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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2015
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. **1. Welcome and Introductions** – Rob Riley, Chair
- 9:02 a.m. **2. Present Nominations** - Ted Beidler, Chair, Nominating Committee
- 9:05 a.m. **3.** Approval of September 30, 2015 **Minutes** (enclosed)
- 9:07 a.m. **4. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) - Thea Walsh
- Report on Sustainability Summit - Kerstin Carr
 - Age-Friendly Columbus - Kerstin Carr
- 9:15 a.m. **5. Informational Items:**
- Quarterly Air Quality Update and Ozone Standard Update - Brandi Whetstone
 - Section 5310 - Mary Ann Frantz
 - Active Transportation Plan - Amelia Costanzo
 - Proposed Changes to TAC Bylaws - Thea Walsh
- 9:40 a.m. **6. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update** - Maria Schaper
- Draft Strategies and Projects
- 10:00 a.m. **7. Funding Programs** - Nathaniel Vogt
- Project Status Update
- 10:15 a.m. **8. Other Business**

Attributable Funds Meeting follows the TAC

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Eric S. Phillips
Chair

Matt Greeson
Vice Chair

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Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.
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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 28, 2015
Meeting Summary

MORPC
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio
5:30 p.m.

Members

Bill Allman	Stephanie Bosco	William Curlis
Lisa Daris	Jon-Paul d'Aversa	Len Fisher
Catherine Girves	LaGrieta Holloway	Warren King
Michael Liggett	Jessica Mathews	J.M. Rayburn
Fred Rea	Larry Robertson	Bob Roehm
Ira Weiss		

Guests

Ava Johnson, Prospective Member
Joel Spokas, Prospective Member
Belinda Taylor, COTA

MORPC Staff

Bernice Cage	Mary Ann Frantz	Nick Gill
Dina Lopez	Ronni Nimps	Brenda Noé
Nancy Reger	Maria Schaper	Bevan Schneck
Thea Walsh	Brandi Whetstone	

1. **Welcome.** Acting Chair Ira Weiss called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and introduced guests.
2. **Approval of August 31, 2015 Minutes.** Weiss called attention to an incorrect spelling of Larry Robertson's name in the minutes. Bill Curlis moved to accept the August 31, 2015 minutes, as amended, and Mike Liggett seconded. The motion carried.
3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report.** Thea Walsh said that ODOT held public meetings on the US 42 Access Management Study at Jerome Township on September 22nd. The goal of the study is to maintain capacity and safety along the corridor. She also noted that DATABus is going to modify its Red and Purple routes to operate just between Delaware and Sunbury, effective October 19th. Walsh reported that she attended the freight conference in Cincinnati as well as the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC) annual meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she connected with the Indiana Department of Transportation regarding the Chicago to Columbus passenger rail service.

Walsh added that the Sustainability Summit is coming up on October 2nd, and the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) will take place on October 27th and October 28th, where several MORPC team members will make presentations.

- **COTA/Car-2-Go Partnership.** Walsh reported that COTA and car2go have partnered to provide first and last mile service from park & ride locations in the Linden and Clintonville areas. The press release is available here:

[http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_COTA-and-car2go-Partner-to-Provide-First-and-Last-Mile-Service-from-Park-Rides%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_COTA-and-car2go-Partner-to-Provide-First-and-Last-Mile-Service-from-Park-Rides%20(1).pdf)

- COTA Update. Belinda Taylor announced that a public open house will be held today on NextGen. The Rickenbacker GREAT (Groveport Rickenbacker Employee Access Transit) service at Rickenbacker has begun. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for it on Wednesday, October 14th. Taylor reported that the CMAX project was approved in the President's budget; however, it does not yet have Senate approval. COTA is working to identify more support for the project. COTA hopes to begin construction by the end of December.

4. Informational Items:

- TDM Strategic Plan. Mary Ann Frantz made a PowerPoint presentation on this topic. The presentation is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_TDMStrategicPlanPresentation.pdf

Bill Allman asked if 2040 incorporates any additional truck traffic. Nick Gill replied that these are based upon land use projections. They include increases in truck traffic. Allman also asked if there is a plan to eliminate truck traffic. Gill said that it has been brought up before. The issues are easements and locations.

Curlis added that the overriding mission for the I-70/I-71 re-build was to permit truckers to drive through downtown Columbus without ever having to put on their brakes.

- Population Estimates. Nancy Reger gave a PowerPoint presentation on population estimates. The presentation is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_PopulationEstimatesPresentation.pdf

Warren King asked what the major advantages are of adding more members to MORPC. Reger said that we would receive more money. Bob Roehm wanted to know what advantage a smaller area might have by joining MORPC. Reger replied that a smaller area would have access to leadership from other communities. MORPC also provides a legislative update each month, which gives the current status of certain legislation that it follows. Walsh added that the CAC and TAC focus on the MPO area. Allman asked if we solicited members from all over Ohio. Reger said that MORPC's membership coordinator solicits members, but from communities within the MORPC region only.

- Popular TIP. Ronni Nimps discussed the Popular Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and her PowerPoint is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_PopularTIPPresentation.pdf

5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update. Maria Schaper gave a presentation on the MTP, and her PowerPoint is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_MTPPresentation.pdf

J.M. Rayburn asked if they should encourage people to continue to comment on the MTP map, and Schaper said that they should, although no more projects may be added.

6. **Proposed Resolutions:**

- **T-19-15: "Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2015 for TRAC Funding."** Dina Lopez gave a presentation on this resolution, and her PowerPoint presentation is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_TRACPresentation.pdf

Robertson moved to adopt Resolution T-19-15, and J.M. Rayburn seconded. The motion carried.

- **T-20-15: "To Authorize the Executive Director to Submit an Application to the Local Government Innovation Fund and Enter into an Agreement for up to \$50,000 with the Ohio Development Services Agency for a Multi-Regional Ridesharing System."** Walsh explained that this resolution was also going to the Executive Committee. The purpose of this resolution is to request a grant for a more efficient multi-regional ridesharing software that can accommodate public-private partnerships and multimodal commutes.

Allman asked if this is only for commuters. Walsh replied that it is for now. It is focusing on a better form of transportation. We want to expand beyond ridesharing. Allman wanted to know if Uber helped us in any way. Walsh said that Uber is not the same as ridesharing.

Len Fisher moved for approval of Resolution T-20-15, and Rayburn seconded. The motion carried.

7. **Committee Business.** Bernice Cage presented information on the CAC membership. Her PowerPoint presentation is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20150928_CAC_MembershipPresentation.pdf

8. **Other Business.** Allman asked about the new rural transportation initiative. Walsh said that we are working with surrounding communities in Union Madison, Pickaway and Fairfield counties to develop a Rural Transportation Planning Organization. We are still in conversation with the proposed participants.

Fred Rea moved to adjourn the meeting and Liggett seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Bernice Cage
Secretary



MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

October 2015

Transportation Systems & Funding

Thea Walsh - twalsh@morpc.org

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Copies of the latest MTP fact sheet were sent to libraries in Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, and Union counties.
- Highways
MORPC participated in the groundbreaking of the SR 750 widening project between the zoo and Sawmill Parkway.

A meeting to review the scope of work for a preliminary engineering study of SR 161 from Sawmill Road to Olentangy River Road was held on October 14th, including representatives from ODOT, Columbus, Worthington, Perry Township and MORPC. This is the next step following up on the traffic study MORPC completed in 2014 to look at improvements in the corridor.

- Freight/Passenger Rail
MORPC attended the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission's (MIPRC's) annual meeting in St. Paul, MN from September 22nd to September 25th. MORPC was there as a representative of OARC. This annual meeting included presentations by FRA passenger rail planning Team members, who debriefed the commission members and partners on the recent win of a 100% FRA-led planning study grant that will update the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative plan, a plan that has been in development since 1996 to develop a 3,000-mile high-speed rail system for the Midwest region. MORPC attended relative to the Columbus to Chicago passenger rail corridor, a project on which it has been working closely with Indiana MPO partners to bring to fruition.

MORPC Team members attended the Ohio Conference on Freight (OCF) in Cincinnati from September 14th-16th. This conference included a keynote speech from Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, and attendees included state and local government representatives as well as private sector representatives.

MORPC hosted an OARC freight working group meeting at OCF on September 16th, which included an introduction of OSU's Center for Automotive Research (OSU CAR) regarding automated freight vehicle technology and ongoing plans to create test corridors within Ohio's highway/state route network.

- Transit/Human Services
met with a transportation coalition to discuss the difficulty people have in accessing medical care. This group is considering future partnerships to raise awareness, increase access and explore existing resources with patients and providers.

The OARC Finance Directors meeting brought in Team members from ODOT's External Audit Team and Office of Transit to review FTA Section 5310 vehicle procurement and sub-recipient oversight. MORPC met with all FTA Section 5310 sub-recipients to review the FTA agreement's other requirements.

- RideSolutions

Hosted OARC meeting among 6 different rideshare agencies. Brainstormed ways to improve service. Presented RFP that was drafted by MORPC. Confirmed with other rideshare agencies that it might be possible to purchase commuter ridesharing software as a group. MORPC agreed to schedule tutorials from vendors via webinar with an open invitation to all partners. RFP will be further modified once more research is complete.

Team members are working with ODOT, COTA, and local governments to create a database of Park and Ride locations in Central Ohio. These have been updated in the RidePro database, where commuters can increase their chances of finding carpool partners by meeting at Park & Ride locations.

Re-submitted Local Government Innovation Fund grant for \$50,000. MORPC was given a 10-day CURE period to edit the application. During this time, MORPC secured a Letter of Support from TMACOG and signed a resolution in front of its Executive Committee.

Reported the following data to Columbus as part of the city's sustainability rating. Since January 2013*, our RideSolutions service has done the following:

- Added 4,323 commuters to our database
- Attempted 5,904 carpool matches
- Experienced a match rate of 66%
- Registered 649 commuters for Guaranteed Ride Home
- Redeemed 37 Guaranteed Ride Home vouchers

*Stats given are from 1/1/13 - 9/30/15.

The following are measurements of our Vanpool program, part of the RideSolutions service. In 2013, our vanpools traveled 689,035 miles and 4,159,668 passenger miles. This means there was a VMT savings of around 3,470,633.

In 2014, our vanpools traveled 677,821 miles and 4,146,900 passenger miles. This means there was a VMT savings of around 3,469,079.

Collaborated with the Mayor's Green Team (Columbus) to identify ways of promoting RideSolutions services to employers and citizens of Columbus. The Green Team has pre-established goals to achieve, and the services RideSolutions provides can help achieve those sustainability goals (reduced SOV traveled, improved air quality, etc.).

RideSolutions have been working with employers and agencies associated with the new Rickenbacker COTA/GREAT bus/shuttle program to promote RideSolutions' Guaranteed Ride Home program, which helps encourage individuals to try riding the bus/shuttle. About 100 companies/agencies have been contacted by RideSolutions. Support for the program has been very positive.

- Infrastructure Funding

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The Popular TIP was completed and is available on-line at [http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/0715TIP%20Summary%20\(all%20documents\).pdf](http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/0715TIP%20Summary%20(all%20documents).pdf).

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

Team members attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the new roundabout at Alkire Road and Demorest Road in Grove City on October 23, 2015. The total project cost was \$3,496,000 with \$996,000 in funding from the State Capital Improvement Program through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

The District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) is seeking nominations to fill a three-year term, through the end of 2018, on its Franklin County Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC). NRAC, an 11-member council, develops project selection guidelines and evaluates and selects projects to receive funding from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program. District 3, Franklin County, received \$3.1 million in funding for open space acquisition and to protect riparian corridors or watersheds for 2016.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

MORPC Team members conducted an analysis of 4 applications within the MPO as submitted to TRAC for new funding. A public comment period was held from August 7th to September 11th, and a total of 4 comments were received. MORPC presented its project ranking recommendations to CAC and TAC on September 28th and September 30th, with both committees approving the recommendations as presented. The Transportation Policy Committee approved the recommendations under Resolution T-19-15 on October 8th. A formal letter was submitted to ODOT on October 9th stating MORPC's project ranking recommendation for the 2015 TRAC funding cycle. Thea Walsh presented MORPC's approved ranking recommendations to the TRAC at the October 13th public hearing. TRAC is scheduled to issue a draft projects list in December/January.

Data and Mapping – September Report

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- **Regional Data Task Force**
The draft white paper that includes the recommendations from the Data Task Force was presented to the Data Task Force on October 15th. The group offered some suggestions that are being incorporated into the paper. Recommendations from the Task Force are being presented to the MORPC Commission in November.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
Data and Mapping Team members participated in project evaluation and identifying strategies to meet the objectives of the plan. The Data and Mapping were responsible for evaluating the projects with respect to economic development.
- **insight2050 Phase 2a**
Final tweaks are being completed to define development typologies and differences between 'existing' and 'potential' land use, as identified from local land use plans during the forecasts developed for the 2016-2040 MTP. They are being analyzed through GIS as a dimension of identifying 'underutilized land.' This information will be shared with the Grove City development Team members in the next few weeks, and then presented to a group of developers for input.
- **Presentations**
Cheri Mansperger, MORPC's GIS Manager, presented information about data sharing at MORPC'S Sustainability Summit and co-presented the sidewalk inventory at the Ohio Transportation Engineers' Conference (OTEC). Nancy Reger presented information on Phase 2A of insight2050 at the Ohio Valley Conference of the American Institute of Architects, along with MORPC Kerstin Carr and Jennifer Noll.
- **Coordination with COSMOS to Advance Regional Public Fiber Optic Infrastructure**
The October COSMOS meeting was hosted at MORPC. COSMOS is a group of IT Directors from throughout the region. MORPC is working with them to find ways to advance publicly owned fiber optic infrastructure and coordinate data about where current infrastructure is in place and what is being planned. Activities include suggesting including coordinated digital connectivity by supporting public fiber optic communication and data infrastructure. We also collected fiber optic-related projects from communities throughout the region to include as possible projects for a potential capital bill put forth by the state legislature.
- **GIS Coordination**
MORPC facilitated discussions between Columbus and OSU on updating and maintaining address points and road center lines on the OSU campus. MORPC is also working with Upper Arlington to get them on board to maintain address points and road center lines in their city as part of the county-wide LBRS project.
- **Member Services**
Village of Urbancrest Zoning Map – At the request of the village, a new zoning map was made.

Northeast Area Community Group – Approximately 15 representatives from communities participated. In addition to informational updates from communities and MORPC Team members, the group received two additional presentations. One was from Doug Turney (Green Infrastructure Practice Leader) from EMH&T on pervious pavement projects in Central Ohio, and the other was from Angela Hobart (Economic Development Specialist) from the City of New Albany about the Smart Ride Program. Many of the attendees had questions about this program.

“Run Like a Girl” Half Marathon Map – MORPC created a draft route map for a girls-only half marathon being organized by a group working with various health agencies in Central Ohio.

Sunbury Thoroughfare Plan Data – MORPC is working with the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission to prepare data about land use and traffic forecasts for a thoroughfare plan DCRPC is working on with the village.

Union County 33 Corridor Data – Future land use data were provided to Union County to help them assess the current and future needs for natural gas in Union County.

MORPC Planning and Environment Department

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- Active Transportation Planning Meetings

Team members participated in the regularly scheduled Columbus Public Health’s Chronic Disease Prevention Advisory Board meeting. This group’s work is related to active transportation, Safe Routes to School, COG Board, and more. A representative from the American Planning Association attended to hear about Columbus’ Planning for Healthy Communities grant work.

Team members participated in the monthly Ohio Bicycle Call, which is an hour-long conference call among biking professionals and advocates across the state. Participants talked about upcoming conferences such as the National Safe Routes to School Conference, bike-related legislative issues, crash data, and the Impact of Trails Study.

Team members sat in on a conversation between Worthington Team members and ODOT Team members regarding possible funding streams for bike/ped infrastructure. organized the meeting between the two per Worthington’s request. No specific funding opportunities are available from ODOT at this time.

Columbus Metro Bike Map Update

Team members disseminated a survey to MORPC working groups, various stakeholder groups, and the general public via email, social media and word-of-mouth regarding the Columbus Metro Bike Map. The short survey asks for opinions on how to improve the map when it is updated in 2016. The survey close date is October 31st.

Active Transportation Plan

Team members presented the draft Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to the ATP Working Group. The ATP is a part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). It focuses on 12 Key Regional Corridors within Central Ohio that intersect multiple jurisdictions. The ATP includes 2 deliverables for use by communities’ Team members and decision makers: 1) an interactive story map which includes best practices information, and 2) a Cost Estimator Tool for estimating how much additional funding would be needed to build complete streets elements in conjunction with an infrastructure improvement project. For more information, visit www.morpc.org/ATP.

Age-Friendly Columbus

Team members prepared several applications to secure funding for the project slated to begin early next year. A job posting for the Age-Friendly Community Coordinator has been published.

- Transportation Safety

Scheduled Meetings

Team members participated in the Traffic Fatality Review Board meeting at Columbus Public Health. The most prevalent issues included pedestrian-related crashes, impaired driving, and reckless driving by young drivers.

Team members participated in the Columbus Area Pedestrian Safety Committee at Columbus Public Health. During the meeting, attendees discussed scheduling and implementation of multiple pedestrian safety education events. The first is set to occur downtown in the next two weeks.

Systematic Safety Improvement Program

Team members provided project updates to all 11 participating jurisdictions which included the locations that will be evaluated as part of this project and the total amount of treatment funding available to them. Of the 204 locations originally received, 137 will be evaluated by the ODOT consultant. Evaluations are set to be completed by early 2016.

- insight2050

Meetings

Team members hosted the communications committee meeting where the group discussed the best practices section of the webpage, development of a process for creating and disseminating messaging, and how to best communicate the Phase II elements.

Related Training

Team members attended the YWCA-hosted workshop “A Conversation About Race” to help consider how we can build more inclusive messaging and outreach for insight2050.

Team members attended a webinar hosted by the American Planning Association (APA) - “Aging in Community Programs” - a new resource developed by APA, to learn more about how this could positively impact the proposed Age-Friendly Columbus project.

Outreach

insight2050 was presented 5 times to a total audience of over 400 people in October. Audiences included: Summit on Sustainability, Ohio ITE Conference, AIA Ohio Valley Conference, Jerome Township, and City of Dublin. also had conversations with National Church Residences and Reynoldsburg School District.

- Greenways & Water Quality Program

Meetings

Team members participated in the regularly scheduled NPDES meeting at Franklin County Engineer's Office.

Team members attended the grand opening of the Alum Creek Trail where William Murdock and Mayor Coleman spoke. Team members also participated in the celebratory bike ride. This completion of this last trail segment now opens up a continuous 44 miles of trails throughout our region.

COG Board

Team members participated in the Trail Development Working Team meeting that focused on goal-setting for their work. Their first major task will be to create a trails-related thoroughfare plan for the region. Team members also participated in the Marketing Working Team meeting that focused on reviewing the Central Ohio Greenways website and next steps to work on Year 1 priorities.

Related Training

Team members attended the 12th Annual Olentangy Watershed Forum focused on best management practices for a healthy Olentangy Watershed.

Outreach

Team members presented on the Water Trails project during the Summit on Sustainability's session "Rivers and Recreation: Central Ohio's Natural Playground." The session offered an examination of how local governments, non-profits, and MORPC are making it easy for Central Ohio residents to explore our waterways.

Team members presented on the Impact of Trails Study during the Summit on Sustainability's session called "Safer Streets. More Trails. For a Healthier More Active Region." The session offered a discussion on retrofitting streets and adding trails in Central Ohio to keep up with an ever growing, on-the-move population.

Team members presented on the Impact of Trails Study at the Ohio Transportation Engineers Conference (OTEC).

Team members also presented the Impact of Trails Study and Central Ohio Greenways Structure to the Hilliard City Council.

- **Summit on Sustainability**

The Summit on Sustainability sold out, drawing over 400 attendees. The keynote panel during the lunch program focused on what role energy plays in Central Ohio and included speakers from Amazon, Honda, and The Ohio State University. In addition, three Green Region Awards were given out during the lunch program. A new award, the Green Mobility Award, was given in honor of William (Bill) A. Lewis, Jr., for his innovative work in active transportation; his family received the award. The Green Leader Award was presented to Mount Carmel Health Systems and the Green Collaborative Achievement Award was presented to Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW).

National Safe Routes to School Conference

The SRTS conference committee partners continued outreach regarding the call for session proposals, due October 31st. The program committee has been assigned into working groups to review and evaluate the proposals once they are in.

The Host Committee finalized the set of keynote speakers for the April conference, focusing on community development, healthy lifestyles, and equity components.

SRTS partners continue to reach out to interested parties about sponsorship opportunities and other partnerships for the conference.

- **Regional Collaboration Groups**

Team members facilitated the Southeast Area Group meeting in Greenfield Township with 24 people in attendance. The presentations focused on the employee shuttles in the Rickenbacker area and development in Canal Winchester, such as the Brew Dog Brewery.

Team members facilitated the Northeast Area Group meeting in Westerville. The meeting had 27 participants in attendance. The presentations focused on the shuttle for New Albany employees and stormwater best management practices.

- **Sustainability Advisory Committee**
The Sustainability Advisory Committee met on October 20th. Erin Miller presented on the City of Columbus's Green Memo III and the aspects of it that connect to MORPC and the work of the Sustainability Advisory Committee and the Working Groups. Laura Koprowski presented to the group about the update of the Public Policy Agenda. Members of the Energy and Air Quality Working Group presented on the Clean Power Plan. The SAC members voted to circulate the document and to send comments back to the Energy and Air Quality Working Group.
- **Local Foods**
Team members attended a meeting with Tim Hicks and Amy Graves of Ohio Farm Bureau to discuss developing a tailored message for the agriculture community. The goal is to gauge interest in an insight2050 presentation or workshop with county leadership for an upcoming conference and considering the "ask" we would present to farmers in presentations.

Team members facilitated a Working Committee meeting for the City/County Local Food Action Plan. The Current Conditions Survey seems to support the need for an institutional demand study and greater community engagement.

Energy & Air Quality

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- **Air Quality** - October 31st marks the last day of ozone season for Central Ohio. On October 1st the U.S. EPA announced a new ground-level ozone standard set at 70 parts per billion (ppb) from 75 ppb. This new standard is in alignment with MORPC's comments to U.S. EPA during the public comment period. The Columbus Dispatch published an article about the new standard and referenced MORPC's position and air quality forecasting role.
- **Energy & Air Quality Working Group** - The next working group meeting will take place on November 24th at 1:30 p.m. The agenda will include discussion of the chair and vice-chair role, as well as a summary report of the 2015 ozone season.