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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, July 1, 2015
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. 1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rob Riley, Chair

9:02 a.m. 2. Approval of June 3, 2015 Minutes (enclosed)

9:03 a.m. 3. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report (enclosed) - Thea Walsh
- Quarterly Air Quality Update - Evelyn Ebert

9:08 a.m. 4. **Bus on Shoulders** - COTA Representative

9:11 a.m. 5. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
- MTP Candidate Projects and Update – Maria Schaper/Nancy Reger

9:21 a.m. 6. Proposed Resolution T-14-15: **" ADOPTING THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE MORPC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AREA "** (enclosed) - Maria Schaper

9:28 a.m. 7. **Funding Programs** - Nathaniel Vogt
- T-13-15: **" AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM "** - (enclosed)
- Project Status Update

9:35 a.m. 8. **Informational Items:**
- PIP Update (enclosed) - Bernice Cage
- Systematic Safety Improvement - Jordan Whisler
- Economic Impact of Trails - Amanda McEldowney

10:00 a.m. 9. **Other Business**

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Wednesday, September 2, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 3, 2015
9 a.m.
Scioto Meeting Room at MORPC
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43215

Members Present

Ted Beidler
Cindi Fitzpatrick
Michael Maleski
Kim Moss
Clyde Seidle
Thea Walsh
Mike Bradley
Jud Hines
Carla Marable (for Meeks)
Rob Riley
Reynaldo Stargell
Jeff Zimmerman
Greg Butcher
Morgan Kauffman
Holly Mattei
Doug Roberts (for Zahran)
Anthony Turowski

Guests Present

Michael Coleman, Coleman Group
Conner Downard, Violet Township
Loudon Klein, Fairfield County RPC
Jared Love, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Ralph Norman, CT Consultants
Howard Wood, Parsons Brinckerhoff

MORPC Staff Present

Rachael Beeman
Nick Gill
Nancy Reger
Nathaniel Vogt
Bernice Cage
Ronni Nimps
Shari Saunders
Maggie Walsh
Daniel Eisenberg
Brenda Noé
Maria Schaper

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Rob Riley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of May 6, 2015 Minutes.** Clyde Seidle moved to approve the May 6, 2015 minutes, and Morgan Kauffman seconded. The motion carried.

3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report.** Thea Walsh reported that Connect Columbus is holding its mobile workshop in Clintonville this week. COTA's NextGen program also has multiple meetings - one today; one tomorrow from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; a Southside meeting on June 3rd; and a Grove City meeting on June 4th.

   She also announced that the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) met at the end of May and approved final policies and procedures to be used for the 2015 TRAC application cycle. Walsh reminded the committee that TRAC is Ohio's Major/New program and projects must cost at least $12 million. Applications will be accepted through June. The public hearing will be October 13th, and the list will be available on December 15th. Tony Turowski added that TRAC is looking for existing TRAC-funded projects in Tiers I, II or III to try to advance funding, and economic development and jobs and commerce projects. Walsh said that the following TIGER applications have been submitted: rural transit technology (Rosetta); Marion Intermodal Yard; and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority for a project in the Rickenbacker area associated with rail.

Walsh advised the committee that the Highway Trust Fund has been extended for two more months (through July). No further information is available.

MORPC is offering two different intern programs this summer - one with Ohio State and one with our local governments. We placed some of these interns with the communities, and some will work at MORPC.

The Transit Pass Program and Bike Training Program for the Downtown Special Improvement District (SID) has been launched. MORPC also signed a contract with Yay Bikes! This means that employees who work in the SID will be eligible for a free transit pass. Since this is a pilot, there are only about 1,100 employees in the study. If the pilot works out, then the SID will pay for it through its assessment, and those employees would continuously be able to access the bus. This is to open up more parking in downtown Columbus. MORPC is also partnering with a bike commuting training program through Yay Bikes! This will encourage more people to leave their single-occupancy vehicles behind.

Walsh announced that MORPC's Maria Schaper was on the All Sides with Ann Fisher radio show on WOSU, as well as Curtis Stitt, COTA, and Patti Austin, City of Columbus. They discussed long-range plans.

4. Transit System Redesign/Downtown Plan. Mike Bradley, COTA, presented information on this plan. His PowerPoint presentation is available at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150601DowntownTSRPresentation.pdf

Nancy Reger asked when the airport service would be implemented, and Bradley said it will be in August 2016. Holly Mattei wanted to know the frequency of the airport route, but Bradley said it had not yet been determined. Jeff Zimmerman wanted to know if COTA will develop an app. Bradley said that COTA is working with a consultant on that. Bernice Cage asked what the terminal amenities will be. Bradley replied that the terminals will have seating, heat and air conditioning. Kim Moss asked where the terminals are located. Bradley said they are at Rich and Main streets and Spring Street.

5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Maria Schaper referred to the latest newsletter at everyone's place (http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150601MTPOne-Pager.pdf). We are now compiling candidate projects and have been reviewing local plans and capital improvement programs for potential projects to be included in the MTP. We are also looking for project suggestions from the public.
   - MTP Candidate Projects. Daniel Eisenberg showed and explained how to use the new interactive web map and look at candidate projects and provide comments on them. The public will also be able to suggests projects by drawing them onto the map.

6. Funding Programs:
   - Project Status Update. Nathaniel Vogt referred to the Carryover Report (http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/061115FY15carryovermemo.pdf) and said that there should be no problem with too much carryover this year. He also highlighted some items on his Project Status Update report (http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/061115Project%20status%20report.pdf).
     - Lazelle Road Phase A: The final right-of-way plans were late and expected by June 24th.
     - Mink Street: Right-of-way funds were moved from FY15 to FY16 as expected.
     - Lazelle Road Phase C: The preliminary right-of-way plans and Stage 2 plans were late and expected by June 17th.

7. Central Ohio Greenways Board.. Amanda McEldowney presented information on this subject, and her PowerPoint presentation is available at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150603COGBoardStructure.pdf

8. Other Business. McEldowney showed the website for Summit on Sustainability awards if anyone wanted to nominate someone: (http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/calendar/signature-events/summit-on-sustainability-the-environment/awards/index). She also reminded everyone of Riverfest on Tour (handout). Riley adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea J. Walsh
Secretary

MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

June 2015

Transportation Systems & Funding
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- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
  A press release on the availability of the 2016-2040 MTP Candidate Projects for review and comment was distributed to the Central Ohio media and placed on social media. A one-pager on the types of candidate projects was developed and distributed to MORPC committees and will be sent to Central Ohio libraries.

