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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Thursday, January 12, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m. 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 1:31 p.m. 2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Matt Greeson (City of Worthington), MORPC Chair
- 1:35 p.m. 3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of **December 8, 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **Proposed Resolution 01-17: “Authorizing MORPC to enter into a contract for visual communication and graphic design services”**
- 1:36 p.m. 4. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **Monthly Report** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Member Services Coordinator

Committees

- 1:45 p.m. 5. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
- 1:50 p.m. a. **Local Government Energy Program** – Christina O’Keeffe, MORPC Energy & Air Quality Director
- 2:00 p.m. b. **Green Infrastructure Update** – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Environment Director
- 2:10 p.m. 6. **Building Committee** – Derrick Clay (Franklin County), Building Committee Chair
- 2:15 p.m. 7. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Steve Stolte (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair
- 2:20 p.m. 8. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Victor Paini (Madison Township) Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
- 2:25 p.m. 9. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Steve Campbell (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

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- a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Hill Brown & Ritter and Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director
- 10. Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Matt Greeson (City of Worthington), MORPC Chair
- 2:35 p.m. a. **Call to Order** – Matt Greeson (City of Worthington), MORPC Chair
- 2:36 p.m. b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
- Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director
- 2:40 p.m. c. **Consent Agenda**
- Approval of **December 8, 2016 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 2:41 p.m. d. **Freight Web Tool** – Nancy Reger, MORPC Regional Data & Mapping Director and Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director
- 2:50 p.m. e. **Coordinated Plan** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director
- 2:55 p.m. f. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Matt Greeson (City of Worthington), MORPC Chair
- 2:56 p.m. **11. Motion to Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee**
- 2:57 p.m. **12. Other Business**
- 3:00 p.m. **13. Adjourn** – Matt Greeson (City of Worthington), MORPC Chair

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Commission Members

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| Karen Angelou | John Eisel | Rory McGuinness |
| Herb Asher | Terry Emery | Gary Merrell |
| Jeff Benton | Matt Greeson | Bonnie Michael |
| Pat Blayney | Bill Habig | Ellen Moss Williams |
| Susan Brobst | Dan Havener | Robert Myers |
| Ron Bullard | Tom Homan | Megan O'Callaghan |
| Greg Butcher | Matt Huffman | Eric Phillips |
| Steve Campbell | Pamela Hykes O'Grady | Jim Schimmer |
| Carolyn Casper | Jenna Jackson | David Simmons |
| Franklin Christman | Erik Janas | Ike Stage |
| Derrick Clay | Larry Jenkins | Joe Stefanov |
| Karl Craven | Steve Kennedy | Steve Stolte |
| Tracie Davies | Ben Kessler | Scott Tourville |
| William Dorman | Rich Lehmoth | Christie Ward |
| Michael Ebert | Dana McDaniel | |

Policy Committee Members

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Associate Members

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| Tom Goodney | Nikki Scarpitti |
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Staff

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| Bernice Cage | Laura Koprowski | Shari Saunders |
| Kerstin Carr | Eileen Leuby | Bevan Schneck |
| Mark Crosten | William Murdock | Thea Walsh |
| Nick Gill | Christina O'Keeffe | |
| Shawn Hufstedler | Nancy Reger | |

Guests

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| Burt Logan, Ohio History Connection | Kent Moore, American Structurepoint |
| Matt Malay, American Structurepoint | |

Chair Matt Greeson called the Commission Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Greeson thanked MORPC Team Members for the Lessons Learned event preceding the Commission meeting.

Community Leader Spotlight: Ohio History Connection – Burt Logan, Ohio History Connection Executive Director & CEO

The Ohio History Connection, formerly known as the Ohio Historical Society, was established in 1885 to preserve the state's past and to tell its story. The Ohio History Connection is a private non-profit organization that receives some state funding. The Ohio History Connection has five main responsibilities spelled out in the ORC:

- Operate the state archives and maintain public records
- Operate the State Historic Preservation Office
- Operate the Certified Local Government Program
- Provide outreach and educational services
- Operate the state museum

Mr. Logan recognized MORPC Commission Member David Simmons who is the Senior Editor of Timeline, the organization's quarterly publication. Three sites in Ohio are on the tentative list for World Heritage Sites. There are 1,000+ World Heritage Sites worldwide; 25 are in the United States. The most endangered historic asset in Ohio is an appreciation of the past. The Ohio History Connection's mission statement says embrace the present. They are trying to connect the present to the past rather than the past to the present.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda, second by Pat Blayney; motion passed. Rory McGuinness, Tracie Davies and Pamela Hykes O'Grady abstained due to Resolution 25-16.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock reported that almost 40 people participated in the Lessons Learned event preceding the Commission meeting. Mr. Murdock thanked Eileen Leuby for organizing the event that provided opportunities for future collaboration and a time of networking with peer community leaders.

