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Memorandum

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

FROM: Thea J. Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems & Funding

DATE: August 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-18-15: "**ACCEPTING THE PWP COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2015**"

Annually, MORPC is required to submit a report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) describing the work completed with federal planning funds provided to continue the metropolitan transportation planning process, as defined by MAP-21.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015, the use of these funds was outlined in the SFY 2015 Planning Work Program (PWP) adopted by Resolution T-7-14. The PWP serves as the scope of work, the schedule, and the budget for the federally funded planning activities.

The PWP included such activities as maintaining the TIP, continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, continued development of the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), assistance on freeway and arterial studies such as the downtown, south outerbelt and Far East Freeway activities, support for safety and operations and management of the transportation system, and support for transit, bike and pedestrian planning. The SFY 2015 PWP also included the continuation of ridesharing/demand reduction and air quality awareness activities. As part of this scope of work MORPC also prepared the Public Involvement Plan, updated the MPO boundary as a result of the 2010 census, updated the functional classification system, distributed new bike maps, coordinated the JARC and New Freedom competitive selection process, conducted a Regional Data Site Task Force, insight2050 and many other projects and activities that have been presented to you over the state fiscal year.

A summary of the PWP activities is included as an attachment to the resolution. A full report is available upon request.

Resolution T-18-15 approves the completion report and requires that it is forwarded to ODOT.

Attachment: Resolution T-18-15

William Murdock, AICP
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Secretary

RESOLUTION T-18-15

“ACCEPTING THE PWP COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2015”

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for regional, cooperative transportation planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds and the regional planning activities that will be done each state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee adopted the SFY 2015 Planning Work Program (PWP) by Resolution T-7-14; and

WHEREAS, the activities described in the PWP have been completed or carried over into SFY 2016 and reported in the PWP Completion Report, a summary of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, major products of the PWP have been presented previously; and

WHEREAS, these products include the core work with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, as well as the freeway and arterial studies, 'major-new' projects, local traffic forecasting and continuing updates to the travel demand model, support for transit planning and ODOT planning studies, ITS, ridesharing/demand reduction, bike and pedestrian planning, safety planning and air quality awareness; and

WHEREAS, ODOT requires approval of this PWP Completion Report by the Transportation Policy Committee as the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its August 31, 2015 meeting, and the Transportation Advisory Committee, at its September 2, 2015 meeting recommended approval 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 Transportation Policy Committee approves the PWP Completion Report for SFY 2015.
- Section 2. That this resolution and the PWP Completion Report be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation for appropriate action.
- Section 3. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the 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: Summary of Completion Report for the SFY 2015 Planning Work Program

SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2015 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM-COMPLETION

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget \$3,336,918

Balance Remaining for SFY 2016 or later is \$11,003

WORK ELEMENT REPORT SUMMARY
FUNDING SUMMARY

60114-003		Safety Planning
Budget	\$178,639	see 60115-103
Spent 6/30	\$178,639	

60115-101		Active Transportation Planning
Budget	\$400,000	^ The Active Transportation Plan is nearing its completion; the regional network corridor analysis has been completed and work toward the creation of an interactive story map has begun. Both the September and May pedestrian and bicycle volunteer counts allowed for the counting of about 20 locations each. In addition, several community members borrowed MORPC's automated pedestrian and bicycle counters for their projects.
Spent 6/30	\$416,920	A total of 13 webinars were offered to our members specific to Complete Streets and livability factors. More than 15 different transportation projects were reviewed to ensure Complete Streets elements were included. In partnership with Columbus, ODOT, and YayBikes, a park & pedal program was launched during Bike to School month in May. The program encourages people to park their cars at parks nearby trails and commute downtown by bike. Staff participated in and attended various conferences and events around active transportation planning, including participation in Columbus' ConnectColumbus initiative. In May, the Sustainability Advisory Committee approved the creation of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) board to focus on expanding use and facilities of the regional trail system.