- Highways
  MORPC completed final coordination with ODOT on the Federal Functional Classification changes to the highway system in Central Ohio.

  MORPC coordinated with ODOT District 6 to provide comments to ODOT Central Office on the results of the Active Transportation Demand Management Study for the Central Ohio region. The purpose of the study is to identify pilot corridors for 'bus on shoulder' service.

- Transit/Human Services
  MORPC's Transportation Public Involvement Plan is being updated to specifically include FTA's Section 5307 Program of Projects (POP) for COTA and DATABus projects. A POP is a list of projects using FTA funds with project description, cost and local share amount.

  The City of Groveport held a luncheon announcing GREAT (Groveport Rickenbacker Employee Access Transit) to start in mid-September 2015. This is a last mile door-to-door service to augment COTA service for employees to safely reach their jobs. COTA's proposed September service changes will provide more frequent and extended service to the Rickenbacker area. This service is being coordinated with Groveport, COTA, Parking Solutions, Inc. (PSI), Village of Obetz, area businesses and possibly transit providers in Fairfield and Pickaway counties.

- RideSolutions
  RideSolutions staff participated in numerous events including the NBBJ's "MOVE250", City of Columbus' Bike to Work Day, COTA's Earth Day at the Columbus VA Hospital, Mt Carmel West, City of Columbus Health and Wellness Fair and Central Community House. RideSolutions also participated in a follow up meeting with the City of Westerville regarding follow- up on the Polaris Parkway Transportation Forum

  RideSolutions and the Chillicothe VA Medical Center developed the first vanpool traveling to Ross County. RideSolutions met with Honda R&D staff to talk about starting a flexible vanpool program.

- Infrastructure Funding

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

ODOT's Carryforward Policy limits the amount of attributable funds MORPC can carry forward from one fiscal year to the next. Approximately $55 million of MORPC-attributable funds had been encumbered in SFY 2015, which ends June 30th. Less than $5 million remained, which was well below the maximum allowed under the policy.

Transportation Review and Advisory Council (TRAC)

TRAC applications are due on June 30th. We are aware that ODOT will be submitting request for additional funds for the downtown freeway projects, east freeway projects and the south outerbelt projects.

Franklin County Infrastructure Bank

Wilma Yoder was appointed to a seat on the seven-member Loan Advisory Board for the new Franklin County Infrastructure Bank. This funding program provides loans and encourages investment in infrastructure projects that will result in significant growth and job creation in Franklin County. The board has an allocation of $1.75 million for Round 1 and is currently reviewing and scoring three applications. Awards are expected to be announced in early July.

Data and Mapping

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Regional Data Task Force

The Regional Data Site Task Force met on June 19th. We had lively discussion about the potential governance structure of a permanent data forum for Central Ohio – who should be represented, what their responsibilities might be, and how will it be managed. We also discussed leveraging the data catalogue being built by the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (the state GIS office). For example, working through the regions could potentially keep the state catalogue more current and complete.

Jung Kim, one of the Data Task Force Co-Chairs, testified as an interested party before the House State Government Committee regarding HB 130, a Data Bill that is being considered that includes some of the concepts regarding data organization and management that is being discussed by the MORPC task force. The Director of MORPC's Data & Mapping Department also provided testimony to the committee on behalf of MORPC as an interested party.

Data Sharing

The sidewalk inventory GIS file is available for downloading from the MORPC website. We are working with the communities that have GIS to integrate the file into the regional editing system, similar to how we collaborate on roadway and address files. Updates are being installed to the GIS software that is used in this editing system. All communities have to be on the same version of the software to share the files, so this is truly a collaborative and cooperative effort.

Land Use and Population Projections

The detailed projections for years 2025, 2040, and 2050 being used in the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the COTA NextGen Plan, and the Connect Columbus plan have been completed and made available to the consultants and other MORPC staff working on these plans. The projections include household population, group quarter population, households, employment and school enrollment. They are developed at a very small geographical area, and we are in the process of posting them on the MORPC website for viewing and downloading

New Web Map for Soliciting Comments for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The new interactive map allows users to comment on projects or draw their own ideas directly on the map. We have already been receiving significant comments from the public via the map.

Insight2050 Phase 2
A draft typology of the development patterns has been completed, and we are preparing to share the concepts with a couple of local communities as well as engage professionals from the private sector. The typology structure is a two-tiered approach that addresses density, as well as geographic areas around areas such as nodes, downtowns, corridors and neighborhoods. In addition, a database of vacant land is being created using aerial photography and GIS.

MORPC Planning and Environment Department
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- Active Transportation Planning
  Staff participated in the quarterly Ohio Bicycle Federation Board Meeting. Board members provided updates on bicycle-related projects and initiatives in which they are involved across Ohio. Dayton's bike share program which kicked off this spring is showing high success rates and is an innovative model as it is being managed by the transit authority. Bike Cleveland will be launching a bicycle safety educational campaign this summer called "We Are All Drivers" which focuses on placing a face on bicyclists so that all road users are aware of them. The campaign will include messaging on billboards, social media, etc. The Ohio Bicycle Federation also touched on various legislative items related to bicyclists, HB154 – the "3-foot Passing Law" – being the major point of discussion.

  Staff attended the "Sitting is the New Smoking" CMC Luncheon that addressed the importance of implementing policy and design that promotes daily activity.

  MORPC staff attended a site visit at the Grandview Goodale Avenue OPWC project. The City showcased how they used funds on their project to incorporate Complete Streets components, including a bike lane, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks.

  Staff coordinated checkout of Trailmaster active infrared pedestrian and bicycle counters included in the Complete Streets Equipment Library with both Orange Township and the Short North Alliance. The Short North Alliance used the counters to collect volume information during the June Gallery Hop. Orange Township collected volumes at 8 sites throughout the municipality.

  Staff is working on completing a Semi-Annual Volunteer Count report that will summarize results from the May 2015 volunteer pedestrian and bicyclist counts.

- Transportation Safety
  On Monday June 29th, MORPC will host the kick-off meeting for the second phase of the Systematic Safety Improvement Pilot project. The goal of this phase will be to achieve a reduction in severe pedestrian crashes through the implementation of low-cost safety improvements region-wide.

  On Wednesday June 10th, staff attended the quarterly Safe Communities Coalition meeting at Columbus Public Health. The meeting focused on current safety issues affecting the Columbus area, such as distracted driving and children car seat usage.

On Tuesday June 23, staff attended the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee quarterly Meeting at ODOT. This meeting largely focused on the fact that fatalities are up 16% in 2015 compared to this time last year. The committee reviewed trends and discussed relevant strategies.

