

Funding is now available in Stark County for locally-selected **Community Transportation Planning Studies**



Eligible Applicants:

Public agencies including political subdivisions, boards, commissions, and regional transit authorities (See ORC 5501.03 D) within Stark County.

The Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS), as part of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC), is making funds available for locally selected Community Transportation Planning Studies to encourage effective planning and improve multi-modal transportation throughout Stark County.

The studies will provide local governments the opportunity to select among a variety of transportation issues including safety, economic development, accessibility and multi-modal needs, and historic and environmental transportation matters for study within their community.



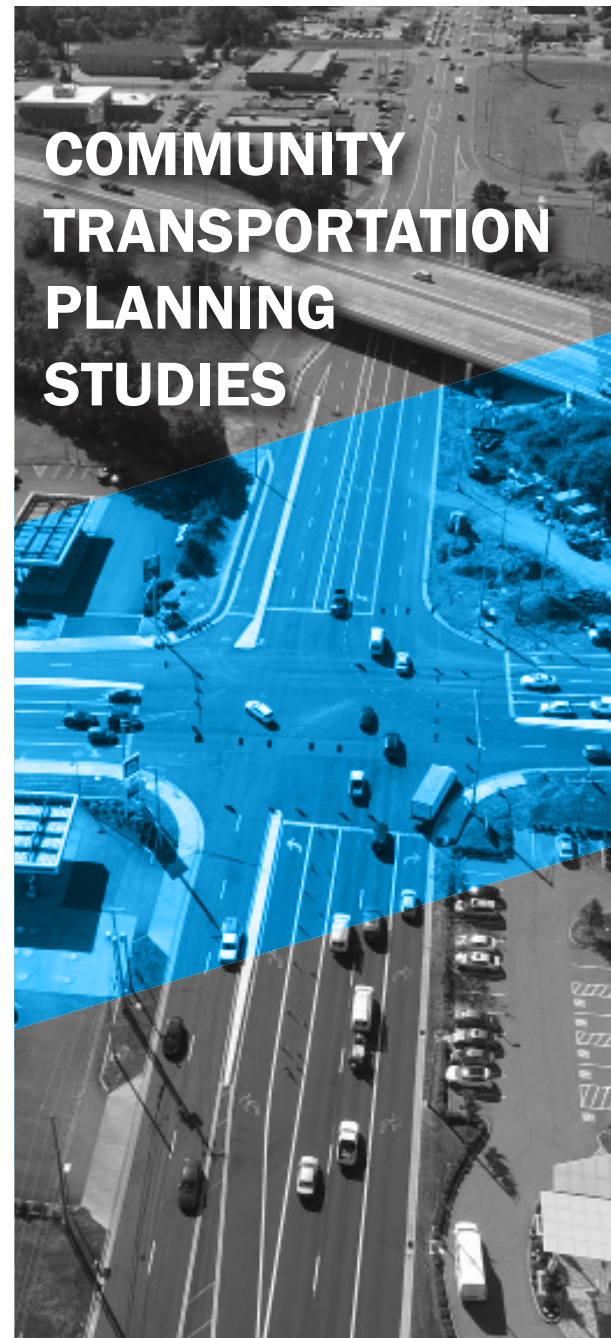
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Ohio Department of Transportation Notice:

The utilization of Federal transportation planning funds for studies in programs such as this may, dependent upon the extent of involvement of the applicant(s), subject both SCATS and the awardee(s) to auditing requirements related to 2 CFR Part 200, particularly, §200.330 Subrecipient and contractor determinations and §200.331 Requirements for pass-through entities.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDIES



Stark County Area Transportation Study



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Eligible Types of Plans & Studies:

Safety-related transportation needs

- High accident intersections and/or roads can be studied to identify improvements.
- School Travel Plans, which are required by ODOT for Safe Routes to School grants.
- Pedestrians and vehicles sometimes don't mix. Find solutions to road crossings and other areas that are dangerous for pedestrians and/or cyclists.

