,200	\$13,488,248	66.00	Y
15	Portage County	Waterloo Rd Section K Resurfacing	US 224 to Industry Rd	1.07	Resurfacing	\$595,018	\$476,014	\$59,502	\$535,516	\$14,023,764	65.49	Y
16	Portage County	Waterloo Rd Section L-M Resurfacing	Industry Rd to SR 183	2.44	Resurfacing	\$1,307,691	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$14,923,764	65.17	Y
17	Barberton	Wooster Rd W Resurfacing	Johnson Rd to 31st St SW	0.29	Resurfacing	\$502,615	\$382,092	\$47,762	\$429,854	\$15,353,618	64.47	Y
18	Summit County	Arlington Pt 2 Resurfacing	Killian Rd to Bridge at Tusc River	0.70	Resurfacing	\$1,120,000	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$16,253,618	64.00	Y
19	Barberton	5th St (SR 619) Resurfacing	Lockwood Rd to E Baird Ave	0.92	Resurfacing	\$1,801,525	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$17,153,618	63.32	Y
20	Green	Arlington Rd Resurfacing	SR 619 to North corp limit	0.96	Resurfacing	\$1,800,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$18,253,618	62.00	Y
21	Cuyahoga Falls	Riverview Rd Resurfacing	S Corp line to N Corp Line	2.80	Resurfacing	\$1,739,510	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$19,153,618	61.17	Y
22	Akron	Lakeshore Resurfacing	Ira Ave to South St	0.51	Resurfacing	\$1,800,000	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$20,053,618	59.53	Y
23	Macedonia	N Bedford Rd Resurfacing	SR 82 to Ledger Rd	1.49	Resurfacing	\$810,419	\$608,335	\$76,042	\$684,377	\$20,737,995	58.72	Y
24	Cuyahoga Falls	Wyoga Lake Rd Resurfacing	Graham Rd to Steels Corners Rd	1.47	Resurfacing	\$866,563	\$665,251	\$83,156	\$748,407	\$21,486,402	57.56	Y
25	Barberton	Hudson Run Resurfacing	Wooster Rd w to 21st St SW	0.50	Resurfacing	\$690,145	\$532,116	\$66,515	\$598,631	\$22,085,033	57.24	Y
26	Fairlawn	Ridgewood Rd Resurfacing	West of Jacoby Rd to Miller Rd	0.83	Resurfacing	\$751,101	\$578,081	\$72,260	\$650,341	\$22,735,374	56.97	Y
27	Barberton	6th St Resurfacing	Wooster Rd W to W Hopocan Ave	0.39	Resurfacing	\$894,500	\$695,600	\$86,950	\$782,550	\$23,517,924	55.87	Y
28	Twinsburg	Glenwood Dr Resurfacing	SR 91 to Liberty Rd	1.06	Resurfacing	\$785,000	\$628,000	\$78,500	\$706,500	\$24,224,424	55.64	Y
29	Barberton	8th St Resurfacing	Wooster Rd W to W Hopocan Ave	0.39	Resurfacing	\$879,130	\$683,304	\$85,413	\$768,717	\$24,993,141	54.76	Y
30	Hudson	Hines Hill Rd Resurfacing	W Corp limit to north side drive of parcel #3009800	0.90	Resurfacing	\$651,000	\$520,800	\$65,100	\$585,900	\$25,579,041	54.24	Y
31	Boston Heights	Olde Eight Rd Resurfacing	SR 303 to Boston Mills Rd	1.73	Resurfacing	\$1,560,242	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$26,679,041	53.55	Y
32	Rittman	State St Resurfacing	Grant St to Ohio Ave	0.16	Resurfacing	\$325,630	\$240,504	\$30,063	\$270,567	\$26,949,608	51.22	Y
33	Streetsboro	Seasons Rd Resurfacing	Ravenna Rd to SR 43	2.80	Resurfacing	\$2,789,660	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$28,049,608	47.34	Y
34	Green	Greensburg Rd Resurfacing	Lauby Rd to East corp limit	0.98	Resurfacing	\$700,000	\$520,000	\$65,000	\$585,000	\$28,634,608	44.96	Y
35	Boston Heights	Akron Cleveland Rd Resurfacing	Boston Heights S Corp to SR 303	0.15	Resurfacing	\$831,974	\$637,579	\$79,697	\$717,276	\$29,351,884	42.29	Y
36	Summit County	Krumroy Pt 3 Resurfacing	Pickle Rd to Massillon Rd	0.50	Resurfacing	\$633,000	\$480,000	\$60,000	\$540,000	\$29,891,884	41.70	Y
37	Summit County	Krumroy Pt 1 Resurfacing	Arlington Rd to Knight Rd/Marvo Dr	0.60	Resurfacing	\$754,000	\$576,000	\$72,000	\$648,000	\$30,539,884	41.65	Y
38	Summit County	Krumroy Pt 2 Resurfacing	Knight Rd/Marvo Dr to Pickle Rd	0.40	Resurfacing	\$513,000	\$384,000	\$48,000	\$432,000	\$30,971,884	41.33	Y
39	Streetsboro	Aurora Hudson Rd Resurfacing	W Corp Limit to I-480 bridge (west side slab)	0.77	Resurfacing	\$1,141,155	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$31,871,884	35.52	Y

