What is an MPO?

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is a federally mandated and funded transportation policy-making organization made up of representatives from local government and transportation authorities. The five core functions of an MPO include:

- Establish a setting for regional decision making
- Evaluate transportation alternatives
- Maintain a Long Range Transportation Plan
- Develop a Transportation Improvement Plan
- Involve the public

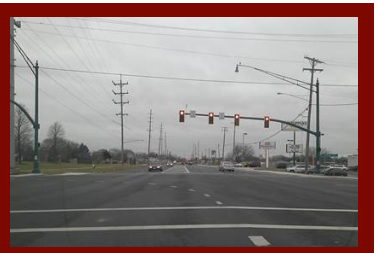
MPO's ensure that existing and future expenditures of federal funding are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process.

Downtown Vermilion- Streetscape Improvements

Lions Park- Walking Trail

Funding

An MPO does not have the authority to raise revenues or levy taxes. They are designed to allow collaboration between local officials on how to spend federal and other governmental transportation funds. Funding for the MPO is a combination of federal transportation funds and matching funds from state and local governments that is typically an 80/20 ratio.

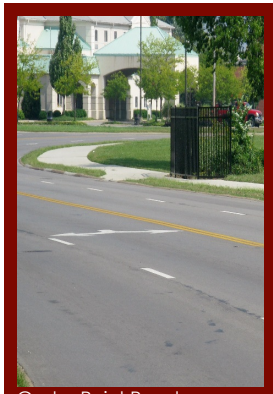


US 250 and Strub Road Improvements

Policy Committee

Typically the governing structure of an MPO includes a policy committee, which is the decision-making body. Which is an example of regional cooperation at it's best. The Policy Committee is supported by a variety of committees and professional staff and can be made up of many different individuals such as:

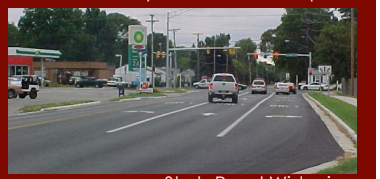
- Elected or appointed officials from local jurisdictions
- Representatives of different transportation modes
- State and Federal agency officials
- Staff advisors from state departments of transportation



Cedar Point Road

Hayes Avenue Underpass

Downtown Sandusky Flower Planters



Strub Road Widening

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC is an advisory body to the Policy Committee in technical transportation issues. Committee members specialize in topics such as:

- Planning
- Analysis tasks
- Transportation projects

The TAC makes recommendations to the Policy Committee.

Citizens Advisory(CAC) & Safety Committee

The CAC is a link to the community, ensuring that the MPO has communication with the public. The Safety Committee is a link to the primary bodies representing the public safety community. Committee members ensure that all matters of safety are taken into account.

Professional Staff

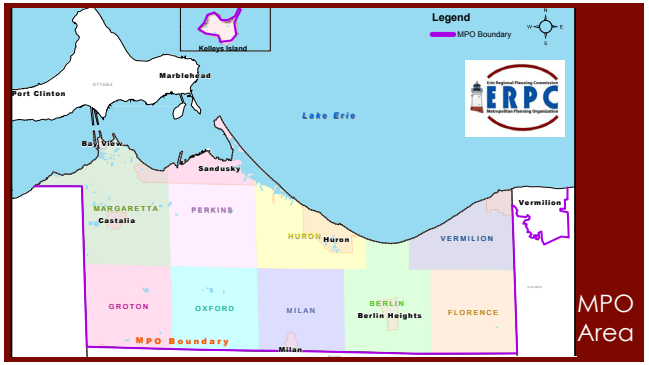
MPOs retain a core staff, referred to as the "Handling Agency". They are responsible for assisting the Policy Committee through the complexity of the planning process to ensure that it meets all federal and state requirements. Erie County Regional Planning serves as the handling agency.

First Street Improvements

River Road Resurfacing

ERPC MPO

Formed in 2003, the Erie Regional Planning Commission MPO region includes all of Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion. The MPO is made up of a core group of support staff and is governed by the policy committee. ERPC coordinates with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FWHA) for projects and funding sources. Current committees include the Policy Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the the Citizens Advisory/Safety Committee.



MPO Activities

- Short Range Planning
- Long Range Planning
- Active Transportation Program
- Safety Reports
- Specialized Transportation Program
- Traffic Count Data

Types of Documents

- 2014 Bike and Pedestrian Plan
- 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
- 2015 Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Corridor Management Plan
- 2013 Sidewalk Inventory
- 2013 Freight Plan

Erie County Regional Profile

Population	82,991
Total Households	32,000
Total Employment	36,000
Average Family Size	2.58
Median Household Income	$49,977
Total Miles of Roadways	804
Total Miles of Bikeways	26
Annual Transit Ridership	190,300
Average Travel Time To Work	19 mins

Source: 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Largest Employers

Firelands Regional Medical Center
Kalahari Resort and Convention Center
Automotive Components Holdings
Cedar Fair Parks

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"The MPO promotes a regional perspective towards transportation planning and has the responsibility for planning, programming, and coordinating federal investments and state and local partnerships to provide transportation improvement."