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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

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

5:30 p.m. **1. Welcome** – David Paul, Chair

5:32 p.m. **2.** Approval of October 4, 2016 Minutes (enclosed)

5:33 p.m. **3. COTA Presentation -** Curtis Stitt

5:45 p.m. **4.** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report (enclosed) – Thea Walsh
- DATABus - Thea Walsh
- OPWC Report – Wilma Yoder

6:15 p.m. **5. Proposed Resolutions:**
- **T-15-16:** "PWP Amendment – RideSolutions Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) Grant" – Thea Walsh

6:25 p.m. **6. Informational Items:**
- #SmartColumbus – Nancy Reger
- insight2050 Phase II Update – Kerstin Carr
- Attributable Funds Update – Nick Gill

6:50 p.m. **7. Committee Business** - Bernice Cage
- Elect Officers

7:00 p.m. **8. Other Business**

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The next CAC Meeting is
TUESDAY, November 28, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.
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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 4, 2016
Meeting Summary

CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY MOBILITY SERVICES
1330 FIELDS AVENUE
Columbus, Ohio
5:30 p.m.

Members

Pauline Edwards	LaGrieta Holloway	Warren King
Michael Liggett	David Paul	Larry Robertson
Bob Roehm	Joel Spokas	Ira Weiss

Guests

Amy Hockman, COTA Mobility Services
William Stepp, COTA Mobility Services
Jonathan Stewart, Prospective Member
Belinda Taylor, COTA

MORPC Staff

Bernice Cage	Jason Kaper	Dina López
Brenda Noé	Bevan Schneck	Thea Walsh
Brandi Whetstone	Jordan Whisler	

1. Welcome. Chair David Paul called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

2. Approval of August 29, 2016 Minutes. Michael Liggett moved to accept the August 29, 2016 minutes, and Warren King seconded. The motion carried.

3. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report. Thea Walsh reported that MORPC now has a contract with ODOT to serve counties outside the MPO (Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs)). Walsh and other staff traveled to St. Louis to attend the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission annual meeting. She had a conversation with Amtrak about the Chicago to Columbus rail project. Walsh reported that William Murdock meets with members every year, and when we went to the City of Gahanna we were able to see the roundabout it has installed in city hall.
   - DATABus. Walsh said that Delaware and Franklin counties are combining their Coordinated Plans for the next update.
   - COTA. Belinda Taylor introduced Amy Hockman and William Stepp, our tour guides for today. She also reminded the committee that the COTA levy is this year, and it was endorsed by the *Columbus Dispatch.*
   - Attributable Funds Update. Walsh said that MORPC has received all of the applications for funding, and staff has reviewed them. The Attributable Funds Committee meeting is tomorrow, and we will share the information next month.

4. Proposed Resolutions:
   - T-13-16: "Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted for TRAC Funding in 2016." Dina López discussed the project rankings for this year's TRAC

projects. Her PowerPoint presentation is available at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20161004_CAC_TRACPresentation.pdf

Warren King moved to accept Resolution T-13-16, and Ira Weiss seconded. The motion carried.

- MPO Safety Peer Exchange. Jordan Whisler explained the Safety Peer Exchange. His PowerPoint presentation is available at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20161004_CAC_PeerExchange.pdf
    - **T-14-16: "PWP Amendment – Safety Peer Exchange."** Walsh explained that this resolution will add some additional funding from ODOT and FHWA ($10,500) to supplement our programming for the Safety Peer Exchange that we did. This is retroactive.

      Catherine Girves moved to approve Resolution T-14-16, and Liggett seconded. The motion carried.

5. **Informational Items:**
    - Quarterly Air Quality Update. Brandi Whetstone gave an ozone season update. She said we do not expect any more alerts through October 31st, the last day of ozone season. She announced that Sonoma technology will visit MORPC on October 13th and will make a presentation at the Commission meeting. The CAC will receive the full ozone report in November. The Air Quality Working Group toured the John Glenn Airport. Whetstone also stated that there will be a breakout session at the Sustainability Summit on October 21st sponsored by the Ohio EPA.
    - Population Estimates. Jason Kaper gave a PowerPoint presentation on this subject, and it is available at: http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20161004_CAC_PopulationEstimates.pdf
    - Smart Cities Update. This presentation was postponed because of a lack of time.

6. **Committee Business.**
    - Nominating Committee Report. Bernice Cage said that the Nominating Committee had not yet completed its nominations and would report at the November meeting.

7. **Other Business.** Cage reminded everyone that the Hallowe'en trick or treating dates are available on MORPC's website: http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/news/news-archive/2016/2016-central-ohio-trick-or-treat/index

Prior to the tour, Liggett moved to adjourn the meeting and Pauline Edwards seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Bernice Cage
Secretary

MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

October 2016

Transportation Systems & Funding
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- Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs)
  MORPC received the signed contract back from ODOT to begin working as the Central Ohio Regional Planning Organization. Staff is working on setting up initial county meetings in each of the seven counties during the December through January time frame.

- National Highway Systems (NHS)
  ODOT accepted the revisions to the NHS system within MORPC's MPO area. ODOT has transmitted those to FHWA for approval.

- Studies
  After working with technical planning staff from the jurisdictions in the study area, MORPC staff finalized the land use assumptions to be used in the ODOT-led SR 161 study. Initial future traffic forecasts were provided to consultants. The second Advisory Committee Meeting for the Study is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. at the Worthington Education Center. At this meeting, the focus will be on the transportation needs within the study area.

  The initial meetings for the Rickenbacker Study committees are beginning. The first top level committee will be held on December 5th in conjunction with the airport authority's top committee for their Rickenbacker master planning effort. Initial meetings of the four Rickenbacker Study working groups are also being scheduled in the latter part of November.

- Transit/Human Services
  Team members attended a start-up meeting for the WIC transportation project with Columbus Public Health on October 18th. Hosted COTA/DATABus/MORPC coordination meeting on October 20th and discussed Communications/Outreach/Mobility Management/Public Information items. Staff attended a Union County Transportation Needs Committee meeting to discuss and assist with its Coordinated Plan.

- RideSolutions
  RideSolutions staff participated in the City of Columbus' New Hire Orientation to promote alternative transportation options to work. Team members also participated in the Franklin County Justice Expo and Health and Wellness Fair. Many at both events showed an interest in the new Emergency Ride Home Program.

RideSolutions staff has begun working with several new companies to discover new options for their employees to travel to work. Currently, RideSolutions team members have been working with Amazon, Honda, and the National Highway Transportation Research Center. A few of these companies have an interest in RideSolutions Vanpool Program.

RideSolutions team members continue to lead the effort to secure a new rideshare technology platform for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC). OARC narrowed the competition to three finalists: NuRide, RideAmigos, and RideShark. Product demonstrations will take place the first week of November, with a final recommendation expected to be announced on Monday, November 7th.

Staff completed Marketing Impact Analysis for the Third Quarter 2016. During this time, RideSolutions added a total of 228 new commuters to the RidePro commuter database. The total amount of active registered commuters in the database increased to 1,859 commuters. The most effective marketing techniques included expos/fairs and flyer distributions.

- Infrastructure Funding

  MORPC Attributable Funding

  The preliminary score for projects competing for funding was presented to the Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) on October 5th. Feedback from committee members through October 21st. Any revised scores are to be presented at the November 2nd meeting. The AFC will then begin process of identifying which projects are able to be funded.

  TRAC

  MORPC presented CAC and TAC with its recommended project ranking at the October 4th and October 5th meetings. Both committees approved the ranking recommendation, and the Transportation Policy Committee approved the ranking resolution on October 13th. Thea Walsh presented the project rankings at the TRAC public hearing on October 13th, along with Holly Nagle from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

  Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

  The District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) is seeking nominations to fill a three-year term, through the end of 2019, on its Franklin County Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC). The 11-member council is responsible for developing project selection guidelines and evaluating and selecting projects to receive funding from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program. District 3, Franklin County, received $3.1 million in funding for open space acquisition and to protect riparian corridors or watersheds for 2017. Contact Wilma Yoder at wyoder@morpc.org or 614-233-4175 for more information.

Data and Mapping

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- Regional Data Lab

  Sub-committee meetings are being organized, the Communications sub-committee is scheduled for November 4th, and the Technical sub-committee is TBD. The Public Policy Roundtable requested that the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) explore the issue of wireless assets being installed in public rights-of-way. This will be an agenda item for the Communications sub-committee.

  MORPC staff participated in a 2-day #SmartColumbus workshop that was focused around data and the development of the Integrated Data Exchange, a product of the Smart Cities grant. We

are fortunate that key players from the #SmartColumbus project are represented on the RDAC, including its Assistant Public Service Director, GIS Manager and Technology Director. We are looking ahead to make sure the RDAC will be involved in how the integrated data exchange tool is being developed through the Smart City grant and that it can be expanded to a regional focus.

Efforts are underway to create a master "points of interest" GIS file that can be shared among communities. MORPC has maintained a file for several years that includes locations of public institutions, parks, shopping centers, etc. Similarly, other communities have like files. Starting with Columbus, the GIS community is working to establish some common standards for a regional file that communities can use to edit their areas.

- Participation at Conferences and Meetings
  The Data and Mapping team attended the Ohio GIS Conference. The Columbus Metro Bike Map was awarded second place in the Statewide Map Gallery as part of the conference. MORPC's GIS manager participated in the selection committee to select the vendor for the statewide imagery project.

  Members of the Data & Mapping team presented the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) comment map at both the Ohio Transportation Engineers Conference (OTEC) in Columbus, and the North American URISA Conference in Toronto.

- MORPC Projects and Programs
  - Interviews are underway to fill the vacant Data Analyst position.
  - MORPC's Data Manager participated in reviewing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the Franklin County Energy Plan.
  - MORPC's Data Manager participated in reviewing RFPs for the statewide RideShare project.

- Support for Members
  - MORPC hosted COSMOS, the professional group of suburban Technology Directors. An effort to create a shared GIS file of public fiber and data centers is underway.
  - Census data reporting locations of international and domestic migrants were provided to the City of Columbus at its request.

<u>Planning and Environment</u>
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- Active Transportation Planning
  <u>Member Assistance</u>: Staff participated in a bike ride with City of Columbus engineers to study the proposed bike lanes on Indianola Avenue from Oakland Park Avenue to Morse Road. During the ride participants reviewed the proposed roadway improvements, project schedule, and recommended plan set modifications.

  As a service offered to MORPC member communities and tied to the Complete Streets program, team members assisted the City of Upper Arlington with installation of EcoCounters in order to collect data on bicycle volumes on the city's new bike lanes along Tremont Road. The bicycle volumes will also be integrated into MORPC's non-motorized count database that is maintained with other count information.

Complete Streets Reviews: Staff conducted a review of Lazelle Road - Stage 3, Phases A & B. The project is planned to include corrections to super-elevation, and resurfacing and widening on Lazelle Road. The project also includes improvements to side streets with the addition of sidewalks, a shared-use path, detention basin, and storm sewer.

Meetings and Related Training: Staff participated in the initial "Health Works Franklin County" meeting. Franklin County Public Health received a Healthy Cities/Counties Challenge grant to build partnerships and integrate social determinants and public health systems. The idea is to work with projects and programs that are already in place in order to ensure coverage of the five domains of healthy behaviors, community safety, built environment, social/economic, and environmental. There are numerous ways in which MORPC can engage with this initiative.

Staff participated in the Statewide Active Transportation Plan team lead meeting to discuss progress made on plan implementation, details of the Active Transportation grant, and upcoming public webinar.

Staff participated in the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference hosted by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Topics spanned from active transportation, safety, green infrastructure, design, implementation, budgeting, and more.

- Transportation Safety
  Assistance: Staff met with Reynoldsburg and ODOT Central Office staff to discuss safety concerns within the City of Reynoldsburg and outline next steps that the city could take to implement several improvement strategies. The initial focus will be on retiming efforts along the SR 256 corridor.

  Staff met with COSI to discuss and assist with a safety concern at a critical access point for its visitors. Collaborating with the City of Columbus and COSI representatives, staff recommended additional signage to improve the safety and visibility of a pedestrian crossing.

  Meetings and Related Training: Staff participated in the regularly scheduled Safe Communities General Body meeting where the 2017 schedule was discussed along with upcoming safety campaigns. Additionally, staff presented on regional crash trends and available regional crash data analysis products.

  Staff participated in the regularly scheduled Fatality Review Board meeting at Columbus Public Health, looking at impaired driving and pedestrian and bicycle fatalities.

  Staff participated in the first "Toward Zero Deaths" Network meeting organized by ODOT. "Toward Zero Deaths" Network meetings will occur quarterly in different parts of the state with the goal of building relationships, fostering professional development, and recognizing the work of safety professionals across Ohio. Dr. Paul Atchley, Professor at the University of Kansas, spoke about his research on cognitive factors related to driving.

  Staff participated in the regularly scheduled Columbus Area Pedestrian Safety Task Force meeting. During this meeting the group discussed current pedestrian safety issues within Franklin County, expanding the scope of the group to include bicyclists, and the potential for future education campaigns.

- insight2050

insight2050 Academy: The insight2050 Academy continued this month with session topics including:

- *Planning, Real Estate & Economic Development 101: Private Sector Insights*, the second of the two-part series led by Matthew Starr of Crawford Hoying, Michael Martin of PNC Bank, & Jonathan Barnes of Jonathan Barnes Architecture + Design.
- *In Collaboration We Trust: Insights from the Field,* the insight2050 breakout session at the MORPC Summit on Sustainability. This session was led by Bryan Haviland of FrazierHeiby and Orie Kristel of Illuminology, discussing the Columbus Trust Study and its implications for gaining consensus for sustainable projects. Marie Keister of MurphyEpson introduced strategies for building community trust and consensus and finished with a moderated panel discussion featuring three Central Ohio communities (City of Powell, City of Hilliard, City of Upper Arlington) that have successfully engaged with their residents and stakeholders to produce sustainable projects.

Outreach: Staff presented to the Central Ohio Chapter of International Facilities Management Association (approximate audience of 30) and to the eighth-grade class at Graham Expeditionary Middle School in Columbus (approximate audience of 45).

- Age-Friendly Columbus

  Meetings and Related Training: Staff attended the Columbus Housing Dialogue meeting to learn about affordable housing needs and opportunities in the suburbs.

  Staff attended the "Dr. Bill Thomas Lunch" for a facilitated discussion that explored new ideas, practices, and models that can help local communities transform the experience of aging. The goal was to connect community leaders to each other and to new ideas and approaches that can "disrupt aging" and yield lasting change.

  Staff attended the National Village to Village Network Conference in Columbus, and presented about Age-Friendly Columbus. The panel discussion featured Columbus City Councilmember Michael Stinziano as well as DC City Councilmember Anita Bonds and Age-Friendly DC Coordinator Gail Kohn.

  Staff attended the AARP National Livable Communities Conference in Chicago. The conference focused on increasing multi-modal transportation options for individuals of all ages and abilities, sharing best-practices across U.S. cities involved in the age-friendly planning initiative, and discussing Ohio's state-wide research related to Age-Friendly Columbus.

  Outreach: Staff presented Age-Friendly Columbus at the Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) meeting. Eight people were in attendance.

  The survey closed at the end of the month. Over 315 surveys from the random sample mailing were received, and 750 convenience samples were collected online and through targeted outreach through service providers and at events.

  Pilot Neighborhoods: Staff facilitated a community meeting in the Age-Friendly Columbus Pilot Neighborhood of Beechwold to introduce the participants to the project and hear where and how they are traveling in their neighborhood. The meeting resulted in identifying the Weisheimer Road and High Street intersection as the center point for the upcoming walk audit.

  The Beechwold walk audit was led by MORPC team members and the City of Columbus Department of Public Health. Findings from the walk audit were directed to the appropriate city

departments, agencies, and property owners with the intent of making changes in the short-term.

Staff facilitated a community meeting in the Age-Friendly Columbus Pilot Neighborhood of Linden to introduce participants to the project and hear where and how they are traveling in their neighborhood. The meeting resulted in identifying two areas for walk audits: Hudson Street and Parkwood Avenue, and Cleveland Avenue and 11th Avenue. The Linden walk audit will be scheduled for November, as the group attending requested a bus to transport through the neighborhood.

- Greenways & Water Quality Program
  Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board: Staff presented to the City of Gahanna and Brown Township to introduce the COG Board and to discuss becoming a partner of MORPC's Greenways Program. Also, the COG Board finished the Franklin County Corridor Plan and is currently working with communities on reviewing the plan. Members of the Trail Development committee have also held a meeting with Delaware County stakeholders to develop the Delaware County Corridor Plan.

  Water Quality Working Group: Staff presented the proposal for the reorganized working group – the *Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group* - to the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC approved the proposal. Starting in 2017, the group will meet every other month, with its meeting agenda focused on a 4-year action plan, and led by a newly appointed Chair and Vice Chair.

  Riverfest: Staff met with the Greater Arts Council to further discuss Riverfest 2017. Riverfest will again occur in conjunction with the Columbus Arts Festival during the weekend of June 9th – 11th.

  Meetings and Related Training: Staff participated in a webinar called "Innovative Mitigation Contracting and Financing" related to the idea of forming a fee in lieu of mitigation program for green infrastructure and transportation projects. This ties into MORPC's efforts to promote incorporation of green infrastructure into transportation projects.

  COW Council met to discuss methods of identifying water quality impairment across the Central Ohio region, and to brainstorm how to prioritize and address the "worst" water quality areas. Attendees briefly discussed the Columbus Stormwater Manual Review; MORPC team members are serving on this review committee.

  The Columbus Department of Public Utilities Green Infrastructure Stormwater Credit Subcommittee met for the first time in October. This subcommittee is part of the Stormwater Manual Review process. The program has been in place for five years and no one has participated. The group reviewed the Green Infrastructure Stormwater Credit program, briefly highlighted some concerns shared by potential users, and highlighted a few areas to review at future meetings.

  Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District has been awarded an EPA 319 Planning Grant to write a Nine-element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy (NPS-IS) Plan for the Headwaters Blacklick Creek Watershed. MORPC will be a project partner. This plan is to be completed by December 31, 2016.

- Summit on Sustainability – October 21, 2016

With a record attendance of nearly 550 people and strong sponsorships, the Summit on Sustainability from across Ohio and beyond was a resounding success. Spencer Reeder, Vulcan Inc., was the morning's keynote speaker, discussing how business and community leaders are achieving success with a sustainability mindset. His keynote was followed by a panel session moderated by OSU's Kate Bartter that discussed sustainable business practices at Scott's Miracle-Gro, BrewDog USA, and The Wendy's Company. The luncheon keynote program featured six business leaders and entrepreneurs in the local food industry who shared their stories in a Pecha Kucha-style format and focused on a unique aspect of the local food supply chain. Ten breakout sessions throughout the day provided attendees more in-depth and topic-specific educational opportunities along the topics of policy, active transportation, water quality, air quality, local food, and materials management.

Energy & Air Quality
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- The 2016 ozone season concluded on October 31st, and there were 10 ozone exceedances under the new standard of 70 ppb. Under the old standard of 75 ppb, there would have been three exceedances. An end-of-season report will be produced in early November and the results shared with MORPC committees.

  MORPC's ozone season marketing campaign with ABC6 concluded, including public service announcements, morning show appearances, display advertising, targeted e-mail marketing, and Facebook promotions. These different marketing products reached nearly 400,000 individuals over the course of the campaign. A coordinated marketing plan with the Transportation Demand Management team within MORPC's Transportation and Funding Systems Department is underway for 2017.

  MORPC Air Quality team members organized an air quality breakout session at the 2016 MORPC Summit on Sustainability on October 21st. The session, was called "Driving Down Single-Occupant Vehicle Use: Creative Strategies to Move the Needle on Regional Air Pollution." Representatives from MORPC, MVRPC and NOACA gave presentations on regional efforts to provide creative CMAQ-eligible strategies for reduction in single-occupant vehicle use.

  MORPC Air Quality team members hosted a visit from Patrick Zahn, the region's air quality forecaster from Sonoma Technology, Inc. MORPC stakeholders and working group members were invited to attend a Meet-and-Greet event prior to the October 13th Commission meeting. Mr. Zahn gave a presentation at Commission titled "Central Ohio Ozone Pollution: Looking Back at the 2016 Season." The presentation included preliminary analysis of the 2016 ozone season, which highlighted the overall trend of air quality improvement, impacts of the new ozone standard, and continued efforts to refine forecasting to account for the new ozone standard. Mr. Zahn also joined MORPC Energy & Air Quality staff at a meeting with The Ohio State University Byrd Polar Research Center to share information about current projects and opportunities for future collaboration.

Public & Government Affairs
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The Community Advisory Committee held its meeting at and toured COTA's Mobility Services Center. COTA staff presented information on the paratransit center, and the tour was informative, interesting

and exciting. Press releases, “MORPC Prioritizes and Approves Projects for TRAC’s 2016 Major/New Program” and “MORPC releases annual list of Federally-funded obligated transportation projects” were distributed to the local media. The printed newsletter ”MORPC Connections” was distributed to over 3800 by mail and 450 at MORPC’s Summit on Sustainability. Once the Spanish versions are in, the newsletter will be distributed to the Columbus Metropolitan Libraries.