On Thursday June 25th, staff attended the regularly scheduled Fatality Review Board meeting at Columbus Public Health. Impaired driving and young drivers continue to surface as an area of concern.

Staff hosted the National Safe Routes to School Fundraising Committee and Host Committee meetings where they discussed potential keynote speakers and the next steps for fundraising. Staff also hosted the Nation Safe Routes to School Communications Committee and is working on developing the Save the Date that will go out in July.

Staff is working to produce the annual Regional Crash Fact Sheets covering crashes occurring between 2010 and 2014. They are expected to be completed by mid-July.

- insight2050
  Staff presented insight2050 to the Delaware Planning Commission, Hilliard City Schools Board of Education, and interns participating in the Local Government Internship Program Kick-Off meeting at MORPC.

  Staff attended the Trustbelt Closing Breakfast which had a correlation with insight2050.

- Regional Collaboration Groups
  Staff facilitated a meeting of the Northwest Area Group in Powell. The City of Powell presented on the use of Mind Mixer for public involvement with their Comprehensive Plan and the City of Dublin presented on their canoe access points and all the activities they have planned on the water. Eighteen people participated in the meeting.

  Staff will facilitate a meeting of the Southwest Area Group at the Franklin County Engineer's West Maintenance Facility on June 30. The Franklin County Engineer's Office will present on several infrastructure projects and ShareOhio.gov will present on its program.

- InfoShare
  Staff participated in InfoShare meetings with the City of Gahanna and Madison Township. The City of Gahanna has a number of development projects in the works, including a new commercial area on Hamilton Road, called Shops at Rocky Fork. The first phase is currently under construction and the second phase is currently going through zoning. Parking for these buildings will be behind the buildings. There are also a couple of senior-related developments underway, including two that include memory care. Hamilton Road is being widened between Carpenter Road and US-62, in partnership with Franklin County Engineer's Office. Roundabouts will be added at two intersections, and the project will include a bike path on the west side of the road and a sidewalk on the east side.

  Madison Township has been working with MORPC and other surrounding jurisdictions on a problem area for traffic and trucks in the Toy/Saltzgaber/Swisher Roads area. There are other roads that were originally built as rural, township roads that are now seeing heavier traffic due to people cutting through to avoid traffic backups on other roads. The Township just passed a levy to build a third fire station. It will be 2-3 years before it will be built and occupied.

- Regional Education Forum
  This month's Regional Education Forum – "Grant Writing, Funding, and Tools"– was held on June 23. Michael Wilkos with the Columbus Foundation discussed best practices of grant

writing and gave an example of a successful grant application that was submitted to the Columbus Foundation. In addition, Michelle May and Cory Hopwood with ODOT discussed funding available through the safety program and Safe Routes to School. Nate Vogt with MORPC reviewed attributable funding available through MORPC. Eileen Leuby and Wilma Yoder with MORPC discussed additional funding sources and grant tools that are available. Almost 40 people were in attendance.

- Greenways & Water Quality Program
  Work continued on the establishment of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board this month. Appointment letters to the Board members were delivered. The first board meeting will be held in July. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for a consultant to conduct a strategic plan for the COG Board.

  The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) presented at the Community Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee meetings about the addition of the Central Ohio Greenways Board and structure.

  Work continued on the Impact of Trails Study. Staff presented on it at the 2015 Miami Valley Bike Summit. Final edits were made to the fact sheets which will be printed soon. Staff is in the process of reviewing the final report.

  Staff facilitated the Green Pact meeting on June 17th at the City of Grove City. The City of Grove City presented on its new blue roof on its police station. SWACO presented on its forthcoming e-waste recycling program.

  Riverfest events continued throughout the month with paddles in partnership with Licking County Parks District on June 6. The paddle portion of the NOW festival of the City of Delaware and the Olentangy Watershed Alliance on June 20 was cancelled due to weather but outreach on water quality still occurred. The next paddle will be with the City of Dublin Recreation and Parks on June 27th.

- Sustaining Scioto
  Work continued on the Sustaining Scioto project with finalizations to the design of the Executive Summary. The Executive Summary and final Adaptive Management Plan will soon be printed and published.

  Staff presented on the project to the Delaware City Council. The Council requested copies of the Executive Summary and an electronic link to the final Adaptive Management Plan once they are completed.

  Staff attended the “Ohio’s Fresh Water Assets” CMC Luncheon which has correlations with the Greenways program.

- Regional Food Council
  Staff coordinated with various partners to develop a framework for a September workshop linking insight2050, farmland preservation, land-use policy, local food and agriculture economic development. The target audience is county and township policymakers, economic-development officials, and planners in the seven-county area.

  Staff participated in various meetings regarding local food planning efforts. Meetings were held with Farm Credit Mid-America, Sanfillipo Produce, and Ohio Grocers Association to discuss cultivating support for MORPC and the Regional Food Council.

Staff met with OSU, Farm Credit Mid-America, and a number of other partners to discuss focusing on local food finance for business initiatives and facilitation roles with Local Food Councils.

Staff met with Sygma Distribution, Donato's and the City of Columbus regarding cultivating business support for MORPC's local-foods work. Staff discussed the possibility of MORPC's role as a subcontractor on proposals to the City of Columbus for green business and urban agriculture. Three firms have reached out to MORPC.

Staff attended a meeting of the Ohio Farmland Preservation Advisory Board in Logan County and toured an innovative Central Ohio dairy farm and the statewide summit of local-food councils at OSU where the discussion was the emerging developments in Licking, Fairfield, and Athens counties.

Staff participated in the National Good Food Network conference call to discuss the National Food Hub Benchmark study. Promotional efforts for the study will highlight the roles that regional councils play in food-system planning. Co-sponsors of the study, Surdna Foundation and Farm Credit, are potential funding sources for MORPC's local-food work.

The Organics Diversion Subcommittee finished its review of diversion options and began evaluation to prioritize and make recommendations in July.

- Summit on Sustainability
  Staff continued to seek sponsorships for the event. They received a commitment from American Electric Power to be a network sponsor. Staff is finalizing the breakout sessions, and the Green Region Award Nominations are available until June 30th. Staff is also working with OSU to secure a keynote speaker for the lunch portion of the program.

  Staff is working with Ibel Agency on event branding.

- Training & Education
  Staff attended the Peter Kageyama "For the LOVE of Cities" workshop in Piqua on June 2nd which focused on ways that communities – regardless of geography, population, land use, etc. – can make themselves attractive to residents, businesses and visitors. Several MORPC member communities attended including, but not limited to, Dublin, Plain Township, Upper Arlington, and Worthington.