MORPC Regional Data & Mapping Director Nancy Reger is planning to retire in Spring 2017. Ms. Reger will be recognized at the January Commission meeting. MORPC's important work in Regional Data & Mapping will continue to build on Ms. Reger's legacy and accomplishments as MORPC begins the search process to secure a new director.

MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director Thea Walsh was invited to the White House, November 28-29, to present to Department of Energy and Department of Transportation officials, vehicle industry representatives and technology experts the transportation planning perspective of a city/region preparing to deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Participants were specifically interested in the data that MORPC uses/creates in the modeling process.

Two major studies began this month:

- MORPC Team Members are working with WIC to look at the transportation connection with women and children.
- The Franklin County Energy Study will look at energy in a more intentional way in Franklin County.

On November 16 and 17 MORPC Senior Leadership Staff and Commission Chair Matt Greeson visited the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for a peer-exchange visit. The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Executive Director also participated in this first-of-its-kind peer exchange. ARC will visit MORPC next year.

The Age-Friendly Columbus survey has officially ended; over 1,000 older adults completed surveys. In addition, over 100 adults, ages 59 to 96 and who spoke six different languages, participated in the focus group that reached out to the refugee and immigrant population. MORPC Team Members are analyzing the survey results and will share preliminary results at LifeCare Alliance on December 9. The survey findings will be used next year to begin the strategic planning process.

The insight2050 Communications Toolkit is available in Dropbox. The toolkit teaches local governments how to communicate insight2050 with their communities. The Dropbox link will be emailed to members.

Nominations are being sought for the 2017 State of the Region Awards. Nominations can be made at www.morpc.org/SOTRAwards. Nominations close early January.

Copies of the [2017 MORPC Meeting Schedule](#) and the [2017 Major Events Postcard](#) were provided to attendees.

Proposed Resolution 22-16: “Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2017” – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the [2017 MORPC Budget](#). While the budget is fiscally conservative, it allows the agency to accomplish its goals. The 2017 budget was included in the meeting packet. It begins with the Executive Summary followed by the actual budget on page four. There is no specific use for the Building Reserve projected; the Building Committee will make recommendations for its use at a future time.

Mr. Murdock thanked the Benefits & Compensation, Reserve & Investment Advisory, Sustainability Advisory and the Transportation Committees for their leadership in helping shape the budget. Mr. Hufstedler recognized MORPC Finance Director Susan Tsen and MORPC Accountant Nichole Goodman for their work in producing the 2017 budget.

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve Resolution 22-16, second by Steve Stolte; motion passed.

Committees

Building Committee Report – Derrick Clay, Building Committee Chair

Derrick Clay reported that the Request for Proposals for Office and Public Meeting Space issued by MORPC closed November 30. MORPC Team Members are evaluating the ten proposals received and will present to the Building Committee for review next month.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Nancy Reger, MORPC Regional Data & Mapping Director

Nancy Reger gave an update on [MORPC’s Regional Data Advisory Committee](#) (RDAC). The RDAC is the technical support committee for MORPC and has three subcommittees:

- Communications, chaired by Lynnette Cook, Community Research Partners Executive Director, spreads the word about RDAC and connects the dots among other data initiatives.
- Technical, chaired by Shoreh Elhami, City of Columbus GIS Manager, recommends data standards to advance data sharing.
- The Funding Subcommittee is on hold.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Steve Campbell, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

Steve Campbell acknowledged Kim Maggard for chairing and, Gary Merrell, Ike Stage, and Jim Schimmer for participating in the work group that put together the 2017-2018 Public Policy Agenda.

- **Proposed Resolution 23-16: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2017-2018 Public Policy Agenda”**
The only change to the draft public policy agenda presented in November was the addition to advocate for policies and support efforts that leverage Smart Columbus and the Northwest U.S. 33 Smart Mobility Corridor under Goal 2.

Ike Stage made a motion to approve Resolution 23-16, second by Erik Janas; motion passed.

- **Legislative Update – Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director**
Laura Koprowski gave the legislative update and highlighted the following issues:
 - HB 554 – Energy bill

- SB 235 – Freezing property tax value
- HB 154 – Car passing bicyclists regulation
- CNG grant program
- AT & T amendment regarding cell towers
- Substitute HB 48 – Security personnel to prohibit conceal carry
- President-elect Trump nominated Elaine Chao for Transportation Secretary
- HB 384 – the amendment was removed

See the [December 2016 Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Steve Stolte, Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Steve Stolte presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). The Columbus City Council and Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Action Plan. The plan is an effort to create a stronger and more sustainable local food system. Members of the Regional Food Council served as advisors.