60115-103		Safety Planning
Budget	\$135,000	The 2011-2013 high crash location lists were completed and made available to MORPC's members and the public, in addition to the 2009-2013 region crash fact sheets.
Spent 6/30	\$127,092	MORPC was selected as the host agency of the 5th National Safe Routes to School conference to take place in Columbus, Ohio in April 2016. Work has begun to plan and organize the conference. The Systematic Safety Improvement Program finished selection of Phase I location and countermeasures, focus on angle and fixed-object crashes. Three meetings were held with select member agencies to review MORPC's safety program and determine its scope for the coming years. Staff continued to participate in the Traffic Records Coordinating, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and Columbus Area Pedestrian Safety committees, as well as the Franklin County Fatality Review Board. Staff also participated and attended various safety conferences and trainings.

60115-302		Management & Operations Planning
Budget	\$200,000	Information on pavement and bridge condition information was analyzed to assist in the establishment of performance measures for the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) group met four times. Work began to update the regional ITS architecture including meetings with the major stakeholders and two workshops with FHWA. Coordination continued with the Central Ohio Regional Logistics Council on freight-related activities. Assistance was provided in organizing the Ohio Freight conference. Staff spearheaded the formation of a statewide Freight Working Group through the Ohio Association of Regional Councils.
Spent 6/30	\$188,374	
60115-304		Transit and Human Services Planning
Budget	\$140,000	Organized FTA Section 5307, 5309 and 5340 funding splits for the Columbus UZA after each apportionment for COTA and DATABus and submitted to FTA . Organized monthly COTA/DATABus/MORPC coordination meetings. Assisted COTA in publicizing its Transit System Redesign implementation. Also coordinated with COTA to publish COTA's Service Change Public Meeting announcements and possible route change information.
Spent 6/30	\$102,973	
60215-300		Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation
Budget	\$237,000	Several amendments to the FY 14-17 TIP requested by ODOT or local agencies were processed and approved. Federally funded projects were coordinated with local agencies, ODOT and the Ohio Public Works Commission. ODOT District staff scheduled quarterly meetings with local sponsoring agencies, their consultants, and MORPC staff. Monthly reports on the status of the MORPC-attributable projects were provided. MORPC, COTA and ODOT Transit met quarterly to stay on top of transit-specific TIP issues. The process to solicit and select projects to use MORPC-attributable federal funding was completed. Working cooperatively with USDOT, ODOT, local governments, transit authorities and the public, staff prepared a new TIP for FYs 2016-2019. Staff sought public comments on the draft TIP update through a public involvement process, including an open house event. A few comments were received and incorporated into the final TIP.
Spent 6/30	\$259,919	
60515-201		Manage and Collect Transportation & Related Information
Budget	\$175,000	MORPC updates base GIS files from state, federal, and local sources on a quarterly or annual basis. GIS files are available for downloading from an FTP site by way of the MORPC website. Information available includes points of interest, development, street centerlines, bikeways, traffic analysis zones, community boundaries, and census data. We completed coding existing and future land uses to over 660,000 parcels for areas in the MORPC travel demand model using the standard land use classification system that the land use allocation model uses.
Spent 6/30	\$190,674	
60515-202		Perform Trend Analyses of Transportation Data
Budget	\$175,000	The 2015 State of the Region included a series of articles as an insert into the local business newspaper, Business First, which was published April 3, 2015. The insert included articles about development trends, demographic shifts, and general population growth. The 2015 MTP Report Card was published on MORPC's website. This is the third report card published. This report card is updated annually and is an assessment of our accomplishments toward meeting the performance measures identified in the 2015-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Between 2014 and 2015, the region has improved in the areas of reducing driving alone, communities adopting complete streets, bridge conditions and crash rates. The region remains on target to meet measures set for pavement conditions, congestion, compliance with Environmental Justice, and bikeway development. Detailed projections were completed for years 2025, 2040 and 2050. This information is available on MORPC's website for downloading as spreadsheets, GIS files, or simply for viewing on an interactive website.
Spent 6/30	\$168,883	

