



Mid-Ohio Regional
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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Thursday, May 14, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m. 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1:31 p.m. 2. Welcome and Introductions – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair
- 1:35 p.m. 3. Community Leader Spotlight: Dave Yost, Ohio Auditor of State
- 1:45 p.m. 4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of [April 9, 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
- 1:46 p.m. 5. [Executive Director’s Report](#) – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
- 1:55 p.m. 6. [Proposed Resolution 07-15: “AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS WITH, EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH, AND RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION”](#) – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Special Guests and Presentations

- 2:00 p.m. 7. Member Spotlight: Trudy Bartley, PACT Neighborhood Executive Director

Committees

- 2:05 p.m. 8. Regional Policy Roundtable – Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - a. Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Hill Brown & Ritter and Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director
- 2:15 p.m. 9. Sustainability Advisory Committee – Steve Stolte, Sustainability Advisory Council Chair
 - a. Central Ohio Greenways Board – Tony Collins, City of Gahanna Parks & Recreation Director

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Eric S. Phillips
Chair

Matt Greeson
Vice Chair

Rory McGuinness
Secretary

- 2:25 p.m. **10. Transportation Policy Committee** – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair
- a. **Call to Order** – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair
- 2:26 p.m. b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
- Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director
 - Regional Data & Mapping – Nancy Reger
- 2:35 p.m. c. **Consent Agenda**
- Approval of [April 9, 2015 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [Proposed Resolution T-10-15](#): “ACCEPTANCE OF THE MORPC FISCAL YEAR 2016 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM”
 - [Proposed Resolution T-11-15](#): “CERTIFICATION OF THE MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS”
- 2:38 p.m. d. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director
- [Proposed Resolution T-9-15](#): “ADOPTION OF PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN”
- 2:45 p.m. e. [Proposed Resolution T-12-15](#): “ADOPTION OF THE FY 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE 2012-2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN” – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director
- 2:50 p.m. f. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee** – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair
- 2:51 p.m. **11. Motion to Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee**
- 2:53 p.m. **12. Other Business**
- 3:00 p.m. **13. Adjourn** – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:30 p.m.

Commission Members

Dave Anderson	Carrie Hamilton	Robert Myers
Karen Angelou	Marian Harris	Megan O'Callaghan
Pat Blayney	Tracy Hatmaker	Eileen Paley
Stacey Boumis	Dan Havener	Eric Phillips
Eric Brandon	Tom Homan	Rob Platte
Susan Brobst	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Bryan Rhoads
Marilyn Brown	Jenna Jackson	Dean Ringle
Ron Bullard	Erik Janas	Clyde Seidle for Don Schonhardt
Steve Campbell	Larry Jenkins	Ashley Senn
Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher	Anthony Jones	David Simmons
Derrick Clay	Steve Kennedy	Ike Stage
Ben Collins	Benjamin King	Ted Staton
Mike Compton	Bill LaFayette	Joe Stefanov
Karl Craven	Greg Lestini	Steve Stolte
Tracie Davies	Kim Maggard	Scott Tourville
William Dorman	Dana McDaniel	Bill Vance
Michael Ebert	Rory McGuiness	Ellen Walker
Terry Emery	Erin Miller	Nancy White
Matt Greeson	Ellen Moss Williams	

Associate Members

Tom Goodney

Policy Committee Members

Holly Mattei	Curtis Stitt	Carrie Woody
David Paul	Tony Turowski for Thom Slack	

Staff

Bernice Cage	Shawn Hufstedler	Shari Saunders
Kerstin Carr	Ciel Klein	Maria Schaper
Mark Crosten	Laura Koprowski	Bevan Schneck
Mary Ann Frantz	Eileen Leuby	Thea Walsh
Steve Garnack	William Murdock	Brandi Whetstone
Joe Garrity	Deborah Murphy	
Nick Gill	Nancy Reger	

Guests

Patrick Terrien, Columbus Council on World Affairs Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter

Chair Eric Phillips called the Commission Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee – Rory McGuiness, Nominating Committee Chair
Rory McGuiness recognized and thanked Nominating Committee members for their work. The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations for election:

The nominees for Officers for renewed one-year term (expires April 2016):

- Eric Phillips, Chair
- Matt Greeson, Vice-Chair
- Rory McGuiness, Secretary

The nominees for Executive Committee:

For a new or renewed two-year term (Expires April 2017):

- Tracie Davies (2014)
- Gary Merrell (2015)
- Kim Maggard (2015)

For renewed one-year term (Expires 2016):

- Joe Stefanov (2008) – Chair of Benefits Committee
- Derrick Clay (2007) – Chair of Building Committee
- Marilyn Brown (2007) – Past Chair
- Eric Phillips (2007) – Officer
- Matt Greeson (2009) – Officer

Chair Phillips opened the floor for nominations; no nominations were made. Rory McGuiness made a motion to accept the nominating committee recommendations, second by Steve Campbell; motion passed.

Chair Phillips announced the appointment of the Investment and Reserve Committee which will examine MORPC's investment and financial reserve strategies. Committee members are:

- Chair Joe Stefanov, City of New Albany
- Ike Stage, City of Grove City
- William Murdock, MORPC
- Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC
- Angel Mumma, City of Dublin
- Paul Rakosky, City of Columbus
- Zach Talarek, Franklin County
- Terry Emery, City of Marysville

Community Leader Spotlight – Patrick Terrien, Columbus Council on World Affairs President and CEO

For 40 years the Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) has been educating people on what goes on in the world and why we should care. Patrick Terrien commended MORPC on its forward thinking. A few years ago MORPC invested in the first Global Report issued by CCWA. The newest [Global Report](#) was provided to attendees. The CCWA is also working with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio on the [Global Scholars Diploma](#) program. The program for high school students ensures they graduate with global competency and focuses on three things:

- Interacting with people of different cultures
- Recognizing the global careers in our region
- Looking deeply at global issues

Last year the program was in two schools with 40 participating students. This year the program is in five school districts with 200 participating students and next year 400 students are expected to participate.

Consent Agenda

Marilyn Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Derrick Clay; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Chair Phillips and William Murdock applauded MORPC Team Members for their work on the 2015 State of the Region event. Mr. Murdock recapped the 2015 award recipients:

- Regional Leadership Award – Mayor Michael Coleman, City of Columbus
- William C. Habig Collaborative Achievement Award – Yaromir Steiner, CEO of Steiner + Associates and Chair of the insight2050 Steering Committee
- William H. Anderson Excellence in Public Service Award – Marsha Grigsby, retired from the City of Dublin

More information on the award winners and the videos from the State of the Region event are available [online](#). Mr. Murdock thanked OhioHealth for being the premier sponsor.

The State of the Region was also the official kick-off for Phase II of insight2050. The four components of Phase II are outreach, peer learning, best practices, and development resources. MORPC team members are focusing on outreach and are available to meet with your community and help get the word out.

The State of the Region was also the official kick-off of celebrating the coordination between MORPC, COTA and the City of Columbus on their three long-range transportation plans (MORPC's 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, COTA's NextGEN and the City of Columbus' ConnectColumbus). The plans are a regional effort and members' input is valued. On April 6, 2015, the Columbus Dispatch ran an editorial on the collaboration, [A New Route to the Future](#).

Mr. Murdock thanked those who attended the April 7, 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House. More than 60 people attended. The information shared at the Open House is available [online](#).

Mr. Murdock thanked COTA President & CEO Curtis Stitt for his efforts on the Stand Up 4 Transportation Day event held at COTA's Spring Street Terminal on April 9, 2015, as well as efforts in Delaware and other parts of Central Ohio. The events advocated for long-term federal transportation funding strategy.

Columbus will compete in the Top 7 Intelligent Communities Forum. A range of activities will be held the week of April 13-17, including a televised insight2050 forum. insight2050 panel members include Michelle Mills, City of Columbus Councilmember; Holly Mattei, Fairfield County Regional Planning Committee Executive Director; Jung Kim, Columbus 2020 Research Director; and Mark Wagenbrenner, Wagenbrenner Development.

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Member Services Coordinator

Eileen Leuby presented the [Membership Quarterly Report](#). State of Ohio Auditor Dave Yost will speak about the ShareOhio program as our Community Spotlight at the May Commission meeting. There will be a luncheon before the meeting to talk more specifically about ShareOhio. Assignments for the Local Government Internship Program were confirmed Tuesday, March 31. The OSU/CRP Internship Program is for city and regional planning students to intern for specific planning projects. Eric Phillips thanked Eileen Leuby for her efforts in the growth of MORPC's membership.

Committees

Building Committee Update – Derrick Clay, Building Committee Chair

MORPC and Columbus State Community College (CSCC) engaged consultant Jamie Greene with planningNEXT to assist in our partnership with Columbus State to facilitate discussions on next steps with their downtown campus master plan. These efforts culminated Friday, March 27 on a half-day event with area stakeholders to talk about potential opportunities on infrastructure, buildings, shared services, etc. We are expecting more

information soon from planningNEXT about next steps for the area. Mr. Clay recognized and thanked the Building Committee for their work.

Data Site Task Force Update – Anthony Jones, Data Site Task Force Co-Chair

Anthony Jones presented the [Data Task Force Update](#).

Transportation Policy Committee – Eric Phillips, MORPC Chair

Chair Eric Phillips called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:00 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

Sustainability Advisory Committee Update – Steve Stolte, Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Steve Stolte reported the Regional Food Council and the Materials Management Working Group formed a joint subcommittee to look into organic waste management and address the barriers faced by local businesses that are trying to compost organic waste. Contact Brandi Whetstone to learn more.

The Materials Management Working Group reports that SWACO is in the process of developing an e-waste recycling consortium that will be available to communities and businesses in MORPC's region. This allows multiple Franklin County communities to enter into contracts for services with the potential to save money. This will be a topic of discussion at the June 17, 2015 Green Pact Meeting.