MORPC hosted the first meeting of the Franklin County Energy Baseline Study Advisory Committee on November 30. The study will determine an energy baseline usage and supply throughout Franklin County that will be used to determine goals, metrics and priorities for investments. The consulting firm Fourth Economy has been hired to provide assistance.

- **Proposed Resolution 24-16: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2017-2020 Regional Sustainability Agenda”**
Based on feedback received, two additions were made to the draft agenda presented in November. The U.S. 33 Smart Mobility Corridor Initiative and encouraging businesses to identify company locations in brownfield and infield areas were added to the strategy section.

Steve Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 24-16, a second was made; motion passed.

- **Air Quality Update – Christina O’Keeffe, MORPC Energy & Air Quality Director**
Christina O’Keeffe presented [Central Ohio End of the Ozone Season Report](#). Copies of the [End of Ozone Season Report](#) were provided to attendees. Ozone season in Central Ohio is April 1 through October 31. Air quality was in the “Good” category a higher percentage of days despite the summer being the second hottest summer on record and despite the tightened federal ozone standard. The region continues the trend towards cleaner air. The comprehensive marketing campaign included four unique PSAs, targeted display marketing, email promotion, Facebook promotion, and morning show appearances. Next year the ozone season begins March 1.

Transportation Policy Committee – Matt Greeson, MORPC Chair

Chair Matt Greeson called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:40 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

Steve Campbell made a motion to approve the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee, second by Steve Stolte; motion passed.

Jim Schimmer made a motion to adjourn the Commission Meeting, second by Steve Stolte; motion passed.

The Commission Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee

FROM: Laura Koprowski, Director
Public & Government Affairs

DATE: January 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 01-17: **"Authorizing MORPC to enter into a contract for visual communication and graphic design services"**

MORPC recently accepted proposals in preparation to enter into a new, three-year contract for graphic design services. The notice to accept proposals was advertised on MORPC's website, on diverse list serves such as Ohio MBE and Diversity Bridge, and through direct email from November 14 to November 30, 2016. There were a number of quality proposals received, including some from other regions of the state and even outside of Ohio.

Ibel Agency, which MORPC has previously contracted with for graphic design services, was selected to remain the agency's graphic design firm for the 2017-2019 calendar years. Since the contract could potentially surpass \$75,000 over that time span, a resolution is requested prior to entering into the contract.

The MORPC Public & Government Affairs Department reviewed, scored, and selected Ibel Agency from 15 proposals with input from the other MORPC departments. Ibel Agency stood out visually from the other firms with very clean and fresh designs. We feel they are best suited to carry out MORPC's brand through their graphic design style and capabilities. Staff also believe that the size of Ibel Agency is small enough to create a close relationship with MORPC, but large enough to meet our needs in the amount of work and in a timely manner. The agency also seems to specialize more in design, rather than some of the other firms that were more public relations and marketing oriented with design on the side.

Attachment: Resolution 01-17

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Matt Greeson
Chair

Rory McGuinness
Vice Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Secretary

RESOLUTION 01-17

“Authorizing MORPC to enter into a contract for visual communication and graphic design services”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has many programs, events and services in the areas of transportation, energy, data and mapping, development, the environment, local government, and public policy; and

WHEREAS, MORPC provides local governments, stakeholders, and the public with timely information about planning issues and processes, as well as access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and programs as part of its public involvement process; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s marketing and promotional efforts are important to maintaining continuity of the MORPC brand and its reputation in the community, and as a leading Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, a graphic design firm offers the expertise to conceptualize, design, and deliver quality printed and online materials to reach our community, policymakers, and other audiences; and

WHEREAS, approval of obligations and agreements greater than \$75,000 and in the current budget must be approved the Executive Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is hereby authorized to enter into a three-year contract with Ibel Agency for visual and graphic design services for calendar years 2017-2019.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Matt Greeson, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Effective date: January 1, 2017
Submitted by: Laura Koprowski, Director, Public & Government Affairs
Prepared by: Bevan Schneck, Public Affairs Coordinator, Public & Government Affairs
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: January 12, 2017



MORPC Monthly Agency Report *December 2016*

Public & Government Affairs

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State of the Region 2017

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce Anne Schwieger as the 2017 State of the Region keynote speaker at our annual luncheon taking place on April 20. Ms. Schwieger is the Broadband and Digital Equity Advocate for the City of Boston, Department of Innovation and Technology. Her leadership in expanding existing and new broadband infrastructure so all residents have access to internet connectivity has directly improved the economic vitality of households.

MORPC Membership News

MORPC's Membership Holiday Luncheon prior to the Commission meeting was enjoyed by more than 40 Commission members. The "Lessons Learned" program was an interactive event for Commission members to network and share experiences, best practices, and ideas. Thank you to our MORPC Executive Committee members for serving as our conversation starters.