Economic development planning

- Residential and/or commercial development can result in congested roads. Planning ahead can identify potential problems before they happen.
- Roads, developed when areas required additional capacity, can be "downsized", reducing maintenance costs while also improving their design.
- Congestion on roads impedes the flow of goods, customers, and employees. Planning can identify solutions and costs allowing you to budget future projects.
- A general plan can identify multimodal and/or sustainable options to improve movement.
- Enhance travel and tourism opportunities.

Planning to increase or improve accessibility and mobility options

- Communitywide or corridor plans can show how to gradually implement improvements.
- Designing roads to meet multiple needs can make traveling safer for more users and encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transportation.
- Costs and requirements for maintaining road systems can overwhelm resources. A pavement condition study of your roads can prioritize work.

Sensitive environmental areas or historic transportation resources

- Find solutions to improve sensitive environments impacted by your community's transportation.
- Preserve and/or interpret historic transportation resources.
- Improve resiliency and reliability.
- Reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation.

Meeting SCAT's Long-Range Goals:

The study should assist in meeting the long-range goals of the Stark County Area Transportation Study, which include:



Prioritize funding for system preservation, implement Intelligent Transportation System strategies such as congestion management, safety planning, and mobility management.



Provide a multi-modal transportation system, including modal choices such as:

- Pedestrian access, bikeways, mass transit, rail, and air facilities,
- Support the objectives of the Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan and SARTA's continued curb to curb programs to serve transit dependent persons,
- Encourage the development and creation of scenic improvements, historic improvements, and pedestrian and bike trails,
- Structure new subdivisions to include pedestrian and bicycle facilities (sidewalks and trails), tying into the countywide trail system where possible,
- Provide for pedestrian friendly transportation systems where appropriate, in response to new demographics and special needs.



Provide a congestion free transportation system. Work cooperatively with appropriate agencies to create and implement countywide access management regulations and address existing congestion before building new roads in undeveloped areas.

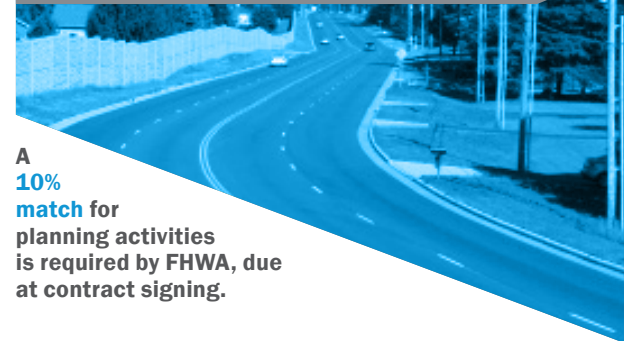


Provide an efficient, safe, reliable, resilient and secure transportation system. Identify and target high crash locations for safety improvements; implement intelligent transportation systems; consult with appropriate agencies to provide for a secure transportation system.



Provide an economically and environmentally sound transportation system, including enhancing travel and tourism. Develop fiscally constrained transportation plans and programs; monitor and assess the cost effectiveness of transportation system components; ensure projects are sensitive to social, economic and environmental effects; encourage projects and programs that minimize the transportation system's impacts on air and water quality (as well as storm water) and noise.

Timeline & Details:



A 10% match for planning activities is required by FHWA, due at contract signing.

Joint applications are allowed and non-eligible entities can partner with an eligible entity. The eligible/primary applicant should complete the application.

SCATS dedicates funds to be available each fiscal year to conduct community transportation studies. Individual studies will be capped at \$30,000 in funding. The number of studies awarded each year will depend on the cost of proposals received and the availability of SCATS funds.

The SCATS Policy Committee and Regional Planning Commission will review the study proposals for approval and develop and solicit the RFQ with participation from the selected study participant (applicant).

SCATS will select the consultant and develop the consultant contract with the participation of the study participant.

The application can be downloaded from:

www.starkcountyohio.gov/transportation



Note On Ineligible Types of Activities:

These funds are for planning purposes only, including conceptual designs, cost estimates, etc. Preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, and detailed design are some of the costs that are not allowed.