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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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COLUMBUS, OH 43215
SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Monday, January 4, 2016
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 5:00 p.m. **MORPC ORIENTATION**
- 5:30 p.m. **1. Welcome** – David Paul, Chair
- 5:31 p.m. **2. Approval of November 30, 2015 Minutes** (enclosed)
- 5:32 p.m. **3. MPO Orientation** - Thea Walsh
- 5:50 p.m. **4. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Walsh
 - Transit Agency Reports
 - COTA Update - Belinda Taylor
 - DATABus - Thea Walsh
- 6:05 p.m. **5. Informational Items:**
 - 2016 Policy Agenda - Laura Koprowski
 - National Safe Routes to School - Amanda McEldowney
- 6:25 p.m. **6. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update** – Nick Gill
- 6:45 p.m. **7. Committee Business** - Bernice Cage
 - 2015 In Review/What to Expect in 2016 (Handout)
- 6:55 p.m. **8. Transportation Funding Game** - Thea Walsh
- 7:00 p.m. **9. Other Business**

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 30, 2015
REVISED Meeting Summary

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

Members

Bill Allman
Jon-Paul d'Aversa
Catherine Girves
David Paul
Larry Robertson

William Curlis
Pauline Edwards
LaGrieta Holloway
J.M. Rayburn
Bob Roehm

Lisa Daris
Len Fisher
Warren King
Fred Rea
Ira Weiss

Guests

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

MORPC Staff

Bernice Cage
Evelyn Ebert
Claire Jennings
Thea Walsh

Kerstin Carr
Mary Ann Frantz
Brenda Noé
Bevan Schneck

Amelia Costanzo
Nick Gill
Nancy Reger

1. **Welcome.** Chair David Paul called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and introduced guests.
2. **Approval of November 2, 2015 Minutes.** Bill Curlis moved to accept the November 2, 2015 minutes, and Ira Weiss seconded. The motion carried.
3. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report.** Thea Walsh reported that DATABus is planning community outreach meetings for the Transit Development Plan (TDP) on December 9th to gain understanding of what services the Delaware County community expects from DATABus. There are three meetings - 9 a.m. at SourcePoint; 2 p.m. at Liberty Township Hall; and at 6 p.m. with the location to be determined. DATABus's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has begun working on a new project for outpatient medical procedures. The Delaware County Mobility Management Program has a new program - a temporary ramp system to Delaware County residents. Delaware County will bring a temporary mobility ramp to the homes of people who need them following accidents or surgeries. Residents can have the ramps for up to 16 weeks, if they qualify for the assistance. The Delaware County Mobility Management Program is also working on a new website. It is to become a one-stop website for transportation options within the county.

Walsh said that MORPC is planning to do a study at Rickenbacker, which will build upon the 2006-2007 study we did, even looking beyond transportation, to help the community and the businesses to come up with better mobility. Walsh and William Murdock have been working with some of the communities to get their buy-in. MORPC has committed \$100,000 of its federal transportation funding to the study, and we need about another \$100,000 to make it work. We are working to obtain commitments from Columbus, Franklin County, the Airport

Authority, Ashville, Canal Winchester, Grove City, Groveport, Obetz, Pickerington, COTA, Fairfield County, Madison Township and Pickaway County.

MORPC sent a demographic survey to its Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), to understand the demographics of individuals and entities on that committee. Bernice Cage explained that as part of our public involvement, MORPC needs to be sure that its demographic population is being represented on our working committees. Cage asked the TAC members to self-identify their demographics for our reporting information.

Walsh updated the committee on the Westerville Roundtable. MORPC is working with Westerville, Columbus, and the Polaris Parkway area to identify short-term strategies to transportation issues (traffic jams). ODOT has been working on signage in the area. We have other projects in the area as well: Polaris Parkway and the Gemini Place extension. We will work with area businesses to find out the transportation needs of people who travel in the area.