The City of Pickerington hosted MORPC's Southeast Regional Collaboration meeting for our local government members and partners in this area of the region. The program featured a variety of updates including the Rickenbacker Area Study, Rickenbacker Airport Master Plan, Central Ohio Greenways, and community projects.

Preparation for first quarter events include a forum on MORPC's new "Sustainability Agenda" for Associate Members on January 24, 2017. We are also inviting members of our commission who represent organizations or committee assignments that are integral to the "Sustainability Agenda."

The Northwest Regional Collaboration will take place in Jerome Township on January 31, 2017 and will feature the Northwest US 33 Smart Mobility Corridor project.

A City Members lunch forum on "The Impact of the New Federal Administration's Agenda on our Central Ohio Municipal Governments" is set for February 9, 2017 and will be held at the Upper Arlington City Office.

Diversity & Inclusion

Team Members attended the Ohio Title VI Workshop for Planning Partners. Topics discussed by Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) included: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) responsibilities in Title VI reporting and monitoring, American Disability Act (ADA) Transition Plans and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

Additionally, Transportation Systems & Funding Team Members participated in a Title VI webinar

entitled, "Think Diversity: Successfully Incorporating DBEs and Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Programs". This first-of-its-kind webinar covered the ABCs of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as well as some "how to tips" for implementing successful internal D&I programs.

Government Affairs

MORPC collaborated with the City of Columbus, Central Ohio Transit Authority, and Columbus Regional Airport Authority to submit comments to the Ohio EPA regarding the state's mitigation plan as a result of a \$15 billion federal legal settlement with Volkswagen due to the company's emissions scandal. The initial share to Ohio is \$71 million. The submitted comments included our support of Central Ohio counties being priority counties, the allowable uses for the funds, and how to calculate the eligibility of fleets based on their time or mileage within the priority counties

Media Relations and Online Communications Efforts

See attached report of news releases, media coverage, and online communications.

Transportation Systems & Funding

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DATABus

DATABus is about mid-way through the conversion of its trips database to go from Visual Basic Access (VBA) to Structured Query Language (SQL). After the completion of this initial phase DATABus will begin the process of adding additional modules that will enhance the passenger experience, such as automated stop announcements, electronic fare collection and real time "Where's My Bus" applications.

DATABus received funds from the Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership Program (OTPPP) for the replacement of five cutaway buses. In addition, DATABus received preliminary notification of a grant award from the Ohio EPA in conjunction with ODOT for the replacement of the trolley with a new 30' bus.

RideSolutions

Team Members continue to talk to Honda employees about starting a flexible vanpool program. Additionally, RideSolutions staff met with ResourceMFG to discuss starting a vanpool program for its employees traveling to Stanley Electric in London, Ohio.

RideSolutions Team Members attended Latino Night at Whitehall Schools. RideSolutions had the opportunity to educate approximately 100 parents about transportation options. Several parents showed an interest in the Emergency Ride Home Program.

RideSolutions Team Members are working with COTA to provide transportation options for routes being affected by the transit system review. MORPC Team Members will analyze to see if carpool or vanpool options would benefit commuters being impacted by the changed transit routes.

Attributable Funding

MORPC released draft recommendations for future funding commitments on December 5 and is seeking public comments until January 3, 2017. The Attributable Funding Committee proposed funding for 36 projects and programs to which MORPC had previously committed funds, while 14 new projects were proposed for funding. A total of over \$239 million in future funding commitments is being proposed.

TRAC

The draft TRAC list was released December 15. All four projects submitted from the MPO area are

proposed to receive some new funding as follows:

- Far East Freeway - \$7.0 million for detailed design
- Delaware Point project - \$1.5 million for Detailed Design
- US 33/SR 161/Post Rd interchange - \$5 million for construction
- I-71/US 36/SR 37 interchange - \$5.0 million for Right-of-Way

The TRAC list also includes some re-phasing of the I-70/I-71 inner-belt projects to allow pieces to move forward this year. TRAC is accepting public comments through January 13. The TRAC will review comments and approve the final list at its January 26 meeting.

