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Planning Commission

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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 14, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m. 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 1:31 p.m. 2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Eric Phillips (City of Marysville), MORPC Chair
- 1:40 p.m. 3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of [December 10, 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. **Proposed Resolution 01-16: “AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A 2016-2020 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATE ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF WORK WITH NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY FOR THE WARMCHOICE PROGRAM”**
- 1:42 p.m. 4. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Coordinator

Committees

- 1:55 p.m. 5. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Steve Campbell (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Hill Brown & Ritter and Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director
- 2:10 p.m. 6. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Steve Stolte (Union County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
- 2:20 p.m. 7. **Transportation Policy Committee** – Eric Phillips (City of Marysville), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Eric Phillips (City of Marysville), MORPC Chair

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Executive Director

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Vice Chair

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Secretary

- 2:21 p.m. b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
- Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director
- 2:25 p.m. c. **Consent Agenda**
- Approval of [December 10, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- 2:27 p.m. d. **Smart Cities Initiative – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director**
- 2:35 p.m. e. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director**
- Draft Projects List
- 2:45 p.m. f. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee – Eric Phillips (City of Marysville), MORPC Chair**
- 2:46 p.m. **8. Motion to Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee**
- 2:50 p.m. **9. Other Business**
- 3:00 p.m. **10. Adjourn – Eric Phillips (City of Marysville), MORPC Chair**

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015
1:30 p.m.

Commission Members

Karen Angelou	John Eisel	Robert Myers
Trudy Bartley	Matt Greeson	Megan O'Callaghan
Jeff Benton	Marian Harris	Eric Phillips
Pat Blayney	Tracy Hatmaker	Rob Platte
Stacey Boumis	Dan Havener	Hannah Reed
Ron Bullard	Jenna Jackson	Bryan Rhoads
Greg Butcher	Erik Janas	Dean Ringle
Steve Campbell	Anthony Jones	Jim Schimmer
Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher	Steve Kennedy	Don Schonhardt
Franklin Christman	Benjamin King	Ashley Senn
Ben Collins	Richard Lehmutz	David Simmons
Mike Compton	Glenn Marzluf	Ted Staton
Karl Craven	Dana McDaniel	Scott Tourville
William Dorman	Rory McGuiness	Alan Vandewater
Michael Ebert	Gary Merrell	Cristina Villacinda-Farr
Syra Eichhorn	Bonnie Michael	Nancy White

Associate Members

Tom Goodney	Nikki Scarpitti
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Policy Committee Members

Jerry Newton	Tory Richardson
David Paul	Curtis Stitt

Staff

Bernice Cage	Nichole Goodman	Nancy Reger
Kerstin Carr	Shawn Hufstedler	Shari Saunders
Mark Crosten	Ciel Klein	Maria Schaper
Mary Ann Frantz	Laura Koprowski	Bevan Schneck
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Susan Tsen
Nick Gill	Christina O'Keeffe	Thea Walsh

Guests

Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer's Office	Chad Smith, Ohio Development Services Agency
Mary Bo Robinson, West Florida RPC	Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter
Clyde Seidle, City of Hilliard	

Chair Eric Phillips called the Commission Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Phillips recognized outgoing Commission members Andrew Brush, Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Gene Dawson, Eric Sandine, Darlene Steele, Alan Vandewater and Ellen Walker.

Rory McGuiness announced that within the next month he will be contacting Commission members about serving on the Nominating Committee. Contact Rory McGuiness if interested in this committee.

Chair Phillips gave a recap of the [September 5-17, 2015 Japan Trip](#). The 13-member delegation included representatives from the Cities of Dublin and Marysville, Columbus 2020, Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc., JobsOhio, The Ohio State University and Union County.

Community Leader Spotlight: Financing Resources for Businesses – Chad Smith, Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Executive Director

Chad Smith gave a presentation on the [Ohio Air Quality Development Authority's \(OAQDA\) Financing Resources](#). The Clean Air Resource Center is a help for small business to install U.S. EPA regulated equipment. The OAQDA partnered with MORPC this past ozone season on MORPC's air quality awareness program.

Consent Agenda

Bonnie Michael made a motion to approve the consent agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

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

William Murdock extended his thanks to MORPC members and Team Members for their partnership through a successful 2015.

MORPC Team Members have presented insight2050 to over 200 people this past month. The insight2050 Communications Committee is drafting key messages using new and different strategies.

Mr. Murdock invited Commission members to attend 2016 NARC Events:

- National Conference of Regions/Hill Visits, February 7-9, 2016, Washington, DC
- 50th Annual NARC Conference, June 26-29, 2016, Salt Lake City, Utah

MORPC is assisting in the process of project evaluation for the Capital Bill process. MORPC submitted an application for a Data Lab for the Columbus region.

