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NOTICE OF A MEETING

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2015
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rob Riley, Chair
2. Approval of January 7, 2015 **Minutes** (enclosed)
3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) - Thea Walsh
 - Bike to Work Month/Pedestrian & Bicycle Counts - Kerstin Carr
 - Quarterly Air Quality Update - Evelyn Ebert
4. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
 - **T-6-15: "ADOPTION OF INDEPENDENT REGIONAL LAND USE VARIABLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN"** (enclosed) – Nancy Reger
 - Draft Evaluation Criteria - Nick Gill
5. **Proposed Resolutions:**
 - **T-7-15: "AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOUNDARY OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION T-18-14"** (enclosed) - Thea Walsh
 - **T-8-15: "AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"** (enclosed) - Mary Ann Frantz
6. **Funding Programs**
 - Project Status Update - Nathaniel Vogt
 - Draft FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program – Nathaniel Vogt
7. **Draft FY 2016 Planning Work Program (PWP)** (handout) - Thea Walsh
8. **Other Business**

William Murdock, AICP
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Wednesday, May 6, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.
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**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
9 a.m.
Scioto Meeting Room at MORPC
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Members Present

Ted Beidler	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Paul Hammersmith
Jud Hines	Michael Maleski	Holly Mattei
Mike McCann (for Bradley)	Michael Meeks	Kim Moss
Jerry Newton	Rob Riley	Doug Roberts (for Zahran)
Denny Schooley	Reynaldo Stargell	Thea Walsh
Jeff Zimmerman		

Guests Present

Dave Becker, AECOM
Shane Campbell, Gannett Fleming
Chris George, City of Columbus
Steve Jewell, DLZ
Tonya Layman, DATABus
Scott Ulrich, City of Columbus
Howard Wood, Parsons Brinckerhoff

MORPC Staff Present

Bernice Cage	Kerstin Carr	Amelia Costanzo
Evelyn Ebert	Mary Ann Frantz	Nick Gill
Ronni Nimps	Brenda Noé	Nancy Reger
Nathaniel Vogt	Wilma Yoder	

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Rob Riley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of January 7, 2015 Minutes.** Ted Beidler moved to approve the January 7, 2015 minutes, and Michael Meeks seconded. The motion carried.
3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report.** Thea Walsh announced the TIP Open House on April 7th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the presentation at 5:30 p.m. Walsh also discussed the State of the Region luncheon on April 2nd at 11 a.m. at the downtown Hilton.

MORPC has assumed responsibility for administering Section 5310 (elderly and disabled) funds, formerly done by ODOT. We are now going through the application process, headed by Mary Ann Frantz. There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, March 4th, at 10:30 a.m. The application deadline is March 18th.

Walsh talked about the TIGER grant opportunity. She said that nothing has dropped yet; however, \$500 million is allocated to the program. Washington said that there will be no planning studies this time - only capital projects. They are focusing on the Ladders of

Opportunity portion of the application. Walsh said that MORPC staff is available to discuss this with any applicants.

Beidler asked what Central Ohio's success has been with TIGER grants. Nick Gill said that the Pickaway East-West Connector is the only one, which was successful in its fourth try. We submitted for Dublin (I-270 and US 33) but have not been successful.

Riley asked if there is a minimum project size for TIGER. Gill replied that they are usually in the \$30 million range, with a minimum request of \$10 million. We have been told not to ask for more than \$15 million.

- OPWC Infrastructure & Clean Ohio Programs. Wilma Yoder provided an update on the funding awarded via the State Capital Improvement Program, Local Transportation Improvement Program and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund in the transportation planning area. Her PowerPoint presentation is available at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_OPWCInfrastructure&CleanOhio.pdf
- Sustainability Advisory Committee. Kerstin Carr noted that this committee was established last summer. William Murdock and MORPC's Chair Eric Phillips appointed the committee members. The chair is Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner, and Jim Schimmer, Franklin County Economic Development Officer, serves as the vice-chair. There are 12 members on the committee representing community and business interests. The Sustainability Advisory Committee provides guidance to both the Planning and Environment Department and the Energy and Air Quality Department.

The committee meets quarterly and is staffed by Claire Jennings. Its first task was to create a regional sustainability agenda, the first of its kind for MORPC. The draft agenda was developed through member and working group input and is included in everyone's packets. It will be presented to MORPC's Commission this month, to be adopted next month. Noé will send the committee roster.