  Staff attended the Greater Ohio Policy Summit. Sessions included topics of regional planning and scenario forecasting, water infrastructure planning challenges, the relationship between transportation and economic development, and strategies for small cities to instigate economic growth.

  Staff also attended the 2015 Central Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop. The event was kicked off with several short Pecha Kucha-style presentations related to *Development Trends Around Central Ohio*. Planning and development projects from Chillicothe, Grandview, Grove City, New Albany, Powell, and Columbus were highlighted. William Murdock and Tony Collins, Director of Columbus Recreation & Parks, presented on the JET Task Force and Impact of Trails Study, respectively, in the *Linking Transportation and Economic Development* session. The resulting conversation among participants and the presenters on the Impact of Trails, specifically, was lively. Lee Fisher, President and CEO of CEOs for Cities, delivered the keynote luncheon. The *Water Resources: From Below the Ground Up* session focused on green infrastructure and two Columbus projects – BluePrint Columbus and the Scioto Mile. Staff also participated in the *Ethics for Planners* session.

- Local Planning Involvement
  Staff assisted the Village of Somerset with various active transportation and safety-related initiatives by providing data, directing them to various electronic resources for reference and research, and giving them contact information of others who can provide further assistance.

  Staff also provided data and resource information to assist with economic development planning efforts in the Buckeye Lake area.

MORPC Energy & Air Quality Department
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- Air Quality
  MORPC hosted meteorologist and project manager Daniel Alrick of Sonoma Technology, Inc., June 11th-12th. Sonoma Technology, Inc. is MORPC's contracted air quality forecaster, providing year-round daily air quality forecasts. During his visit, Dan addressed the Commission on the topic of ozone trends in the region and implications for the future. A meet and greet reception was held before the Commission meeting to allow air quality stakeholders and partners to meet our forecaster. Dan and members of the Energy and Air Quality team met with local broadcast meteorologists and news directors from WBNS-10TV, NBC4, and WSYX-ABC 6 during his visit. During these visits, local broadcasters were able to talk to Dan about our forecasting process and provide insight on how best to cover air quality in Central Ohio.

  MORPC (in partnership with Ohio Air Quality Development Authority) is in contract with WSYX-ABC 6 on a comprehensive marketing package for the month of June. Five air quality awareness PSAs are either in production or currently being deployed throughout the six-county region for which MORPC forecasts air quality. The package also includes one targeted e-mail marketing campaign, three promoted social media posts, and two Good Day Marketplace morning show appearances. MORPC Executive Director William Murdock appeared on Good Day Marketplace on June 11th and Chadwick Smith, OAQDA Executive Director, is schedule to appear on the show in July. MORPC is also partnering with Dispatch Media Group on a comprehensive digital advertising campaign targeted towards local businesses for the month of June.

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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Associate Planner
Transportation Systems & Funding Department

DATE: June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-14-15: **"ADOPTING THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE MORPC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AREA "**

The National Federal-aid Highway System is updated every ten years following the census and subsequent urban area boundary adjustments. MORPC approved changes to the urban area boundary in February 2013. The Federal-aid system is identified by the functional classification of routes, which determine the routes' eligibility for federal funding. The revised federal functional classification and federal-aid highway system for the MORPC transportation planning area is what is being approved by this resolution.

Generally, federal highway funding cannot be spent on roads that are not at least classified as “minor collectors” in the urban area or “major collectors” in the rural area. These routes are identified in color on the attached map. "Local" routes are not eligible for federal aid in either the urban or rural areas.

Beginning in February 2014, MORPC staff coordinated with the counties, municipalities, and townships within and adjacent to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area to review the functionally classified federal-aid system. Staff then transmitted proposed changes to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for further review and coordination. The proposed changes are to be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with approval expected later this year.

Once the system is approved, it can be amended between the Census updates. Amendments require approval by the MPO, ODOT and FHWA.

The draft functional class/federal-aid highway system map is also available to view on MORPC's website: www.morpc.org.

Attachment: Resolution T-14-15

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RESOLUTION T-14-15

"ADOPTING THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE MORPC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AREA"

WHEREAS, the highway functional classification and federal-aid highway systems for the Columbus Urbanized Area were adopted by the Policy Committee per Resolution T-22-04 and subsequent updates; and

WHEREAS, following the U.S. decennial Census and the adjustment to the Columbus and Delaware urban area boundaries adopted by Resolution T-3-13, a comprehensive review of the functional class and federal-aid systems was done; and

WHEREAS, this review included the Columbus urban area and the adjacent rural areas in the MORPC transportation planning area in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has coordinated with the Ohio Department of Transportation and officials in the counties, municipalities and townships in the planning area on the changes to the functional class and federal-aid systems; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 29, 2015, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on July 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 it adopts the revised highway functional classification and federal-aid systems for the MORPC transportation planning area.

Section 2. 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 3. That this Committee 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.

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

Prepared by: Transportation Systems & Funding Department
Attachment(s): Federal Functional Classification Map

Federal-Aid Highway System Functional Classification 2015 For The MORPC Transportation Planning Area

Functional Classification
- Interstate
- Other Freeway & Expressway
- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local

Proposed Roads shown as dotted line
- Railroad
- River/Water
- Columbus Urban Area 2010
- MORPC MPO Boundary
- County Boundary

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MARION
MORROW
DELAWARE
FRANKLIN
UNION
MADISON
PICKAWAY
LICKING
FAIRFIELD

Downtown Columbus

Ohio Location Map

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The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources made available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation Systems & Funding

DATE: June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: **Proposed Resolution T-13-15: "AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"**

Proposed Resolution T-13-15 will add or modify four projects on the SFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $97 million. These changes are necessary to enable these projects to advance using the identified sources of funding and to maintain fiscal constraint. This month ODOT will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of each project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. The amendment includes a new commitment of MORPC-attributable funds:

- ODOT District 6: US 23 at SR-315 Intersection Modification

Below is an explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP.

Columbus has a commitment of ODOT funds to address safety at the intersection of Livingston Avenue and Barnett Road. The amendment would add the detailed design phase to SFY 2016. The funds were listed in the 2014-2017 TIP for SFY 2015 but were not included in funds carried forward to the 2016-2019 TIP.

ODOT District 5 requested the addition of a project to replace a culvert on Smoke Road in Etna Township.