- COTA Update. Belinda Taylor reported that COTA has been working for over two years on the Transit System Redesign (TSR). The TSR is a redesign of COTA's entire system. COTA held six public meetings and received over 175 public comments from them. The implementation of the TSR should be in effect by May 2017. The first round of public input is done. The leadership team has pulled together a number of working groups: bus stops; shelters; licensing and agreements; TSR planned alignments and service schedules; marketing and public relations; operations and operator training; budget; and government and community relations.

Taylor also announced the January service change public meetings on December 10th at noon at COTA and December 15th at 6 p.m. She also announced COTA's 11th annual statewide tribute to Rosa Parks. The events take place on December 3rd and 4th.

Paul asked if COTA has used social media, such as YouTube, to announce its public meetings. Taylor said that COTA has an in-depth social media plan, including YouTube, as well as a community and public relations plan. Paul also asked about progress on CMAX (Bus Rapid Transit). Taylor said that the bill that passed the House with COTA's project in it was stalled in the Senate. Transit funding was reduced from \$300 million to \$30 million, but COTA is still very hopeful.

Bill Allman asked if the TSR is restricted to only the current COTA footprint or if it expands the current footprint. Taylor replied that about 70 percent of the changes will be made in the really high-density areas, and the other 30 percent will be focused on areas where COTA does not currently go. Nancy Reger asked if the TSR will be phased in or if it would happen almost all at once. Taylor replied that it will happen almost all at once.

Taylor said that if members felt there was someone who should be on one of the stakeholder lists to please let her know.

4. Informational Items:

- Quarterly Air Quality Update. Evelyn Ebert updated the committee on this item, and her PowerPoint presentation is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20151130_CAC_Ozone%20Report.pdf

Lisa Daris asked what the new ozone standard was based upon. Ebert replied that the new ozone standard is based upon the most recent health data. Every few years the standard will tighten a little more. Paul added that it is not just phased implementation. A scientific basis has been identified for needing to tighten the standard. Allman asked if there were any thrust to eliminate sources of pollution or emission, especially from industrial or mobile sources. Ebert said that when a new standard is released each state must develop an implementation plan, showing how it will address air pollution in the state.

- Regional Data Task Force. Reger gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding this new task force. It is available at:
http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20151130_CAC_Data%20Task%20Force.pdf

Taylor asked if other transit authorities are participating in this task force and if this were a legislative initiative. Reger replied that this is not a legislative initiative at this point, although legislation is being discussed. Paul asked if IBM was approached about this. Reger said that she spoke to an IBM representative; however, no one from IBM has come to any of the meetings. Paul also wanted to know if the realtor community had been contacted. Reger said that a commercial realtor on the Data Site Task Force, but she has not participated. Bill Curlis asked how MORPC will control the information collected. Reger said the governance committee will make sure of the quality control. Rules will need to be established. Daris asked if there were a "go-live" date. Reger replied that if we receive funding from the capital bill it will be as soon as possible, probably within a year. Taylor asked if any specific data would be required. Reger said that it is a growing outcome of this effort to recognize where the gaps are. Joel Spokas wanted to know how many other communities and governments funded similar efforts. Reger said that the governments have funded it out of their general funds. Regional efforts have usually had universities involved, and there is usually some sort of mandate in terms of open data.

Paul introduced Ava Johnson, chair of the Greater Southeast Area Commission.

5. **Proposed Resolution T-21-15: "AMENDING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM."** Nick Gill stated that this is the quarterly TIP amendment, and it makes adjustments to some projects with federal funding. A few of the projects have MORPC-attributable funding:

- Taylor Road - Etna Township is very close to awarding and advertising this project. Funding increased a little bit.
- SR 161 Feasibility Study - Multi-jurisdictional effort building off a traffic study that MORPC conducted on behalf of the City of Columbus, Perry Township, and the City of Worthington to study the SR 161/Linworth area bottleneck and railroad crossing. The entities have decided to move forward to the next step of preliminary engineering to make improvements in that area.
- Regional Pedestrian Signals Project - Next step for funding committed a few years ago in partnership with OODT. The first stage was for better visible signs in some of the rural areas of the MPO. The next phase is for signal improvements at isolated locations throughout the region.
- Schedule Adjustments on Downtown Innerbelt Project 4A
- COTA projects
 - Correct funding for Cleveland Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project