The federal transportation bill has been passed and signed by the president. MORPC Team Members are still evaluating the bill, but overall it looks good for MORPC.

Mr. Murdock recognized Shawn Hufstedler and the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the 27th consecutive year MORPC has received the GFOA award.

MORPC is accepting State of the Region Award nominations. Nominations can be made online at www.morpc.org.

Member governments participating in MORPC's 2016 Local Government Internship Program have requested a total of 21 interns. MORPC is partnering with the Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus State Community College, Franklin University, and The Ohio State University to place the students.

Mr. Murdock noted the [2016 Calendar of MORPC Events](#) and the [2016 Commission and Committee Meetings](#) provided to attendees.

Upcoming major events include:

- MORPC Team & Alumni New Year's Resolution Luncheon, Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 11:30 a.m., MORPC
- Cities Event 2016: New Strategies for Community Conversation for Growing Communities, Thursday, February 4, 2016, 11:30 a.m., MORPC
- Newly Elected Breakfast, Friday, February 26, 2016, 8:30 a.m., MORPC

Proposed Resolution 21-15: "ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL BUDGET AND FUND ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2016" – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief of Staff & Finance Director

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the [2016 Budget](#). While similar to last year's budget in dollars, it is actually very different. Mr. Murdock reviewed the strategic changes to the 2016 budget which is aligned with Commission goals and strategies. The budget is transformative, fiscally conservative, stable, maintains MORPC's values and looks to continuously improve and innovate MORPC's programs. In order to avoid a ten percent increase in overhead and to keep costs steady, difficult decisions were made.

Fringe benefits for MORPC employees have been restructured. William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler met with MORPC Team Members to explain the change in benefits. Staff has been very professional and positive in moving forward. The Human Resources/Administrative Services/Information Technology and Finance Departments were restructured into an Operations Department. This resulted in the elimination of the Human Resources Director position. This was budget, not performance, driven. Deborah Murphy's last day with MORPC was earlier this week. Shawn Hufstedler will oversee the Operations Department.

The Reserve and Investment Advisory Committee is working on short-term and long-term strategies for building a reserve.

Mr. Hufstedler reviewed the budget amounts. The 2016 Budget was included in the Commission Meeting Packet. The actual budget being presented for approval is on page 4. Mr. Hufstedler recognized MORPC Grants and Budget Manager Susan Tsen and MORPC Accountant Nichole Goodman for their hard work and dedication to produce this budget.

Overall the budget is a little under \$14 million compared to \$13.4 million last year. The largest percentage of the funding by program areas goes to Planning & Environment, Data & Mapping, and Transportation Systems & Funding. Energy & Air Quality funding is 46 percent of the total budget. The negative Other revenue relates to the 2014 under-absorption of Fringe and Overhead costs that were revenue in 2014 but will not be collected until 2016. Since the collections of those amounts are included in the program areas listed, they are shown separately in the Other category so as not to bury those revenues as a reduction of current year projects. The majority of our funding is federal. The fringe rate of 68.5 percent and the overhead rate of 55.5 percent are the same as 2015. The overhead rate is not comparable to an administrative rate; our nonprofit administrative rate is around 14 to 18 percent.

The resolution includes an updated dues rate for associate members.

Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher made a motion to approve Resolution 21-15, second by Gary Merrell; motion passed.

Committees

Transportation Policy Committee – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair

Chair Eric Phillips called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:20 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:40 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, a second was made; motion passed.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

MORPC Team Members are scheduling meetings with state legislators to introduce MORPC's 2016 Public Policy Agenda. Member governments are welcome to be a part of those meetings.

Due to the new federal transportation bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama, Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher made a motion to amend the 2016 Public Policy Agenda to remove the policy plank in Goal 2 (transportation goal) that states, "Advocate for a long-term federal transportation bill," second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

- **Proposed Resolution 20-15: "ADOPTION OF MORPC'S 2016 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA"** – Steve Campbell, **Regional Policy Roundtable Vice Chair**
Steve Campbell reported that a few comments were received from members who were satisfied with responses when contacted. Erik Janas made a motion to approve Resolution 20-15 as amended, second by Gary Merrell; motion passed.