• **Proposed Resolution 04-15: "ADOPTION OF MORPC'S 2015-16 REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA"**

Steve Stolte reported that MORPC received no substantial comments for the draft Regional Sustainability Agenda. Marilyn Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 04-15, second by Ellen Walker; motion passed.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Roundtable Chair

Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher reported that the next Regional Policy Roundtable Meeting is April 23, 2015. The Roundtable is forming a task force to look at a license fee addition to the state budget bill. Tom Homan is the task force chair.

• **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter and Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director**

Steve Tugend and Laura Koprowski gave the legislative update and highlighted the following issues:

- HB 53 – Transportation budget
- HB 64 – State operating budget
- SB 95 – Outdoor refreshment areas-container law
- HB 12 – TIF-incentive districts
- HB 13 – Police-fire levy revenue

Ms. Koprowski introduced new MORPC Public & Government Affairs Team Members Bevan Schneck and Joe Garrity,

See the [April 2015 Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Discussion occurred regarding federal transportation reauthorization. Tom Homan made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to send a letter on behalf of the Commission to Central Ohio's congressional delegation encouraging reauthorization of federal transportation funding that includes all modes of transportation, second by Steve Stolte; motion passed.

The Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Eric S. Phillips, Chair
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



MORPC Monthly Agency Report
April 2015

Public & Government Affairs

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MORPC State of the Region

Performances from the Safe Routes to School Show Choir kicked off the 2015 State of the Region Luncheon, held April 2 at the Hilton Columbus. After a review of the State of the Region by MORPC's Executive Director William Murdock, the Regional Leadership Award was presented to Mayor Michael B. Coleman. The William H. Anderson Award was presented to Marsha Grigsby and the William C. Habig Award was presented to Yaromir Steiner. Mr. Steiner provided an update and next steps for insight2050. Dr. Stephen Markovich, representing the presenting sponsor from OhioHealth, introduced this year's keynote, Jeffrey Tumlin, Principal and Director of Strategy of Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.

The 2015 State of the Region Report was created and distributed through a *Business First* insert to the State of the Region Luncheon 750 attendees and to the *Business First* Central Ohio subscriber base of over 11,000. The twelve-page insert included articles on regional collaboration, insight2050, growth in the region, the housing market, Connect Columbus, COTA NextGen and the 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Complete Streets, MORPC Energy Efficiency and Housing Programs, and the future of water in Central Ohio.

Community Outreach and Marketing

Team members attended several community events including the State of Union County, the State of Grove City, The Economic Development Alliance of Southern Ohio Insider OUTsider Breakfast, the Columbus Chamber's Government Relations Round Table with Franklin County Administrator Ken Wilson, the World Heritage of Ohio meeting to support the Hopewell nomination, and the OSU John Glenn College dedication.

MORPC team members attended the Central Ohio Cyber Security Initiative meeting. This group is developing a regional plan in case of a widespread cyber attack.

MORPC's Transportation Improvement Program Open House was promoted by distributing invitations to over 3,400 residents through direct mail. Additional promotion of the event included an article in MORPC's *Regional eSource*, a press release to local media, and posts on MORPC's social media outlets. A brochure was created to explain the process and importance of the Transportation Improvement Program.

MORPC's social media efforts for April provide the following results:

- People were most engaged with our MORPC Facebook page April 28-29, when our organic reach was over 1,800.
- Audience continues to be most engaged at 9 p.m.
- 49 Facebook posts during the month.
- The most popular Facebook post was Columbus Underground article on the Columbus to Chicago Railway, which reached over 1,700 people and received more than 50 likes.

- Second most popular Facebook post was *Columbus Business First* insight2050 article with Kerstin Carr, which reached 1,000 people and received nearly 40 likes.
- MORPC received approximately 40 new page likes over the month, bringing our total to 3,067.
- 46 tweets during the month (increase of 144.4%).
- 12.6k impressions (increase of 193%), 636 profile visits (increase of 26.2%), 81 mentions (increase of 16.2%).
- CMAX tweet had most impressions (822), and was retweeted by *ThisWeek News*.
- Top tweet MORPC was mentioned in was from John Marschhausen, Hilliard superintendent, during State of the Region.
- MORPC received approximately 38 new Twitter followers, bringing our total to 2,407.
- Instagram posts included transportation bill signing, State of the Region, Safe Routes to School Choir, TIP Open House, StandUp4 Transportation, and MORPC biometric screenings.
- Total of 243 Instagram followers.

Government Affairs

The Regional Policy Roundtable's quarterly meeting took place on April 23, 2015 and featured Ohio House Representative Mike Curtain who is serving as a member of the Ohio Constitution Modernization Commission. Rep. Curtain presented and engaged in a discussion about the Ohio Constitution Modernization Commission's purpose, goals, and top issues. The Roundtable also heard an update about the new MORPC License Plate Task Force by its chair Tom Homan, City Manager of the City of Delaware. The purpose of the Task Force is to respond to our members' need for additional local transportation funding by passing state legislation to allow additional permissive motor vehicle license tax authority for local governments. Several statewide local government groups are working with MORPC on this effort including the Ohio County Engineers Association, Ohio Municipal League, Ohio Township Association, County Commissioners Association of Ohio, and the Ohio Association of Regional Councils.

MORPC is forming a new insight2050 Task Force to identify, discuss and strategize how to respond to legislative needs and/or barriers to implementing the analysis findings. Task Force membership will include representatives from the MORPC Board, Regional Policy Roundtable, and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Membership

See the attachment.

MORPC In the News

See the attachment for a list of the various news and media articles for March.

Transportation Systems & Funding

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The land use assumptions that will guide the development of the 2016-2040 MTP were endorsed by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee. The draft project evaluation criteria were also presented to the committees and posted to the MTP webpage for public review and comment. Volume 4 of the one-page information sheet was updated to summarize the draft project evaluation criteria and sent to libraries for public distribution. An article on the draft Project Evaluation Criteria was placed in an April issue of *eSource*.

Rural Transportation Partnership (Buckeye Hills)

In MORPC's mentorship role with Buckeye Hills, team members reviewed the existing conditions, future conditions and needs analysis of the Buckeye Hills transportation plan. Detailed freight-

related comments were provided to Buckeye Hills along with region-wide and county-specific crash analysis sheets. MORPC staff met with Buckeye Hills on April 24. MORPC's comments on their documents were discussed. With information resulting from the discussions, MORPC will be reaching out to ORDC for information to assist Buckeye Hills in strengthening the section on rail crossing safety as well as preparing needs analysis for the roadway components.

Freight

With cooperation from ODOT and FHWA, and following approval from OARC's Executive Directors and Transportation Directors, MORPC is leading the pilot statewide OARC Freight Working Group. On April 15, 2015, MORPC hosted a Freight workshop in collaboration with FHWA. This workshop began with discussing 2015 goals for the group and the upcoming opportunity to review ODOT's statewide freight plan in the fall. The group's goals include a peer review of freight studies and documents on a volunteer basis, sharing of successful private sector outreach strategies, and discussion of a set of indicators that can be collected by MPOs statewide that will inform future ODOT freight planning activities.

Federal Functional Class Update

MORPC received updated files from ODOT in response to MORPC's requested changes to the Federal Functional Classification System during the decennial update process. Team members are now reviewing the files to ensure all requested changes are incorporated and/or addressed appropriately. Following this review, a resolution to adopt the updated functional classifications will be prepared for MORPC adoption.

Columbus to Chicago Rail

Team members continue to hold biweekly conference calls with the Ohio partners and biweekly debrief calls with City of Fort Wayne staff working on this initiative. At this time, MORPC is coordinating the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) amendment, which allows counties with proposed stops and MPOs along the corridor to sign on to the original MOA originally signed by the corridor cities only. In addition, MORPC is leading the governance structure committee, which is tasked with determining the best way to carry on this effort independently. The committee is made up of representatives from the three major cities in the corridor (Columbus, Fort Wayne and the Gary) and a representative from each of the five Indiana and Ohio MPOs within the corridor.

Transit/Human Services

MORPC team members participated in COTA's Stand Up 4 Transportation Event and conducted the COTA/DATABus/MORPC Coordination meeting. MORPC staff attended and participated in COTA's Service Change, CMAX BRT, Bus on Shoulders (with ODOT), and NextGen public meetings.

Section 5310 projects are selected and amended to the SFY 2014-2017 TIP. An application is being made to FTA for approval.

The Delaware County Transit Board (DCTB) announced an RFP for a five- and ten-year Transit Development Plan and Local Funding Study. Proposals were due April 30, 2015. DCTB anticipates recommending a consultant.

RideSolutions

RideSolutions team members are verifying the status of current commuters and updating the database to allow for more accurate match lists to be provided. The City of Westerville and MORPC are organizing a forum on transportation in May. The purpose is to discuss traffic congestion, commuting and development along Polaris Parkway.

The RideSolutions and Air Quality programs are working to coordinate marketing efforts to increase both Transportation Demand Management (TDM) acceptance and public knowledge of Air Quality

effects during the summer season. A new marketing strategy is being drafted and will likely be implemented in 2016. Also, a draft MORPC TDM plan update is being reviewed internally.

Team members have been assisting with the Capital Crossroads SID Transit Pass Pilot Program being announced. This pilot will measure the impact of incentives on the use of public transit and other alternative transportation.

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)

MORPC is working with the ITS committee members for the update of the Central Ohio Regional ITS Architecture. MORPC conducted ITS architecture core stakeholder review meetings with COTA and with ODOT. COTA and ODOT provided MORPC inputs on the current 2010 Central Ohio Regional ITS Architecture. On April 29, 2015, FHWA was at MORPC's offices and worked with MORPC team members to make changes in the ITS software called Turbo Architecture.

Infrastructure Funding

OPWC

Members of the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) for Franklin County visited the project sites for the seven Clean Ohio Conservation Fund applications received on March 20, 2015. The NRAC met to announce final action for Round 9 Clean Ohio Conservation Funds for District 3, Franklin County, which has an allocation of \$3,350,147 in funding. The following projects were recommended for funding:

- Appalachia Ohio Alliance - Utzinger Bog Conservation - \$1,114,300
- Westerville - Big Walnut Creek Greenway - \$361,106
- Franklin County Metro Parks - Mapes Farm Acquisition - \$157,500
- Columbus Parks & Recreation - Lower Big Walnut Creek Preservation 2.0 - \$448,500
- Grove City - West Water Run Stream Restoration - \$776,850
- Gahanna - Gahanna Woods Expansion - \$167,625
- Columbus Parks & Recreation - Dry Run Stream Restoration - \$324,266

Projects 1 through 6 received their full funding request with project 7 receiving partial funding (short by \$543,834 from the original request).

District 3 team members solicited nominations from 23 municipal officials to fill 4 seats on the District 3 Franklin County Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC). The term of the appointments will be June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2018. The following people were appointed:

- Karl Craven, City of Westerville
- Robert Priestas, City of Gahanna (alternate for Craven)
- Clyde Seidle, City of Hilliard
- Darryl Hughes, City of Grandview Heights (alternate for Seidle)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP public comment period closed on April 21, 2015 and two TIP comments were received. Team members will respond to the comments individually. Over 65 guests attended the TIP Open House, at MORPC on April 7, 2015. ODOT, COTA and DATABus also presented information and answered questions at the Open House. Inter-agency coordination continued as team members prepared the final TIP document.

A TIP brochure was developed and distributed to the MORPC transportation committees, Commission members and metropolitan libraries. The TIP brochure gives a broad overview of the TIP, the planning area and the process, who it affects and its relationship to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

At the April TRAC meeting, the 2015 TRAC application cycle was discussed, as well as the type of applications TRAC will be accepting this year.

The TRAC 2015 application cycle is as follows:

- May 28-June 30: Application submission period
- Summer 2015: Application evaluation period
- Fall 2015: Public Hearings
- December 2015: Draft 2015 TRAC projects list released for public comment

The type of applications that will be received this year are:

- Projects that are in the existing TRAC list under Tiers I, II and III and that need more funds to advance to the next level
- New projects that show an impact on the local economy and that create more jobs

Data and Mapping

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Collaboration and Joint Projects

The Regional Data Site Task Force met and determined that first efforts should include a list of trusted data in a catalog format, visualization tools such as a map room and stand-alone ready-to-use data sets should be primary elements to include in the site. In addition, the site should have ways for the community to interact through such measures of being notified when new data sets have been added to the catalog, or making requests for data sets to be researched, and an area for 'asking the expert' for those users who need assistance. There was discussion about creating a true data warehouse, where information is manipulated and modified by a central entity; however, this tool could be investigated in the future after the other basic tools were set. During a small group brainstorming session, the members identified what types of data are crucial to be included on the site. Team members met with several regional agencies such as MetroParks, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Columbus Metropolitan Library and Hands On-Central Ohio to gain their perspective as data users and providers and what tools/needs they perceive as critical elements to the site. The task force is now moving toward addressing the next task of how/should such a regional data site be monitored.

A MORPC team member is the vice-chair of the Ohio Geographic Reference Information Program (OGRIP) Forum. This organization functions as the state's GIS agency. The group is investigating platforms to advance statewide GIS data sharing. Having a representative on this group will allow for alignment between outcomes of MORPC's Data Task Force and the statewide initiative.

MORPC met with IT staff members from some of the eastern suburbs such as Westerville, Gahanna, Whitehall and Reynoldsburg to discuss a pilot project for investigating ways to prioritize and fund the closing of gaps in the public fiber system.

Franklin County LBRS GIS power users met to discuss changes needed in order to make the files user friendly for 911 dispatch purposes. As a result, the editor's manual is being updated. ODOT and OGRIP have been contacted about these changes, and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the schema at a statewide level.

The first draft of the regional sidewalk inventory, a GIS file that includes the location of every sidewalk in the MPO area, is complete. MORPC will be working with communities who have GIS to maintain the file in a similar method of how roads and address points are maintained through the

Franklin County GIS. MORPC is scheduling meetings with other counties' GIS managers outside of Franklin to discuss the data access and maintenance.

The Data and Mapping breakout session for the Summit on Sustainability is being formulated. The topic has been established and speakers are being sought.

Data & Mapping Involvement in Projects and Programs

Final details regarding comments received from communities about future land use for the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and responses about issues are resolved and sent to those communities. The data are being compiled for submission to consultants working on the Connect Columbus plan and COTA's NextGen plan.

Support for Members and the Community at Large

Data and Mapping team members responded to approximately 16 requests for maps or information for communities during the month of March. Examples include compiling demographic information for the Columbus School for Girls' strategic planning efforts, analyzing locations of card-carrying library members of the Upper Arlington library in relation to the district boundaries, and meeting with Homes on the Hill to discuss ways to assist them in implementing results from a study conducted for them by the OSU Kirwan Institute.

Data and Mapping team members are involved in several agency initiatives, including RideSolutions, Weatherization, Active Transportation and Safety. They are heavily involved in database management and project mapping associated with the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MORPC Planning and Environment Department

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Active Transportation Planning

Team members participated in the Richland County Active Transportation/Active Design Workshop in Mansfield where they facilitated MORPC's Complete Streets Board Game and assisted in a walk audit.

National Bike to Work Day will take place on Friday, May 15, 2015. MORPC is partnering with Car2Go for the second year to sponsor the South Side ride. MORPC team members are meeting with participants at the Schiller Park CoGo station and riding to the Columbus Commons via a stop in Franklinton and hosting a table at the Commons. The program begins at 8:00 a.m. During the Bike to Work day event, MORPC with its partners will also do a soft launch of the Park & Pedal program designed to assist commuters who drive to work with making the last few miles of their trip by bike. Parks near multi-use trails or on-road bikeways that connect to employment centers will be targeted as Park & Pedal locations with signage letting people know that they are welcome to park their cars there and ride the rest of the way to work by bike. These locations will be advertised by MORPC, as well as by partnering entities. MORPC will work with communities and businesses in Central Ohio to garner interest in installing signs at parks, municipal facilities, and other available parking lots to serve both their residents who commute to other areas and to serve employees of their communities who commute from other areas.

The Second Annual Ohio Bicycle Summit was held at the State House. Five different legislators spoke during the Summit, including Representative Mike Stinziano of Columbus, who spoke about HB 88 on texting while driving.

Team members attended the COTA NextGen discussion with bicyclist, pedestrian, and transit advocates as part of the public outreach for this project.

Team members met with other community members, such as Columbus and Dublin, to coordinate their efforts with MORPC's Active Transportation planning initiatives.

One project was reviewed for Complete Streets considerations this month: Taylor Road widening and pedestrian and bicycle improvements in Etna Township (Stage 3).

Transportation Safety

The second Safety Program Review meeting was held earlier in the month and focused on MORPC's safety engineering efforts. Participants discussed the usefulness of MORPC's high-crash location lists and crash analysis to their planning and funding application processes and identified potential improvement areas.

ODOT sponsored a training focused on ADA compliancy and elements of accessibility in the public right-of-way that team members attended.

Team members attended the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Assessment meeting at ODOT Central Office. This is part of a nationwide project spearheaded by Transportation Director Anthony Foxx called "Safer People, Safer Spaces." Every state is conducting one of these assessments, which included a diverse group of stakeholders. Part of the meeting was a walk audit of a project on the south side of Columbus on Williams Road.

MORPC met with its conference partners to discuss both potential key note speakers and fundraising strategies for the National Safe Routes to School Conference in April 2016. The logo is finalized and can be viewed on the conference website: <http://saferoutesconference.org>.

Regional Collaboration Groups

The Southeast Area Group was held at the Madison Township Community Center with about 16 people in attendance. The City of Columbus gave a brief presentation on the Brice Road/Tussing Road area improvements. Greenfield Township has offered to host the next meeting in October.

The Northeast Area Group was held in Westerville with about 18 people in attendance. Presentations were given by the State Auditor's office and Metro Parks. The representative from the State Auditor educated the group on the "Share Ohio Program" that allows local governments to loan and borrow equipment. Metro Parks gave an update on the new Rocky Fork Metro Park as well as the study of the three alternatives to extend the Olentangy Greenways Trail to Highbanks Metro Park.

Regional Education Forums

The Regional Education Forum on Air Quality was canceled. May's forum will focus on Active Transportation.

Greenways & Water Quality Program

Central Ohio Greenways & Trails Forum had about 20 people in attendance. Presentations included MORPC's bike/ped counting efforts, an overview of the Ohio-to-Erie Trail efforts, updates on the Olentangy Trail extension through Highbanks Metro Parks, and a roundtable discussion. The group also reviewed current maps for each trail and provided feedback to update the GIS files.

All 2015 Riverfest events are finalized. A sponsorship brochure will be used to raise money to make these events free.

Team members attended meetings of the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries, Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, and the Central Ohio Watershed Council. The team is working with the

local watershed groups to provide updates on progress to date in implementing local watershed action plans.

The Economic Impact of Trails study is nearing completion. Steering committee members are providing input on the various technical memoranda as well as the draft key messages document.

Sustaining Scioto

The U.S. Geological Survey has completed its report on the modeling results for the Sustaining Scioto project. The full report is available on its website at <http://dx.doi.org/10.3133/sir20155024>. The report will soon be available on MORPC's website. Brown and Caldwell is finalizing the adaptive management plan, which should be ready for release in early May. Team members are working with Ibel to produce an executive summary to summarize the project.

insight2050

The insight2050 team and partner outreach continued throughout April. Presentations were given to the following entities: MORPC State of the Region, City of Grove City State of the City event, Commercial Real Estate for Women (CREW), City of Upper Arlington Board of Zoning and Planning, Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, Columbus Chamber, Columbus Board of Realtors, Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission, Intelligent Communities Forum Panel, and the Starting at Home conference.

InfoShare

Team members met with the City of New Albany and discussed new developments throughout the city and its new Strategic Plan, which was adopted last year. They also discussed the new Smart Ride program, a free shuttle service from a new COTA Park and Ride location. It runs two directions, hitting the Beauty Park campus at the end of the line to the east, and the New Albany Center of Technology to the west. This is a collaborative initiative among New Albany, COTA, MORPC, and local businesses.

Team members also met with the City of Reynoldsburg and discussed new developments around the city as well as a general need for a comprehensive plan and to update Reynoldsburg's zoning plan. The Brice Road corridor is an issue for the city on the southside, and there is a need to coordinate with Columbus about planning and land use expectations. The city also discussed how it is trying to make better connections between its parks and residential areas.

Regional Food Council

The Organics Diversion Subcommittee met and identified some potential barriers to various recycling options. The next meeting will focus on examining ways to overcome those barriers. The Website Task Force is updating the Food Council's online presence.

A conference call was held to update the proposed Northeast Ohio Regional Food Council. An interim discretionary grant from the Gund Foundation is forthcoming to the area, with a Cleveland consultant moving the initiative forward. MORPC's role will end after summer workshops.

A meeting was held with Denise King of the State Office of Farmland Preservation and Stacy Sark of Scioto Township to plan a regional land use/farmland preservation/local food/insight2050 educational forum.

Greater Ohio Policy Center Collaboration

The final draft and community profiles identifying small communities' water infrastructure and financing needs are complete and were submitted to the Greater Ohio Policy Center at the end of March.

Energy and Air Quality

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Air Quality

Air Quality Awareness week, a U.S. EPA initiative to raise public awareness about respiratory health, active lifestyles, and transportation options, took place April 27 – May 1, 2015. MORPC encouraged Central Ohioans to learn more about the impacts of air quality on their health. A press release was issued and messages related to air quality were posted to our social media for each day of the week. MORPC also developed a Spanish language option for the Air Quality Hotline.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

The next Energy & Air Quality Working Group meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at MORPC at 1:30 p.m.

Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)

The Pataskala CHIP project was monitored in February and we are still awaiting the final report.

Housing Repair and Rehabilitation

Our current 2013 funding round for the Franklin County Urgent Needs project is scheduled to wrap up by June 30, 2015. We are on schedule to meet the goal of households served and exceed the number of units, or services, provided to income-eligible clients. In our current 2014 funding round through December, we have nearly 50% of work in process. MORPC is currently working on the new Franklin County agreement for the 2015 funding round. The Rehab team is also managing the final phase of the Franklin County Single-Family Rehabilitation program which is on schedule to wrap up November 2015.

The Franklinton Neighborhood and Weinland Park Exterior Home Repair programs are well underway. We currently have six of the seven United Way Franklinton projects complete and the final project is awaiting completion. The new United Way Franklinton program round is just beginning and we are taking applications for this new round. The Rehab team has identified all of the projects for the final round of the Weinland Park program.

The Near East Side Exterior Home Repair Program with Homeport and PACT is also well underway. This program consists of four projects which are all in contract and near completion.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

The closing for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP-1) rehabilitated home in Prairie Township occurred on April 30, 2015. MORPC is currently working on the new NSP program agreements with the City of Columbus, which includes partnerships with Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) and Homeport.

Residential Energy Efficiency Program

The Columbia Gas – WarmChoice inspections through March are ahead of the year-to-date goal. MORPC is still awaiting the AEP-CAP contract for renewal. For the State of Ohio HWAP program, all jobs are in progress and are expected to exceed the program year completion goal by June 30, 2015. The State of Ohio conducted their annual HWAP administrative monitoring visit on March 6, 2015. Overall the monitoring visit went well. The annual HWAP technical monitoring visit is scheduled for May 12, 2015.

ME3

MORPC concluded the Materials + Economy + Energy + Environment (ME3) program April 30, 2015 and a final report will be available at www.morpc.org/me3 to highlight program results, environmental and financial savings, best practices and resources. A case study was also developed

for a participating company to highlight measurable financial and environmental results of the program. A Sustainable Business Resource Guide, which includes a list of technical and financial resources to support business-sustainability projects, was developed and will be available online. A quarterly report was submitted to U.S. EPA, and the final report is due July 30, 2015.

Materials Management Working Group

The next Materials Management Working Group meeting is May 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at MORPC. The Organics Diversion subcommittee, a joint effort with the Regional Food Council in the Planning & Environment Department, met in April and will continue to convene through mid-June to evaluate short and long term options for organic waste management in Central Ohio.

Energy Special Improvement Districts (ESIDs) and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

MORPC team members evaluated House Bill 72 and drafted testimony in support of this legislation. HB 72 allows for a more streamlined approach to administer Energy Special Improvement Districts (ESIDS) and expands the types of energy projects eligible for PACE financing. Team members also attended a meeting with the bill sponsor Representative Margaret Conditt. Team members will prepare and deliver proponent testimony in the House Public Utilities Committee on May 6, 2015.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The department works with the Planning & Environment Department to support the committee and plan for upcoming meetings. Team members worked together to plan the agenda and prepare for the April 28 meeting.

Administration

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The Investment & Reserve Committee is beginning its work to review MORPC's investment options and begin its assessment of reserve/rainy day fund options for the organization. The first meeting is set for Thursday, May 7 at MORPC.

The annual financial auditors (KCR) completed their first portion of the audit and will be back in mid-May to finish the 2014 audit. The annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval in June.

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MORPC Team members named the new conference rooms; Olentangy and Darby. The larger conference room is almost ready for use.

MORPC's 2015 Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey was sent out for completion to all members April 20, 2015.

Open Positions

MORPC is recruiting for a Rehab Specialist for the Energy & Air Quality department. Intern for the Transportation Systems & Funding department is filled.

The Finance department will be posting an open position for an Accountant. The position will primarily focus on accounts receivable, month-end close, and grant management activities. If you know of anyone that might be interested send them to our website for the open position listing.

ATTACHMENT

Membership Report

On May 5, MORPC hosted the Strategic Directions for Central Ohio Forum which was this year's theme for the annual meeting with our Associate Members. While our missions are different, our Associate Members share similar challenges preparing for changing demographics and population growth cited by insight2050. Our primary goals are to share ramifications of the anticipated changes and look for opportunities to collaborate on important initiatives to improve our preparation and positively influence outcomes. This year we also invited some of our Commission Board Members that represent our non-profit organizations.

Each year MORPC Executive Director William Murdock and key team members visit each of our local government members to discuss critical opportunities and challenges. Government members visited in April include the Cities of Pataskala, Reynoldsburg and Whitehall and Etna Township.

MORPC is hosting its annual Smart Social Media Workshop for Local Governments on June 17, 2015. The program is designed to meet all levels of social media users from beginning to advanced. Workshop fee is \$45 for MORPC members and \$60 for non-members. Online registration is available at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/smart-social-media-for-local-governments-tickets-16356507755?aff=eac2>.

MORPC in the News – April

Whitehall - This Week Community News - Council OKs city's purchase of vacant apartments

Westside - This Week Community News - CENTRAL OHIO 2050: PLANNING FOR GROWTH - MORPC chief, COTA president to speak at forum

Newark Advocate - Questions arise concerning Mink Street funding

Dublin Villager - This Week Community News - Grigsby receives MORPC honor

The Canal Winchester Times - This Week Community News - Officials eye salary increases for mayor, council

The Columbus Dispatch - Neighbors in Canal Winchester don't favor Gender Road intersection expansion

The Newark Advocate - Granville emergency runs may double in 35 years

The Canal Winchester Times - This Week Community News - Unnamed developers mull city housing projects

The Columbus Dispatch - Transportation Insider: Alert tells gawkers: Nothing to see here

The Columbus Dispatch - Smog Free Summer? Ozone Season Starts Today

This Weeks News - Hilliard's Leaders seek to amend open-container legislation

The Newark Advocate - Granville firehouse study gets serious

The Columbus Dispatch - Downtown workers at 5 companies may get free rides on COTA

Grove City Record - This Week Community News - Projects in pipeline valued at \$589 million

Columbus Underground - Planning Work Continues on Columbus to Chicago High Speed Rail Idea

Business First - Planning the Central Ohio Roads of 2050

The Columbus Dispatch - A new route to the future

Guard Center welcomed



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Politicians and military personnel cut the ribbon in the lobby of the Ohio Army National Guard's Readiness Center on Monday.

Three-way partnership praised by military officials

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Sixteen years after the idea was hatched, Delaware's Ohio Army National Guard Readiness Center became a reality with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday.

The \$11.4 million, 65,000 square-foot facility on South Houk Road will accommodate about 200 soldiers from other units. Ground was broken on the project Aug. 23, 2013, and was completed for occupancy nearly two years later on March 13. The readiness center, developed in conjunction with the Ohio National Guard, the city of Delaware and the Delaware Community Center YMCA, will be used by all three.

Politicians and military officials alike were enthusiastic about the center's versatility and of the return of the National Guard to the city.

"This is truly an awesome training and community center," said Adjutant General Mark Bartman, who commands the 16,000-plus members of the Ohio National Guard and is a member of the governor's cabinet. "This was not an individual effort by any stretch

of the imagination. As money across the land gets tighter and tighter, these are the kinds of opportunities our communities are going to see happening more in the future. This is a win-win partnership as we move forward today."

"This is so awesome, because the road to get to awesome was paved with a ton of potholes," said U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Genoa Township. "The government doesn't think outside the box, so this was much more difficult than it needed to be."

Tiberi credited the center to Delaware's city officials.

"They stood up in 2001, contacted me and said, we have an idea to keep the Guard in Delaware, that will cost less and benefit a lot of people," Tiberi said.

City Manager Tom Homan said the city had tried to get the Young Men's Christian Association into Delaware since the mid-1980s, and was told 16 years ago about joint community centers in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"We traveled out to Minneapolis, saw those facilities and were convinced that this made sense," Homan said. "This kind of partnership,



Artillery and a Humvee were placed in front of the Ohio Army National Guard's Readiness Center next to the Delaware Community Center YMCA during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday.

if you could pull it together, was perfect."

John E. Bickley, president & CEO of the YMCA of Central Ohio, said such partnerships are few and far between.

"There aren't many communities that have the foresight and leadership to take on this kind of project and put the partnerships together," Bickley said. "We hope it will be a part of this community for a very long time."

The Guard had previously used an armory on 79 W. William St. that was built in 1915, but it closed seven years ago because it couldn't meet the needs of today's soldier.

"This is a long time in coming," said Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggie. "The best part about being the mayor is I get to welcome people to our great

city. It is my honor to welcome back to Delaware the Ohio National Guard."

The training center is next to the YMCA, and they share a corridor and walls. The Guard will use the entire facility a couple of weekends a month, and its full-time staff will also occupy the center. However, when not in use, the gymnasium, kitchen and meeting rooms will be available for the city and the YMCA as needed, and the public will be able to rent out parts of the center. No time frame was given on when public use could begin.

"It's exciting, just knowing the opportunities that will strengthen the community," said Matt Bruns, executive director of the Delaware YMCA.

Guard

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As an example of its versatility, Bruns said the center's gym doubles as a drilling area and a basketball court. "The Y purchased the floor and put some basketball hoops up, so we can do some of our programming in there, which will open our gym up. The three community rooms and the gym will be shared space between the city, the Y and the Guard. Obviously, the Guard will have first dibs."

After a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, local veterans and other dignitaries took a tour of the new

center. Maj. John Vagnier said the Delaware building had cubicle space where the soldiers could work; 232 wide lockers to hold all of a soldier's equipment for quick mobilization; cages to hold small artillery and accessories; learning centers for online training; a room filled with fitness equipment; and a 96-seat, three-partitioned meeting space. He said those amenities were unavailable at the centers at Marion and Sullivant Avenue in Columbus, which were more than 50 years old.

"It's great to be in Delaware. We've been waiting years for this," said Col. Jeff Suver, the commanding officer of the Dela-

ware Readiness Center. "We're coming out of very old buildings, so this is just a tremendous, fresh new start."

"This is a wonderful example of working together on a collaborative basis. I hope that we can be the example that's used across the country on how people can work together," said State Rep. Cheryl Grossman, R-Grove City.

"This is a day of celebration in the city of Delaware," Tiberi said. "This is something so many communities would hope for, want or need, but not many get."

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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding

DATE: May 8, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 07-15: "AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS WITH, EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH, AND RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION"

Annually, MORPC submits an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for planning funds to continue the metropolitan planning program, as currently defined by MAP-21. Some of these funds are allocated to MORPC on a "formula" basis and others are allocated at the discretion of MORPC and other agencies. The appropriate portions of the grants and the local shares are included in the agency budget for 2015.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 (begins July 1, 2015), MORPC is requesting \$2,035,632 of new combined Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and \$254,455 of new ODOT matching funds. The MORPC local share for these grants is \$254,455. These are the "formula" funds supporting the base transportation planning. \$10,000 of core formula funds (total FHWA, FTA, ODOT and MORPC match) is being carried over from SFY 2015.

Historically, MORPC has encouraged ridesharing and vanpools. In SFY 2016, MORPC will be using \$603,000 of MORPC Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the "RideSolutions" ridesharing program.

Other discretionary special projects include \$550,000 in MORPC STP funds for Supplemental Planning that will include five activities:

1. Project Expedition SFY 2016 – Augment the efforts of the TIP project to ensure the timely completion of projects funded with MORPC-attributable funds.
2. Traffic Monitoring – Augment traffic counts received from local governments by taking traffic counts at other key locations to maintain the regional model and for other purposes. Also, enhance availability of data on the MORPC website and continue a speed data collection program.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Eric S. Phillips
Chair

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Vice Chair

Rory McGuinness
Secretary

3. Data Products and Services – This includes soliciting services and data products that supplement Work Elements 60516-2000 and 60526-2000 (transportation data-related elements). It includes technical tools and services for promoting data sharing and availability.
4. Assistance to Members – Provides planning data, travel demand forecasting, and transportation analysis assistance to members upon request for studies conducted by or for local governments.
5. Green infrastructure best practices – This includes collecting and providing information on best management practices in order to create fiscally and environmentally-sustainable transportation networks.

As Central Ohio is designated a “non-attainment” area for ozone and for fine particulate matter, MORPC will continue its planning and education efforts for air quality using additional CMAQ funds that begin in SFY 2016. \$360,000 of CMAQ funding will be used for Work Element 66733-8000 for FY 2016.

In FY 2015, a new special project Work Element 67415-3000 was included to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. MORPC as the designated recipient will receive an annual allocation from FTA for staff administration. In FY 2015 MORPC received \$97,319 and \$48,319 remains and will be carried forward into FY 2016. The FY 2016 funds will be \$100,074 and is included in Work Element 66746-3000. No matching funds are required.

In total, including other special projects that began in previous PWP and were addressed in previous resolutions, transportation-funded elements of MORPC have remaining funds totaling approximately \$4,706,691 out of an original budget of \$5,360,491. A portion may be carried over into SFY 2017.

The use of these funds is outlined in the SFY 2016 PWP that reflects comments from ODOT and FHWA. Attached to Resolution 07-15 is a summary of the draft SFY 2016 PWP expected to be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee under Resolution T-10-15.

Resolution 07-15 authorizes the executive director to submit and execute any required grant applications and related agreements including the biennial agreement with ODOT. The resolution also ensures MORPC's compliance with the civil rights statutes required for receipt of federal funds.

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Attachment: Resolution 07-15

RESOLUTION 07-15

“AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS WITH, EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH, AND RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION”

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is authorized to make grants for transportation planning funds consistent with Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and

WHEREAS, these funds are administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning process is also required to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. DOT, that in connection with filing applications for assistance, MORPC gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. DOT requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has established procedures for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, and it is the goal of MORPC, within the requirements of U.S. DOT and ODOT, that DBEs be utilized to the maximum extent feasible when procuring equipment, supplies, and services; and

WHEREAS, to do some of the projects in the State Fiscal Year 2016 Planning Work Program (PWP) it will be necessary to secure matching funds from other agencies and to subcontract work or make purchases per the estimated amounts shown in the attachment; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to file applications with and execute grant agreements on behalf of MORPC with U.S. DOT and ODOT, to aid in financing technical studies and other transportation-related activities.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with ODOT to implement 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. §1607, as may be amended, in the Columbus metropolitan planning area, including designation of MORPC as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for conducting the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive urban transportation planning process.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into ongoing agreements of cooperation with the counties incorporated municipalities, and other entities and special districts within the area for carrying forward the metropolitan transportation planning process consistent with MAP-21 and CAAA.

- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. DOT, effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including amendments.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the application for the PWP.
- Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
- Section 7. That the following estimated funding be requested from ODOT:
- a. \$2,035,632 of new combined FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funding (plus \$254,455 of new MORPC and ODOT matching funds each).
 - b. \$603,000 of MORPC CMAQ funds to support RideSolutions.
 - c. \$550,000 in MORPC STP funds for five activities.
 - d. \$360,000 in MORPC CMAQ funds for air quality awareness program
 - e. \$100,074 in FTA Section 5310 funding
 - f. \$50,000 in ODOT funds for rural transportation planning partnership mentoring for Buckeye Hills
 - g. \$68,000 in ODOT funds for rural transportation planning in Central Ohio (plus \$7,556 of new local match)
- Section 8. That previously approved projects and activities, with remaining budgets totaling approximately \$373,319 in various federal, ODOT, and local funds, be authorized to continue.
- Section 9. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with these or other funding agencies and with any subcontractors or vendors necessary to undertake any of the activities identified in the State Fiscal Year 2016 PWP for amounts that have been included in the approved budget of the agency.
- Section 10. That the executive director is authorized, if required, to approve one or more extensions of time for performance of services for any of the agreements described in this resolution and to receive funds or issue change orders not to exceed 25 percent of the original total of the agreement amounts without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 11. 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 12. That this Commission 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.

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

Effective date: May 14, 2015
Submitted by: Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding
Prepared by: Transportation Systems and Funding Department
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For Action Date: May 14, 2015

Attachment A: List of Activities to be Subcontracted

Attachment B: Summary State Fiscal Year 2016 Draft Planning Work Program

List of activities to be subcontracted:

1. RideSolutions marketing/advertising/vanpool subsidies/ride-matching software – Approximately \$25,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous printing, marketing and advertising to multiple vendors, \$66,000 for vanpool subsidies to various vanpool providers, and \$17,000 for ride- matching software (some of this is paid by other MPOs in a shared services arrangement).
2. Air Quality Awareness marketing/advertising – During SFY 2016, approximately \$7,000 is budgeted for miscellaneous air quality-related printing, marketing and advertising to multiple vendors. An additional \$70,000 is budgeted for ozone and particulate forecasting services.
3. Up to \$80,000 subcontracted for traffic counting services.

All other funds received and contracts to be let were or will be addressed by other resolutions, if required.

SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2016 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2016) **\$5,360,491**
\$4,706,491 is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2016 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget \$2,944,542

\$390,000 spent prior to SFY 2016

Balance for SFY 2016 or later is \$2,554,542

**WORK ELEMENT
BUDGET**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

60115-1000 \$400,000 * \$10,000 remaining	Active Transportation Planning (2015 Carryover) Active transportation planning is an important element to transportation planning in general. This activity works to create a regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, work on specific projects, such as the Economic Impact of Trails study, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.
60116-1000 \$390,000	Active Transportation Planning Active transportation planning is an important element to transportation planning in general. This activity works to create a regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.
60126-3000 \$192,000	Management & Operations Planning Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is an essential activity. This activity includes education on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&O, advancing ITS and access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives.
60136-1000 \$125,000	Safety Planning Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses to provide regional high-crash location lists, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.

* **Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2015**

^ **Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2016**

60156-3000 \$75,000	Transit and Human Services Planning Coordination, assistance and oversight to improve transit service and mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs. Maintain the coordinated plans and assist with transit-related special studies like ODOT transit needs assessment and COTA BRT study.
60206-3000 \$200,000	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STP, CMAQ, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review, innovative financing, and financing education.
60516-2000 \$375,000	Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data Significant amounts of data underlie all transportation analyses. This activity involves coordinating with other data providers, and maintaining complete and accurate data files for GIS and other applications at MORPC. It also includes developing tools to more efficiently collect information, as well as creating interesting ways to disseminate data.
60526-2000 \$400,000	Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs Many transportation programs and projects rely on GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes preparing final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. It also includes time spent on research and responding to requests for information.
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69516-3000

\$100,000

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66504-3000	Rural Transportation Planning Organization Pilot
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\$75,556

90% ODOT Funded

This work element is to establish Rural Transportation Planning Organization(s) in counties adjacent to the MORPC MPO to conduct transportation planning in those counties. This includes guiding them through the development of a transportation planning document similar to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan required of MPOs. This would include consultation with local officials and the public and developing transportation expertise within the rural planning organization.

66506-3000	Rural Transportation Planning Partnership
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\$50,000

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66551-1000	Regional Development III (insight2050 2a)
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\$330,000

* \$270,000 remaining

80% MORPC STP

This work element is geared toward sharing the results of Phase 1 and developing references, tools, policy, and expertise necessary for local governments to implement transportation plans and sustainable land development patterns that effectively integrate active and vehicular transportation modes.

66552-3000	Freight Trends Study
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\$200,000

* \$45,000 remaining

The purpose of the study is to help demonstrate the importance of freight-related facilities to the well being of Central Ohio. The study will focus on the impact the freight industry (globally and locally) has on the region's infrastructure, with particular attention paid to the Rickenbacker area. The study will demonstrate the need for infrastructure improvements, and by doing so lay the groundwork for justifying future private and public funding opportunities that will ensure our continued success. Furthermore, this study will explore Central Ohio's role in the global supply chain.

66561-1000	Regional Development III (insight2050 2a) Local
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\$50,000

100% local part of Insight2050 Phase 2a

This work element is a local funding supplement to Work Element 66551-1000, which is toward sharing the results of Phase 1 and developing references, tools, policy, and expertise necessary for local governments to implement transportation plans and sustainable land development patterns that effectively integrate active and vehicular transportation modes.

66566-3000	Supplemental Planning SFY16
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\$550,000

100% MORPC STP using toll credit

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67415-3000
\$97,319
* \$48,319 remaining
100% FTA 5310 Administration
10% of Apportionment

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III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$963,000

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66716-3000	Transportation Services (Ridesharing) SFY16
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\$603,000	
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100% MORPC CMAQ	
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Promote travel demand reduction; includes carpool and vanpool matching, vanpool formations, transportation demand management strategies for employers, and COTA and park-and-ride assistance in Central Ohio. Market programs and services in 12-county area to employers and general public. Administer Guaranteed Ride Home program and vanpool program. Assist in development of park-and-pool lots.

66736-8000	Air Quality Awareness SFY16
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IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

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66505-0000 \$0 No funding	Ongoing Local Planning Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.
67401-0000 \$0 No funding	Ongoing COTA Activities Identify COTA planning efforts and coordinate with them through other projects.
67402-0000 \$0 No funding	Ongoing DATA Activities Identify DATABus planning efforts and coordinate with them through other projects.

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:00 p.m.

Transportation Policy Committee Members

Dave Anderson	Tracy Hatmaker	Eileen Paley
Karen Angelou	Dan Havener	David Paul
Pat Blayney	Tom Homan	Eric Phillips
Stacey Boumis	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Rob Platte
Eric Brandon	Jenna Jackson	Bryan Rhoads
Susan Brobst	Erik Janas	Dean Ringle
Marilyn Brown	Larry Jenkins	Clyde Seidle for Don Schonhardt
Ron Bullard	Anthony Jones	Ashley Senn
Steve Campbell	Steve Kennedy	David Simmons
Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher	Benjamin King	Ike Stage
Derrick Clay	Bill LaFayette	Ted Staton
Ben Collins	Greg Lestini	Joe Stefanov
Mike Compton	Kim Maggard	Curtis Stitt
Karl Craven	Holly Mattei	Steve Stolte
Tracie Davies	Dana McDaniel	Scott Tourville
William Dorman	Rory McGuinness	Tony Turowski for Thom Slack
Michael Ebert	Erin Miller	Bill Vance
Matt Greeson	Ellen Moss Williams	Ellen Walker
Carrie Hamilton	Robert Myers	Nancy White
Marian Harris	Megan O'Callaghan	Carrie Woody

Commission Members

Terry Emery

Associate Members

Tom Goodney

Staff

Bernice Cage	Shawn Hufstedler	Shari Saunders
Kerstin Carr	Ciel Klein	Maria Schaper
Mark Crosten	Laura Koprowski	Bevan Schneck
Mary Ann Frantz	Eileen Leuby	Thea Walsh
Steve Garnack	William Murdock	Brandi Whetstone
Joe Garrity	Deborah Murphy	
Nick Gill	Nancy Reger	

Guests

Patrick Terrien, Columbus Council on World Affairs

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter

Chair Eric Phillips called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Dean Ringle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director**

Thea Walsh reported that a [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Brochure](#) is now available. The brochure describes the TIP; it is not a list of projects.

The federal government recently announced that Transportation Investments Generate Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants are open. Pre-applications are due May 4, 2015. Final applications are due June 5, 2015.

- **Energy & Air Quality – Brandi Whetstone, Acting Director**

Brandi Whetstone gave an [Air Quality Program Update](#). MORPC's March 17, 2015 Comment Letter to the U.S. EPA is available [online](#). A decision by the U.S. EPA on the new ozone standard is expected by October 2015.

At their February meeting, Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) approved a proposal from MORPC for a \$25,000 funding request to match the \$100,000 in federal CMAQ funds expected through June 30, 2015. The OAQDA is viewing this project as a pilot for them to strengthen their marketing and communication efforts on their programs and services for potential customers. A grant agreement is forthcoming.

Ozone season began April 1. MORPC issues daily ozone forecasts from April 1 to October 31. Individuals can sign up to receive daily forecasts or air quality alerts via email at airquality.morpc.org. The Air Quality Hotline also provides information in the event that there is an Air Quality Alert. Team members are preparing to launch a Spanish translation for the hotline by the end of April. Air quality brochures are available in English or Spanish.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

- **Proposed Resolution T-6-15: "ADOPTION OF INDEPENDENT REGIONAL LAND USE VARIABLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN"** – Nancy Reger, MORPC Regional Data & Mapping Director

A number of comments were received and incorporated into the land use forecasts. A motion was made to approve Resolution T-6-15, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

- **Draft Evaluation Criteria** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

Thea Walsh presented the [Project Evaluation Process and Criteria](#) for the 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A [Summary](#) of the draft evaluation criteria was distributed. Comments will be accepted online through May 1, 2015. The evaluation criteria will be presented for adoption at the May Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.

Proposed Resolution T-7-15: "AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOUNDARY OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION T-18-14" – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

Thea Walsh directed members' attention to [Updated Proposed Resolution T-7-15](#) at each seat. Ms. Walsh shared [maps](#) of the proposed boundary.

Erik Janas made a motion to approve Resolution T-7-15, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

Draft SFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

Thea Walsh gave a presentation on the [Final Draft Transportation Improvement Program 2016-2019](#) which is a comprehensive listing of transportation projects that documents the consensus of local government and ODOT on regional priorities. The public comment period closes April 21, 2015. The TIP will be presented for adoption at the May Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.

Draft 2016 Planning Work Program (PWP) – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director

Thea Walsh gave an overview of the draft [SFY 2016 Planning Work Program \(PWP\)](#). The PWP is prepared annually and authorizes MORPC to do its transportation work within the MPO area from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The draft is available [online](#) and will be presented for adoption at the May Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGuiness, Secretary
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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation Systems & Funding

DATE: May 8, 2015

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION T-10-15: "ACCEPTANCE OF THE MORPC FISCAL YEAR 2016 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM"

Annually, MORPC submits a Planning Work Program (PWP) that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds, and the regional planning activities that will be undertaken in the coming year. The PWP outlines MORPC's annual scope of work with ODOT using federal planning dollars. The total Fiscal Year 2016 budget of all work elements is \$4,706,491. The work elements of the PWP as shown in the summary attached to the resolutions (T-10-15 and 7-15) is divided into four sections:

- 1) Formula Funded Planning Program Projects (total budget of \$2,554,542 for SFY 2016)
This includes work elements related to the core federally required planning activities. These touch on all areas including active transportation planning, safety planning, the Transportation Improvement Program, transportation data and analysis, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and member and public involvement and education .
- 2) Special Studies (total budget \$1,188,949 for SFY 2016)
These are special studies completed with funding outside the core planning funds. These include work elements related to rural transportation planning partnerships and pilot program, Regional Development III (insight2050), Freight Trends Study, supplemental planning and 5310 designated recipient for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities programs.
- 3) Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects (total budget is \$963,000 for SFY 2016)
This includes transportation services related to Ridesharing and air quality awareness activities.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Eric S. Phillips
Chair

Matt Greeson
Vice Chair

Rory McGuinness
Secretary

4) Projects Undertaken by Other Entities

This area is provided in order to report on local and transit transportation planning activities throughout the region. No specific federal funding through MORPC is provided for these activities.

Resolution T-10-15 accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.

NTG:WY:bsn

Attachment: Resolution T-10-15

RESOLUTION T-10-15

“ACCEPTANCE OF THE MORPC FISCAL YEAR 2016 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, surface transportation systems serve economic activities and provide the necessary and highly valued opportunity for people to travel freely wherever and whenever they want; and

WHEREAS, inevitably travel in Central Ohio involves frequent crossings of municipal, township and county boundaries on facilities that are under the control of various local jurisdictions, special-purpose agencies, and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, usually transportation systems that function best and are most cost-effective include regular cooperative and coordinated planning and decision-making across geographic and administrative boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for this cooperation so as to help spend regional transportation funds most effectively; 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 undertaken in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Central Ohio Transit Authority have reviewed the MORPC Fiscal Year 2016 PWP (summary attached); and

WHEREAS, approval of this work program by the Transportation Policy Committee is necessary for MORPC to receive federal and state grants to accomplish the scope of work within it; and

WHEREAS, basic requirements for the PWP are included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.308; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 4, 2015 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6, 2015 recommended acceptance of this work program 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 hereby accepts the attached MORPC Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016 as a document to receive federal and state planning funds.
- Section 2. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this program by the Policy Committee.
- Section 3. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Eric Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Department

Attachment: Summary of FY 2016 PWP

SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2016 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2016) **\$5,360,491**
\$4,706,491 is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2016 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget \$2,944,542

\$390,000 spent prior to SFY 2016

Balance for SFY 2016 or later is \$2,554,542

**WORK ELEMENT
BUDGET**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

60115-1000 \$400,000 * \$10,000 remaining	Active Transportation Planning (2015 Carryover) Active transportation planning is an important element to transportation planning in general. This activity works to create a regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, work on specific projects, such as the Economic Impact of Trails study, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.
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<i>WORK ELEMENT BUDGET</i>	<i>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</i>
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66505-0000 \$0 No funding	Ongoing Local Planning Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.
67401-0000 \$0 No funding	Ongoing COTA Activities Identify COTA planning efforts and coordinate with them through other projects.
67402-0000 \$0 No funding	Ongoing DATA Activities Identify DATABus planning efforts and coordinate with them through other projects.

**** Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2015***

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2016

“CERTIFICATION OF THE MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS”

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

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the state and MPO certify, at least every four years, that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements, including:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements);
- (2) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59 and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT-funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this “self-certification” is separate from the MPO certification done by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, which was last conducted at MORPC in 2014; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to the receipt of federal financial assistance (per 49 CFR Subtitle A, Section 21.7), MORPC is required to provide the Title VI Assurances included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 4, 2015 and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6, 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 certifies that the urban transportation planning process is carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements to the degree that is appropriate for the size and complexity of the area.
- Section 2. That it provides the Title VI Assurances in Attachment A, Parts 1 and 2.
- Section 3. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Eric Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Nick Gill

Attachments:

- A. Part 1 - Standard DOT Title VI Assurances
- Part 2 – Contractor Contractual Requirements

ATTACHMENT A – PART 1
STANDARD DOT TITLE VI ASSURANCES

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT), it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and all requirements imposed by 49 CFR Part 21 - Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which MORPC receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. Without limiting the above general assurance, MORPC agrees that:

1. Each “program” and “facility” (as defined in Sections 21.23(e) and 21.23 (b)) will be conducted or operated in compliance with all requirements of the Regulations.
2. It will insert the clauses of Part 2 of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.
3. This assurance obligates MORPC for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of personal property or real property or interest therein or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates MORPC or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
 - (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or
 - (b) the period during which MORPC retains ownership or possession of the property.
4. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom (s)he delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other sponsors, subgrantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants or Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.
5. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance for this Project and is binding on MORPC, its contractor, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the Project. The person whose signature appears on this resolution is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of MORPC.

**ATTACHMENT A – PART 2
CONTRACTOR CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations.** The contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "DOT"), Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

2. **Nondiscrimination.** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment.** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

4. **Information and Reports.** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), or DOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to MORPC, ODOT or DOT, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance.** In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MORPC shall impose such contract sanctions as it, ODOT or the DOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or
- b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

6. **Incorporation of Provisions.** The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 5 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as MORPC, ODOT or DOT may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor or subcontractor(s) becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor or subcontractor(s) may request MORPC or ODOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of MORPC or ODOT and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.



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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: Nick Gill & Maria Schaper

DATE: May 8, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-9-15: **“ADOPTION OF PROJECT
EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN”**

Resolution T-9-15 establishes the project evaluation process and criteria to be used in the development of the 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The criteria build upon the goals and objectives adopted via Resolutions T-16-14 and T-2-15 for the MTP. By applying these criteria, each project can be measured as to how it will help advance the goals and objectives of the MTP. The evaluation process allows for the comparison of similar projects to be prioritized in the fiscally constrained MTP.

The results of the evaluation process will lead to the first draft list of projects, which will be made available for public review and comment this fall. This evaluation process attempts to capture the major considerations in selecting transportation projects; however, there are always special considerations that will need to be addressed outside of this process with regard to a particular project. Furthermore, public input will also play a role in determining the final transportation plan projects.

The draft criteria were presented to MORPC’s CAC, TAC and Policy Committees in April. The information was posted on the MORPC website, and a comment period was held from April 9th to May 2nd. No comments were received.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-9-15

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RESOLUTION T-9-15

“ADOPTION OF PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is developing the federally required, long-range, regional transportation plan for the MPO area that will include project evaluation criteria, shown in the attachment, that will be applied to candidate projects for potential inclusion in the transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions T-16-14 and T-2-15 directed staff to develop a process to evaluate strategies and candidate projects for inclusion in the MTP based on advancing the goals and meeting the objectives; and

WHEREAS, the criteria are based upon the goals and objectives adopted by Resolutions T-16-14 and T-2-15; and

WHEREAS, the project evaluation process including the evaluation criteria are described in the attachment to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation process and criteria will be used to evaluate candidate projects for inclusion in the metropolitan transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the project evaluation criteria were distributed for public and member review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its May 4, 2015 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its May 6, 2015 meeting recommended approval of these goals; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it adopts the 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Evaluation Process and Criteria as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That it directs staff to use this process and criteria to develop a draft list of projects to be included in the 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Section 3. That this Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Committee.

Eric Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Prepared by: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS & FUNDING STAFF
Attachment(s): 2016-2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
PROJECT EVALUATION PROCESS & CRITERIA

2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Evaluation Process & Criteria

Evaluation criteria have been developed to ensure consistency between 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) recommendations and the goals and objectives of the MTP. These criteria, developed based on the adopted goals and objectives, will be applied to each candidate transportation project considered for inclusion in the MTP. By applying these criteria each project can be measured as to how it will help advance the goals and objectives of the MTP. It will also allow for the comparison of similar projects to be prioritized in the fiscally constrained MTP.

How the Evaluation Criteria Will be Used

In evaluating the projects, each of the six goals will receive a score on a 0 – 20 point scale. Data for each criterion (beginning on Page 2) will be generated for each candidate transportation project. These will be used by MORPC team members to subjectively assign a score to the project relative to each goal.

In order to compare "apples to apples," the projects will be divided into similar project types and quantitative measures will be compared against the distribution of values to help gauge how a project stacks up to similar projects. Also, each project will have statements about qualitative criteria that will be taken into consideration in assigning the score for the goal.

Use of the Score

MORPC team members will develop the data and the qualitative statements for each project. Team members will then assign the score for each of the six goals for each project. The overall score (represented as the percentage of total points available) and ranking (among similar projects), as well as each individual goal sub-score and ranking (among similar projects), will be reported for each project. The results will then be used to create an initial list of projects to be included in the first draft of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Final Steps to Determine Projects to Include in the Transportation Plan

An important consideration in what can be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is the amount of funding forecasted to be available to the region through the 2040 horizon year of the plan. Thus, the projects included are tied to the available funding.

The evaluation score resulting from this process is just one piece of information used to determine the projects to be included in the transportation plan. The projects to be included in the transportation plan will be shaped by member and public input.

This fall, the initial list of projects proposed to be included will be shared with our members and the general public for comments and input. Based on the input and any updates to the forecast of available funding, the list of projects to be included in the MTP will be updated for the final draft

Metropolitan Transportation Plan in early 2016. This will then undergo a final round of member and public input before final adoption in spring 2016.

Specific Project Evaluation Criteria

Adopted Goal: Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally

Adopted Objectives:

- Increase the average number of jobs reachable within 20 minutes via automobile and within 40 minutes via transit
- Minimize the percentage of total vehicle miles traveled under congested conditions
- Minimize the amount of extra, or buffer, travel time necessary when planning expected trip travel time

Project Evaluation Criteria	Explanation
Reduction in congested VMT in project corridor 2040	The ability of the project to improve travel within a corridor by redistributing travel in the corridor so one or more congested components of the transportation system are relieved, measured by the percentage reduction in VMT within 1 mile of the project that experiences Level of Service E or worse.
Average peak travel delay reduction per project user for year 2040	Measured as the average travel time reduction per person for a complete trip using the facility during peak periods (including AM and PM peak hours) as a result of the project.
Existing uncertainty index within 1 mile of project	Travel time uncertainty is a significant issue for business. Using existing travel time data, the existing travel time uncertainty index will be calculated for the area within a mile of the project.
Qualitative statement as to the proximity of project to existing development sites, key freight areas, and overall impact to regional job growth. This would include any extraordinary relationship of the project to existing development locations. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	

Adopted Goal: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community

Adopted Objectives:

- Reduce emissions from mobile sources to continuously meet EPA air quality standards for each criteria pollutant
- Decrease the locations of freeway and expressway facilities that are at risk for flooding

Project Evaluation Criteria	Explanation
Reduction in PM 2.5 Reduction in VOC Reduction in NOx	The vehicle emissions of PM2.5 (fine particulates), VOC (volatile organic compounds), and NOx (oxides of nitrogen) contribute to poor air quality. The change in the regional emissions as a result of the project will be estimated and reported in kilograms per day.
Qualitative assessment of project's impact on known flooding problems. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	

Adopted Goal: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies

Adopted Objectives:

- Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita
- Reduce the percentage of commuters driving alone, and increase the percentage of commuters riding transit and bicycle, or walking
- Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels

Project Evaluation Criteria	Explanation
Reduction in regional VMT	The change in regional VMT will be an estimate and is directly applicable to the measurable objective.
	Qualitative assessment as to the potential of the project to reduce SOV use and/or increase transit, bicycling or walking. This should be extraordinary aspects of the project. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.
	Qualitative assessment as to the potential of the project to support alternative fuel vehicles. This should be extraordinary components. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.

Adopted Goal: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures

Adopted Objectives:

- Increase the percentage of funding from non-public sources on transportation projects on functionally classified Principal Arterials and above
- Increase the number of projects utilizing innovative initiatives on functionally classified Principal Arterials and above
- Increase the percentage of functionally classified Principal Arterials and above facilities employing coordinated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies
- Increase the number of transit vehicles and facilities with surveillance capabilities and increase the miles of functionally classified Principal Arterials and above with video surveillance

Project Evaluation Criteria	Explanation
Amount of new development within 1 mile of the project	This measures the change in households and jobs between 2015 and 2040 within 1 mile of the project.
Percent of new development within 1 mile of the project	This measures the percent change in households and jobs between 2015 and 2040 within 1 mile of the project.
Number of jurisdictions that contribute 75% of the project users in 2040	This measures the extent to which the project serves multiple jurisdictions. The jurisdictional origins and destinations of the project users will be estimated. Then, starting with the jurisdiction contributing the most users, the jurisdictions will be ranked. The measure will then be how many different jurisdictions contribute 75% of the users.
Is a project phase currently on the TIP?	This is yes if a project phase is currently on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Generally, a significant amount of collaboration is necessary for a project to have advanced far enough along in the project development process to be included on the TIP.
Listing of the plan(s)/study(ies) in which the project appears	This measure provides background on the origin of the project. It is a listing of all community or regional plans or studies that has included the project as recommended or needed. This also includes whether or not the project addresses a congestion problem identified by the MORPC congestion management process.
Qualitative statement on mechanisms in place in the project area to enable non-public participation. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	
Qualitative statement of any innovative project delivery or construction techniques that may be used. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	

Qualitative statement of any innovative project delivery or construction techniques that may be used. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.

Qualitative assessment to determine if the project will increase ITS technologies on Principal Arterials and above. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.

Qualitative assessment to determine if the project will increase use of video surveillance on transit facilities and Principal Arterials and above. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.

Adopted Goal: Use public investments to benefit the health, safety and welfare of people

Adopted Objectives:

- Minimize the difference in trip travel time for disadvantaged populations relative to the regional trip travel time
- Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries from crashes
- Maintain infrastructure in a state of good repair by minimizing the percentage of bridges with poor General Appraisals, minimizing pavement miles in unacceptable conditions, maintaining transit fleet of a useful life, and incorporating bike facilities

Project Evaluation Criteria	Explanation
Ratio of EJ population users of the project to the regional average for each EJ population	To what extent does the project serve Environmental Justice (EJ) target populations? Of the users of the project, what is the minority percentage, what is the poverty percentage, what is the elder percentage, and what is the transportation handicapped percentage? The ratio of each of these relative to the regional average of each will be calculated.
Crash Ranking	Composite ranking as compared to similar project types consistent with the methodology used for MORPC's high-crash location list among similar projects. The composite ranking takes into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing total crash frequency - Existing pedestrian/bike crash frequency - Existing total crash rate - Existing ratio of fatal and serious injuries to total crashes
Bridge Rating	The existing physical condition of the transportation system which would be expected to be improved by the project. This is a measure of the worst existing bridge rating that would be improved as part of the project.
Pavement Condition Rating (PCR)	The existing physical condition of the transportation system, which would be expected to be improved by the project. This is a measure of the average PCR of the existing roadway that would be improved as part of the project.
Qualitative statement as to any potential negative impacts to EJ populations. This would include any extraordinary impact that may be as a result of the project. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	
Qualitative assessment as to any extraordinary improvements to safety. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	
Qualitative assessment of the project's potential to maximize life of transportation system. This is any extraordinary aspect that is likely to be part of the project. Not all projects will have a qualitative statement.	

Adopted Goal: Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life

Adopted Objectives:

- Encourage and support MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements
- Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs and increase sidewalk coverage of arterials and collectors
- Target transit and bikeway infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people

Project Evaluation Criteria	Explanation
Average origin and destination density of the users of the project in 2015	The average density (population + jobs) of the project user's origins and destinations will be estimated based on 2015 conditions. Both the average for higher density end of the trip and lower density end of the trip will be estimated.
Average origin and destination density of the users of the project in 2040	The average density (population + jobs) of the project user's origins and destinations will be estimated based on 2040 forecasted conditions. Both the average for higher density end of the trip and lower density end of the trip will be estimated.
Average change in origin and destination density of the users of the project between 2015 and 2040	This will be the change in the lower density end of the trip and the higher density end of the trip as found in the above to criteria measures.
Percentage of project without sidewalks in good condition	Project is along a facility which does not have adequate sidewalks and the project is expected to include them. The measure is the percentage of the project length which does not currently have sidewalks in good condition.
Qualitative statement as to whether the project is along an existing transit route or otherwise enhances transit service. The information will be simply yes or no with regard to if an existing transit route uses the project facilities. An additional statement may also be provided if there are other extraordinary aspects of the project that will enhance transit service.	
Is the project located in a community with a Complete Streets policy? The information will be yes or no.	
Qualitative statement as to whether the project is along a key regional corridor as identified in MORPC's Active Transportation Plan. The information will be yes or no.	
Qualitative statement as to the project's ability to enhance the regional bikeway system.	



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
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FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation Systems & Funding Department

DATE: May 8, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-12-15: "ADOPTION OF THE FY 2016-2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND
REAFFIRMATION OF THE 2012-2035 METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION PLAN"

As was presented during the April meeting cycle, the TIP is a four-year program of projects and strategies that state and local governments have selected from MORPC's long-range transportation plan as priorities for Central Ohio's transportation system. It contains a listing of all regionally significant projects and projects that will require the authorization of funds by FHWA or FTA. For each project, the list describes the scope of the project and the amount and type of funds committed to each phase of the project by state fiscal year (SFY). The TIP may be updated through formal amendments or administrative modifications.

MORPC's TIP is a component of the Statewide TIP (STIP). MORPC adopts an updated TIP every two years. Coordination with the MPO member governments and transit agencies began in January with an announcement of the beginning of the update process. In late February, in conjunction with the release of the draft TIP, all MPO member governments were notified of its availability for review on the web. On April 2nd, the MPO member governments were notified of the availability of the final draft TIP and of the open house. The Transportation Policy Committee was regularly updated about the process through monthly reports and a presentation of the final draft in April.

From March 23rd to April 21st, MORPC conducted a public involvement process for the Final Draft SFY 2016-2019 TIP, which included an open house event on April 7th. Staff received three comments from individuals. One comment related to COTA's Short-Range Transit Plan was forwarded to COTA. We received two comments related to the need to add bicycle and pedestrian facilities to projects. Local governments provided information about projects without federal funding, which were incorporated into the final TIP. ODOT provided updated project data for a few projects that were also incorporated. None of the updated information significantly changed the final draft TIP.

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The final SFY 2016-2019 TIP was due to ODOT on April 27th and will be available at www.morpc.org/tip on April 30th. In order to remain coordinated with the statewide process and MORPC's meeting schedules, the Transportation Policy Committee is being asked to adopt the TIP after the final TIP is required to be submitted to ODOT. In the event that the Transportation Policy Committee modifies the TIP or fails to adopt it, this will be coordinated with ODOT. ODOT is aware of this situation.

NTG:NJV:bsn

Attachment: Proposed Resolution T-12-15

RESOLUTION T-12-15

“ADOPTION OF THE FY 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE 2012-2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials for Franklin and Delaware counties, the City of Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County, and Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5303, 5305, and 5306, MORPC, as the MPO, has caused the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan dated May 2012 to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 5304, MORPC, as the MPO, has prepared a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019 dated April 27, 2015, and available at www.morpc.org/tip; and

WHEREAS, all projects in the TIP are included in the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, some project schedules have accelerated since the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and its air quality conformity determination were completed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 42 USC 7506, the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has been reanalyzed based on accepted methodology and has been determined to be in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and said fact is documented in the *Air Quality Conformity Determination Documentation for the Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Madison and Knox County Ozone Non-Attainment Area and the Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield and Coshocton County (Franklin Twp.) PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Area* dated April 27, 2015, and the SFY 2016-2019 TIP projects are consistent with this conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, the TIP includes the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA's) Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) with specific details provided in Appendix A of the TIP, was adopted by the COTA board at its April 22, 2015 meeting; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations, solicitation of citizens' comments on the TIP was made by following MORPC's adopted Public Involvement Process including review by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), advertisements in the *Columbus Dispatch*, *Delaware Gazette*, *Newark Advocate*, *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*, and *Columbus Post*, sunshine mailings and an open house meeting; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Federal Transit Administration's guidelines on private sector participation, private transportation operators in the region have been involved in the planning process through representation on the Transportation Advisory Committee, the CAC and/or the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 134, the financial plan for the TIP demonstrates that it can be implemented and that it is consistent with funding reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, the TIP does not become effective until approval is received from the federal and state authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 4, 2015, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6, 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 it amends the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan project listing to adjust the schedule of the projects shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That it affirms the conformity of the amended 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the State Implementation Plan.
- Section 3. That it adopts the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019 dated April 27, 2015, as provided on the MORPC website at www.morpc.org/tip and recommends that its members incorporate these improvements into their transportation improvement programming for their governmental units.
- Section 4. That it affirms the consistency between the Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019 TIP and the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and thus the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Section 5. That it authorizes the Transportation Systems and Funding Director to approve administrative modifications to the TIP as provided in Appendix D of the document.
- Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Eric Phillips, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Systems & Funding Staff

Attachment: Changes to the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Listing

Attachment: Changes to the MORPC 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Listing

MTP ID	Project Description	Time Period*	Cost (\$Millions)
31	Hayden Run Blvd /Britton-Cosgray connector (Part A) from Golden Cascade Dr (east of Cosgray Rd.) to Avery Rd., New Roadway-2 lane(s) each direction	3	\$20.4-\$28
66	Hamilton Rd. ext. from Hamilton Rd. (S. of old Dub.-Granvl. Rd) to Dublin-Granville Rd., New Roadway-2 lane(s) each direction	3	\$13.1-\$15.2
123	Murphy Pkwy. ext. (south leg) from Liberty St. south of railroad to Murphy Pkwy., New Roadway-1 lane(s) each direction	3	\$2.2-\$3
276	Hamilton Rd. from Morse Rd. to Dublin-Granville Rd., Major Widening-Arterial/Collector-Widen road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes total both directions	3	\$23.7-\$27.3
902	Britton-Cosgray connector (Part B) from Avery Rd. to Wilcox Rd., New Roadway-2 lane(s) each direction	3	\$18.7-\$25.6

*Time period "3" means construction estimated to begin by 2020.