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Secretary

ODOT District 6 requested the following modifications to the TIP:

- Increase construction funding for a project to modify the US 23 at SR-315 intersection. The project is scheduled to be awarded in December. The City of Delaware was the lead agency for the preliminary engineering through construction plan development. ODOT was lead agency for right of way acquisition and construction. Delaware has requested that $250,000 of the remaining Delaware urbanized area STP funds be committed to the project to offset an increase in the cost estimate. This would be a new commitment of MORPC-attributable funds. Delaware has elected to make use of Toll Credits recently allocated by ODOT, which will enable them to use more of the remaining Delaware urbanized area STP funds instead of providing a 20 percent match.
- Increase construction funding reconstruct and add capacity to I-71 between Stringtown Road and the SR 315/I-70 interchange.

NTG:NJV:bsn

Attachments:

- Project Map
- Proposed Resolution T-13-15

RESOLUTION T-13-15

"AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-12-15; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has requested the modification of one project on the 2016-2019 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has requested the addition and modification of projects on the 2016-2019 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; 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 June 29, 2015, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on July 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 2016-2019 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2016-2019 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.

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Eric Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment:
Amended Project Information for the SFY 2016-2019 TIP

Resolution T-13-15

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: Columbus **PID:** 98518 **TIP ID:** 2919 **MTP ID:** 992

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-CR015-01.65 **Length (mi.):** 0.1

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification/Sidewalks **Air Quality:** E

Description: *Livingston Ave at Barnett Rd, Intersection Modification & Sidewalks, Install left turn lanes on Barnett Rd. Reconstruct existing traffic signal.*

Bike Components: None.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 1 side. New sidewalk will be added along the east side of Barnett Rd to the Barnett Community Center. 0.1 mi. added to ped network.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount
2016	PE-Detailed Design	HSIP	$20,078
2016	PE-Detailed Design	Local	$2,231
2016	Right-of-Way	Local	$250,000
2017	Construction	HSIP	$792,000
2017	Construction	Local	$88,000
		Total:	**$1,152,309**

Agency: ODOT 5 **PID:** 100390 **TIP ID:** 3085 **MTP ID:** 1020

Co-Route-Sec: LIC-TR152-01.08 **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Culvert Maintenance **Air Quality:** E

Description: *Smoke Rd at just N of I-70, Culvert Maintenance, Replacement of a 60" culvert associated with construction of the Interstate.*

Bike Components: No information provided.

Ped Components: No information provided.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount
2016	Construction	Federal	$396,000
2016	Construction	State	$44,000
		Total:	**$440,000**

Funds in FYs prior to 2016 are not included in this report nor in the 2016-2019 TIP.

Resolution T-13-15

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT 6 **PID:** 79366 **TIP ID:** 1463 **MTP ID:** 692

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-US023-08.770 **Length (mi.):** 0.35

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification/Safety Improvemen **Air Quality:** E

Description: *US-23 at SR-315 and Stratford Rd, Intersection Modification & Safety Improvement, realignment of intersection.*

Bike Components: Multi-use path. Along the south side of the new Meeker Way to allow connection to planned bikeways. 0.1 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Multi-use path. Along the south side of the new Meeker Way to allow connection to planned bikeways. 0.1 mi. added to ped network.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2016	Construction	HSIP	$1,715,765	
2016	Construction	NHPP	$379,210	
2016	Construction	State	$285,443	
2016	Construction	STP-M	$250,000	**MORPC Funds**
		Total:	**$2,630,418**	

Agency: ODOT 6 **PID:** 93497 **TIP ID:** 2752 **MTP ID:** 1313

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-IR071-09.74 **Length (mi.):** 5.24

Project Type(s): Major Widening **Air Quality:** SA

Description: *I-71 from Stringtown Rd to SR-315, Major Widening, add a third/fourth lane in each direction for maintenance of traffic during construction; added pavement will remain. Re-deck and rehab 5 pairs of mainline structures.*

Bike Components: Other. Plan to accommodate future shared-use paths along Frank Rd and Greenlawn Ave under I-71.

Ped Components: Other. Plan to accommodate future shared-use paths along Frank Rd and Greenlawn Ave under I-71.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount
2016	Construction	GARVEE	$65,000,000
2016	Construction	Federal	$7,515,000
2016	Construction	State	$20,985,000
		Total:	**$93,500,000**

Summary of Funding Sources

Source	Description	Total Amount
Federal	Unassigned Federal Transportation Funds	$7,911,000
GARVEE	Federal Advance Construction Paid with State Bonds	$65,000,000
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	$2,527,843
Local	Local Public Agency	$340,231
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program	$379,210
State	State Transportation Funds	$21,314,443
STP-M	Surface Transportation Program, Attributable to MORPC	$250,000
	Grand Total	**$97,722,727**

Funds in FYs prior to 2016 are not included in this report nor in the 2016-2019 TIP.

