

PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The following section highlights recommendations for addressing identified needs, which resulted from data analysis performed by Buckeye Hills, input from stakeholders, cooperation from transportation committees, and local citizens.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS (WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS)

- Implement criteria and a prioritization process for funding future projects
- Develop a four-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Create a comprehensive regional transportation resource for stakeholders
- Create a coordinated transit plan for Meigs and Noble counties
- Develop and conduct Driver Awareness Campaigns
- Improve and iterate the Future Conditions Survey
- Coordinate transit stops near or around multi-use paths
- Pursue at least four, safety studies for further consideration of ODOT safety funds
- Continue to educate government representatives and agencies on need for a regional transportation system planning
- Develop and maintain databases and identify data gaps

LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS (UP TO 2040)

- Pursue the development of a public port within the region
- Address the Top 25 safety locations and projects in the region
- Replace the majority of bridges over 100 years old
- Replace structurally deficient bridges near activity centers
- Create a Regional Coordinated Freight Plan
- Implementation of 286,000 pound railroad track capability
- Engage Federal officials on the advantage of upgrading locks and dams in the regions' areas on the Ohio River to further economic development
- Establish a fully regional coordinated transit plan, and increase operations
- Connect multi-use trials across the region

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Buckeye Hills' staff understand the recommendation and needs within the comprehensive transportation plan may not be completely fruitful unless a long term solution for transportation funding is adopted both on the National and State level. While the current funding programs in place have been successful and projects have been completed across the region, a long steady channel of funding needs to happen not only in the Buckeye Hills region, but all over the country. Until that happens, Buckeye Hills' board members, committee members, and all stakeholders will continue to educate and further the public outreach of state and federal officials for the transportation needs of the region.



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