Public Works Integrating Committee

The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for District 3 held a working session public meeting to announce the Round 31 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) – State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP)/Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) application scores and rankings. The PWIC then met for the final action Round 31 Infrastructure meeting. The following projects were recommended for \$24.2 million in SCIP funding:

- Franklin County Sanitary Engineers- Oakhurst Knolls/Century Acres Wastewater Conversion (\$4,732,498)
- Hilliard- Scioto-Darby Road & Leppert Road Improvements (\$7,157,500)
- Bexley–South Roosevelt Avenue & South Stanwood Road Improvements (\$4,953,451)
- Riverlea- Riverlea Village-Wide Infrastructure Improvements (\$4,999,900)
- Clinton Township- Ormond Avenue Storm Drain Improvements (\$219,000)
- Canal Winchester- Gender Road Improvements, Phase 4 (\$2,050,023)

The following three projects were recommended for \$6.4 million in LTIP funding:

- Prairie Township- Lincoln Village Curb Ramps (\$410,454)
- Columbus- Polaris Parkway Arterial Street Improvement (\$2,500,000)
- Columbus- Lazelle Road, Phases A & B (\$3,500,000)

Two projects were recommended to the Small Government Commission for a second chance at funding. These two projects are:

- Hamilton Township-Hamilton Township Resurfacing (\$232,000)
- Marble Cliff- Cardigan Avenue Roadway Design and Misc. Sewer (\$468,613)

All projects were forwarded to the OPWC. Funding will become available on or after July 1, 2017. The PWIC also approved its Round 32 meeting schedule for 2017. Round 32 applications are due September 11, 2017.

Data & Mapping

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Regional Data Lab

The RDAC agreed to start focusing data discussions with emphasis around the goals being used in MORPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Sustainable Advisory Committee. Strategies on actions to take will be discussed at the Communication and Technology subcommittee meetings. The group also discussed its role in researching the small cellular tower question, and had thoughts about expanding the committee's role to include technical issues as well as data.

MORPC added a [Data Catalog](#) to the MORPC website including much of MORPC's data adding more information over time. This is the first step toward building a regional data catalog that users can use to search for available data sets from throughout the region by a particular topic or geography.

Support to MORPC Members, Programs and Projects

- The Central Ohio Bike User Map will be included in the 2017 ESRI Map Book, Volume 32. The map was selected by ESRI staff, as the result of an international map gallery.
- Parcels, traffic, and energy data were provided to Fourth Economy, the consulting team working on the Franklin County Energy Plan.
- Population estimates were provided to several school districts for their CAFR reports.
- Maps were made for the Village of Lockbourne showing where old canal sites might have potential for facilities as bikeways.
- Over 25,000 addresses of borrowers using the Dublin library branch were mapped for the Columbus Metropolitan Library.
- A new “[Green Infrastructure](#)” webmap was launched that includes photographs of best practices.

Planning and Environment

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Active Transportation Planning

Team Members provided comments on Ohio State University students’ final semester presentations for the Low-Stress Bikeway class taught by MKSK in conjunction with City of Columbus departments. The students offered proposals on developing bikeway networks in downtown Columbus, the South Side, and Linden.

Franklin County Public Health received a Healthy Cities/Counties Challenge grant to build partnerships and integrate social determinants and public health systems. The idea is to work with projects and programs already in place to ensure coverage of the five domains of healthy behaviors: community safety, built environment, social, economic, and environmental. MORPC Team Members participated in the first “Health Works Franklin County” Steering Committee meeting.

At the Johnstown-Alum Creek Trail Public Meeting, Columbus Recreation and Parks department staff and consultants presented three identified alternatives for linking the Alum Creek Trail with Johnstown Road. The project is set to receive MORPC attributable funds.

Complete Streets Reviews

Team Members conducted a review of the Reed Road Stage 3 plans for the City of Upper Arlington. The project includes a portion of roadway from Lane Road to Henderson Road with improvements to storm sewer structures, the installation of new curb and gutters, and ADA-compliant curb ramps. Team Members also provided comments regarding high-visible crosswalks and signal back plates.

A review of Refugee Road Stage 3 plans for the City of Pickerington was conducted by Team Members. The project includes improvements to a portion of roadway from Springoak Circle to the west and Melody Lane to the east. Improvements include widening, signage, pavement markings, intersection upgrades to signals and countdown timers, addition of a roundabout at Fuller’s Way, storm sewer and sanitary sewer improvements, and addition of a multi-use path and sidewalks. Team Members provided comments regarding high-visible crosswalks and signal back plates.

Transportation Safety

The Bexley Signals Interconnect Project is a CMAQ-funded project that will reduce congestion along the Main Street corridor by providing signal upgrades and pedestrian improvements at select intersections and adding fiber optic connections to neighboring communities for signal coordination.

At the SHSP Steering Committee meeting ODOT staff provided a year-end review of Ohio safety statistics and updates on emphasis area projects. MORPC Team Members presented on connecting metropolitan and rural planning organizations with Ohio’s Towards Zero Death Efforts.

insight2050

The Communications Committee held a year-in-review meeting to discuss 2016 accomplishments and begin brainstorming for 2017. The Committee drafted key messages for Phase II, building a more visible online presence for the initiative via the project's website and a Social Media Toolkit, launching an e-Newsletter, and developing the insight2050 Academy. The online resource library can be found at www.getinsight2050.org.