SFY 2014-2017
Transportation Improvement Program

Resolution T-13-15
Amendment to the TIP
Project Location Map

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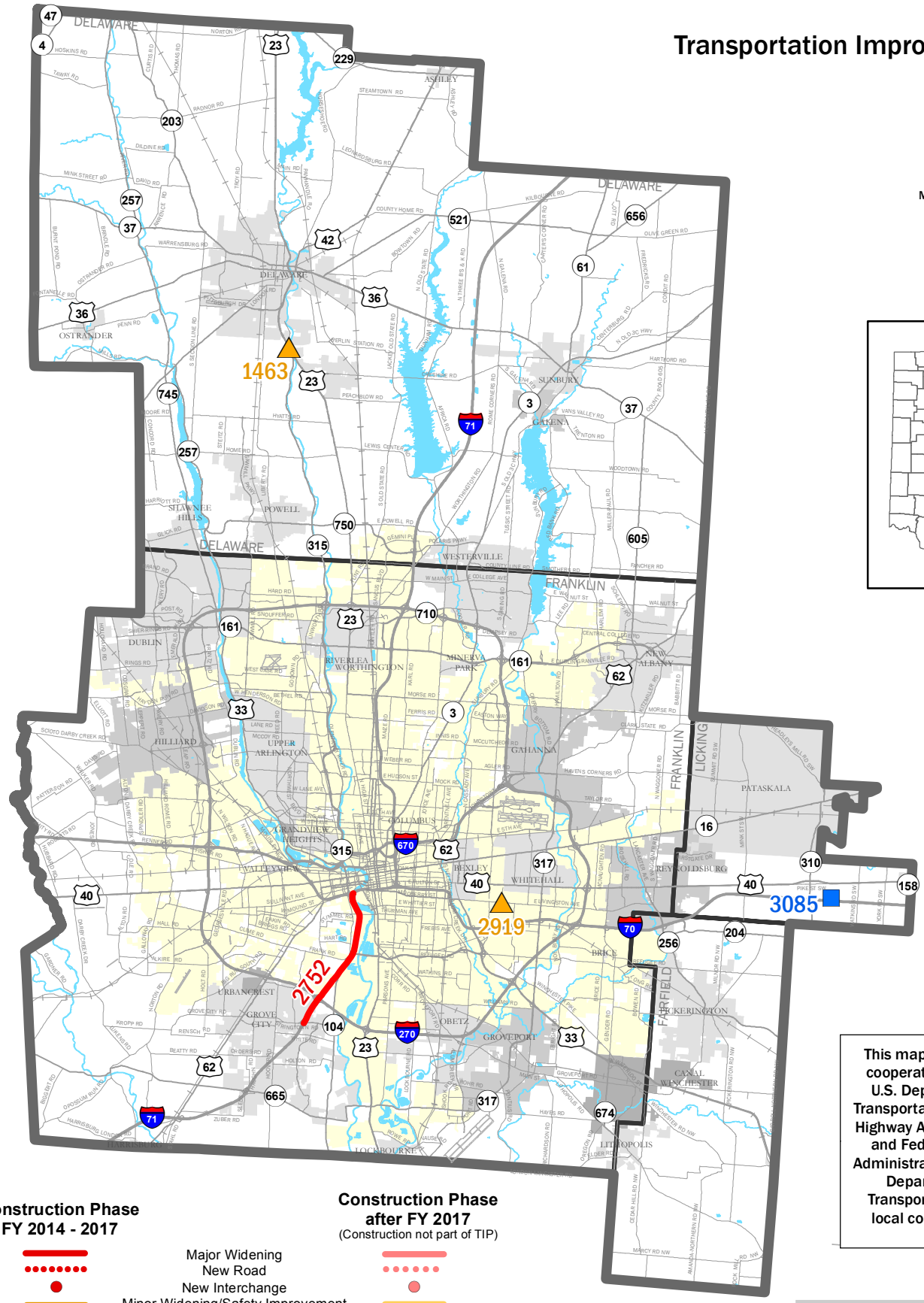
Please check www.morpc.org for updates to this map and project listing.



This map prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and local communities.

Construction Phase FY 2014 - 2017

- Major Widening
- New Road
- New Interchange
- Minor Widening/Safety Improvement
- Interchange Modification
- Intersection Modification
- Maintenance/Resurfacing
- Bridge Repair/Replacement
- Traffic Signal Upgrade
- Streetscape/Study/Other
- Bikeway/Sidewalk/Transit
- Streetscape/Study/Other
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Construction Phase after FY 2017
(Construction not part of TIP)

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Planning Area

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The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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2015 TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

SEPTEMBER 2015

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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Public Involvement Plan specifies the procedures that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will use when conducting its transportation planning process. The Plan also includes a section on Environmental Justice, the Americans with Disabilities Act and MORPC's Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is a voluntary association of local governments in Central Ohio. Franklin County and nearby counties as well as their cities, villages and townships are eligible for membership. Elected and appointed officials sit on the Commission, which is the policy-making body of the organization.

As a regional planning commission, MORPC has the flexibility and capability to be responsive to its members' needs. MORPC assists with planning and implementing programs in areas of energy conservation, infrastructure, transportation, land use, economic prosperity, environmental protection and others.

MORPC serves as a forum for state and local governments on regional issues and helps represent local communities' interests and needs at the state and federal levels. MORPC recognizes and encourages public and private cooperation on a regional basis and works to build consensus, sound planning practices and realistic decision making for the future. Because of MORPC's role in the region, MORPC's Transportation Policy Committee was originally designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus urbanized area in 1964 and re-designated in 1973.

MORPC AS THE MPO

As the MPO, MORPC's Transportation Policy Committee conducts the federally required 3C (continuous, cooperative and comprehensive) transportation planning process. This process results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports the goals of the metropolitan transportation plan. It is the basis for the development of the 20-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The plans and programs lead to the development and operation of the region's integrated, multimodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient and economic movement of people and goods.

Public involvement provides a deliberative and transparent process for people affected by the projects, strategies and initiatives recommended from the transportation planning process. "People" as defined here include the general

public as well as major stakeholders, special interest groups, those traditionally underserved by transportation, minorities, people with disabilities, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, and neighborhood and civic associations. Input from all of these groups creates a more inclusive process in shaping the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.

The public involvement process encourages early and continuous involvement that not only helps to develop plans that accommodate the needs of the traveling public but also the efficient movement of goods. Public involvement is also required by the Metropolitan Planning Regulations of the United States Department of Transportation 23 CFR 450.316, 49 U.S.C. 5307(b)(1-7) and FTA Circular 9030.1E. This Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is the process by which public involvement activities are conducted by MORPC's Public & Government Affairs Department.

The transportation planning process is complex and due to its complexity, the general public is encouraged to view the website, solicit presentations, and attend meetings and other public forums to gain an understanding of the process and plans. The meetings are designed not only to educate and inform the public but also to allow the public the opportunity to provide input into the various elements of the planning and decision-making process.

INTENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The PIP is designed to provide the public reasonable opportunity to participate in, review, and comment on the formulation of transportation policies, plans, and programs. This process provides a set of procedures to be consistently and comprehensively applied to incorporate the public's involvement in the transportation planning process including the planning and development of the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA's) and Delaware Area Transit Agency's (DATABus's) programs and projects. The PIP further serves to satisfy the public involvement requirements for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program grant funding received by both COTA and DATABus.

It is the intent of the MPO to utilize this process in a proactive manner to solicit input from a broad representation of the community. The MPO will secure data and consult with resource agencies, social service agencies, environmental groups and associations, state, county and local governmental agencies, townships, and other non-governmental agencies. The MPO actively seeks the views of the minority, people with disabilities, low-income and other populations traditionally underserved by transportation to ensure that a broad representation is obtained.

The overall process is based upon the following goals:

- Provide timely information about planning issues and processes to the public.
- Foster transparency by providing reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of transportation plans.
- Provide adequate notice of public involvement and planning activities.
- Continually seek specific ways to engage and consider the needs of all segments of the population.
- Obtain early and continuous public involvement in the transportation planning process.

The PIP is reviewed periodically by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration to ensure that full and open access is provided by the MPO, COTA and DATABus in the decision-making process. The Public Involvement Plan outlined in the following section enhances the opportunity for public input and satisfies federal requirements for public participation.