- **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter and Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director
Steve Tugend and Laura Koprowski gave the legislative update and highlighted the following issues:
 - FAST Act - federal transportation authorization bill
 - Technical correction bill for the biennial budget
 - HB 182 - JEDZ
 - Special energy districts
 - HB 176 – natural gas vehicle conversion
 - HB 237 – regulating transportation networks (Uber, etc.)
 - SB 192 – bike safety

See the [December 2015 Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jim Schimmer, Sustainability Advisory Committee Vice Chair

In 2016 the Sustainability Advisory Committee and MORPC Team Members will help the Working Groups align their strategies and goals with the Regional Sustainability Agenda. This will be similar to a process that the Community Advisory Committee and Central Ohio Greenways Board went through.

Recycling pilot projects from members of the Materials Management Working Group include:

- The City of Columbus and SWACO have partnered on a pilot initiative to reduce and recycle plastic bags at retail locations.
- The City of Bexley is expanding their recycling efforts through a pilot project with Goodwill and developing a zero waste plan for the city.

In an effort to encourage green infrastructure projects, MORPC Team Members have begun to inventory and catalog green infrastructure projects to create an online resource to our local governments and the development community.

Other Business – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair

Chair Phillips recognized and thanked MORPC staff for their work.

The Commission Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Christina O’Keeffe, Director
Energy and Air Quality

DATE: January 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 01-16: "AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A 2016-2020 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF WORK WITH NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY FOR THE WARMCHOICE PROGRAM"

The resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into a five-year Short Term Professional Services Agreement that defines the terms and conditions that will apply to any program MORPC administers for NiSource/Columbia Gas of Ohio from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020. It also authorizes the executive director to enter into annual Statements of Work agreements for each of those five years, which outline the specific details of the work to be completed, service area, compensation, and other items specific to the WarmChoice program.

Since 1988, MORPC has provided free residential energy conservation services and weatherization to more than 15,000 residents in Franklin County who meet eligibility guidelines. Available services include safety inspections, installation or repair of heating units, insulation of walls and heating ducts, and the reduction of air leakage throughout the homes. The program delivers services through public-private partnerships utilizing diverse funding sources – including support from the WarmChoice program offered by Columbia Gas of Ohio, a NiSource Company.

MORPC staff will provide program management, inspection services, quality insurance, and the installation of heating and weatherization materials contracted with local businesses. All work is fully integrated into MORPC’s Residential Energy Program, which also receives funding through Home Weatherization Assistance Program from the Ohio Development Services Agency and AEP-Ohio’s Community Assistance Program.

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The annual Statements of Work are expected to include payments to MORPC of approximately \$2,500,000 per annum.

Attachment: Resolution 01-16

RESOLUTION 01-16

“AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A 2016-2020 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF WORK WITH NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY FOR THE WARMCHOICE PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has been providing free residential energy conservation services in Franklin County to eligible residents since 1988 through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds; and

WHEREAS, NiSource Corporate Services Company, wants to enter into a five-year Short Term Professional Services Agreement associated annual Statements of Work to include funding to continue service in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, these services consist of home inspections and estimates of energy conservation retrofits to the home and its gas heating units, which will reduce energy consumption and coordinating and managing the provision of weatherization and heating unit services to the home; and

WHEREAS, NiSource Corporate Services Company will pay MORPC approximately \$2,500,000 per annum for WarmChoice services provided in Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a 2016-2020 Short Term Professional Services Agreement with NiSource Corporate Services Company.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into annual Statements of Work for approximately \$2,500,000 per annum for 2016 through 2020.
- Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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.

Eric S. Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: January 14, 2016
Submitted by: Christina O’Keeffe, Director, Energy and Air Quality
Prepared by: Ruth Yorston, Program Specialist, Energy and Air Quality
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: January 14, 2015



MORPC Monthly Agency Report December 2015

Public & Government Affairs

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Upcoming Membership Events

MORPC members are invited to attend the following events:

- *New Strategies for Community Conversations in Our Ohio Cities* on February 4, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at MORPC. This program includes lunch and will feature new Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther and a panel discussion by experts on structuring effective public engagement during community development and planning. Panel presenters include Jamie Greene, Principal at planning Next, Professor Tijs Van Maasackers of OSU City & Regional Planning, and Cheryl Pentella from PentellaUnlimited. The program will be moderated by Chris Shirer, owner of Madison + Fifth, a digital brand and marketing firm.
- *Newly Elected Officials Breakfast* on February 26, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Officials will learn about the benefits of their MORPC membership including some of our major initiatives such as the public policy agenda, insight2050 Phase II progress and the Regional Data Lab opportunities.

State of the Region 2016

MORPC is now [accepting nominations](#) for the William H. Anderson Excellence in Public Service Award, Regional Leadership Award, and the William C. Habig Collaborative Achievement Award through Friday, January 15, 2016. The awards will be presented at the State of the Region Luncheon on May 6, 2016. For more information or questions about the State of the Region awards process, please contact Ciel Klein at cklein@morpc.org or 614-233-4102.