Purpose Region

Team Members worked with the non-profit tenants of the Reeb Avenue Center to secure meeting space for the March 16 event.

Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study

Team Members participated in the first of an ongoing series of Housing working group meetings of the MORPC-led Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study. Data from insight2050 will be used in an existing conditions and market analysis to help identify strategies to advance residential development, investment, and leveraging of existing resources.

Age-Friendly Columbus

Team Members met with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center leadership to discuss their interest in the aging community and how they can be involved in Age-Friendly Columbus. Discussions will continue on how the partnership can be most beneficial to the Wexner Medical Center and Age-Friendly Columbus.

Columbus Public Health met with MORPC to discuss home and car safety programming as part of the older adult education efforts.

Team Members participated in a statewide discussion on the intersection between age-friendly cities, open streets, and Safe Routes to School programs.

The Advisory Council and all subcommittees met to discuss the Center for Community Solutions' preliminary survey findings captured through the random sample mailing to 1,500 households in Columbus. Over 80 people attended the meeting, which included a group of older adult residents. It was held at a LifeCare Alliance congregate dining center so additional older residents could hear the results. Attendees outlined additional ways they would like to see the research analyzed as well as ideas for focus group audiences.

Info Share Meeting

Team Members facilitated an Info Share meeting with Logan-Union-Champaign (LUC) Regional Planning Commission staff. The meeting included information on: insight 2050, bikeways updates, bike and pedestrian counters, MORPC's Active Transportation Plan, LUC zoning training and assistance, the role in the ODOT Rural Transportation Planning (RTPO) pilot program, Community Development Block Grants, LUC long range plans, and LUC's office move. LUC staff received a MORPC Bikeways and Sidewalk Map, the MPO/RTPO Safety Assessment Workbook, and a link to the 2015 Annual Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board

The Central Ohio Greenways Forum heard a presentation from Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc. about their Cultural Trail and the economic impact it has on the city. In addition, presentations were given by the chair of the COG Board about its accomplishments over the last 12 months. A focus group was held by Basecraft, the recently selected consulting firm for the redesign of the COG website, to learn what trail users want from the COG website.

The Trail Development Working Team held a Union County Trail Development Stakeholders Workshop in Marysville. The workshop was designed to identify Trails of Regional Significance and Community Trail Connectors within Union County and strengthen all of our trail development networks for individual areas of interest.

Watershed Planning

MORPC began assisting the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (FSWCD) with completing a Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategic Plan in November for the Headwaters of Blacklick Creek, also known as the Upper Blacklick Creek Watershed Action Plan. Team Members helped organize stakeholder involvement opportunities and analyzed land use regulations, zoning codes, and planning policies within the watershed. The Plan will be completed by the end of December 2016.

The Water Quality Working Group meeting focused on the new structure and Action Plan of the group starting in 2017, the Blacklick Creek Watershed Action Plan, policy updates, and an informational presentation by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on the water quality benefits of trees.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) met with Team Members to discuss TNC's in-lieu fee program for wetland mitigation and discuss how MORPC can partner with them on the effort. TNC is going to speak to the Water Resources Working Group in spring 2017 to introduce the program to members, and will involve MORPC in site identification for mitigation using in-lieu funds.

Team Members attended the Ohio Association of Regional Council's (OARC) Area-wide Water Quality Subcommittee meeting to become familiar with the water planning work of entities similar to MORPC across Ohio. The portion of the meeting attended included an Ohio EPA update and a presentation on the Nutrient Mass Balance Study by our peer MPO *TMACOG* from the Toledo area.

The Green Infrastructure Credit Subcommittee is one of several subcommittees under the general review of the Stormwater Design Manual and focused on items, such as streamlining the Green Infrastructure Credit application process, opening up the program to smaller commercial developments, and providing cost estimates for different types of green infrastructure to assist developers and their consultants with design decisions.

Local Food

The Columbus City School Ohio Days lunches, one Ohio-sourced meal per month, begins January 20, 2017. The City of Columbus and Franklin County, which both passed resolutions adopting the Local Food Action Plan in November, and OSU Extension are assisting in this project.

Energy & Air Quality

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Air Quality

A MORPC Air Quality program press release was issued with a link to the final report shared on MORPC's website. An article about the report was featured on MORPC's website, and in the December 15 Regional eSource.

Highlights of the report included the region continuing its trend of improved air quality over the past twenty years, hotter than normal temperatures in the region contributing to more ozone exceedances, and air quality measuring in the 'good' category of the Air Quality Index (AQI) for a higher percentage of days when compared to the past two years despite 2016 being the second hottest summer on record in the region. The ozone exceedance on April 18 was the earliest in the season that an Air Quality Alert for ozone has been issued since records began in 2002.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

Nominations for 2017 Chair and Vice Chair were solicited via e-mail and then Working Group members submitted electronic votes for the positions. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be confirmed and recognized at the next meeting on January 24, 2017.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Team Members initiated the process for design and print of the final Regional Sustainability Agenda document.