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-03**

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

**Approving New Projects to be Funded under AMATS Transportation Alternatives Set  
Aside Program (TASA) 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 areas 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 TASA Projects (See Table 3 for a full description)

1. <b>Rubber City Heritage Trail Ph 4</b> , Akron	\$1,100,000
2. <b>Graham Rd Connectivity</b> , Stow	\$1,080,000
3. <b>Steese Rd Sidewalk Extension</b> , Green	\$1,000,000
4. <b>Veterans Rails to Trails</b> , Hudson	\$1,100,000
5. <b>Schocalog to Sand Sun Greenway Ph 1</b> , Fairlawn	<u>\$627,604</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,907,604</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Involvement Committee held a meeting on February 5, 2026 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**, this Committee has determined that the effects of these projects are consistent with *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, which requires that AMATS shall not, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, exclude anyone from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found these projects to be consistent with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 five previously described projects with federal TASA funds suballocated to the AMATS Policy Committee.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-03 (Continued)**

2. That this Committee considers the Citizens Involvement Committee meeting held on February 5, 2026 as adequately providing for public involvement.
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 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan.
5. That this Committee affirms conformity with Civil Rights requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 Transportation Policy Committee of the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study.

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William B. Judge, 2026 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

**Table 3 - 2025 TASA Funding Program Project Summary**

Funds to be programmed in FY 2030 and FY 2031

Project cap is \$1 million, \$1.1 million with PDIP (PS&E due Jan 2028 with Feb 2026 approval)

Updated 1-15-26

RANK	SPONSOR	PROJECT	LOCATION & TERMINI	LENGTH (MILES)	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	AMATS FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED							RUNNING COST	TOTAL SCORE	PDIP
							PE	DD	R/W	CONST	PDIP	TOTAL				
1	Akron	Rubber City Heritage Trail PH 4	Brown/Johnston St to Lafollette St	0.53	Multi-use trail	\$3,263,000	\$167,620	\$29,580	\$0	\$802,800	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	87	Y	
2	Stow	Graham Rd Connectivity	Liberty Rd to Larry Saltis Dr (map has Baird to Fishcreek)	0.57	10' multi-use path	\$2,557,351	\$0	\$0	\$360,000	\$640,000	\$80,000	\$1,080,000	\$2,180,000	74	Y	
3	Green	Steese Rd Sidewalk Extension	Greenwood Dr to Springdale Rd	0.40	8' walk on the north side of Steese Rd	\$1,857,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$3,180,000	70	N	
4	Hudson	Veterans Rails to Trails	Barlow Rd to Veterans Way Park	1.10	10' multi-use trail	\$1,416,000	\$60,000	\$84,000	\$0	\$856,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$4,280,000	69	Y	
5	Fairlawn	Schocalog to Sand Run Greenway Ph 1	Rosemont Preserve Trailhead to Summit Mall	0.56	10' sidepath	\$832,338	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$557,870	\$69,734	\$627,604	\$4,907,604	67	Y	
6	Streetsboro	SR 303 Sidewalks	Mount Vernon Dr to Page Rd	1.00	Sidewalk	\$2,173,423	\$0	\$0	\$149,600	\$850,400	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$5,907,604	64	N	
7	Akron	Akron-Peninsula Rd Multi-use Trail	West Portage Trail to 4700' NW to Riverwood Public Preserve	0.89	11' multi-use path	\$2,975,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$500,000	\$420,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$7,007,604	62	Y	
7	Silver Lake	Kent Rd Sidewalk	South side of Kent Rd from west village limit to Church St and Thomas Dr to east village limit	0.50	Sidewalk	\$846,580	\$0	\$39,280	\$0	\$637,984	\$79,748	\$757,012	\$7,764,616	62	Y	
9	Summit Metro Parks	Silver Creek Metro Park-Towpath Trail Connector Ph 1	Trolley Line Park to Lake Dorothy and a spur to Silver Creek Metro Park	2.70	10' Multi-use trail	\$1,936,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$8,764,616	55	N	

