



Mount Vernon

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NEWS ALERT: Survey to Help Improve Roadway Safety

Residents encouraged to participate; funds can be used for improvements

MOUNT VERNON, February 7, 2024 – The City of Mount Vernon and the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) are working with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to study roadway safety and develop a comprehensive safety action plan for rural Central Ohio.

Residents' feedback through a survey will help the City improve roadway safety for everyone in the community. The survey and more information about the planning process can be found on the CORPO website at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_N_ErIHmoC-bOk7sXO0fhGWqPwB8RJcvzVNCTeKrcZcfqkQ/viewform. City residents are encouraged to complete the survey, which will be open until February 16, 2024.

CORPO received a \$200,000 federal grant through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the seven-county CORPO planning area, which includes Knox County.

As part of this effort, CORPO has convened a stakeholder committee to oversee the planning process and is seeking public input regarding local road safety issues and opportunities to help identify key priorities for the plan. The planning process will also include review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users, such as motorists, motorcyclists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The planning process kicked off in the fall of 2023 with the goal to conclude this spring. Completion of the safety action plan will make local agencies within the CORPO planning area, like the City of Mount Vernon, eligible to apply for implementation funds through the SS4A program.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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