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

60515-203		Promote Data Sharing
Budget	\$225,000	MORPC created several interactive webmap in 2015. Basic maps for public viewing include the land use forecasts and the sidewalk inventory. We also developed a complex interactive map for the public and the transportation community to comment on existing candidate projects proposed to be included in the 2016-2040 MTP, or actually draw their own projects for consideration and evaluation. As of July, over 500 suggestions were submitted.
Spent 6/30	\$214,990	MORPC hosted six monthly Regional Data Task Forces between February and July. The task force was comprised of representatives from a variety of disciplines including academia, transportation, local business, utilities, non-profits, and local governments. The group was charged with four tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Answer the question – is there a need for a centralized data portal for Central Ohio •What types of elements should be included on the site •How should the site be governed •What are some potential funding sources for building and maintaining the site A white paper documenting the process and findings is being drafted now for review in October.
		MORPC continues to monitor and maintain the Franklin County LBRS. Edits are being made to the master files by MORPC, Columbus, Westerville, Gahanna, Worthington, Grove City, Dublin, Franklin County Engineer and the Franklin County Auditor.
60515-204		Provide GIS, Mapping and Data Support for Transportation Projects and Progra
Budget	\$185,000	Land use projections were reviewed for specific transportation studies including SR 161 east, US36/37/I-71, the City of Powell, Home Road and Easton.
Spent 6/30	\$163,761	Databases were modified and updated to support the TIP, and maps were prepared for the TIP Open House.
		A new sidewalk inventory was completed and is available for viewing on MORPC's website as an interactive map.
		GIS analysis was performed in association with the Active Transportation Plan.
60515-305		Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications
Budget	\$225,000	The regional travel demand model was maintained. In conjunction with the ODOT 3-C model update, work continued on refining networks and preparing other model inputs. Active participation continued in the 3-C model development process with ODOT, the consultant and the other MPOs. Staff began to work with ODOT and consultants on the FHWA SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program (C10). This program will integrate DTA (Dynamic Traffic Assignment) into the new 3-C Model.
Spent 6/30	\$234,462	Participation continued in the OSU/ODOT/COTA on-board transit survey through conference calls, email and phone call exchanges.
		Land Use Allocation Model was overhauled and applied to produce land use forecasts for the 2016-2040 MTP update.
61014-001		Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning
Budget	\$528,566	A small amount of funding was carried over from FY 14 to FY 15. See 61015-301 for Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning activities.
Spent 6/30	\$528,566	

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

61015-002

Budget \$97,713

Spent 6/30 \$92,129

Transportation Public Involvement

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) met in July, September, October, November and December 2014 and January, March, April, May and June 2015. Informational items presented to CAC, TAC and Transportation Policy Committee included: 2014 Ozone Season Report, 2016-2019 TIP, 2016 Planning Work Program (PWP), 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals, Land Use, Evaluation Criteria, Measurable Objectives, Candidate Projects, Active Transportation, Bike-2-Work day, Central Ohio Greenways Board, Columbus to Chicago Rail, COTA's Fare Adjustment for 2015, COTA's Transit System Review, COTA on NextGen, CMAX, Stand Up 4 Transportation and service changes, Crash Data, Economic Impacts of Trails, insight2050, Land Use Projections, MORPC Attributable Funds, MORPC's position on the proposed strengthening of the air quality standards, MTP report card, New Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Boundary, OPWC Infrastructure & Clean Ohio Programs, Population Estimates, RideSolutions, Section 5310, Share the Road Campaign, Sidewalk Inventory, SR 161 Traffic Study, Sustaining Scioto project, TRAC Projects, and USDOT Certification Review.

Resolutions were proposed and approved on the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), SFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Support of the COTA's Cleveland Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Proposal to FTA for \$ 5309 New Starts Funding, the SFY 2014 PWP Completion Report, Establishing Priorities for Applications Submitted to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee, Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2014 for TRAC Funding, Adopting Goals for the 2016-2040 Columbus Area MTP, Adopting the MPO Boundary of MORPC, Adopting Measurable Objectives for 2016 MTP, Adopting Projects to Use MORPC-Attributable Federal Funding, Amending the SFY 2014 PWP, Adoption of Independent Regional Land Use Variables, Amending the MPO Boundary of MORPC, Adoption of Project Evaluation Criteria for 2016 MTP, Acceptance of the 2016 PWP, Certification of MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process, Adoption and Amendment of the SFY 2016 TIP and Reaffirmation of the 2012-2035 MTP.

All topics were announced in press releases, social media, the electronic newsletter Regional eSource and the printed newsletter, MORPC Connection.