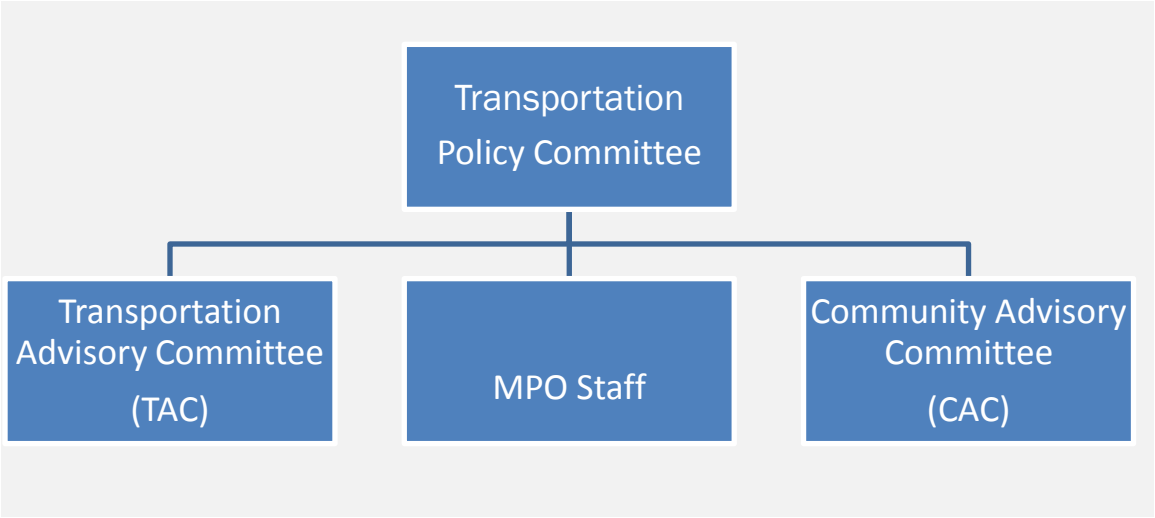
TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The transportation planning area for the MPO includes Delaware and Franklin counties, Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and Jerome Township in Union County. The MPO boundaries of the planning area are updated every 10 years based on the results of the national census. There are currently no Tribal lands or federal public lands identified in the MPO planning area.

MORPC uses a three-tier process to solicit input in the development of transportation plans, programs and policies. This process includes a structured MPO committee process, a project-specific process and a public outreach/information dissemination effort tailored to meet specific needs.

Tier 1: MPO's Committee Structure

The MPO's existing public involvement structure incorporates the activities of three transportation committees: the Transportation Policy Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).



Transportation Policy Committee - The Policy Committee is the MPO. It is responsible for the review and adoption of all MPO planning work products such as the PIP, the Planning Work Program (PWP), the 20-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the 4-year TIP, area studies, corridor plans, amendments to adopted plans and programs and COTA's and DATABus's programs and projects, and Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula annual Program of Projects. This committee, upon recommendations from TAC and CAC, makes decisions on transportation policy.

The Policy Committee includes the representation of local elected officials, officials of agencies that administer or operate major modes or systems of transportation, appropriate state officials, and chair of the CAC.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – TAC provides technical advice, assistance, and recommendations to the Policy Committee and MPO staff. TAC reviews the procedures for and results of the various phases of the transportation planning process and special studies, methodology, projections, assumptions, and recommended plans, programs, strategies and solutions before submission to the Policy Committee.

TAC's membership represents state, local, and federal transportation agencies, public utilities, public and private transportation providers, environmental and freight interests, and consultants.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – The CAC provides recommendations to the Policy Committee from a citizen, special interest and community perspective. The CAC is one method by which the public can review and participate in all current transportation planning efforts, projects and issues.

The CAC membership, as defined by its bylaws, is a broad representation of the community including, but not limited to, low-income and minority households, special interest groups, neighborhood and area commissions and those traditionally underserved by transportation.

By having a membership which usually serves for several years, the CAC becomes educated about the often complicated transportation issues, constraints, and processes and their relationship to other conditions in the community. For more information see the CAC Bylaws (Appendix A).

Tier 2: Project-Specific Public Involvement

Participation in specific studies occurs through the formation of committees or the utilization of standing committees. The committee's structure is reviewed to ensure that the appropriate segments of the population and specific special interests are represented and encouraged to participate. The committee members assist by addressing study issues through reviewing and providing feedback on information presented, answering questions at public meetings and by providing information to local constituents.

Agencies that undertake area studies and corridor plans, where there is a specific need of intensive study to determine potential transportation needs and impacts and which will be formally adopted by the MPO follow this process. Persons who may be impacted directly by the study results are involved through the following process:

- Advisory groups may be established for the study or standing committees that include the representation of specific target groups. Representatives from appropriate neighborhood and area commissions, employers, resource agencies, businesses, special interests, and local, state and federal transportation agencies are invited to participate. The advisory group meetings are held in venues convenient to the study area.

- Public meetings are scheduled in the study area. Invitations to attend the meetings are placed on the Agency website and Facebook, placed in electronic newsletters, and distributed by direct and electronic mail to neighborhood and civic associations, employers, businesses, resource agencies, media and local communities in the study and transportation planning area.

Interim and final results of these studies are presented to the advisory groups, CAC, TAC, Transportation Policy Committee and other interested groups and communities. Short, written reports on progress may also be provided.

Information on the study milestones may be displayed in a newsletter and distributed to the media, general public, and public libraries, placed on a website and on social media. A website specifically for the study may be developed.

If this is the case, all written documents and presentations will include the web address of the study.

All study plans, draft and final versions, are available for public review and comment at area libraries, the performing agency, and on the website. Upon request, MPO work products and documents are made available in alternative formats.

Tier 3: Public Outreach/Information Dissemination

MORPC involves the public in the transportation planning process through an array of outreach methods. Public meetings, one-on-one contacts, social media, presentations and the website are used to engage the public in the planning process. Upon request, MPO work products and documents are made available in alternative formats.

Public Outreach

The public outreach program for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the TIP, COTA, DATABus and FTA Section 5307 Program of Projects includes the following:

Legal notices are placed, as required by 23 CR Part 450.316, in local newspapers (with the largest circulation for each county and minority newspapers) prior to public review periods for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the TIP and all public hearings. MORPC's Calendar of Events is updated and press releases are distributed to the media announcing the availability of draft and final major reports, public review periods, public meetings and other transportation planning efforts.

Posting of information on all transportation programs and projects including links to significant projects located within the transportation planning area that are not conducted by MORPC can be found at www.morpc.org. Public comments can be submitted on the website, by electronic mail or sent through U.S. mail.

Announcements to review draft reports and attend public meetings are sent to neighborhood and civic associations, local communities, special interest groups, businesses and resource agencies by direct and electronic mail, placed on social media and included in electronic newsletters.

MORPC's periodic publications that provide information pertaining to various transportation activities include an electronic newsletter, *Regional eSource* and the agency print newsletter, *MORPConnection*.

Copies of all drafts and final reports are distributed to the metropolitan libraries and state library in the transportation planning area, and are placed on the website at www.morpc.org/transportation.

CONSULTATION

As the MPO, MORPC conducts a transportation planning process that is continuous, cooperative and comprehensive with a 20-year horizon. This process results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports the goals in the metropolitan transportation plan. During this process, MORPC as the MPO will consult agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the metropolitan planning area that are affected by transportation (state and local planned growth agencies, airport operations, freight movements, safety agencies, active transportation groups, non-profit organizations, environmental protection groups, economic development agencies) and provide for the design and delivery of transportation services.

The consulting agencies will provide input and comments to MORPC, the Ohio Department of Transportation, COTA and DATABus (current plans, studies, data, and analysis) on the various components of the transportation planning process. The input will be considered and provided to the public for review and comment during each of the milestones:

- Evaluating the current transportation system and future needs
- Identifying performance measures and implementation strategies addressing deficiencies in the transportation system
- Identifying a fiscally balanced financial plan that can be expected for implementation
- Announcement of strategies, solutions and projects

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES

The various components of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan are presented to the CAC, TAC and Transportation Policy committees for review and comment over the course of its development. A notice of availability of the draft documents for review with a minimum 30-day comment period by the general public is distributed by social media, and by direct and electronic mail to neighborhood and civic associations, employers, resource agencies, media, and local communities. A notice of availability and copies of draft documents are distributed to area libraries and placed on the website at
http://www.morpc.org/transportation/overview/main.asp.

The MPO hosts an open house 30 days prior to the adoption of the transportation plan. A formal presentation is provided, the various components of the transportation plan are displayed and MPO staff is available to answer questions. Invitations to attend the open house are distributed by direct and electronic mail

and social media to CAC, TAC, Transportation Policy Committee members, neighborhood and civic associations, employers, resource agencies, social service agencies, media, and local communities in the transportation planning area. A copy of the formal presentation is placed on the website. Upon request, MPO work products and documents are made available in alternative formats.

All comments received are considered public comments, and therefore are subject to disclosure under Ohio's Public Records Act. All public comments received are reviewed for consideration and if found appropriate, are incorporated into the document. All responses are included in the final adopted document in a separate appendix. Copies of the final adopted document are sent to metropolitan libraries and the state library in the transportation planning area.

In order for transportation projects to be eligible for federal funding, they must be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. At times it may be necessary to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be made available to the public for a 30-day comment period prior to approval. The amendment is brought before the CAC, TAC and Policy Committees for approval. The amendment and the revised Metropolitan Transportation Plan including the revised project listing, map and other amendment changes will be placed on the website.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES

Prior to the development of the draft TIP, a legal notice is placed in the major local and minority newspapers announcing the update. The notice will satisfy requirements for public participation in the development of FTA Section 5307 Program of Projects. A notice announcing the availability of the draft TIP for review with a minimum 30-day comment period is sent to CAC, TAC, Transportation Policy Committee members, neighborhood and civic associations, employers, resource agencies, media, and local communities in the transportation planning area. The notice distributed by direct and electronic mail and social media announces the comment period and states where a copy of the document can be obtained or viewed. The draft document is distributed to the metropolitan libraries and the state library in the planning area and placed on the website at http://www.morpc.org/transportation/overview/transportation_improvement.asp.

MORPC hosts an open house 30 days prior to the adoption of the TIP. Elements of the TIP, including FTA Section 5307 Program of Projects, are displayed and a presentation is conducted on the information. The presentation is placed on the website. MPO staff is available to answer questions. Invitations to attend the open house are distributed by electronic and direct mail, and social media to CAC, TAC, Policy Committee members, neighborhood and civic associations, employers, resource agencies, media, and local communities in the transportation planning area. Upon request, MPO work products and documents are made available in alternative formats.

Comments are received electronically, by U.S. mail, or submitted in writing at public meetings. MORPC will accommodate the needs of any public in submitting comments. All public comments received are considered and responses are included in the final adopted document located in a separate appendix. Copies of the final document are placed on the website and sent to the metropolitan libraries and the state library in the transportation planning area.

Periodically amendments to the TIP are needed because the schedule, scope or funding of a transportation project needs to be revised or a new project added to the TIP. Notice of the amendment will also satisfy the public participation requirements for FTA Section 5307 annual Program of Projects. The amendment is brought before the CAC, TAC and Transportation Policy Committees for approval. Notification of a TIP amendment will be included on the committees' agendas. Significant amendments are made available to the public for a 30-day comment period prior to approval. All amendments to the TIP are placed on the website.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Recognizing that the impacts of federal programs and activities may raise questions of fairness to affected groups, President Clinton, on February 11, 1994, signed Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations. The needs of those traditionally underserved by the existing transportation system are sought and considered by the MPO. The following actions are meant to reduce the barriers for participation in the decision-making process by low-income and/or minority residents, elderly, or people with disabilities.

Post card notices are mailed informing the underserved populations of opportunities to participate, major milestones, and public meetings. When possible, public meetings are held in locations that are located along a transit bus route, convenient to low-income populations and accessible to people with disabilities. Such locations include public libraries, schools, community centers, and churches. Agencies and organizations that represent these populations are included in mailings.

Upon request, MPO work products and documents are made available in alternative formats.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) http://www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all aspects of life. ADA therefore calls for federally assisted programs to be accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities are encouraged to participate through MORPC's CAC and to get involved in the development and improvement of transportation and paratransit plans and services. All public meetings conducted by the MPO take place at locations that have accessible facilities so as to accommodate people with mobility limitations.

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES OF MORPC

MORPC does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, familial status, religion or disability in programs, services or in employment. Information on non-discrimination and related MORPC policies and procedures is available at www.morpc.org. The information is also publically displayed in all MORPC conference rooms, lobby and lounge areas. Nondiscrimination procedures cover all external complaints regarding MORPC programs and activities filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or 49 CFR 21 and are available at: www.morpc.org/about-morpc/overview/policies/title-vi, "Nondiscrimination in the Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation." Information on how to file a complaint can be viewed on MORPC's website at www.morpc.org/about-morpc/overview/policies/non-discrimination-complaints, or a hard copy may be requested by calling the Director of Human Resources at (614) 228-2663.

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