**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 2026-04 - Approving Amendment #7 to the FY 2026-2029  
Transportation Improvement Program to revise funding and year for one  
project.

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

The following change has been requested to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2026-2029:

Revise funding:

1. **POR SR 59 2.93 (PID 118500)** – Add \$2 million of safety funding in FY 2028 towards construction. Also, move all other construction funding from FY 2027 to FY 2028. This project reduces lane widths, widens sidewalks, upgrades signal, and adds other pedestrian and transit improvements.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2026-04. This Resolution approves the amendment to the FY 2026-2029 TIP. The Staff recommends approval.

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-04**

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

Approving Amendment #7 to the AMATS Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026-2029 to revise funding and year for one project.

**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 Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026-2029 to add one project and add right-of-way phase funding to one project:

2. **POR SR 59 2.93 (PID 118500)** – Add \$2 million of safety funding in FY 2028 towards construction. Also, move all other construction funding from FY 2027 to FY 2028. This project reduces lane widths, widens sidewalks, upgrades signal, and adds other pedestrian and transit improvements.

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

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

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has determined that the effects of this amendment are consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which requires that AMATS shall not, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, exclude anyone from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found this amendment to be consistent with Transportation Outlook 2050, the current regional transportation plan, and with the availability of federal funds forecasted for the AMATS area.

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

1. That this Committee amends the AMATS Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026-2029 as previously specified.



## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-04 (Continued)**

2. That this Committee considers the Citizens Involvement Committee meeting held on February 5, 2026 as adequately providing for public involvement.
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 2050, the regional transportation plan.
5. That this Committee affirms consistency with Civil Rights requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook 2050, 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 Transportation Policy Committee of the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study.

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William B. Judge, 2026 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date

2026 - 2029 AMATS Highway TIP - AMENDMENT 7 (Resolution 2026-04)													
Map ID	PID	Project Name	Sponsoring Agency	Work Type	Project Termini	Project Description	Phase	Year (SFY)	Fund Type	Fund estimate	Total Project Estimate	Air Quality Status	Performance Measures
24	118500	POR SR 0059 02.93	Kent	Roadway Improvement (Safety)	POR SR 59 from 2.925 to 3.797	Roadway improvements to SR 59 in the city of Kent and Franklin Township. Includes reducing lane widths, extending and widening sidewalks, new ADA curb ramps and mid-block pedestrian crossings, new ADA accessible bus stops and shelters and upgrading pedestrian signal heads with audible countdown timers.	DD	2026	Safety	\$95,069.70	<del>9081733</del> <b>\$9,380,955.22</b>	Exempt	Pavement (Non-Interstate NHS), Safety
									Local	\$10,563.30			
							RW	2026	Preservation	\$9,600.00			
									State	\$2,400.00			
							CO	2027 <b>2028</b>	MPO STBG	\$3,212,000.00			
									Safety	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>			
									State	\$535,000.00			
									Local	<del>2673000</del> <b>\$2,895,222.22</b>			

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

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

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

**FROM:** AMATS Staff

**RE:** Resolution 2026-05 – To Add Ohio Workforce Mobility Funds for METRO RTA (FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #8)

**DATE:** January 28, 2025

Executive Summary

This memorandum discusses a TIP amendment to add funds for two new projects for METRO RTA in FY 2026.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Transit awards grants annually through its Ohio Workforce Mobility Program (OWMP).