Carr also announced that MORPC, in partnership with the City of Columbus, ODOT, and the National Safe Routes to School Partnership was selected to host the National Safe Routes to School Conference in April 2016.

- Air Quality Ozone Rule. Evelyn Ebert gave a PowerPoint presentation on this subject, which is available on MORPC's website at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_Ozone.pdf

Scott Ulrich asked if the rule changed if it would affect transportation project prioritization for projects that may help reduce ozone non-attainment days. He also wanted to know if we needed to wait until we were in non-attainment. Ebert said that when a region is designated non-attainment the state puts together an implementation plan that is legally binding. However, while in attainment, states will continue programs currently on the books that address air quality. Nick Gill added that there are air emissions-related criteria in our current selection process that would continue. We have been in and out of attainment for the past 20 years, and we are currently in non-attainment for ozone (waiting to be declared in attainment). There is a process we

follow for Congestion Management Air Quality funds in order to select projects. The emissions impact is part of the process.

Paul Hammersmith asked what MORPC's staff position is. Ebert said that we are still taking comments on the proposed rule. Most comments so far are in favor of a tighter standard. Jerry Newton said that LCATS coordinates with MORPC in this process. Every project is potentially impacted as the standards become lower. We may have to go to vehicle emissions testing. Ebert said that some Ohio counties already have that program in place.

4. **Share the Road Campaign.** Chris George from the City of Columbus made a PowerPoint presentation on this subject, which is available on MORPC's website at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_SharetheRoad.pdf

The Active Transportation Plan will include several deliverables. The "Key Regional Corridors" on which the plan will focus have been identified. A network analysis is underway. It will determine where along the Key Regional Corridors more attention to the safety and efficiency of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users is necessary. MORPC staff will encourage and work with neighboring jurisdictions to address issues along the Corridors that are identified through the network analysis.

Staff is also developing a cost analysis and interactive web map. The cost analysis will provide planners, engineers and local decision makers with information on the general construction costs of different bike facilities. The interactive web map will serve as a tool to residents, planners and engineers, and local decision makers to use when considering making changes to roadways, other transportation infrastructure, and land uses along the Key Regional Corridors.

A draft of the Active Transportation Plan deliverables is expected during the summer.

Amelia Costanzo added that if any communities wanted to customize any of the available materials that MORPC is happy to help with that.

5. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):**
 - Proposed Resolution T-2-15: "Adopting Measurable Objectives for the 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan." Nick Gill reminded the committee that last year MORPC made adjustments to the goals from the last transportation plan, which were adopted in December. In January, Maria Schaper gave a presentation on the measurable objectives that we were developing. In mid-January MORPC provided some additional numbers for the measurable objectives, and the objectives were available for public comment from mid-January to mid-February, but no comments were received. This resolution adopts those measurable objectives. Measurable objectives are key aspects in determining how to measure the progress in the region in meeting and achieving the established goals. This is also a key part of MAP-21. Gill said that we are still working to develop some data throughout the year because FHWA is still developing rules about incorporating performance measures into the transportation plan. Some additional rules and guidance may result from FHWA.

Newton moved to adopt Resolution T-2-15, and Holly Mattei seconded. The motion carried.

- Land Use Projections. Nancy Reger gave a PowerPoint presentation on this subject. It is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_2040LandUseForecast.pdf

The land use projections are used as input into the travel demand model to estimate impacts on the transportation system from future traffic and transit ridership demands. The method MORPC uses for making the projections is data intensive. MORPC uses an allocation model that is reliant on future plans that communities have adopted in order to distribute new population and employment. Other considerations in making the projections include areas that are identified as environmentally sensitive, have economic incentives, and a measure of the accessibility of land to the transportation system and public sewer and water. The land use allocation model utilizes county level population projections development by the Ohio Development Services Agency. MORPC develops employment and household growth from the population numbers.

Reger asked for comments on the website, which are needed by April 3rd. There will be a resolution for adoption next month.

6. Funding Programs:

- Proposed Resolution T-3-15: "Adopting Projects to Use MORPC-Attributable Federal Funding." Gill said that the Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) worked last fall to evaluate and select projects that use attributable funds. The public involvement process resulted in no comments. The list included with this resolution includes those projects recommended by the AFC, with a little bit of tweaking on the part of staff as new project information and cost estimates were received, and to be sure the TIP is fiscally balanced. He called attention to the map that was inadvertently omitted from the resolution that was mailed (http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_T-3-15Map.pdf). These projects are all included in the Draft TIP.