- Reduce funding for the 2016 bus replacement
- Increase funding to purchase 2 additional vehicles for the 2016 paratransit replacement

Daris inquired about the SR 161 project. The description says it includes pedestrian and bike facilities, but under that information there are notes that say that bike and pedestrian components are not applicable. She wanted to know if this was because the project is just in the preliminary engineering stage. Gill said that was correct. Ira Weiss said he was glad to see this project moving forward. Bob Roehm had a question about the regional pedestrian signals. He wanted to know what areas are affected by this and how many signals it includes. Gill said he would get back to Roehm on specific details, but 11 jurisdictions throughout the region are included.

Below is a list of the 11 jurisdictions participating in the second phase of the systematic safety improvement pilot. Between them, there are 136 locations being considered for installation of one or more of the following: pedestrian countdown timers, high-visibility crosswalk markings, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB). Location evaluations are set to begin early 2016, with the hope of having a finalized list of treatment locations before the end of summer.

Jurisdiction	Locations to be evaluated:
Columbus	45
Delaware City	9
Dublin	11
Gahanna	6
Grove City	12
Groveport	7
Hilliard	9
Pickerington	7
Sunbury	6
Upper Arlington	13
Worthington	11
	136

Catherine Girves moved to approve Resolution T-21-15, and Weiss seconded. The motion carried.

6. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update.** Gill explained that we are still working through the proposed projects, and the draft list has not yet been completed. We have begun the public involvement process by visiting and presenting the MTP and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to area commissions, city and village councils, etc.

7. **Committee Business.** Bernice Cage thanked everyone for attending the CAC meetings and advised the committee that Chair David Paul will present information on the CAC to the Transportation Policy Committee on December 10th. He asked for suggestions on what he should present. Suggestions included new members and age and gender diversity among members.

Pauline Edwards said that a part of West Broad Street (from Legner almost to the Hilltop). It is called Highland West. She said no one has been able to tell her how that name originated. Walsh said she would find out and let her know.

8. **Complete Streets Game.** Amelia Costanzo directed the members on how to play this game.
9. **Other Business.** Allman moved to adjourn the meeting and Robertson seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Bernice Cage
Secretary



MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

December 2015

Transportation Systems & Funding

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- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Evaluation of the candidate transportation projects continued in December with the draft list expected to be available by early January. Meanwhile community presentations on the MTP began in late November. Presentations have been made to the following communities or organizations:
 - Cities of Bexley, Powell and Whitehall
 - Villages of Shawnee Hills, Ostrander and Brice
 - Westland, Greater Hilltop and North Central area commissions
 - Delaware and Union counties

The list of upcoming presentations and draft list when available can be found on the website at www.morpc.org/mtp2040.

- Transit/Human Services
Two informational sessions were held regarding FTA Section 5310 funding requests due January 27, 2016.
- DATABus
DATABus completed the Transit Development Plan and Funding Study community outreach meetings and survey. A draft report is expected in January or February that will be finalized in March.

DATABus was awarded \$305,600 to purchase four natural gas light-transit vehicles from ODOT's FY2016 Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership Program.

- RideSolutions
A diversity survey is being developed that will be given to each of RideSolutions' registrants. The survey will be linked in a 1-week follow-up email to new RideSolutions commuters. By surveying registrants, RideSolutions hopes to have statistically significant results by capturing diversity statistics of at least 25% of new commuters every month.

The RideSolutions team, along with OARC partner TMACOG, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Local Government Innovation Fund. This grant will be used to help administer a feasibility study that analyzes the potential of adopting a new "method of delivery" for TDM activities.

MORPC and COTA staff met with the Columbus Veterans Administration (VA) hospital's parking committee to discuss alternative transportation options during its upcoming construction period in April 2016. This project will temporarily eliminate over 250 employee parking spots at an already parking-constrained facility. RideSolutions and COTA staff will be assisting VA management in the marketing of alternative modes of transportation for employees to come to work. This project will last for around one year.

MORPC has taken steps to host a Regional Bikeshare Summit, as suggested by member governments. The Summit will likely be hosted at MORPC on January 12, 2016, prior to the Active Transportation Plan Stakeholders meeting. This brief summit will identify the benefits of regional bikesharing, while also addressing the challenges associated with multi-jurisdiction policy.

- **Infrastructure Funding**

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The TIP and Funding team arranged a \$1.7 million loan agreement with the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) that will reduce the carryover balance for FY 16.

- The attributable funds Principles and Procedures documents were combined into a single document, "Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds," incorporating comments from Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) members and minor modifications to the evaluation criteria. It was presented to AFC on 12/2, and staff received additional feedback from committee members in December.

- Working with Etna Township and ODOT District 5, staff has worked out a solution to funding issues with the Taylor Road project as it approaches construction authorization.

- Coordination continued throughout December in reviewing FY17 project schedules for the annual "lockdown" process. The "lockdown" process is when ODOT with the project sponsors determine where they either commit to deliver a project or delay it to a later fiscal year. The following projects have funding commitments for FY17 but have been delayed because of uncertainty in being able to meet ready in time: Alum Creek Drive Phase C, I-70/71 Projects 2D and 4A, Center/Milnor/Meadows intersection and Harrisburg Pike (US 62) safety project.

- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) held its SCIP/LTIP Round 30 working session public meeting on Friday, December 4, 2015 to present the tentative ranking of projects. The final action public meeting was held on Friday, December 11, 2015.

- The following projects were recommended for \$20 million in SCIP funding:

- 1) Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering - "Darbydale Wastewater Treatment Plant" (\$4,999,999)
 - 2) Groveport - "Hendron Road Reconstruction" (\$1,794,030)
 - 3) Columbus - "Joyce Avenue, Phase 3"(\$3,500,000)
 - 4) Bexley - "South Roosevelt Avenue & Ashbourne Improvements" (\$4,999,999)
 - 5) Groveport - "West Bixby Road Reconstruction" (\$661,565)
 - 6) Whitehall - "Etna Road Improvements" (\$2,946,655)
 - 7) Clinton Township - "Melrose-Lamont Drainage Improvements" (\$277,000)
 - 8) New Albany - "US 62 & Greensward Rd/Lambton Roundabout" (\$881,180)

- The following projects were recommended to receive \$6.3 million in LTIP funding:

- 1) Franklin Township - "Harrisburg Pike Improvements" (\$995,000)
- 2) Columbus - "Third Ave - Phase 2 Infrastructure and Bridge Improvements" (\$4,999,999)
- 3) Columbus - "Alum Creek Drive - Frebis to Refugee" (\$315,501)

One project, Hamilton Township's "Hamilton Township Resurfacing" project, will be submitted to the Small Government Commission for a second chance at funding. The Small Government Commission will announce its awards in early May 2016.

The PWIC met and appointed Robert Lawler to serve on the PWIC as an alternate member for John Bryner who represents the private sector. Mr. Lawler's term on the PWIC ends in May 2018 and he replaces Lee Phelan, who recently resigned from the committee.

The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) reappointed Kyle Wilson (Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District), Steven Cothrel (Upper Arlington Parks and Forestry) and Michael Hooper (City of Westerville Parks & Recreation) to the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) for three-year terms, or until December 2018. In addition, Stephen Farst, city engineer with the City of Groveport, was appointed to fill a one-year term (until December 2016) to replace a seat left vacant when Tom Spring from Jefferson Township retired. The NRAC reviews applications for Clean Ohio Conservation funding.

Data and Mapping

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- Regional Data Lab
Draft language for modifying the MORPC bylaws to create the Regional Data Advisory Committee was drafted for internal review.

A work-plan for developing a data catalog of MORPC's data was drafted. This is the first step in creating the regional catalog. We are using our own data as a pilot project to work out technical details of using the cataloging software.
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan
The interactive on-line map for the MTP was refreshed to showcase only the draft MTP projects that were selected through the evaluation process for inclusion in the draft project list. The map will be up as a tool to receive comments through the end of January. The land use chapter, including the MTP Land Use Appendix, is being drafted. Data & Mapping are part of the MTP presentation team, and presentations were made to the Village of Ostrander and the Delaware County Commissioners in December.
- insight2050 Phase 2a
Staff met with Grove City planners to discuss the methodology for developing the vitality and activity indices. A survey was developed to be shared with members of MODE, ULI, and the general planning community to help establish weighting criteria of variables used in creating the indices.
- Homes on the Hill Study
MORPC is working with Homes on the Hill, a community development corporation on the west side of Franklin County to help them determine best locations for investing in properties. The scope and contract for \$15,000 are complete, and we collected street address-level data to use in the analysis.
- Regional GIS/Data Coordination and Support

MORPC GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger is now the Chair of the OGRIP Forum. OGRIP (Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program) functions as coordinating GIS office for Ohio. As Forum Chair, Cheri represents the practitioners of local GIS government offices. Goals for 2016 for this group include improving boundary files for better matching between county files, creating an inventory of state-owned properties, and strengthening the relationships between the state and the regional GIS user groups.

Dublin is a pilot for using the LBRS files as base files to locate crash data. Turning the file into an LRS (linear referencing system) requires cleaning up some of the fields in the roadway file so other geographically referenced information, such as crashes, can be automatically located. This pilot project will eventually lead to county-wide application.

MORPC maintains source data from local communities. We continually collect residential building permit data from our member communities and merge them into one master data file. Other regional data sets we continuously update include development information we collect and present on an on-line map that includes active development activity throughout the region.

Collaboration ideas were exchanged with Columbus State GIS Department. Suggestions included involvement on the Regional Data Advisory Committee, working together on professional development workshops, guest lecturing, internship and networking opportunities.

- Mentoring and Training
The Data & Mapping Staff is mentoring four capstone projects with OSU's John Glenn's School of Public Policy during the spring semester:
 - Evaluating the relationship between local land use plans and workforce development needs
 - Researching the return on investment of Open Data
 - Evaluating the impact of multi-family development on community vitality
 - Mobile app development of bikeways

- MORPC Programmatic Support
Data and Mapping has internal GIS meetings to keep on top of departmental data and mapping needs and activities. We also provide mapping and data support on a regular basis.
 - Columbus Metro Bike Map
 - TIP amendment map created
 - Attributable Funding online application
 - Water trails on-line map

- General Information Requests
Analysis of labor sources for Dawson Temporary Services

- Member Services
 - Historical aerials were collected for northeast Columbus and Grove City.
 - Map of Central Ohio Capital Bill project locations for use by the evaluation committee.

Planning and Environment

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Energy & Air Quality

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- End of Ozone Season
MORPC issued the End of Ozone Season report for Central Ohio on December 8th. This report provides a summary of the 2015 ozone season and compares it to the two previous seasons. Air quality in the Central Ohio region in 2015 was slightly better than during the 2013 and 2014 seasons, despite warmer than normal temperatures. Lower levels of ozone pollution, despite warmer temperatures, points to decreased emissions levels in the region. MORPC issued two Air Quality Alerts in 2015 on May 8th and July 29th, when pollution levels were forecasted to be harmful for sensitive groups of people like the elderly, children, and people with breathing conditions like asthma. Preliminary data for 2015 puts Central Ohio close to meeting the new federal 8-hour ozone standard of 70 ppb, which takes effect January 1st.

A subcommittee of the Energy and Air Quality Working Group continues its progress on a working document about the Clean Power Plan. The purpose of the document is to better understand how the legislation may affect the region and to serve as a resource for MORPC's members. The subcommittee had a call on December 11th and continues to incorporate new information as it becomes available. The group plans to comment to U.S. EPA on the Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP), an element of the Clean Power Plan, in January. Research is currently being conducted on the CEIP, and the comment letter will move through MORPC's committee structure as appropriate.