Materials Management Working Group

Team Members met with the Chair and Vice Chair of the working group in December to put together plans and a draft agenda for the next meeting. The next meeting is January 25, 2017 and will include a presentation on best practices for purchasing sustainable materials.

Energy Policy

In consideration of HB 554 and SB 320, MORPC's Regional Policy Roundtable and Sustainability Advisory Committee convened a conference call and agreed that MORPC should take a neutral position on the new language, but make recommendations on how to improve it. A letter was transmitted to the General Assembly reflecting this position. The Ohio House voted to pass HB 554 and it was sent to the Governor.

Franklin County Energy Baseline Study

MORPC Team Members worked with the consultant to develop a follow up survey to provide the advisory committee with another opportunity for feedback on the direction and scope of the study. The request for utility company data, which will inform the analysis, is also moving forward.

Franklin County Housing Repair and Rehabilitation

In the 2015 funding round of the Franklin County Urgent Needs program, there are four units in production and 26 units have been completed.

The 2016 funding round Urgent Needs program utilizing federal funding dedicated to the county has resulted in 12 projects in process, and one project is completed.

The United Way Franklinton Neighborhood

MORPC is completing projects awarded the 2016 rounds of funding and requested one additional project to utilize remaining funds.

PACT Near East Side Exterior Home Repair Program

The PACT asked MORPC to do one additional project with the remaining funds of the current program. PACT also acknowledged plans to do the next round of funding in the spring of 2017.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

MORPC is working with the City of Columbus on a new NSP-2 agreement utilizing recaptured funds from previous MORPC work with the NSP program. The new program includes strategic partnerships with COCIC and Homeport. Projects should be breaking ground in the spring of 2017.

Residential Energy Efficiency Program

The WarmChoice program production is behind schedule but the plan is to be on track to ramp up production with our newly hired inspector and an additional inspector in early 2017.

The FY 2016-2017 HWAP grant application was approved and Team Members presented information about the residential programs to caseworkers at the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

(COAAA). Other organizations referring clients to MORPC include the Breathing Association, Westerville Area Resource Ministry, LifeCare Alliance, and Franklin County Jobs and Family Services.

Administration

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Microsoft Office 365 Migration

We are in the process of migrating our MS Office suite to Office 365. This puts our email in the cloud and provides for Microsoft's maintenance of the foundation of the email system instead of in-house server maintenance. The transition is planned for Friday January 13 and is expected to cause little interruption in our services.

Facility Updates

Our building team is evaluating proposals for future MORPC office space. Our current lease ends October 2017. Our internal team is evaluating options, including internal space needs, and will be working closely with the Building Committee over the next few months. We anticipate having a proposed building for consideration at the March Commission meeting.

Personnel Updates

Currently, MORPC is recruiting for the following open positions:

- Director of Data & Mapping
- Associate Planner – Planning & Environment
- Energy Auditor 1

The requirements for these positions are available for review on the website at <http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/overview/job-opportunities/index>.

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- RFP for OARC Branding Consultant for Transportation Demand Management
- RFP for Age-Friendly Columbus Strategic Planning Consultant
- RFQ for HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Program
- RFQ for Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Program

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/overview/rfps-rfqs/index>.

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Diversity & Inclusion

The database of diverse vendors is nearly complete. A training on how to use the database will be shared in the MORPC 101 training to employees scheduled January 18, 2017. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee met and decided on two trainings for employees. One training will be for employees who interact with diverse populations and the other training will be for employees who work with professionals such as consultants, agencies or businesses that may be diverse.

Communications & Marketing

In November, MORPC issued a request for proposals for a multi-year contract for graphic design services. Staff selected local design firm, Ibel Agency. The multi-year contract will begin in 2017.

MORPC in the News

Headline

- City study: Increase in traffic noise should be minute
- Initial Planning Starts for Rail Corridor to Chicago, Columbus Not Part of Effort
- Letter: City should get back on track
- City manager: MORPC funds would advance Delaware
- MORPC adds \$4.8 million to Gateway project
- City manager: MORPC funds would advance Delaware
- MORPC proposes \$13.3 million to widen The Point area
- Hard Road lane closures expected to end this winter
- Local leaders seek collaboration

- Improvements planned for Refugee Road
- Can data fuel electric vehicle growth?
- Developers want to build higher along North High Street
- Franklin County plans to retain budget surplus in 2017
- Curious Cbus: What Happened To Columbus's Streetcars?