Government Affairs

MORPC's Regional Policy Roundtable confirmed new leadership with Steve Campbell (City of Columbus) as Chair and Mayor Kim Maggard (City of Whitehall) as Vice Chair.

Transportation Systems & Funding

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Evaluation of the candidate transportation projects continued in December with a draft list expected to be available by early January. Meanwhile community presentations on the MTP began in late November. Presentations were made to the following communities or organizations:

- Cities of Bexley, Powell, and Whitehall
- Villages of Shawnee Hills, Ostrander, and Brice
- Westland, Greater Hilltop, and North Central Area Commissions
- Delaware and Union Counties

The list of upcoming presentations and draft list when available can be found on the website at www.morpc.org/mtp2040.

Transit/Human Services

Two informational sessions were held regarding FTA Section 5310 funding requests due January 27, 2016.

DATABus

DATABus completed the Transit Development Plan and Funding Study community outreach meetings and survey. A draft report is expected in January or February that will be finalized in March.

DATABus was awarded \$305,600 to purchase four natural gas light-transit vehicles from ODOT's FY2016 Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership Program.

RideSolutions

A diversity survey is being developed that will be given to all RideSolutions registrants. The survey will be linked in a 1-week follow-up email to new RideSolutions commuters. By surveying registrants, RideSolutions hopes to have statistically significant results by capturing diversity statistics of at least 25% of new commuters every month.

The RideSolutions Team, along with OARC partner TMACOG, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Local Government Innovation Fund. This grant will be used to help administer a feasibility study that analyzes the potential of adopting a new "method of delivery" for TDM activities.

The Columbus Veterans Administration (VA) hospital's parking committee met with MORPC and COTA Team Members to discuss alternative transportation options during its upcoming construction period in April 2016. This project will temporarily eliminate over 250 employee parking spots at an already parking-constrained facility. RideSolutions and COTA Team Members will be assisting VA management in the marketing of alternative modes of transportation for employees to come to work. This project will last approximately one year.

MORPC took steps to host a Regional Bikeshare Summit, as suggested by member governments. The Summit will likely be hosted at MORPC on January 12, 2016, prior to the Active Transportation Plan Stakeholders meeting. This brief summit will identify the benefits of regional bikesharing, while also addressing the challenges associated with multi-jurisdictional policy.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP and Funding Team arranged a \$1.7 million loan agreement with the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) that will reduce the carryover balance for FY 16.

The Attributable Funds Principles and Procedures documents were combined into a single document, "Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds," incorporating comments from Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) members and minor modifications to the evaluation criteria. It was presented to AFC on December 2, 2015, and Team Members received additional feedback from committee members in December.

Working with Etna Township and ODOT District 5, MORPC Team Members worked out a solution to funding issues with the Taylor Road project as it approaches construction authorization.

Coordination continued throughout December in reviewing FY17 project schedules for the annual "lockdown" process. The "lockdown" process is when ODOT with the project sponsors determines where they either commit to deliver a project or delay it to a later fiscal year. The following projects have funding commitments for FY17 but are delayed because of uncertainty in being able to be ready in time:

- Alum Creek Drive Phase C
- I-70/71 Projects 2D and 4A
- Center/Milnor/Meadows intersection
- Harrisburg Pike (US 62) safety project

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) held its SCIP/LTIP Round 30 working session public meeting December 4, 2015 to present the tentative ranking of projects. The final action public meeting was held December 11, 2015. The following projects were recommended for \$20 million in SCIP funding:

- Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering - Darbydale Wastewater Treatment Plant (\$4,999,999)
- Groveport - Hendron Road Reconstruction (\$1,794,030)
- Columbus - Joyce Avenue, Phase 3 (\$3,500,000)
- Bexley - South Roosevelt Avenue & Ashbourne Improvements (\$4,999,999)
- Groveport - West Bixby Road Reconstruction (\$661,565)
- Whitehall - Etna Road Improvements (\$2,946,655)
- Clinton Township - Melrose-Lamont Drainage Improvements (\$277,000)
- New Albany - US 62 & Greensward Rd/Lambton Roundabout (\$881,180)

The following projects were recommended to receive \$6.3 million in LTIP funding:

- Franklin Township - Harrisburg Pike Improvements (\$995,000)
- Columbus - Third Ave Phase 2 Infrastructure and Bridge Improvements (\$4,999,999)
- Columbus - Alum Creek Drive Frebis to Refugee (\$315,501)

One project, Hamilton Township's "Hamilton Township Resurfacing" project, will be submitted to the Small Government Commission for a second chance at funding. The Small Government Commission will announce its awards in early May 2016.