The purpose of the OWMP is to support transit related projects in rural and urban areas of Ohio that will directly, or indirectly, increase the ease and efficiency by which they can transport resident workforce members to economically significant employment centers or to places of employment both inside and outside of their resident community.

On November 14, 2025, the ODOT Office of Transit awarded \$13.5 million statewide for work-related transportation projects. Funds will go to 28 public transportation projects designed to increase the ease and efficiency of moving residents to economically significant employment centers or places of work outside their home communities.

As part of this latest round of funding, METRO RTA was awarded \$2,853,870 in federal funds in FY 2026 for two projects. These federal funds are ODOT-attributable highway funds flexed over for transit use.

Consequently, METRO is requesting that these additional funds be added to the TIP.

METRO RTA is requesting the following addition to the TIP:

**- Add a Project for the Construction of Two Enhanced Passenger Shelters (PID 125296)**

METRO requests the addition of \$2,853,870 in federal funds for the construction of two new enhanced passenger shelters. The funds were recently awarded through ODOT Office of Transit's Ohio Workforce Mobility Program. The new enhanced passenger

shelter/waiting area locations will be in Akron (\$1,190,492 in federal funds) and Barberton (\$1,663,378 in federal funds). The local share contribution is \$713,650, to match the federal amount. The total project cost for this new PID is \$3,567,520. The projects will be scheduled in fiscal year 2026.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

As with all TIP amendments, considerations with respect to consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, financial capability, air quality conformity, public involvement, and civil rights are important.

### **Regional Transportation Plan**

The projects proposed in this amendment are consistent with *Transportation Outlook 2050*, the area's Regional Transportation Plan.

### **Financial Capability**

With respect to financial capability, there are sufficient funds available for this amendment.

### **Air Quality**

The project can be viewed as either exempt from air quality or has been analyzed as part of the air quality networks and has resulted in a finding of compliance with the Clean Air Act. Therefore, this amendment will not affect adversely the air quality conformity approval of *Transportation Outlook* or the TIP.

### **Public Involvement**

The Staff is recommending that the Policy Committee consider this action as not regionally significant. As a result, the modified procedures in the AMATS *Public Participation Plan (3P)* are appropriate.

### **Civil Rights**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that AMATS shall not, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, exclude anyone from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. This requirement also applies to recipients of federal funds, such as METRO RTA.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Attached to this memo is Resolution 2026-05. This resolution approves the requested changes to FY 2026 of the AMATS Transportation Improvement Program as described above. The Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-05**

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

**TO ADD OHIO WORKFORCE MOBILITY FUNDS FOR METRO RTA (FY 2026-2029  
TIP AMENDMENT #8)**

**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 area's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

**WHEREAS**, METRO RTA provides public transportation services in the AMATS area; and

**WHEREAS**, METRO RTA intends to maintain their capital assets in a state of good repair as described more fully in their Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, METRO RTA is an eligible recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program funds; and

**WHEREAS**, METRO RTA is an eligible recipient of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds flexed over for transit use; and

**WHEREAS**, METRO RTA is an eligible recipient of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds flexed over for transit use; and

**WHEREAS**, METRO RTA is an eligible recipient of state of Ohio General Revenue Funds (GRF); and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with *Transportation Outlook 2050*, the area's current Regional Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects have been determined to be in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee has determined that the effects of this amendment are consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which requires that AMATS shall not, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, exclude anyone from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-05 Continued**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That this Committee amends the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as previously specified in the attached memorandum.
2. That this Committee affirms that the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program is in reasonable fiscal constraint.
3. That this Committee affirms consistency with *Transportation Outlook*, the Regional Transportation Plan.
4. That this Committee reaffirms the air quality conformity determination of *Transportation Outlook*.
5. That this Committee considers the necessary public involvement has been carried out as described in the AMATS *Public Participation Plan (3P)*.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with civil rights requirements.
7. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee of the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study.

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William B. Judge, 2026 Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

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Date