Mattei moved to adopt Resolution T-3-15, and Doug Roberts seconded. The motion carried.

- Proposed Resolution T-4-15: " Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program." Gill explained that this resolution is the quarterly amendment for the SFY 2014-2017 TIP. Three of the projects (listed below) involve MORPC-attributable funding. He called attention to the map that was inadvertently omitted from the resolution that was mailed (http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/201504304_TAC_T-4-15map.pdf).
 - Delaware City - US 23 and Pennsylvania Avenue - increasing funding available to the project
 - Pataskala - Mink Street project - ready to enter right-of-way phase, and updated estimates indicate additional right-of-way funding is needed
 - Systemwide safety improvement project - a specific project PID needs to be added to the TIP for signal upgrade projects

Ted Beidler moved to adopt Resolution T-4-15, and Mike Maleski seconded. The motion carried.

- Project Status Update. Nathaniel Vogt discussed the handout at everyone's place (http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_ProjectStatusReport.pdf) which was in a different format than usual. Vogt used this format to be able to focus on the current fiscal year (2015). The first page of the handout is the carryover summary report, indicating what ODOT's policy on carryovers means for our program (STP and TAP funds). The policy is allowing MORPC to carry 50 percent of those funds from one year to the next. Last year it was 75 percent, and we exceeded the limit for STP. As a result some of our funds were recalled. We need to avoid that this year. We will need to encumber almost \$27 million in STP funds and almost \$6 million in TAP funds in order to keep any funds from being recalled.

The second and third pages of Vogt's report show the current status of SFY 2015 funds. These pages show chronologically when funds were or are expected to be encumbered. The last page of the report shows the status of former SFY 2015 phases.

Vogt highlighted the following projects:

- Tech Center Drive
 - South Old State Road widening project
 - Cleveland at Schrock
 - Fifth Avenue
 - Hard Road Phase A
 - Hamilton Road
 - Alum Creek Drive
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft. Gill announced that the draft TIP is out. This document identified the short-term transportation improvements over the next four years using state and federal dollars and significant local projects. The draft was submitted to ODOT last week. The draft will be posted to MORPC's website within the next day or two, and Brenda Noé will send the link. The final draft is due on March 23rd. The Open House on April 7th will reflect information in the final draft, and there will be a more extensive presentation on the TIP at the April meetings.

7. T-5-15: "Amending the SFY 2015 Planning Work Program to Modify an Existing Work Element." Kerstin Carr gave a presentation on [insight2050 Phase II A](#). Four components were identified for Phase II A:

- Continued outreach – average two presentations per week
- Community typology – categorize Central Ohio's communities into peer communities in order to engage in peer-to-peer relationships
- Best practices inventory – categorize information by peer typology and include documentation of processes, design, development profiles, photos, etc.
- Infill opportunity directory – create a map-based inventory to show where our region currently has vacant or underutilized land available that could likely be used for future redevelopment

Kerstin Carr introduced this resolution with a PowerPoint presentation. It is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_insight2050.pdf

Beidler moved to approve Resolution T-5-15, and Mattei seconded. The motion carried.

8. **Active Transportation Plan Update.** Amelia Costanzo gave a PowerPoint presentation on this subject. The Active Transportation Plan will include several deliverables. The “Key Regional Corridors” on which the plan will focus have been identified. A network analysis is underway. It will determine where along the Key Regional Corridors more attention to the safety and efficiency of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users is necessary. MORPC staff will encourage and work with neighboring jurisdictions to address issues along the Corridors that are identified through the network analysis.

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A draft of the Active Transportation Plan deliverables is expected during the summer.

The PowerPoint presentation is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150304_TAC_ActiveTransportationPlan.pdf

9. **Other Business.** Riley adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea J. Walsh
Secretary



MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

March 2015

Transportation Systems & Funding

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- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
The 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan's Measurable objectives were adopted. The adopted objectives were placed on the MORPC website. A one-page flyer announcing the draft Land Use Variables and Forecasts was developed and distributed to libraries and MORPC committees. The draft Land Use Variables and Forecasts were also featured in *Regional eSource*.

A video is being produced that will feature the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connect Columbus Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan and COTA's NextGen for the State of the Region.

- Transit/Human Services
Staff met with Groveport staff to review historical and more recent MORPC work on workforce development in the Rickenbacker area.

MORPC received 11 Section 5310 funding requests totaling over \$1.8 million. Projects are being selected and added to the 2014-2017 TIP.

- RideSolutions
A "Marketing and Coordination Database" was created to better track efforts to increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance. This database will help determine effective marketing and coordination techniques and track the direct impact that is produced from our efforts.

RideSolutions is in the early stages of working with employers in Union and Madison counties to help commuters find a more reliable and sustainable way to work. Cluster Analyses have been presented to employers and next steps are being developed.

RideSolutions and COTA are working together to see how they can help VA Columbus with its transportation and parking needs during the parking garage construction project. Three hundred parking spaces will be eliminated during the construction phase. RideSolutions is meeting with the City of Pickerington to see how they can best assist commuters during the Refugee Road construction project.

- Infrastructure Funding
OPWC
During MORPC's "Village Forum" an overview was provided of funding sources available through the Ohio Public Work Commission's SCIP/LTIP infrastructure and Clean Ohio Conservation Fund programs.

Five nominations were received to fill four seats on the District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee representing municipalities in Franklin County. A voting ballot was sent to officials in 23 villages and townships in Franklin County.

The Ohio Public Works Commission has language in House Bill 64, the main operating budget for FY 2016-2017, to allow Natural Resources Assistance Councils to use up to \$15,000 of their allocations to cover administrative costs.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Notices for the 2016-2019 TIP announcing the update to the TIP and Open House on April 7th were printed and distributed to over 3,400 through direct mail. A TIP Open House article distributed through MORPC's electronic newsletter, *Regional eSource* and placed on Facebook. Press Release announcing the update to the TIP and the Open House was distributed to the media. A post to promote the TIP Open House will be purchased on Facebook to push the TIP Open House. An informational brochure about the purpose of the TIP is being created for the general public as well as community and business leaders and stakeholders.

Data and Mapping

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- Collaboration and Joint Projects

The Local Government Innovation Grant submitted in partnership with Prairie Township for GIS services has been awarded. The project, expected to begin in June, includes developing a primer on “how to start a GIS program for small governments” and developing an electronic catalog of data sets for use by data users and data providers.

The Data and Mapping staff is involved with a number of local technical initiatives. We are supporting efforts by the City of Columbus in its quest to be named the top city by the Intelligent Community Forum and participating in discussions with OSU about driverless vehicles. In addition, MORPC is participating in discussions with a group of communities to assess some regional cooperative measures to build agreements around broadband services and data storage.

The Regional Data Site Task Force met on March 19th. The task force members reviewed a varied set of other regional data sets and discussed the pros and cons of the sites. The meeting included discussions about other large-scale data projects underway at OSU, including a data dashboard (metrics of various data sets) that is being developed by the OSU Center of Urban and Regional Analysis, and creation of a sustainable knowledge index (benchmarks of various data sets regarding sustainability) by the OSU Battelle Center for Science and Technology Policy. A large part of the MORPC regional data site task force effort is to explore various data collection efforts and find ways to leverage, if possible, these parallel activities into a cohesive data site. Next steps involve identifying core data sets that are critical to the task force members.

We are participating with other volunteers from the Central Ohio Section of the American Planning Association of Ohio to organize the 2015 Planning and Zoning Workshop that is scheduled for June 19th.

- Data & Mapping Involvement in Projects and Programs

The draft future land use data set developed for the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was published on MORPC’s website, and several requests for comments have been made. The forecasts will be presented for approval at MORPC’s Commission meeting in April.

- Support for Members and the Community at Large

The Data and Mapping staff responded to approximately 16 requests for maps or information for communities during the month of March. Examples include information prepared for Gahanna, Huntington Bank, Worthington Library, Southwest Library, and COTA. MORPC provided land use to consultants working with LCATS in western Licking County.

The Data and Mapping staff is involved in several agency initiatives including RideSolutions, Weatherization, Active Transportation and Safety. It is heavily involved in database management and project mapping associated with the SFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan and the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MORPC Planning and Environment Department

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- Active Transportation Planning

The Active Transportation Plan Technical Committee met in March to finalize the network analysis process for the plan. Staff also provided updates to the Community Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee on the plan's progress. Staff is now developing content for and creating the structure of an interactive web map to display the results of the plan.

Staff successfully assisted the Short North Alliance with its use of several of MORPC's automated bike/ped counters during the monthly Gallery Hop event in March.

Staff participated in a field review of the Worthington-Galena Road widening and intersection modification and multi-use path project between Wilson Bridge/Huntley roads to Sancus Boulevard to assess its integration of Complete Streets components. This is an effort for staff to become familiar with the entire Complete Streets review process from project inception to project construction.

Staff reviewed three projects for Complete Streets considerations this month:

- Sunbury Road major widening from County Line Road to Maxtown Road in Westerville
- Lazelle Road widening from I-71 east of Sancus Boulevard to near Worthington-Galena Road in Columbus
- Roundabout at intersection of Center Street/Milnor Road/Meadows Boulevard in Pickerington

MORPC staff is working with Columbus and others to plan the May Bike-to-Work event. As part of this effort, staff provided "top" bicycle count location data to Columbus Public Health (CPH). CPH will use this information to target areas for promotional events related to Bike-to-Work Week. Staff is also working with Columbus and others in planning Bike-to-Work month initiatives, such as a soft launch of a Park-n-Bike program from several Columbus parks and associated multi-media education.

- Transportation Safety

In February, MORPC staff met with ODOT Central Office to discuss the implementation of AASHTO's SafetyAnalyst.

Staff will continue to coordinate with Buckeye Hills to help develop its crash data "program."

Staff met with the cities of Reynoldsburg and Pickerington and ODOT districts 5 and 6 to discuss current safety projects along SR 256 and the possibility of pursuing further safety projects within Reynoldsburg.

The first Safe Routes to School Host Committee Meeting was held in early March to discuss theme and schedule of the conference planning. Staff began working on the website to promote the conference. In addition, the Hilton Downtown Hotel was selected through an RFP process as the conference hotel and venue.

- Regional Education Forums

The Local Foods Regional Education Forum was held in late February with almost 30 people in attendance who were actively engaged in questions and discussion. Mark Barbash and Tony Logan stood in for Commissioner O'Grady. Bryn Bird of Licking County did an excellent job

sharing her experiences of the Licking County Food Council, and Greg Rutland offered important perspectives related to economic development.

The March Regional Education Forum had a focus on water quality with presentations given about agriculture fertilizer legislation, changes to 401 Nationwide Permits, NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) requirements, and Sustaining Scioto. Over 20 people attended the March Forum.

- Greenways & Water Quality Program

The next COG forum will be held on April 8, 2015 at MORPC in the Scioto Conference Room from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Topics include the Olentangy Trail through Highbanks, Ohio-to-Erie Trail, trail counter resources and map updates.

In early March, staff discussed Riverfest on Tour! 2015 planning and partnering agencies/organizations. MORPC will engage HERO USA, Inc. to provide boats and transportation for three MORPC-sponsored paddles. The dates and locations are May 30th on Alum Creek from Innis Park to Bexley; June 27th on the Scioto from Amberleigh Park to Bridge Street in Dublin; and July 18th on Big Walnut Creek from Far East Recreation Center to Elk Run Park. The Alum Creek paddle will include a pedal and the Big Walnut paddle will be a stream cleanup.

MORPC is also co-branding two additional paddles that are being organized by outside partners: on June 6th the Licking County Parks District is sponsoring a paddle on the Licking River, and on June 20th the City of Delaware is hosting the Northern Olentangy Watershed (NOW) Festival that will include a paddle on the Olentangy River from Main Street to Mingo Park. Staff also met with Paul Kennedy of the Port Authority to discuss the Port Authority's interest in continuing to build a relationship with the surrounding communities through a paddling event for airport staff and partners by participating with nearby schools.

Staff attended the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Science Committee meeting in March as well as the board meeting of the Friends of the Alum Creek Tributary.

In February, staff met with City of Columbus staff to provide an update and receive input on the Water Trails project.

- Sustaining Scioto

A Sustaining Scioto presentation was made to the Ohio Water Environment Association as well as at the March 24th Regional Education Forum. Additional meetings are being scheduled with the Franklin County Commissioners, City of Marysville, and City of Delaware to give the Sustaining Scioto presentation.

On February 12th the USGS final report was approved by its central office. The report should be available in April.

The adaptive management plan will be finalized in April with an expected release in May. Updates on the project can be found at <http://www.morpc.org/SustainingScioto>.

- insight2050

MORPC's and its partners' outreach continued throughout March. Presentations were given to the following entities: City of Grove City, Commercial Real Estate for Women (CREW), Union County Chamber, Johnstown Village, Weinland Park Collaborative, City of Gahanna, League of Women Voters of Central Ohio, and City of Dublin.

In addition, Phase II of insight2050 was presented to MORPC's committees and Commission. Phase II includes more outreach and workshops, a best practices inventory, a peer community typology, and a map-based infill opportunity inventory.

- InfoShare

Staff met with the City of Grandview Heights, the City of Obetz, and the Village of Urbancrest in March. Conversations with Obetz centered around how to address concerns from Rickenbacker-area communities. Conversations with Grandview Heights centered around the development of the Grandview Yard. Conversations with Urbancrest centered around helping them find funding opportunities for projects.

- Regional Food Council

Staff attended the Metropolitan Club forum on healthy food retail access, which moderator Mark Barbash steered toward a discussion of local food systems.

The Organics Diversion Task Force, which is jointly led by MORPC's Materials Management Committee and the Regional Food Council, continues to be very active. By strong consensus, task force members insisted on an action-oriented, fast-track process to identify various short-term solutions in a report possibly as soon as June, but to do so with an eye toward possible long-term solutions and efforts that Ohio EPA may undertake later in the year. A survey was sent out to members to assess their waste-management needs. The task force chair, Christy Cook, has prepared a spreadsheet to tabulate and analyze the data, which will be shared at the next meeting on March 25th.

The February Regional Food Council meeting had 16 members in attendance. Members prioritized task forces for 2015 – consensus to combine task forces on Institutional Buying and Increased Production - and discussed a new format for the Regional Food Council website, one that adapts to smart phones, etc. A Website Task Force will look more closely at the format and content.

- **Greater Ohio Policy Center Collaboration**

Staff is working with the Greater Ohio Policy Center through a grant of the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to identify and develop a list of communities to interview about their water infrastructure and financing needs. Interviews with ten communities/water systems have been completed and a draft of major findings has been compiled. The draft focuses on issues common to all or most of the communities in the scan, but also highlights particular, or more serious, problems faced by some of them, and innovative solutions tried by others. It also includes a short document with information about each community in the scan, and key factors in the water/sewer systems of each.

MORPC Planning & Environment Department

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- Air Quality

A press release announcing the start of the 2015 ozone season was distributed to the media. Ozone season runs from April through October.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Officers and Board Members
Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Citizen Advisory Committee

FROM: Nancy Reger, Director of Regional Data and Mapping

DATE: March 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-6-15: "ADOPTION OF INDEPENDENT REGIONAL LAND USE VARIABLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN"

MORPC prepares land use data sets as part of the regional transportation planning process. The data are a primary data input into the regional travel demand model, which provides guidance for determining future transportation projects. The land use data are prepared at the geography of Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs), which is the geography recognized in the travel demand model. The TAZ boundaries do not necessarily correlate to political boundaries. The data are developed for the MORPC modeling collection area, which includes Franklin, Delaware and Licking counties, and adjacent townships in Fairfield, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties. MORPC works with LCATS to prepare the data sets for Licking County.

Two sets of data were recently prepared. The first set, the base year data for 2015, was created by updating the previous base year data generated from year 2010 census data. The 2015 data include new population and housing units calculated from census data released at the census block level. Employment data were updated from unemployment files that MORPC receives through ODOT from the State Department of Jobs and Family Services.

Land use forecasts were developed based on local land use plans. MORPC meets with member governments on an annual basis to gather information regarding transportation and development projects and trends. In addition, MORPC maintains an extensive data library of local plans. A regional mosaic of these was created with assistance from a technical committee that provided guidance into developing standardized land use taxonomy of local land use categories. Using GIS, MORPC mapped these land use plans and created other GIS layers including environmental constraints, economic development areas, and major infrastructure improvements and service areas. Using a land use model that includes weighted factors for development factors, MORPC generated a 2040 land use data set. The land use was distributed to local jurisdictions for their review and comment.

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The regional population and employment growth reflected in these forecasts is constrained by population projections produced by the Ohio Department of Development in compliance with an agreement between the Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

The land use data were presented at MORPC committees and made available on the World Wide Web for public comment and review. Comments were received from local governments. Their comments were incorporated into revisions of the land use forecasts.

These data will be made available at the TAZ level in a useful format for government planning and private development use.

Attachment: Resolution T-6-15

RESOLUTION T-6-15

"ADOPTION OF INDEPENDENT REGIONAL LAND USE VARIABLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), is required to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan for transportation planning, programming and project development activities associated with federal planning regulations and other federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has completed preparing base year 2015 and planning horizon year 2040 land use variables for use in the MORPC Travel Demand Model for the MORPC modeling area; and

WHEREAS, the forecasted land use data are in compliance with population projections established by the Ohio Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, in this assessment MORPC staff has solicited input from member jurisdictions in assessing the assumptions and projections; and

WHEREAS, this information was made available to the public on the World Wide Web; and

WHEREAS, the comments received from local jurisdiction planning agencies were addressed in the final data sets; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its March 30, 2015, meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its April 1, 2015, meeting recommended adoption by the Transportation Policy Committee of the land use data for use in the MORPC 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That it adopts the base year 2015 and planning year 2040 land use variables and authorizes their use in the Transportation Plan.
- Section 2. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT for appropriate action.
- Section 3. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Eric Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea Walsh, Transportation Systems & Funding Director

DATE: March 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-7-15: **“AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOUNDARY OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION T-18-14”**

The attached resolution amends the MPO boundary established by Resolution T-18-14 (approved by the Transportation Policy Committee on December 11, 2014). The resolution removes Liberty Township in Fairfield County from the MPO boundary and adds the Union County Agency Transportation Services to the Transportation Policy Committee.

The MPO boundary is reviewed every ten years following the census to identify changes to the urban boundary. A Boundaries Task Force of the Commission recommended areas of expansion to the MPO in 2014. Liberty Township in Fairfield County was recommended and ultimately approved as part of the new MPO boundary approved by Resolution T-18-14. However, the political subdivision elected to not join the MPO at this time. Therefore, this resolution removes Liberty Township in Fairfield County.

By Resolution T-18-14 Jerome Township in Union County joined the MPO boundary. Union County Agency Transportation Services (UCATS) is an agency whose primary function is to provide transportation services in the transportation study area. The MORPC Bylaws allow representation on the Transportation Policy Committee for transportation agencies whose primary function is to provide transportation services or operate transportation facilities within the transportation study area. Therefore, this resolution allows one (1) representative of UCATS to serve on the Transportation Policy Committee per the bylaws.

Attachment: Resolution T-7-15

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RESOLUTION T-7-15

“AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOUNDARY OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION T-18-14”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements) define the areas to be included in the MPO, which is based on the census-defined urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, MORPC's existing MPO boundary includes the political boundaries of Franklin County; Delaware County; Bloom, Liberty and Violet Townships in Fairfield County; Etna Township and the Cities of New Albany and Pataskala in Licking County; and Jerome Township in Union County; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township in Fairfield County elected not to join the MPO after Resolution T-18-14 was approved by the Transportation Policy Committee on December 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Bylaws allow representation on the Transportation Policy Committee for transportation agencies whose primary function is to provide transportation services or operate transportation facilities within the transportation study area; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 30, 2015 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 1, 2015 recommended approval of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That Liberty Township in Fairfield County is removed from the MPO boundary.
- Section 2. That one (1) representative from Union County Agency Transportation Services (UCATS) serves on the Transportation Policy Committee.
- 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 committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

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Effective date:	April 9, 2015
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Thea Walsh, Transportation Systems and Funding Director
Authority:	23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303
For action date:	April 9, 2015
Attachment:	MPO Boundary Map



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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation Systems & Funding

DATE: March 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-8-15: "AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"

Proposed Resolution T-8-15 will identify projects selected to receive FTA Section 5310 funding on the SFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$900,000. FTA Section 5310 provides formula assistance funds to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

These changes are necessary to enable these projects to advance using Section 5310 funding and to maintain fiscal constraint. In April, ODOT will ask the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes. MORPC will initiate project development with FTA for the sub-recipients.

In the fall of 2014, the Governor of Ohio named MORPC as the Section 5310 designated recipient for the Columbus UZA. MORPC has worked with FTA to develop and respond to all policy issues to administer this program in a timely fashion.

In February, MORPC solicited for projects and received over \$1.8 million in requests (listed below). Staff has identified administrative and operating projects for funding. Capital projects are still being reviewed. A contingency list will also be identified should a project not be fully developed and lose funding.

Resolution Attachment 1 describes the Section 5310 project type breakdown in the TIP. Of the \$973,191, Columbus's urbanized area apportionment (10%), is available for administration, 35% for operating costs and 55% for capital type projects. Attachment 2 provides project descriptions of all projects selected, and will be handed out during CAC and TAC.

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Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-8-15

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Resolution T-8-15
Section 5310 Funding Requests

ID	Agency Name	Vehicle Request 80%	Vehicle Match 20%	Operating Request 50%	Operating Match 50%	Com - Comp 80%	Com - Comp 20%	Capitalized Maintenance 80%	Capitalized Maintenance Match 20%	Mobility Management 80%	Mobility Management match 20%	Misc Capital 80%	Misc Capital match 20%
1	Association for the Developmentally Disabled Light Transit Vehicle	\$33,532	\$8,383										
2	Arch Express Transportation 3 Dedicated Mobility Vehicle , 2 Modified Minivans and Mobility Management Services	\$190,000	\$47,500							\$16,000	\$4,000		
3	Canal Winchester Human Services 1 Narrow Light Transit Vehicle, Operating Costs, Computer Equipment, Capitalized Maintenance, Mobility Management and Miscellaneous Capital	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$19,057	\$4,764	\$1,028	\$1,272	\$14,282	\$3,570	\$61,002	\$15,250	\$12,000	\$3,000
4	Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resource Center 1 Light Transit Vehicle and Capitalized Maintenance	\$32,446	\$8,112					\$1,600	\$400				
5	Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Operating Costs			\$307,989	\$307,989								
6	Delaware County Transit Board (DCTB) operated by Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATAbus) (DCTB)			\$32,628	\$32,628					\$268,426	\$57,106		
7	Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities 3 Modified Minivans, Propane Station, Tie Down and Seat Belt Sets	\$132,000	\$33,000					\$236,000	\$59,000				
8	Heritage Day Health Centers dba National Church Residences 1 Dedicated Mobility Vehicle, 2 Light Transit Vehicles and Capitalized Maintenance	\$107,607	\$26,902					\$95,616	\$23,904				
9	LifeCare Alliance Miscellaneous Capital to Purchase Transportation											\$80,134	\$20,034
10	The Alpha Group of Delaware, Inc. 1 Modified Minivan, and Computer Equipment	\$28,173	\$7,043			\$1,733	\$433	\$62,060	\$15,575				
11	The Council for Older Adults of Delaware County one Light Transit Vehicle	\$43,578	\$10,895										
		\$599,336	\$149,835	\$359,674	\$345,381	\$2,761	\$1,705	\$409,558	\$102,449	\$345,428	\$76,356	\$92,134	\$23,034
	Total Federal Requests												
		\$1,808,891											

RESOLUTION T-8-15

“AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-5-13; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has requested the modification of one project on the 2014-2017 TIP as shown in Attachments 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 30, 2015, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 1, 2015, recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2014-2017 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachments 1 and 2.
- Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2014-2017 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.
- Section 4. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all local agencies listed as sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 5. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment:

Attachment 1 – Amended Project Information for the SFY 2014-2017 TIP

Attachment 2 - FTA Program of Projects to be handed out at CAC and TAC

Resolution T-8-15

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: MORPC

PID: 100014

TIP ID: 3065

MTP ID: 1017

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-Section 5310-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: E

Description: Section 5310 in Columbus UZA, Transit Activity, capital, operating and other transportation grants to meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities MORPC Admin, COTA & DATABus Operating Capital listed in FTA POP.

Bike Components: Maybe - To be determined.

Ped Components: Maybe - To be determined.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	Administration	SEC 5310	\$97,319
2015	Operating	SEC 5310	\$340,617
2015	Operating	Local-Transit	\$340,617
2015	Capital	SEC 5310	\$535,255
2015	Capital	Local-Transit	\$133,814
Total:			\$1,447,622

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Local-Transit	Local Public Transit Authority	\$474,431
SEC 5310	Transit Specialized Transportation Program	\$973,191
Grand Total		\$1,447,622