The PWIC met and appointed Robert Lawler to serve on the PWIC as an alternate member for John Bryner who represents the private sector. Mr. Lawler's term on the PWIC ends in May 2018 and he replaces Lee Phelan, who recently resigned from the committee.

The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) reappointed Kyle Wilson (Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District), Steven Cothrel (Upper Arlington Parks and Forestry) and Michael Hooper (City of Westerville Parks & Recreation) to the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) for three-year terms, or until December 2018. In addition, Stephen Farst, City of Groveport Engineer, was appointed to fill a one-year term (until December 2016) to replace a seat left vacant when Tom Spring from Jefferson Township retired. The NRAC reviews applications for Clean Ohio Conservation funding.

Data and Mapping

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Regional Data Lab

Language to modify the MORPC bylaws to create the Regional Data Advisory Committee was drafted for internal review.

A work-plan for developing a data catalog of MORPC's data was drafted. This is the first step in creating the regional catalog. We are using our own data as a pilot project to work out technical details of using the cataloging software.

Interactive On-line Metropolitan Transportation Plan Map

The interactive on-line map for the MTP was refreshed to showcase only the draft MTP projects that were selected through the evaluation process for inclusion in the draft project list. The map will be available as a tool to receive comments through the end of January at apps.morpc.org/mtp2040. The land use chapter, including the MTP Land Use Appendix, is being drafted. Data & Mapping Team Members are part of the MTP presentation team, and presentations were made to the Village of Ostrander and the Delaware County Commissioners in December.

insight2050 Phase 2a

Team Members met with Grove City planners to discuss the methodology for developing the vitality and activity indices. A survey was developed to be shared with members of MODE, ULI, and the general planning community to help establish weighting criteria of variables used in creating the indices.

Homes on the Hill Study

MORPC is working with Homes on the Hill, a community development corporation on the west side of Franklin County to help them determine best locations for investing in properties. The scope and contract for \$15,000 are complete, and we collected street address-level data to use in the analysis.

Regional GIS/Data Coordination and Support

MORPC GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger is now the Chair of the OGRIP Forum. OGRIP (Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program) functions as coordinating GIS office for Ohio. As Forum Chair, Ms. Mansperger represents the practitioners of local GIS government offices. Goals for 2016 for this group include improving boundary files for better matching between county files, creating an inventory of state-owned properties, and strengthening the relationships between the state and the regional GIS user groups.

Dublin is a pilot for using the LBRS files as base files to locate crash data. Turning the file into a Linear Referencing System (LRS) requires cleaning up some of the fields in the roadway file so other geographically referenced information, such as crashes, can be automatically located. This pilot project will eventually lead to county-wide application.

MORPC maintains source data from local communities. We continually collect residential building permit data from our member communities and merge them into one master data file. Other regional data sets we continuously update include development information we collect and present on an on-line map that includes active development activity throughout the region.

Collaboration ideas were exchanged with Columbus State GIS Department. Suggestions included involvement on the Regional Data Advisory Committee, working together on professional development workshops, guest lecturing, internship and networking opportunities.

Mentoring and Training

The Data & Mapping Team Members are mentoring four capstone projects with OSU's John Glenn's School of Public Policy during the spring semester:

- Evaluating the relationship between local land use plans and workforce development needs
- Researching the return on investment of Open Data
- Evaluating the impact of multi-family development on community vitality
- Mobile app development of bikeways

MORPC Programmatic Support

Data and Mapping Team Members have internal GIS meetings to keep on top of departmental data and mapping needs and activities. We also provide mapping and data support on a regular basis.

- Columbus Metro Bike Map
- TIP amendment map created
- Attributable Funding online application
- Water trails on-line map

General Information Requests

Team Members provided an analysis of labor sources for Dawson Temporary Services

Member Services

Historical aeriels were collected for northeast Columbus and Grove City. A map of Central Ohio Capital Bill project locations was created for use by the evaluation committee.

Planning and Environment

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Active Transportation Plan

Team Members presented the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to Powell City Council. Council didn't have any questions, and the Council Members acknowledged how MORPC is great help to them in their planning and engineering efforts.

Bike Users Map Update

Team Members presented the Bike Users Map update at the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Forum and continue to work with partners and stakeholders to get input on the update of the map.

Complete Streets

Team Members began a comprehensive review of the Complete Streets Toolkit to determine what components need to be updated. Additionally, Team Members reviewed several plans for compliance with the MORPC Complete Streets Policy:

- Sunbury Road, Stage 3
- Gemini Parkway, Stage 1
- Lazelle Road, Phase C, Stage 3

Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices

Team Members continued research to assist with creating a resource about best management practices for transportation green infrastructure by beginning to interview local experts.

Assistance with Plans

Team Members participated in the first of three Statewide Active Transportation Plan Development meetings organized by ODOT and ODPH. The meetings focus on identifying strategies and specific actions to guide the active transportation planning efforts of ODOT and ODPH.

Team Members participated in the regularly scheduled City of Columbus Chronic Disease Prevention Board Meeting. This meeting focused on brainstorming ways that all partners can work together to create change in the Columbus region to reduce occurrences of chronic diseases. Such projects relate to the built environment, policy, and programs.

Related Training

Team Members participated in the following webinars related to active transportation planning.

- Workbook for Building On-Road Bike Networks through Routine Resurfacing Programs
- U.S. Federal Transportation Policy Update

- All About Guidance - What's in Your Library?

Team Members held a conference call with leadership at the Atlanta Regional Commission's Lifelong Communities Initiative. Their team provided our Team Members with advice for implementing an aging initiative into MORPC work as well as building awareness for the initiative in and around Columbus.

Transportation Safety

Team Members facilitated the MORPC Safety Program Review Synthesis/Conclusion meeting which focused on the findings of the group over the past year and asked for their guidance on the Safety Program's outputs and services.

Team Members participated in a Roadway Safety Policy Roundtable with ODOT and others, organized by the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the University's Roadway Safety Institute as part of a study of state-based roadway safety programs in the Upper Midwest.

Team Members presented in an FHWA webinar on MORPC's safety planning efforts and correlation with OARC.

insight2050

Team Members hosted the Communications Committee and the members broke out into working groups to continue progress toward its Phase II objectives. The Committee drafted key messages for Phase II, which will guide outreach and communication throughout this Phase. The Committee also made progress in the development of an insight2050 Academy program.

The City of Grove City will serve as a pilot community to assist the insight2050 project partners with tool and resource development. Team Members met with personnel from Grove City to begin ongoing discussions regarding Phase II deliverables: GIS-based mapping tools to assist local governments with planning for real estate development to meet demographic needs and preferences.

Team Members attended the ULI Real Estate Trends in Central Ohio event. Highlights included relevant statistics and data pertaining to housing preference trends by demographic, age, income, etc. in Central Ohio and nationally. Key takeaways included information that multifamily construction is far outpacing single family home construction, and demand for this product is also surpassing demand for single family homes. However, there is a supply/demand mismatch leaving nearly 50% of renter's housing cost burdened. Terry Foegler, ULI Chair and insight2050 Executive Committee member, briefly discussed insight2050 before this audience of approximately 200.

AARP hosted a webinar about the Livability Index and Team Members are working out how to adopt the index into our work here at MORPC as we pursue the Age Friendly Columbus project.

Columbus 2020 hosted ED411, attended by Team Members, which featured speakers on topics of manufacturing competitiveness, maximizing infrastructure investment, using technology to increase value proposition, and community marketing.

Team Members attended Creative Ohio, a day-long workshop focused on creative placemaking in the community. The sessions provided useful information on how creative and cultural organizations can play a key role in community engagement processes, real estate development, and economic development. This information will incorporate into our insight2050 best practices and outreach.

Outreach

insight2050 presentations were delivered to the Lancaster Rotary Club (approximate audience of 80) and the Lancaster City Council. MORPC was asked by the City of Hilliard to participate in its

community outreach video series, #HilliardsHappening. The video will link the City's comprehensive plan to insight2050, and will feature Executive Director William Murdock giving a brief overview of insight2050.

Team Members attended the Dublin/Jerome Township Crossroads Plan Open House to learn more about development recommendations for the planned 1,000 acres area.

Team Members are preparing for 2016 outreach and a series of Fact Sheets covering hot topics related to insight2050.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board

Team Members facilitated the COG Board monthly meeting. At the meeting they focused on the information to be included in the Strategic Plan for the Board and began developing an operating budget.

Central Ohio Greenways Forum

The Central Ohio Greenways Forum had over 30 people in attendance. City of Columbus gave a presentation about their new GIS file for trails in Central Ohio and the COG Board Chair updated the group on the COG Board and strategic plan. The group also broke out into COG Working Teams and worked on next steps for completing goals in 2016. The next forum will be held in March 2016.

Green Pact

Team Members facilitated a meeting of the Green Pact. The meeting focused on planning for 2016 of both the work of the Green Pact and of the individual communities.

Environmental Permit Application Notifications

MORPC Team Members shared a United States Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit Application for a project in Sunbury with the Greenways Water Quality group. This information is shared when it becomes available to ensure that affected communities and entities are aware of the application and its potential impacts on local water resources and have the necessary information to make comments if they so choose.

Riverfest

Preparation for the 2016 Riverfest is now in process.

Water Trails

MORPC Team Members facilitated a meeting about MORPC's work on the development of water trails and identification of access points throughout the region: "Central Ohio Blueways." The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) talked about the State Designated Trail process, and MORPC Team Members explained the project timeline to communities in attendance: Westerville, Columbus, and Bexley. Team Members will reach out to the remaining communities along the proposed water trails to get their input in January. The first output of this effort will be an interactive online map to be released in the spring.

Team Members attended the December Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) Luncheon "Downtown Scioto River Renaissance" which focused on the work of City of Columbus, Metro Parks, MORPC and others to develop additional parkland along the Scioto River.

National Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Conference

The [SRTS conference registration](#) opened on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Team Members and Host Committee Members continue to promote the conference. The website is continually getting updates with sponsorship, keynote speakers, and additional information.

The Programming Committee met and finalized selected proposals and are currently narrowing down speakers to no more than 5 per session. The program will be finalized by mid-January.

Energy & Air Quality

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Air Quality

MORPC issued the End of Ozone Season report for Central Ohio December 8, 2015. This report provides a summary of the 2015 ozone season and compares it to the two previous seasons. Air quality in the Central Ohio region in 2015 was slightly better than during the 2013 and 2014 seasons, despite warmer than normal temperatures. The lower levels of ozone pollution points to decreased emissions levels in the region. MORPC issued only two Air Quality Alerts in 2015 (May 8 and July 29) when pollution levels were forecasted to be harmful for sensitive groups of people like the elderly, children, and people with breathing conditions like asthma. Preliminary data for 2015 puts Central Ohio close to meeting the new federal 8-hour ozone standard of 70 ppb, which takes effect January 1, 2016.

A subcommittee of the Energy and Air Quality Working Group continues its progress on a working document about the Clean Power Plan. The purpose of the document is to better understand how the legislation may affect the region and to serve as a resource for MORPC's members. The group plans to comment to U.S. EPA on the Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP), an element of the Clean Power Plan, in January. Research is currently being conducted on the CEIP, and the comment letter will move through MORPC's committee structure.

Administration

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The 2016 annual budget was approved by the Commission in December.

The indirect cost allocation plan (ICAP) for 2016 was approved by ODOT in December. The fringe and overhead rates remain steady at the same rates as the prior year.

Recruiting

The Age-Friendly Coordinator position is filled and the HVAC Technician resumes are under review. Currently, MORPC is recruiting for four open positions:

- Local Government Internship Program (Summer)
- Customer Service & Outreach Intern
- Energy Conservation Service Technician
- Transportation Engineer/Planner Modeler

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

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Community Outreach

In January, MORPC is issuing several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for 2016 services in the area of graphic design, event audio visual, and video production services. The RFP details and deadlines will be posted on the MORPC website.

MORPC Executive Director William Murdock participated in a statewide press call with Senator Sherrod Brown about the new federal transportation legislation, FAST Act.

MORPC approved the 2015 Title VI Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan. The two plans were submitted to Federal Transit Administration.

MORPC hosted the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Regional Models of Cooperation and Environmental Justice in Planning Peer Exchange Workshop. Over 55 were in attendance for a full day workshop. FHWA representatives from the states of Washington and Ohio presented on Civil Rights, Environmental Justice and Public Participation. Departments of Transportation from Florida and Ohio presented on Diversity and Inclusion, and Civil Rights.

Online Communications Activities:

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

- MORPC's Facebook page likes continue to grow, with nearly 3,340 to date.
- MORPC had more than 30 Facebook posts during the month of December, with the most engagement taking place December 21 on a post about the airport having more direct flights to Europe. This post reached 7.7K people, had 75 likes, and was shared 14 times.
- The second-most engaging post was a link to the Dispatch editorial on Bus Rapid Transit funding for Cleveland Avenue, which reached nearly 2K users.
- MORPC had about 11K tweet impressions over the past month and increased its followers to 2,678.
- Our top tweet was a link to an article about Westerville getting a grant to buy park land.
- The top tweet MORPC was mentioned in was from Brian Williams discussing local foods at an Ohio Farm Bureau event on December 2.
- MORPC.org had more than 13.7K external pageviews in December – 200 more than the previous month – with 3.8K users. There were nearly 5K sessions (periods of active engagement). Two-thirds of page visitors were new, which is consistent from month to month.
- Most website visitors come from organic searches, followed by those with a direct link.

MORPC in the News

- Columbus Dispatch - [Buckeye Lake leaders urged to dream big for region's future](#)
- Delaware Gazette - County commissioners provide input on road projects to MORPC
- Town Hall Ohio radio show - Local Food Systems
- The Hannah Report-Brown: New Transportation Bill Will Help Brent Spence Bridge Project

Press Releases Distributed

- The End of Season report and new Air Quality standards
- Availability of funding to Enhance Mobility of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities

MORPC mentioned in other agencies Press Releases

- Brown announces \$38 million for Columbus-area rapid bus line in fiscal year 2016 appropriations bill
- Kasich Administration Releases \$1.8 Million in Local Government Awards

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015
2:20 p.m.

Transportation Policy Committee Members

Karen Angelou	Marian Harris	David Paul
Trudy Bartley	Tracy Hatmaker	Eric Phillips
Jeff Benton	Dan Havener	Rob Platte
Pat Blayney	Jenna Jackson	Hannah Reed
Stacey Boumis	Erik Janas	Bryan Rhoads
Ron Bullard	Anthony Jones	Tory Richardson
Greg Butcher	Steve Kennedy	Dean Ringle
Steve Campbell	Benjamin King	Jim Schimmer
Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher	Richard Lehmutz	Don Schonhardt
Ben Collins	Glenn Marzluf	Ashley Senn
Mike Compton	Dana McDaniel	David Simmons
Karl Craven	Rory McGuiness	Ted Staton
William Dorman	Gary Merrell	Curtis Stitt
Michael Ebert	Bonnie Michael	Scott Tourville
Syra Eichhorn	Robert Myers	Cristina Villacinda-Farr
John Eisel	Jerry Newton	Nancy White
Matt Greeson	Megan O'Callaghan	

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Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Susan Tsen
Nick Gill	Christina O'Keeffe	Thea Walsh

Guests

Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer's Ofc	Clyde Seidle, City of Hilliard
Mary Bo Robinson, West Florida RPC	Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter

Chair Eric Phillips called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director**
MORPC, as an agency that receives federal funds, must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act which requires non-discrimination in all programs and activities, whether federally-funded or not. MORPC is required to prepare and submit a Title VI Program every three years. Title VI basically states that we will not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin by denying program services, aids or benefits, providing a different service, aid or benefit or segregating or separately treating

individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any service, aid or benefit. MORPC is also required to implement sound measures and take reasonable steps for meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities by developing a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. As a component of our Title VI Program, MORPC's LEP plan includes policies and procedures for identifying and assessing the language assistance options, periodic training of staff, actual provision of services and measuring and monitoring the program.

MORPC received a \$50,000 Local Government Innovation Fund Grant award for the RideSolutions program. MORPC will collaborate with other state MPOs on a statewide platform for ridesharing. MORPC will issue an RFP.

On December 10, 2015, the Transportation Review Advisory Committee (TRAC) issued the Draft 2016-2019 Major New Project List. The required 20 percent local match is an issue for interstate projects. Comments are due January 10, 2016.

- **Energy & Air Quality – Christina O’Keeffe, Director**
Christina O’Keeffe presented the [Central Ohio End of Ozone Season](#) report. Central Ohio’s air is getting cleaner. The region averaged 71 parts per billion (ppb) in 2015 despite warmer temperatures. While 71 ppb is above the new standard of 70 ppb meaning Central Ohio will remain in non-attainment, we are trending lower. Ms. O’Keeffe also highlighted 2015 marketing efforts recognizing MORPC Team Members Evelyn Ebert, Brandi Whetstone and Bernice Cage.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

MORPC Team Members have been on the road presenting the MTP to member communities. It is taking longer to evaluate the projects due to the volume of projects submitted. A total of 900 projects were submitted; 300 through the interactive map. Comments are being accepted through the end of January 2016. An Open House is scheduled for March 15, 2016.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update – David Paul, CAC Chair

The Community Advisory Committee provides advice to the Transportation Policy Committee. CAC membership represents diverse interests and areas such as the disabled, a specific geographic area, special interests, etc. Four positions are open on the 24-member committee. They are looking to become even more diverse by adding representatives from outside Franklin County. The CAC revised their Bylaws last year in order to streamline and clarify their mission. The average member has served over five years. One member has served 20 years. David Paul thanked MORPC Team Members for their support.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGuiness, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission