

AMATS OVERVIEW



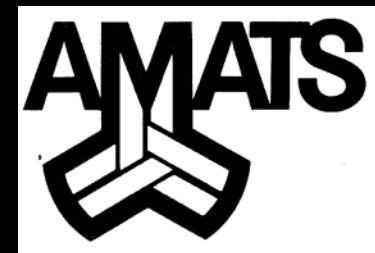
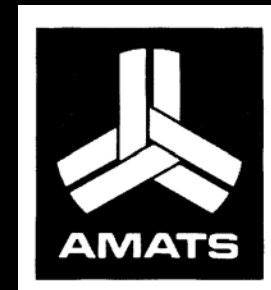
Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study

Policy Committee

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OVERVIEW

- Organization
- Responsibilities
- History



ORGANIZATION

- Policy Committee
 - Directs the regional transportation planning process
 - Adopts plans and policy documents
 - Authorizes federal funds for projects
 - Composed of 44 members
 - Municipalities
 - Counties
 - Transit agencies
 - ODOT

ORGANIZATION

- Staff
 - Prepares documents, reports, recommendations for Policy Committee action
 - Composed of 15 members (primarily planners and engineers)
- Advisory Committees
 - TAC
 - CIC

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Regional Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
 - Funding Policy
- Work Program and Budget

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- Provides long-term vision for transportation projects and policy in the region
- Updated every 4 years
- Extends 20 years into the future
- In order to receive Federal funds, projects **MUST** be consistent with the Plan

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

- Short-term (4-year) listing of transportation projects
- Updated every 2 years
- Must be consistent with the Plan
- Includes ALL federally-funded projects, regardless of whether AMATS funds were used
- AMATS receives \$20 million annually
 - Several different categories of USDOT funds

FUNDING POLICY

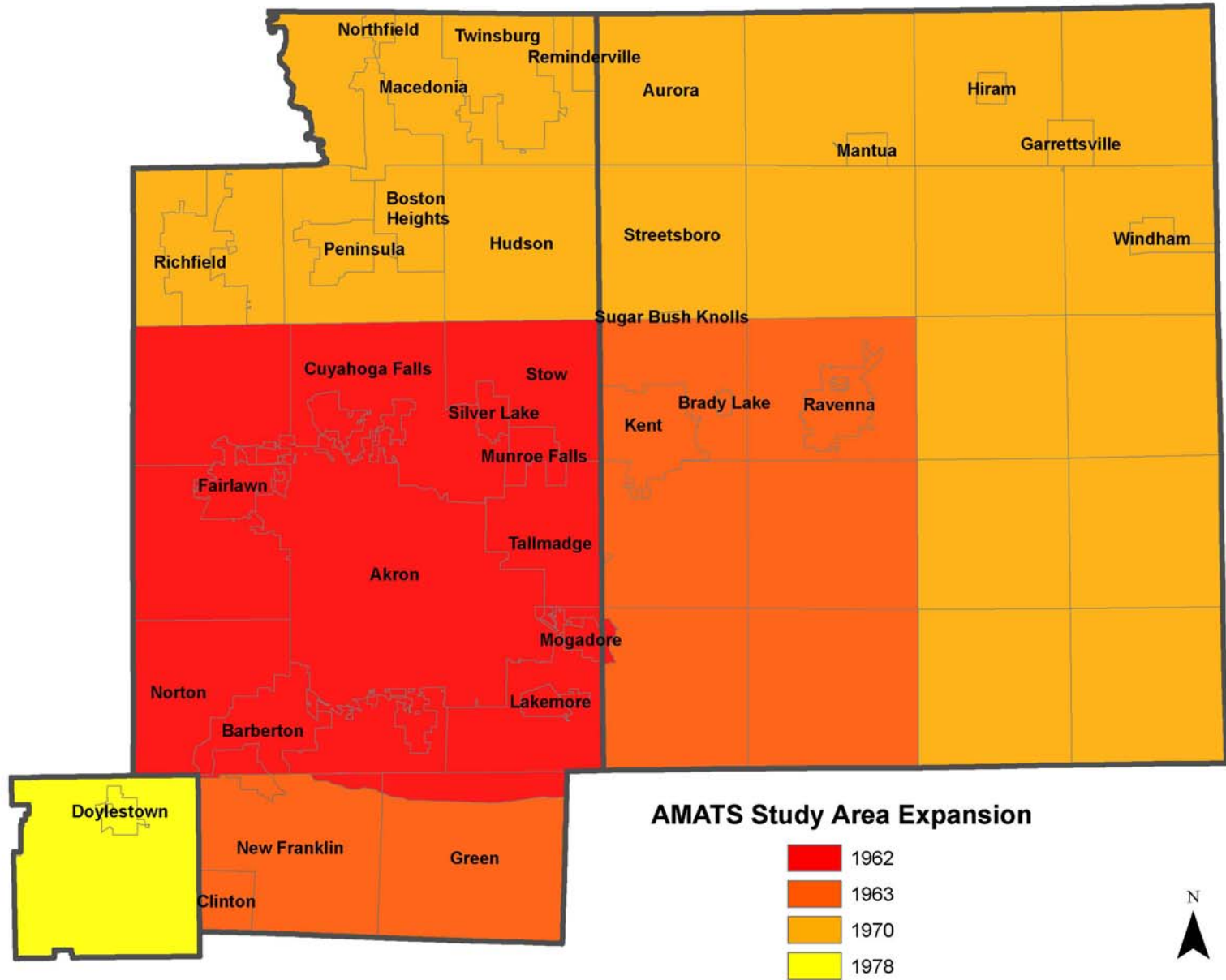
- Guides the use of AMATS funds
- 20% local match required
- Right-of-way and construction only
- Funding is capped by category
- Application process every two years

WORK PROGRAM & BUDGET

- Documents annual planning expenses
- Planning budget around \$1.5 million
- Planning funds
 - Federal (80%)
 - State (10%)
 - Local (10%)
- Submitted to and approved by ODOT

HISTORY

- 1960s
 - Federal-Aid Highway Act (1962)
 - Required all urbanized areas over 50,000 population to have a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - MPOs were created in order to ensure local control over Federal transportation dollars
 - AMATS was created in December 1962



HISTORY

- 1970s and 1980s
 - Federal Highway Act (1970)
 - Established federal-aid system
 - Allocated federal funds directly to MPOs
 - AMATS adopts first (1990) Regional Transportation Plan (1972)
 - AMATS adopts first TIP (1975)

HISTORY

- 1990s and 2000s
 - ISTEA (1991)
 - Changed funding mechanisms/categories
 - Issued new planning regulations
 - More responsibility for MPOs (air quality, major investment studies, financial constraint)
 - 2009 and Beyond
 - Infrastructure Stimulus Package
 - Transportation Reauthorization Bill

QUESTIONS?