

**Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
Committee Meeting
January 6, 2017
2:00 – 3:30pm
Meeting Summary**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio

Attendance

Brian Ball, Mount Vernon Engineer	Teresa Bemiller, Knox County Commissioner
Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer	Shane Farnsworth, Morrow County
Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner	Jeffry Harris, Knox County
Holly Mattei, Fairfield County RPC	Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer
Bill Narducci, Union County	Brian Stewart, Pickaway County Commissioner
Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner	

MORPC Staff

Mike Borger	Nick Gill	Maria Schaper
Nathaniel Vogt	Thea Walsh	

- RPO/RTPO Recap & Purpose.** *Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding* welcomed and introduced the group to the first CORPO Committee meeting. Thea discussed the purpose of the RPO process.
- CORPO Bylaws, Additional Members & Officers** *Nick Gill, Assistant Director of Transportation and Systems and Funding* read through the bylaws document and answered questions from CORPO members. A few edits were made to the document at the meeting. The Committee then voted to adopt the bylaws via a show of hands and they were approved. Gill also reminded the CORPO Committee that a third, appointed member should be selected. A reminder of suggested member options was shared. CORPO officers were also elected by the committee. *Union County Commissioner Steve Stolte as Chair, Pickaway County Commissioner Brian Stewart as Vice Chair and Jeffry Harris, President of the Area Development Foundation of Knox County as Secretary.*
- Development of RPO Transportation Plan.** *Mike Borger, Senior Planner* walked through the proposed timeline of the long range rural transportation plan being developed for CORPO. Elements of the plan and RPO planning factors were discussed with the group. Transportation plans developed by MORPC, RTPOs and other development agencies were shared with the committee as examples. A clarification of CORPO's status was also shared. Currently, CORPO is a Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and will vote to become a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) after a long range transportation plan is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in Summer of 2018. Goals and objectives of the transportation plan were discussed. The committee members suggested that issues such as transit, safety, trails, bikeways, infrastructure conditions, economic development and safety be represented in the goals and objectives.

The CORPO Committee members specifically mentioned:

- Address Aging infrastructure
- Economic vitality
- Safety
- System efficiency
- The rural/urban transition
- Comprehensive corridor approach to planning
- Engage and convene partners and voices
- Multi-purpose corridor planning - include utilities, water, broadband

The committee was asked to submit suggested goals and objectives to MORPC by January 30, 2017.

4. **County Subcommittee Expectations.** *Thea Walsh and Mike Berger* shared which counties had already formed County Subcommittees and reminded the CORPO Committee that the counties who had not formed subcommittees should do so. The purpose of the subcommittees is to guide and advise CORPO in the RPO planning process. CORPO members were asked to share the names of those chosen to sit on the subcommittees with MORPC after the meeting via email.

5. **Other Business.** *Thea Walsh* introduced a new MORPC initiative, *Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)*. CAP is a partnership between MORPC and Columbus 2020 that seeks to develop and maintain a list of vetted infrastructure projects that benefit economic and community growth. Walsh informed CORPO members that may have already been or will soon be contacted by a MORPC representative regarding this new program.