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ColumbusUnderground.com
The Columbus Dispatch
The Sunbury News
ThisWeek Community News/Worthington
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Press releases can be found on MORPC's website.

MORPC's online/social media efforts for December provide the following results:

- MORPC's Facebook page likes continue to grow, with nearly 3,790 to date. This means that the page gained likes of more than 450 people over the course of 2016. The most popular post in December was about being safe for the holidays, with the number of deaths that resulted from drunk driving crashes the previous year. This reached 2.8k users. The second-most popular post was a "Season's Greetings" post from the MORPC staff that reached 2.1k.
- MORPC had about 17.6k tweet impressions over the past month, an increase of about 10 percent. The total number of Twitter followers is now 3,191, meaning an increase of 513 over the year. Our top tweets during December were about holiday safety and about MORPC's staff holiday party.
- MORPC has 472 Instagram followers. The December posts included William at #ED411, the staff holiday party, and the "Lessons Learned" member event.
- MORPC.org had more than 15K external page views in December with 4.5k users. There were nearly 6K sessions (periods of active engagement). Two-thirds of page visitors were new, which is consistent from month to month. Most come from organic searches, followed by those with direct links.
- Over the course of 2016, the site registered more than 240k page views with nearly 64k users.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2016
2:40 p.m.

Transportation Policy Committee Members

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| Karen Angelou | Michael Ebert | Gary Merrell |
| Herb Asher | John Eisel | Bonnie Michael |
| Jeff Benton | Matt Greeson | Ellen Moss Williams |
| Pat Blayney | Dan Havener | Robert Myers |
| Susan Brobst | Tom Homan | Megan O'Callaghan |
| Ron Bullard | Matt Huffman | David Paul |
| Greg Butcher | Pamela Hykes O'Grady | Jim Schimmer |
| Steve Campbell | Jenna Jackson | David Simmons |
| Carolyn Casper | Erik Janas | Thom Slack |
| Derrick Clay | Larry Jenkins | Ike Stage |
| Karl Craven | Steve Kennedy | Joe Stefanov |
| Tracie Davies | Ben Kessler | Curtis Stitt |
| William Dorman | Rich Lehmutz | Scott Tourville |
| Kristen Easterday for Tory Richardson | Dana McDaniel | Christie Ward |
| | Rory McGuiness | |

Commission Members

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| Franklin Christman | Bill Habig | Steve Stolte |
| Terry Emery | Eric Phillips | |

Associate Members

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| Tom Goodney | Nikki Scarpitti |
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Staff

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| Bernice Cage | Laura Koprowski | Shari Saunders |
| Kerstin Carr | Eileen Leuby | Bevan Schneck |
| Mark Crosten | William Murdock | Thea Walsh |
| Nick Gill | Christina O'Keeffe | |
| Shawn Hufstedler | Nancy Reger | |

Guests

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| Matt Malay, American Structurepoint | Kent Moore, American Structurepoint |
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Chair Matt Greeson called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director**
Consent agenda Resolution T-18-16 approves the opportunity for the City of Columbus to apply for attributable funds for Smart Columbus projects. The projects will most likely be included in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) coming before the Transportation Policy Committee in May 2017.

Consent agenda Resolution T-16-16 addresses a new comprehensive rideshare software agreement with MORPC and other MPOs. MORPC will contract with the software provider. The MPOs will contract with MORPC for the rideshare service.

Most of the amendments to the TIP in consent agenda Resolution T-17-16 are fund transfers. The resolution includes the addition of \$6 million for the U.S. 33 Smart Mobility Project.

MORPC Team Members attended an ODOT TRAC Work Session and recommended funding for four Central Ohio TRAC projects. The projects are: Delaware Point, Far-East Freeway Project, Delaware 36/37/I-71 interchange, and Post Road/U.S. 33 interchange.

Consent Agenda

Proposed Resolution T-18-16: "Authorizing the executive director to execute an agreement with the City of Columbus to support the Smart Columbus Project" was removed from the consent agenda.

Curtis Stitt made a motion to approve Resolution T-18-16, second by Derrick Clay; motion passed. Rory McGuinness, Tracie Davies and Pamela Hykes O'Grady abstained.

Bonnie Michael made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, second by Tom Homan; motion passed.

Attributable Funds Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

Copies of the [Draft Recommendations for MORPC-Attributable Funding](#) were provided. The comment period for the draft recommendations ends January 3, 2017.

Rickenbacker Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

Thea Walsh gave an update on the [2018 Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study](#). The study, in conjunction with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) Airport Master Plan, will look at the area surrounding the airport and include infrastructure, housing, energy, economic development, placemaking, and continued coordination. MORPC Principal Planner Dina Lopez is the staff lead for the study.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Angelou, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission