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## NOTICE OF A MEETING

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100  
COLUMBUS, OH 43215  
*BOARD ROOM***

Thursday, April 7, 2022  
1:30 p.m.

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## AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Erik Janas, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
  - Approval of **March 3, 2022 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock
4. **Committee Updates**
  - **Nominating Committee** – Chris Amorose Grooms
  - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joe Garrity
  - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Kerstin Carr
  - **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Thea Ewing
  - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Thea Ewing
5. **Proposed Resolution EC-02-22: “Renewing MORPC’s three-year GIS license agreement with ESRI for an annual cost of \$27,500, and adding two ArcGIS Urban Online Licenses for \$3,000 and one ArcGIS Hub Premium License for \$5,000”** – Kerstin Carr

William Murdock, AICP  
Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou  
Chair

Erik J. Janas  
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms  
Secretary

**6. Draft Commission Agenda**

**7. Other Business**

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is  
Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
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## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2022  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Location: MORPC Board Room

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### **Members Attending in Person**

Chris Amorose Groomes	Jennifer Gallagher	Nancy White
Karen Angelou	Erik Janas	
Michelle Crandall	Rory McGuiness	

### **Members Attending Remotely**

Jeff Benton	Kim Maggard	Joe Stefanov
Franklin Christman	David Scheffler	

### **MORPC Staff Attending in Person**

Kerstin Carr	Shawn Hufstedler	Anthony Perry
Thea Ewing	Níel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Amanda Frey	Eileen Leuby	Bevan Schneck
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Robert Williams

### **Welcome – Erik Janas**

Chair Erik Janas called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

### **Consent Agenda**

Jennifer Gallagher made a motion to approve the December 2, 2021 minutes, second by Rory McGuiness; motion passed.

Michelle Crandall made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes, second by Jennifer Gallagher; motion passed.

### **Executive Director's Report – William Murdock**

William Murdock reported MORPC Team Members are working to make the remote voting process as smooth as possible since the state is allowing it through June.

Mr. Murdock and Eileen Leuby continue with membership visits. Members are looking for extra capacity. The Intel announcement is causing excitement but can also be overwhelming at the same time to members. We are working on ways to help members get that capacity.

Over 100 people attended the Intel Project Listening Session last Thursday with an additional 50 plus online. Presenters included Kenny McDonald, New Albany and Licking County officials and MORPC Team Members. Kerstin Carr and Thea Ewing led the listening session and are working through the feedback to produce a summary of what we heard and what we believe communities are requesting. Housing is at the top of the list followed by several transportation/water issues and then workforce. Joe Stefanov shared that New Albany is committed to working regionally with all partners. The immediate challenge they are facing is trying to produce and share as much information as soon as possible, specifically for traffic/road improvements, to hopefully take the anxiety out of the conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity for the region to showcase our collective working relationships. Dr. Carr and Ms. Ewing are giving a debrief of the listening session at the Commission meeting.

MORPC's new Grants & Investment Officer, Abby Barnes, begins Monday, March 14.

MORPC held a meeting yesterday with the Columbus Partnership and Amtrak. We have been planning for this opportunity for ten years and are ready for it. We are seeking state support for the project. Amtrak sees our proposal as a real possibility. Infrastructure needs depend on where the stops are located. The Interregional Connections Committee wants to help identify regional station locations across the various lines and communities and to assist with design for any community. Most of the tracks are already in place. The other tracks will be part of the capital investment. For the immediate timeline, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is putting out rules in May. Amtrak will partner with corridors and states to go after those grants. If we are interested, we must get in line this year. We can submit multiple corridors for consideration. The FRA will identify who is in the plan by August and then they have a year to get the planning done. The first step is to go after grants. We would love to be a hub allowing us to have multiple routes out of Columbus.

The Rapid 5 project is moving to setup a nonprofit organization, possibly co-locating at MORPC. MORPC worked with ULI Columbus and Metro Parks to create a book with the Rapid 5 corridor designs.

Twenty-seven people are participating in the Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials training offered by the Ohio University Voinovich Academy. MORPC is hosting the first class on March 4.

The Strategic Framework Retreat for the Executive Committee is May 6.

The Ohio Director of Development Lydia Mihalik is the keynote speaker for the luncheon preceding next week's Commission meeting.

The State of the Region is March 16 in person at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The keynote speaker is Andy Berke, former Mayor of Chattanooga and recently appointed as Special Broadband Advisor to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Mr. Murdock congratulated Niel Jurist for being named a Diversity Champion in Central Ohio by Columbus Business First

### **Nominating Committee – Chris Amorose Groomes**

Chris Amorose Groomes thanked Nominating Committee members Jeff Benton, Mike Schadek, Franklin Christman, and Nancy White for their participation on this year's committee. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations:

- Nominees for Officers for one-year Officer Terms (expires 2023)
  - Chair: Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
  - Vice Chair: Chris Amorose Groomes, Council Member, City of Dublin
  - Secretary: Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
- Nominees for Executive Committee
  - Renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2023)
    - Joe Stefanov, Chair of Building Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
    - Karen Angelou, Immediate Past Chair of MORPC, Council Member, City of Gahanna
    - Kim Maggard, Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, Mayor, City of Whitehall
    - Rory McGuinness, Chair of Bylaws Committee, Deputy Director, City of Columbus

- Renewal of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2024)
  - Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
  - David Scheffler, Mayor, City of Lancaster
  - Greg Lestini, Attorney, Bricker & Eckler LLP, Franklin County Representative
  - Franklin Christman, Administrator, Village of Ashville
  - Chris Amorose Groomes, Council Member, City of Dublin

The recommendations will be presented for adoption at the April Commission meeting.

#### **Regional Data Advisory Committee – Kerstin Carr**

Kerstin Carr provided staff updates.

- The new Data Analyst is starting in three weeks.
- Initial interviews have started for the Data Director.
- Other open positions being posted soon include a Modeler, Research & Data Officer and the Sustainability & Air Quality Coordinator.
- Jonathan Miller is the new Senior Planner.

The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met Tuesday. Jonathan Miller was a member of the RDAC, which means that we now have another open member spot for the committee. RDAC is going to be important for the Intel project in thinking about data. The committee's Fiber Working Group collected several letters of interest regarding development of a local government municipal fiber network to share costs and connect with each other.

#### **Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity**

Joe Garrity shared the deadline for legislators to submit a project for the state capital budget is March 18. There may be more time to reach out to legislators due to redistricting issues. The capital budget will not happen before the May 3 primary.

MORPC is hosting the Columbus Region Coalition's annual strategic meeting on Friday. Congressman Mike Carey and his team are attending not only giving us an opportunity to hear from them but also giving us an opportunity to share regional priorities.

Congress may be reaching a consensus and have an omnibus appropriations bill by March 11.

Mr. Garrity is traveling to Washington, DC next week for the Association of Defense Communities Conference to elevate Rickenbacker and the Defense Supply Center and investigate forming intergovernmental support agreements for Central Ohio.

#### **Transportation Policy Committee – Thea Ewing**

Thea Ewing reported RAISE grant applications are due April 14. MORPC is coordinating an application with LinkUS for transit and transit infrastructure planning in relationship with Central Ohio Greenways. The RAISE grants have a minimum planning level of \$5 million – the minimum levels are normally much lower. We are working to package a group of projects together to hit the \$5 million minimum threshold. MORPC is also helping with applications from the City of Columbus on the Williams Road project and the Franklin County Engineer on the western trail connections project, which counts as a rural application.

The deadline for applications for the Transportation Improvement District grants is the end of March.

The Interregional Connections Committee kicked-off this month. The committee is trying to connect members and other stakeholders with projects that go outside the region, such as passenger rail, advanced air mobility, trail system, etc.

Ms. Ewing provided staff updates.

- Grants and Investment Officer begins March 14.
- Economic Development Planner begins March 7.
- Senior Planner begins March 14.
- Economic Development Officer Ted Geer has left to join One Columbus and lead their Intel work.

**Proposed Resolution 04-22: “Accepting the City of Mount Vernon as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock**

Chris Amorose Groomes made a motion to approve Resolution 04-22, second by Michelle Crandall; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution 05-22: “Accepting Jackson Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)” – William Murdock**

Jennifer Gallagher made a motion to approve Resolution 05-22, second by Chris Amorose Groomes; motion passed.

**Proposed Resolution EC-01-22: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with Advizex Technologies, LLC for infrastructure managed services” – Shawn Hufstедler**

Chris Amorose Groomes made a motion to approve Resolution EC-01-22, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

**Draft Commission Agenda**

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft March 10, 2022 Commission Meeting Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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Chris Amorose Groomes, Secretary  
**Executive Committee**



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## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Chris Amorose Grooms, Nominating Committee Chair

**DATE:** March 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Nomination of Executive Committee Members**

### Background:

In accordance with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement, the Commission will be notified at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting as to the nominees for MORPC's Officers and Executive Committee members.

The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:

"At least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee. Said Nominating Committee having been duly appointed and confirmed shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the COMMISSION, report the names of the candidates so nominated to the secretary. The secretary shall advise each member of the COMMISSION, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the annual meeting as to the nominees so selected. At the annual meeting, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall report the names so nominated. After this report is presented, nominations from the floor shall be invited. Such nominations must be seconded. The secretary then shall prepare ballots properly identifying the nominees, said ballots shall be distributed and tallied during the annual meeting by a temporary committee appointed for that purpose."

### The Nominating Committee Members:

As noted at the December 9, 2021 Commission meeting, Commission Chair Karen Angelou has appointed five members of the Nominating Committee.

- Chris Amorose Grooms, Committee Chair, City of Dublin
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township

William Murdock, AICP  
Executive Director

Rory McGuinness  
Chair

Karen J. Angelou  
Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas  
Secretary

### **Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:**

Several Executive Committee positions do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee. For information, these are listed below:

- 1) Immediate Past Chair:** Karen Angelou (2014), Council Member, City of Gahanna
  - 2) In second year of current two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2023)**
    - a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County
    - b) Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Director, Department of Public Service, City of Columbus
    - c) Erik Janas (2017), Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
    - d) Nancy White (2017), Administrator, Mifflin Township
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### **Nominating Committee Recommendations:**

The Nominating Committee convened on January 27, and made the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which will be reported at the March 10, 2022 Commission meeting and considered at the April 14, 2022 Commission meeting:

#### **The nominees for Officers for one-year Officer Terms (expires 2023)**

- **Chair:** Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
- **Vice-Chair:** Chris Amorose Groomes, Council Member, City of Dublin
- **Secretary:** Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard

#### **The nominees for Executive Committee are:**

##### **1) For renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2023)**

- a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Building Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
- b) Karen Angelou (2014), Past Chair of MORPC, Council Member, City of Gahanna
- c) Kim Maggard (2015), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, Mayor, City of Whitehall
- d) Rory McGuinness (2012), Chair of Bylaws Committee, Deputy Director, City of Columbus

##### **2) For renewal of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2024):**

- a) Michelle Crandall (2020), City Manager, City of Hilliard
  - b) David Scheffler (2020), Mayor, City of Lancaster
  - c) Greg Lestini (2018), Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attorney, Franklin County representative
  - d) Franklin Christman (2018), Administrator, Village of Ashville
  - e) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), Council Member, City of Dublin
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### **Notes:**

- 1) The year after each name refers to the first year of the member's current service on the Executive Committee. For example, Joe Smith (2017) means that Joe Smith's first term began in 2017 and he has served continuously since then.
- 2) Per the bylaws, Executive Committee members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms. One-year extensions are available if serving as an officer or committee chair.





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## Memorandum

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Executive Committee

**FROM:** Kerstin Carr  
Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Planning Department

**DATE:** April 1, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Resolution EC-02-22: “Renewing MORPC’s three-year GIS license agreement with ESRI for an annual cost of \$27,500, and adding two ArcGIS Urban Online Licenses for \$3,000 and one ArcGIS Hub Premium Licenses for \$5,000”**

This resolution authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with ESRI to provide a license for ArcGIS On Line software at the ‘small government and county’ rate of \$27,500 per year for a three year period along with two licenses of ArcGIS Urban Online for \$1,500 each and one license of ArcGIS Hub Premium for \$5,000, for a total agreement price of \$90,500.

MORPC has been using ESRI GIS software since the early 1990s for the purposes of data analysis and displaying information in the form of maps to make geographic information more comprehensible. MORPC is recognized as a regional source for data and information and is the lead agency in coordinating data collection and sharing. The software has become increasingly sophisticated over time and is used by most our members and partner organizations.

GIS is more than a mapping software, but it is also a tool for data management. MORPC continues to expand its GIS applications to function as the regional host for core datasets that can be synonymously updated through remote editing by other agencies. This service reduces redundancy in data collection and increases access to accurate, current, and comprehensive information across jurisdictional boundaries. One example includes the Franklin County Location Based Response System (LBRS) which allows for center lines and address data to be edited onsite by a number of other communities.

Over the past few years, MORPC has also utilized the software’s storytelling capabilities to bring data to life and better share information via so-called story maps. And finally, as recent as last year, MORPC has embarked on an effort to 3D map all of Franklin County’s development using ESRI’s new ArcGIS Urban software. This software also allows for impact analyses that will prove useful for both local and regional planning projects, including LinkUs.

Attachment: Resolution EC-02-22

## RESOLUTION EC-02-22

**“Renewing MORPC’s three-year GIS license agreement with ESRI for an annual cost of \$27,500, and adding two ArcGIS Urban Online Licenses for \$3,000 and one ArcGIS Hub Premium License for \$5,000”**

WHEREAS, MORPC has been using ESRI GIS software since the early 1990s for data analysis and to provide visual displays of spatial data for the communities and residents of Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been expanding its GIS applications to include online story maps and remote editing of core regional data sets by member governments to encourage regional access to current, complete, and accurate data; and

WHEREAS, MORPC and several members have started to use ESRI’s relatively new ArcGIS Urban online platform to allow for 3D dimensional geographical display as well as impact analyses of developments and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, ESRI is the provider of industry standard GIS software used by MORPC and many of the GIS offices of its members; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the Executive Director is authorized to enter into an agreement with ESRI to provide a license for ArcGIS On Line software at the ‘small government and county’ rate of \$27,500 per year for a three year period along with two licenses of ArcGIS Urban Online for \$1,500 each and one license of ArcGIS Hub Premium for \$5,000 for a total agreement price of \$90,500.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this committee.
- Section 3. 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 4. 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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Effective date: April 7, 2022  
Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Planning Department  
Prepared by: Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Planning Department  
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21  
For action date: April 7, 2022