Open houses were held on the SFY 2016 TIP and MORPC's Certification Review. The 2016 MTP was featured in a special insert of Business First and in a video presented at the 2015 State of the Region luncheon.

61015-301

Budget \$210,000

Spent 6/30 \$246,593

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

The progress made toward meeting the transportation goals and targets established in the 2012-2035 MTP was monitored and reported in the MTP Report Card. An amendment to the 2012-2035 MTP was completed. Goals, objectives, performance measures with targets, evaluation criteria and the 2040 land use projections for the 2016-2040 MTP were adopted. Identification of candidate projects began, including development of an interactive web map for members and the public to suggest projects and comment on candidate projects. The MTP work is being coordinated with Columbus's Connect Columbus long-range planning activity and COTA's NextGen long-range planning activity.

Staff followed and participated in various ODOT planning activities, including progress on the innerbelt projects, the Far East Freeway Study, the South Outerbelt Study, the Active Traffic Demand Management Study, the US 42 Access Management Study and the scope development of the Delaware County Freight Study.

62525-100

Budget \$120,000

Spent 6/30 \$103,345

Cross-Jurisdictional Planning Coordination

A total of 18 InfoShare meetings were held with MORPC members to learn about their projects, needs, and accomplishments. Regional Collaboration meetings took place twice a year with each of the four groups (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) where neighboring jurisdictions would share any type of transportation project that would potentially affect a community nearby or that would be worthwhile collaboration.

In terms of member education, MORPC offered bi-monthly Regional Education Forums targeted around transportation and funding issues.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

69515-300

Budget \$105,000

Spent 6/30 \$108,595

Program Administration

Ten meetings of the MPO transportation committees (CAC, TAC & Policy) were conducted. The 2014 PWP completion report was prepared as well as the 2015 PWP and update to the biennial agreement with ODOT. The MPO boundary was revised and work began on updating MPO member agreements. The USDOT quadrennial certification process was completed.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

II. Special Projects

Total Budget \$2,173,940

Balance Remaining for SFY 2016 or later is \$464,344

WORK ELEMENT REPORT SUMMARY

FUNDING SUMMARY

66501-000

Budget \$100,000

80% MORPC STP

Spent 6/30 \$60,000

Economic Impact of Trails

The Economic Impact of Trails Study was completed by the end of June and included a final report with technical memoranda, an executive summary, and fact sheets. All of the information is available online at www.morpc.org/trailstudy.

Among others, the study included a full count of trail users along the ten major Greenways trails, which set the baseline for future counts of this magnitude.

66502-000

Budget \$250,000

100% ODOT Funded

Spent 6/30 \$113,567

Rural Transportation Planning Partnership

Assistance was provided to Buckeye Hills - Hocking Valley Regional Development District as it continued its transportation planning activities as a result of ODOT's new rural transportation planning organization program. This included staff attendance at several meetings and specific input with regard to land use, safety analysis, traffic forecasting and report preparation as Buckeye Hills put together its transportation plan.

66551-000

Budget \$330,000

80% MORPC STP

Spent 6/30 \$39,925

Regional Development III (insight2050 Phase IIA)

^ An infill directory of potential development sites is being built as part of the second phase of insight2050. Vacant land was identified from aerial photography using GIS. In addition, properties expected to have more intense uses in the future when compared to their current use were marked for the draft directory.

Another part of this phase is to develop standard development typologies for evaluating land use and transportation best practices. This process has been started using GIS analysis. Nodes, corridors, neighborhoods and downtowns are being classified into rural, suburban standard, suburban compact, and urban categories.

66552-000

Budget \$200,000

Spent 6/30 \$123,050

Freight Trends Study

^ The Central Ohio Freight Trends Study stalled because of personnel changes with the consultant and needing appropriate documentation from the consultant to process invoices. A termination agreement was reached with the consultant and a plan to complete the study internally was started.

66562-000

Budget \$312,500

80% MORPC STP

Spent 6/30 \$312,500

Supplemental Planning SFY13

- 1) See 60215-300 for activities related to the TIP and project expedition.
- 2) Traffic counts collected by various entities were processed into the MORPC online database system. The consultants collected counts in spring of 2015.
- 3) Work in this area included continued coordination associated with the LBRS communities. It also included development of interactive on-line maps that were developed to solicit input from local communities with regard to existing and future land use.
- 4) MORPC worked with Perry Township, Columbus and Worthington to complete a traffic study for the SR 161 corridor from Sawmill Road to SR 315.
- 5) It was decided not to pursue the cost/benefit analysis for converting fleets to CNG.

^ *Project continues beyond SFY 2015*

66564-000

Budget \$312,500
80% MORPC STP
Spent 6/30 \$312,499

Supplemental Planning SFY15

- 1) See 60215-300 for activities related to the TIP and project expedition.
- 2) Traffic counts collected by various entities were processed into the MORPC online database system. The consultants collected counts in spring of 2015.
- 3) Promotion of Data Sharing - MORPC pulled together a Regional Data Task Force from multiple disciplines including utilities, local government, transportation, economic development, health, community planners, and engineers to evaluate the need and high-level content for a Regional Data Site. The group discussed data gaps with regard to accessibility and analysis, and determined there is a need. They reviewed other regional sites and concluded elements that should be included on the site to be a catalogue, a way for public interaction, a place for the data community to share analysis results and a help desk to connect with experts. They also discussed a governance structure for setting policy and identified potential funding sources for building and maintaining the site. The Task Force met from February through July. A whitepaper summarizing the findings and outlining recommendations is currently being drafted and will be completed in October.
- 4) MORPC worked with Perry Township, Columbus and Worthington to complete a traffic study for the SR 161 corridor from Sawmill Road to SR 315. Work began on updating traffic forecasts for the City of Delaware to update its thoroughfare plan. Work began on providing traffic projects for the City of Columbus' Connect Columbus long-range planning activity.
- 5) See 60115-302 for activities related to ITS.

66565-000

Budget \$500,000
80% MORPC STP
Spent 6/30 \$500,281

Regional Growth Impact Analysis (insight2050)

With input from the steering committee, the insight2050 report was completed in December and along with an executive summary is available at its own dedicated website: www.getinsight2050.org. The report lays out 4 different scenarios of how Central Ohio could develop over the next 30+ years and compares them to 8 metrics related to transportation, government budgets, and environment. Since the completion of the report, staff has presented the findings to over 30 different organizations and audiences.

67405-000

Budget \$71,621
100% FTA MORPC
Subgrantee of COTA
Spent 6/30 \$57,318

Ongoing Human Services Transportation Coordination --

MORPC updated the FTA Section 5310 program management plan (PMP) to administer the Section 5310 funds. FTA approved the PMP on February 12, 2015.

Funding request and other relevant information were made available to potential recipients by press release, direct e-mail and other measures. Requests were due to MORPC on March 18, 2015. An informational session was also held.

Requests were evaluated and selected on March 23, 2015 for inclusion by administrative modification and resolution by MORPC's CAC, TAC, and Transportation Policy Committee to MORPC's 2014-2017 TIP and ODOT's STIP for FTA approval. A Program of Projects was also completed.

MORPC is evaluating and discussing the existing Coordinated Plans for Franklin and Delaware counties to be combined during the next update.

Staff continues to advise MORPC committee meetings with updates to the Section 5310 program as well as informing DATABus (Delaware Area Transit Agency) and COTA's Mobility Advisory Board meetings.

Selected Section 5310 projects were entered into TEAM for approval. MORPC staff discussed with other departments how to process for purchasing, reporting and processing Section 5310 funds according to MORPC's PMP.

67415-000

Budget \$97,319
100% FTA 5310 Administration
10% of Apportionment
Spent 6/30 \$0

5310 Designated Recipient

^ Not authorized to spend FTA 5310. Performed work under 67405.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$1,615,552

Balance Remaining for SFY 2016 or later is \$0

WORK ELEMENT REPORT SUMMARY

FUNDING SUMMARY

66714-001

Budget \$406,802

100% MORPC CMAQ

Spent 6/30 \$406,802

Transportation Services (Ridesharing) SFY14

This was closed in SFY 2014. No funds were expended in SFY 2015. See 66715-001 for SFY 2015 activities.

66715-001

Budget \$715,000

100% MORPC CMAQ

Spent 6/30 \$714,122

Transportation Services (Ridesharing) SFY15

RideSolutions continues to develop target messaging and special projects that assist in promoting TDM services. The program sponsors and develops program services based on the needs of the individual commuter, employers, job-ready/training programs, colleges/universities and communities throughout the region.

Vanpool and carpool services continue to meet the needs of commuters. The program is developing and retaining partnerships with not-for-profit agencies, working with employers that are relocating their work sites, and assisting and leading employers in developing an overall environmental goal and plan for their work sites. RideSolutions is helping communities move forward in implementing TDM strategies that help relieve congestion in their neighborhoods, helping their residents to do their part to reduce fuel consumption, plus save money.

RideSolutions and its TDM partners continue to stay abreast of research and trends and share best practices of new and innovative ways to promote the entire share-the-ride and share-the-road concepts.

66731-000

Budget \$368,750

100% MORPC CMAQ

Spent 6/30 \$373,406

Air Quality Awareness SFY14

See 66732-000 for all SFY 2015 activities.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

66732-000

Budget \$125,000
80% MORPC CMAQ
Spent 6/30 \$105,705

Air Quality Awareness SFY15

In FY 15, the program maintained its daily air quality forecasting program, coordinated a marketing and public outreach campaign to educate the public about air quality, and engaged area businesses and governments in making voluntary commitments to improve air quality through the Take Five for Clean Air campaign. For the first time since MORPC began forecasting, the Central Ohio region experienced zero high ozone days during the 2014 ozone season, even while conditions were ideal for high ozone formation. MORPC continues to issue daily air quality forecasts, and issued one Air Quality Alert during the 2015 ozone season through June 30, 2015. MORPC upgraded the Central Ohio Air Quality Hotline, and added a Spanish language option to the hotline. MORPC coordinated a visit from Sonoma Technology, Inc., MORPC's air quality forecasting firm, which included meetings with local TV meteorologists about air quality forecasting and ways MORPC can expand available resources for TV audiences. MORPC coordinated a comprehensive public outreach and marketing campaign with local television stations and other news sources, including the development of public service announcements with tips to educate residents about the health impacts of air pollution and actions that they can take to reduce pollution. MORPC also conducted a targeted e-mail and social media outreach campaign to enroll Central Ohioans to receive Air Quality Alerts. MORPC's Take Five for Clean Air program earned commitments from 25 local governments and businesses to incorporate air-friendly practices into their workplaces and processes. In 2015 the US EPA announced a public comment period for its proposal to strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone pollution. MORPC conducted a comprehensive public input process and engaged MORPC committees and stakeholder groups to submit comments on behalf of the region.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015

IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

<i>WORK ELEMENT</i>	<i>REPORT SUMMARY</i>
<i>FUNDING SUMMARY</i>	

66505-000	Ongoing Local Planning
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Budget	\$0
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No funding	
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Spent 6/30	\$0
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MORPC regularly monitors local planning activities. A current library of new plans is maintained on the website under the Studies and Plans section.

MORPC staff regularly participates in planning efforts of local communities.

67401-000	Ongoing COTA Activities
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Budget	\$0
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No funding	
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Spent 6/30	\$0
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COTA updates service three times a year - the first Monday of every January, May and September. Public information, review and comment take place before each service change.

MORPC assisted with RideSolutions rideshare information during service change meetings as COTA implements some of the route changes as it implements the Transit System Redesign.

Coordinated with ODOT-6, COTA and public safety officials to establish COTA bus-on-shoulders on I-670 from Downtown Columbus to I-270.

MORPC participated in various NextGen meetings, task forces and committees.

Worked with the City of Groveport and COTA to establish a free shuttle for employees to use from COTA bus stops to work by COTA's September service change.

67402-000	Ongoing DATA Activities
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Budget	\$0
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No funding	
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Spent 6/30	\$0
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Staff continued to assist DATABus with the impacts of the 2010 Columbus UZA boundary change. Topics included the FTA funding transition from rural (§ 5311) to urban (5307), possible state funding changes and local match needs for capital and operating and other FTA funding sources.

Assisted DATABus with the 2016-2019 STIP/TIP update, route mapping, service changes and public involvement.

Assisted DATABus with an RFP for the development of a Transit Development Plan and Local Funding Study, and the consultant selection.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2015