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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMISSION MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
TOWN HALL

Thursday, August 11, 2022
1:30 p.m.

Remote Option

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AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m.
1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
 3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
 4. **Economic Development Update** – Megan Stein, MORPC Economic Development Officer

Committees

5. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
 - Programming – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **June 9, 2022 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - d. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment** – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
6. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
7. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
8. **Commission Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of **June 9, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **Proposed Resolution 10-22: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into, administer, and/or sub-allocate contracts for approximately \$1.56 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding and additional local funding”**
 - c. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee
9. **Other Business**
10. **Adjourn** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

2:45 p.m.

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IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report

June/July 2022

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DRIVE INVESTMENT

Federal Competitive Programs

The Reconnecting Communities Pilots (RCP) discretionary grant program opened in July. This program provides up to \$195 million for public engagement, planning activities, capital construction projects, and technical assistance to reconnect communities where transportation infrastructure has created barriers. Visit the RCP Program website at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities> to access the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and learn about eligibility, funding, application and submission processes, and evaluation criteria. The application submission deadline is Thursday, October 13. The RCP Program welcomes applications from diverse eligible applicants regardless of size, location, and experience administering Federal funding awards.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

MORPC began meeting with counties to discuss updates to CAP projects, which will be formalized in the fall of 2022. In partnership with One Columbus, MORPC will work to support counties to update CAP project lists and to work collaboratively to identify funding to support projects.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Team Members began visiting each of the 11 Counties in the CEDS. The purpose of the visits is to 1) introduce new economic development staff to county leaders; 2) provide an update on CEDS progress; 3) share a funding opportunity update; and 4) request a letter of support for MORPC's Economic Development District (EDD) designation.

MORPC has received several requests for support from neighboring local governments who are beginning the process of securing EDD designation. Both Toledo and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission have reached out for guidance.

Brownfield Assessments

MORPC's grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to move forward with projects moving into new phases. The Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP) for Gladden house was issued June 9. Phase II field work began at Gladden House June 21.

MORPC began to strategize on an approach for the U.S. EPA Brownfield funding release for the Fall of 2022.

Defense

In July, Senator Brown inserted an \$8 million earmark for the Rickenbacker firing range into the MILCON/VA Appropriations bill. While the bill faces an uncertain fate this year, this was a huge next step in our effort to get this project funded.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Team Members continue to consult recent planning documents that might impact the review and update of goals and objectives for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) plan. Staff facilitated an interagency consultation for a new air quality conformity determination related to a proposed amendment to the 2020-2050 MTP to add projects in New Albany related to the Intel development. Team Members continue to compile data for the 2022 MTP Report Card.

US 23 Connect Study

MORPC continues to work with ODOT, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, and the consultant team on Phase B of the study. Phase B continues the engagement and analysis of the Route 23 Connect Study and narrows its focus to identify opportunities for smaller improvements along U.S. 23 that are impactful sooner. The study team is developing a new Public Engagement Plan and Study Fact Sheet.

Transportation Review Advisory Council

Team Members are evaluating TRAC applications submitted within the MPO region to develop a regional priority list of projects. Concurrently, MORPC is seeking public comment on projects through Friday, August 12. More information on each application may be found at morpc.org/funding. All comments must be submitted by e-mail to info@morpc.org or in writing to Elliott Lewis, Re: TRAC Public Input, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215.

RAPID 5

In late June, RAPID 5 announced the addition of Jennifer Peterson as Chief Operating Officer. Peterson was previously the Chief Executive at Easton. Over the next few months, RAPID 5 will continue to evolve as its own non-profit and will host listening sessions in the community. Stay up to date with RAPID 5 news and events at <https://www.rapid5.org/>. Chief Regional Strategy Officer Kerstin Carr, MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative, can be contacted at KCarr@morpc.org.

LinkUs Mobility Initiative

Partners released the LinkUS Community Action Plan in June. The plan lays out five steps for the region to advance mobility and development for the future.

On June 10, MORPC hosted the first Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) workshop for COTA service area municipalities to begin forming this new group. MORPC hosted the second TSI workshop July 22.

Team Members continue to participate in the Downtown Convergence Planning Study and will assist with traffic modeling exercises.

Team Members met with Homer Carlise, staff to the U.S. Senate Banking Housing and Urban Development Committee, to discuss local funding mechanisms to compete for a federal Capital Investments Grant Program for corridors consistent with the LinkUS initiative.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

MORPC accepted deliveries of two vans for the Columbus Chamber of Human Services (Open Door Columbus). Three fiscal year 2021 5310 grant awards were executed with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$1.5 million in enhanced mobility funding. Team Members continue to monitor the production timelines for transit vehicles and pricing for future vehicle purchases. Fiscal year 2021 awards were initiated by the end of July 2022.

CORPO

Team Members assisted with the following:

- Fairfield County – proposed update to the County's Active Transportation Plan
- Union County – possible development of the Cardinal Trail Route
- Regional Trail Town Steering Committee Central Ohio Greenways
- Knox County – development of an economic strategy scope of work which will better prepare the county for the arrival of Intel to the region. The approach and processes that Knox County is using was shared by Knox County officials with regional partners at an Intel-related meeting held at MORPC in late July.
- Recipients of the CORPO Dedicated Funds program – coordinate meetings with ODOT

ODOT, CORPO and other Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) met to discuss Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) related responsibilities that will occur this year. ODOT recently issued guidance on rural consultation which will be utilized in the coming months.

Team Members received two applications from CORPO members for the ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding program and will evaluate the projects. A memo was sent to CORPO stakeholders detailing the proposed TRAC projects and CORPO's role in submitting priorities.

MORPC Attributable Funding

MORPC received commitment updates on July 8 and screened applications for new funding requests on July 15. Team Members are working to provide feedback on screening applications in advance of the final application due date on September 28.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

OPWC was allocated more than \$30 million for state fiscal year 2024 in loans and grants for local infrastructure projects in ODOT District 3/Franklin County through the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). Application materials are posted on MORPC's website. Eligible projects include improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities. The Public Works Integrating Committee for District 3 will recommend funding awards for projects that are scheduled to begin construction between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. Completed applications for all applicants in District 3 are due by 5 p.m., Friday, September 2.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Round 17 of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund kicks off with an applicant workshop on October 3 at 1:30 p.m. The goal of the workshop is to introduce new applicants to the application process for the next funding cycle. Preliminary Screeners are due December 9. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye at eteve@morpc.org.

PAY IT FORWARD

National Association of Regional Councils

MORPC hosted the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) 56th Annual Conference & Exhibition June 12-15 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Congressman Mike Carey spoke June 13 and Lt. Governor John Husted spoke June 14.

Ohio Conference on Freight

MORPC hosted the Ohio Conference on Freight June 15-16 at the Columbus Convention Center. The 2022 conference theme was *Unboxing Our Future*.

Social Media Summit

The Annual Social Media Summit was August 2 at MORPC's offices. This year's summit, **Connecting & Engaging Communities Through Social Media**, featured speakers from Homage, The Ohio State University, and the Saunders PR Group. The event attracted more than 80 communications professionals from across the Central Ohio Region.

Events

Upcoming Events:

- OARC Gubernatorial Luncheon – August 26, Hilton Columbus Downtown. Both gubernatorial candidates, Governor Mike DeWine and former mayor Nan Whaley, are confirmed to speak. Registration is open and more information is available [here](#).
- Summit on Sustainability – October 14, Hilton Columbus Downtown. The theme is **Transforming Our Future**. Registration will open soon.
- 2023 State of the Region – April 6, 2023, Hilton Downtown Columbus.

Member Briefings, Events and Visits:

- MORPC Night at the Clippers – June 14 – was attended by MORPC Alumni, NARC guests, Commission members, interns, and MORPC Team Members
- New Board member orientation – June 9
- The Regional Impact of LinkUS – June 23
- RURAL TWO FORUM – Trail Town Visioning in Mount Vernon – July 13
- Central Ohio Regional Collaboration in Worthington – July 19
- Eleven member visits and two prospective member visits

Local Government Summer Internship Program

- Completed second orientation for six late start interns
- Provided a Career Planning Forum for interns
- Provided a forum on the documentary “Represent”
- Held field trips for Easton Future Vision Fellows & Summer interns

Public Involvement & Engagement

In June and July, MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media:

- [Notice of LinkUS Public Forums and Meetings](#)
- [Capa Heat Watch Mapping Study Participant Request](#)
- [Call for applications for Public Works Projects in Franklin County](#) (also featured on MORPC's [website](#) and in the [eSource Newsletter](#))
- [ODOT & DriveOhio National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Draft Plan](#)
- [2022 TRAC Projects](#) (also featured on MORPC's [website](#) and in the [eSource Newsletter](#))
- [Call for public comment on a proposed amendment to the 2020-2050 MTP](#) (also featured on MORPC's [website](#))

Team Members promoted Riverfest, Juneteenth, Pride Month, and our Weatherization programs through TikTok videos that increase engagement and promote inclusivity. View our videos [here](#).

CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Diversity & Inclusion

On June 25, MORPC partnered with Columbus City Council, COTA, CRIS, and the Columbus Council on World Affairs to host the Inaugural Columbus International Summit. The goal of the summit was to provide resources to our immigrant, migrant, and refugee communities while putting an emphasis on the diverse cultures that make our region a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family. The event was promoted on social media and our website. Highlights of the day included:

- A naturalization ceremony, facilitated by Chief Judge Algernon L. Marbley, where more than 50 individuals were granted United States citizenship.
- Community partners hosted panel discussions addressing transportation, housing, and education.
- More than 40 organizations, vendors and social service agencies – including MORPC – were present to share community resources with constituents.

MORPC is participating in Clean Fuels Ohio's Equity-Focused Community Collaboration committee. Through this new initiative, Clean Fuels Ohio is partnering with underinvested, low income, and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities to apply expertise toward finding sustainable transportation solutions.

MORPC is participating in the August 13 National African American Male Wellness Walk, an annual 5K that benefits the African American Male Wellness Agency. The agency works to reduce disparities in premature death and chronic diseases by offering free health screenings and innovative educational programs. Team Members are being part of MORPC's passion team as walkers, as well as interacting with community members at our resource table.

MORPC was recognized by COMTO Columbus with a 2022 scholarship award in our name. Team Members attended the “*Mobilizing Equity in the Transportation Industry*” scholarship luncheon to support diverse students interested in the transportation field who were receiving scholarships.

Transportation Safety

MORPC and Franklin County Public Health completed three Complete Streets Safety Audits with the Cities of Reynoldsburg, Whitehall, and Grove City. Each jurisdiction received a Summary Report detailing the audit findings and an implementation plan laying out recommended treatments and available resources/opportunities for enacting safety improvements in the study areas.

Team Members began providing safety analysis assistance to Franklin Township analyzing the crash history and existing conditions along the Township’s stretch of W. Broad St. This positions them to apply for a formal safety study of the corridor. Next steps include drafting a formal report for existing conditions and initiating coordination with ODOT.

Team Members continue assisting members with the federal discretionary grant program Safe Streets 4 All.

Regional Housing Strategy (RHS)

Team members shared the RHS with various audiences throughout the region, including Fairfield County, Knox County, and Genoa Township.

MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops for those interested in a housing workshop for their community’s elected officials, staff, or community leaders. Team Members will assist with designing the agenda and recommend speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jennifer Noll for more information at JNoll@morpc.org.

Technical Assistance Program

Work is well underway with the four communities that received technical assistance awards.

- City of Columbus – Team Members joined the City on an Engineer’s Bike Ride which surveyed the on-the-ground conditions of various downtown streets from a bicyclist’s perspective. Findings from this activity will be utilized to further inform analyses of the identified route alternatives and the specific infrastructural and funding opportunities they may afford.
- City of Dublin – On June 2, MORPC and the City hosted a trail access & connectivity workshop with key local and northwest area stakeholders. The workshop identified specific multi-jurisdictional opportunities that are well-suited for further study and coordination with other planning efforts, such as LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI). These opportunities were further explored during a site visit of the identified routes.
- Metro Parks – Metro Parks is coordinating with key stakeholders to assess the feasibility of potential trail extension alignments that abut or intersect their properties from Scioto Audubon Park south to I-270. Team Members are engaged in an alternatives analysis that will scrutinize and critically compare the various alignments identified so far.
- City of Sunbury – Team Members attended the City’s June 27 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to host a trail access & connectivity workshop with key local and regional stakeholders. Staff and stakeholders explored opportunities and barriers to filling in the gaps in the Ohio to Erie Trail and better connecting the trail to key locations in and around the city. Staff also engaged in a site visit and hosted a public workshop.

Mobility Management

Team Members engaged in local and regional meetings to coordinate follow through with strategies identified in the Human Service Transportation Coordinated Plan (HSTC) for ODOT Region 6. A benchmarking activity was designed and delivered by MORPC to county stakeholders. This activity will occur quarterly and will support the annual update of the plan and reporting to ODOT.

Team Members continue to work with Ohio mobility managers and the Ohio Department of Transportation on Gohio Mobility, the statewide specialized transportation search tool.

Gohio Commute

Team Members formed a new vanpool traveling to the Zanesville VA Clinic. This is our first vanpool to the Zanesville VA Clinic.

MORPC participated in the Columbus Chamber's Experience Series panel about employee benefits to educate companies about the importance of providing transportation benefits as part of their employee benefit package.

Team Members worked with the Army National Guard to set up their vanpool program in Central Ohio.

Team Members updated the Central Ohio Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan for 2022-2024.

The Gohio Commute program continues to run a marketing campaign focused specifically on vanpooling and carpooling. This program is being promoted on two highway billboards, as well as music streaming service, Spotify. Other outreach activities include:

- Ohio to Work Human Resource Leaders Meeting presentation
- Grove City Human Resource Committee Meeting presentation
- 10TV interview

Regional Data Advisory Committee

The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met June 7. Meeting notes are available [here](#). The next meeting is September 13.

- The Capacity Building & Partnership Working Group continues to plan the September 15 Data Day event. The Working Group met in late July to review details, the planning progress, and to finalize the event agenda.
- The Local Government Resources Working Group is creating an online resource hub for data policy resources. Members are encouraged to share resources or recommendations for resources with the Working Group. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group is collecting letters of intent.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) is meeting September 7.

Data & Mapping

Team Members explored ways to standardize data tools and workflows and to improve data and workflow version control and documentation.

Team Members are preparing 2022 member community population estimates which will be made available to members and the public via the MORPC Population Hub.

Team Members will represent Central Ohio at the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership annual meeting in October.

Sustainability

MORPC hosted the June 22 resident-based Environmental Sustainability Forum, a group comprised of residents who serve on local government advisory boards, committees, and commissions that are focused on sustainability issues. The group heard from Solar United Neighbors about the Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op which launched July 12.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met June 8. Meeting notes are available [here](#).

Sustainable2050

Sustainable2050 met June 17 at the Darby Nature Center. Thank you to Metro Parks, especially Executive Director Tim Moloney and Tatiana Parfenova, for hosting the meeting. Presentations featured efforts to protect native species and the vision for RAPID 5. In addition, MORPC welcomed two new Sustainable2050 members: the City of Lancaster and the Village of Shawnee Hills. Membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Please contact MORPC's Sustainability Officer, Brandi Whetstone at BWhetstone@morpc.org for more information.

Central Ohio Greenways

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met July 20. The meeting agenda is available [here](#).

The Outdoor Trails Passport, a program in collaboration with Experience Columbus, is live. Residents and visitors are invited to access the passport online any time they explore a Greenways trail. By checking in at locations across the COG network, passport users become eligible to win prizes.

COG Board members and partners continue to advance the Trail Town Framework planning effort. The project remains on track for completion in the Summer of 2022. Team Members are working to secure funding for an Urban Trail Town Framework that will expand on the work of the Trail Town efforts in progress.

Team Members secured funding from ODOT for a wayfinding study that will launch in late 2022.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met June 22. Meeting materials are available [here](#). The next meeting is August 24.

Riverfest

MORPC partnered with Columbus Metro Parks, Franklin County Engineer's Office, and RAPID 5 at the Columbus Arts Festival to host Riverfest June 11-12, promoting the event through social media and our website.

Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team met July 21. Members are finalizing two upcoming events:

- The Scioto Watershed Whole Farm Conservation Event – August 16, Waldo, Ohio. Discussion topics include “*Return on Investment of Conservation Practices*” and “*Incentive & Cost Share Opportunities*.” The event is open to agronomists, conservation professionals, and farmers. For registration and more details, please contact Brent Nicol at Brent.nicol@TNC.ORG.
- A webinar on the Future of the Scioto Watershed is tentatively scheduled for August 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Air Quality

After nearly two years of no alerts, MORPC issued four Air Quality Alerts during the month of June. Air Quality Index (AQI) levels observed in June 2022 were Good on 14 days, Moderate on 13 days, and Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) on 3 days. The AQI reached 143 on June 21 due to ozone, which is the highest AQI for ozone in Central Ohio since July 2, 2012. The conditions leading to high ozone AQI levels included a strong ridge of high pressure aloft that limited atmospheric mixing, elevated ozone precursors due to smoke, high temperatures in the mid-90s that enhanced ozone development, and light winds that limited dispersion. AQI levels also reached USG on June 25 and 29 as wildfire smoke from the West and hot temperatures lingered over the Ohio Valley for the last week of the month.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

On June 8, Energy & Air Quality Working Group leadership presented the group's Senate Bill 52 Education, Engagement & Empowerment Strategy to the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC). SAC approved the Senate Bill 52 strategy. The next step is to work with the Public Policy Roundtable as they develop their 2023-2024 public policy agenda.

The Working Group met July 26. Meeting topics included updates from MORPC on policy, Senate Bill 52 strategy, and air quality alerts; statewide picture on air quality alerts; and a presentation from David Celebrezze of Columbus GreenSpot detailing data collection and research for the Columbus-Franklin County Urban Heat Island Project.

Energy Planning

MORPC is working on two solar co-ops that will be made available to its members:

- The Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op launched July 12 at the Linden Community Center. City of Columbus Council member Emmanuel Remy, City of Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler, Solar United Neighbor Program Associate Mryia Williams, and the IMPACT Empowered! Program participant Ras

Jahlani Benlevi spoke about the importance of empowering residents and communities with this solar co-op. The co-op will help residents be a part of the solution toward mitigating the effects of a changing climate. The solar co-op is open to all residents who live in Franklin County. If interested in learning more and possibly joining the co-op, please visit solarunitedneighbors.org/columbus.

- The Regional Schools Energy Strategy (ReSES) is an opportunity for schools, school districts, and local governments to purchase solar power through a solar power purchase agreement co-op. MORPC is in discussions with interested entities. If any local government or school leader is interested, please contact Brian Filiatraut at BFiliatraut@morpc.org.

The Rickenbacker Energy Consortium met July 13 and heard from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) and the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (CFCFA). Each provided an overview of their organization and how they could help start fruitful public and private partnerships in the Rickenbacker area.

On July 19, MORPC hosted the Central Ohio stakeholder meeting to present the draft statewide electric vehicle strategy to unlock National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funds. Ohio will receive over \$100 million across the next five years for direct current fast chargers (DCFC) to be installed along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. DriveOhio and ODOT are working with a broad set of stakeholders across the state and submitted Ohio's plan August 1. The draft Ohio NEVI Program plan is available for review and public comment on the DriveOhio website at [Ohio Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan](#).

WarmChoice® and HWAP Programs

The new software system, Neighborly, goes live in early August

New WarmChoice applicant interest is low. The postcard campaign, started earlier in the spring, is continuing with batches of 800 to 1,000 postcards sent to potentially qualified residences in June and July. The campaign has had some success since its start.

A new Field Technician position was filled in June to help offset the current, low client application rate. The Field Technician began working on jobs that had been stalled and is responsible for completing over twenty jobs in July.

MORPC met its HWAP Program Year 2021-2022 goal of 59 jobs (18 of which were completed in June). MORPC is one of only a few providers that successfully completed their annual goal. Initial inspections have been steady. We are expecting to be above production expectations for HWAP. During slow times, MORPC inspectors will train in performing HWAP final inspections.

The Home Repair Program recently received a grant of \$60,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust. Fourteen homes were started under the Lead Safe Program. Training dates were set for the new Healthy Homes Grant. The date is set for the second meeting concerning contractor recruitment. The new Rehab Tech position was filled.

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

Finance Updates

The Executive Committee approved the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report at the June 2 Executive Committee meeting. The report was submitted to and accepted by the Auditor of State without comment. MORPC received a clean report with no findings. MORPC submitted the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers Association.

MORPC also earned the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. MORPC earned this award as a local government filing on time and receiving a clean audit opinion, with no findings, and no management letter.

MORPC in the News

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews.

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- HR Temp Shea Wenger began June 1
- HR Director Andrea Doolittle began June 6
- Residential Services Field Technician Ralph Anderson began June 6
- Residential Technician Willy Gibson began June 13
- Agency Wide Administrative Assistant Robin Underwood began July 6
- Energy & Sustainability Summer Intern Christopher Lee began July 11

MORPC is currently recruiting for eight (8) open positions:

- Associate Planner (2)
- Grants Intern
- Field Technician
- Associate or Senior Level Planner/Modeler/ Engineer
- Director of Data Analytics & Strategy
- Executive Scheduler
- Public Information Specialist

The following are in the interviewing or offering stage, or onboarding soon:

- Public Policy Coordinator
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Leadership for America Fellow

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at <http://www.morpc.org/careers/>.

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- Traffic Counts for MORPC Regional Model Validation, closed June 27

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/rfps-rfqqs/>.



**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 9, 2022
Time: 2:22 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present In Person

Karen Angelou	Chris Harkness	Eric Meyer
Lee Bodnar	Tom Homan	Cornell Robertson
Ron Bullard	Matt Huffman	Lauren Rummel
Ben Collins	Laurie Jadwin	Elissa Schneider
Tina Cottone	Erik Janas	Kim Sharp for
Karl Craven	James Jewell	Joanna Pinkerton
Kristen Easterday	Ben Kessler	Thom Slack
Brad Ebersole	Steve Mazer	Ike Stage
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Dana McDaniel	Christie Ward
Jennifer Gallagher	Rozland McKee	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Barry Adler	LaGrieta Holloway	Bonnie Michael
Chris Amorose Grooms	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Eric Richter
Joe Begeny	Emily Keeler	Ryan Rivers
Jeff Benton	Benjamin King	Isaac Robinson
Greg Butcher	Glenn Marzluf	Make Schadek
Mike Ebert	Rory McGuinness	Joe Stefanov

Commission Members Present In Person

Joe Antram	David Kell	David Scheffler
Franklin Christman	Bill Narducci	Chris Schenk
Bill Habig	Brent Russell	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Stephanie Bosco	Eric Phillips	Jim Stanley
Shane Farnsworth	Rob Slane	RC Wise

Associate Members Present In Person

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Abby Barnes	Ralonda Hampton	Jennifer Noll
Andrea Doolittle	James Holley	Lexi Petrella
Thea Ewing	Shawn Hufstедler	Adam Porr
Xander Fay	Ethan Hug	Chuck Ratliff
Mary Ann Frantz	Niel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Amanda Frey	Eileen Leuby	Brandi Whetstone
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Jake Buchanan	John Gardocki	Anabel Pederson
Letitia Cetina	Kenneth Harvey	Anthony Perry
Brian Filiatraut	Elliott Lewis	Shea Wegner

Guests Present in Person

Jacob Reed, City of Grove City	Andy Ware, Morrow County
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter	

Guests Attending Remotely

Marcus Duemmel, City of Bexley	Stacy Lapso, Blendon Township
Mark Forrest, CORPO Chair	Jack Liggett, City of Johnstown
Preston Frick, Perry County	John Price, Summer Intern
Megan Goldstein, City of Grandview Heights	Devayani Puranik, COTA
Donovan Harvey	Emma Qazi, City of Grandview Heights
Mike Kelly, Bloom Township	Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Joseph Laborie, Jefferson Township	Nick Soulas, FCEO

Abby Thiel, City of Hilliard

Brent Welch, FCEO

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Erik Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:22 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Programming – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming**

Thea Ewing reported a copy of the [LinkUS Community Action Plan](#) was provided for members at each seat. Pages 14-17 list the recommendations. Tomorrow MORPC is hosting two workshops for communities on the LinkUS system to talk about transit, supportive infrastructure and capital improvement planning. The COTA Board is still considering whether to include a ballot issue in November.

The application deadline for the Safe Streets and Roads for All, known as S4A, is September 15. The federal grant is for the creation of action plans or projects focused on safety.

Attributable Funds commitment letters are due July 8. Screening applications are due July 15 and final applications are due September 28.

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) online portal is open for applications. The District 3 application deadline is September 2.

Ms. Ewing gave an overview of the [2022 Transportation Review Advisory Council Applications](#) including the process, projects and timeline.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Karen Angelou made a motion to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Brad Ebersole; motion passed.

2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Thea Ewing, MORPC Chief Regional Development Officer & Senior Director of Programming

Thea Ewing reviewed the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals & Objectives](#). The goals are broad vision statements that guide the plan development. There are two to four objectives for each goal listing what needs to be done to achieve the goal. One or more measures for each objective help us determine if we are making progress. The public comment period opens in August. The goals will be presented for adoption at the September Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Maria Schaper is the lead MORPC Planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: July 26, 2022

SUBJECT: **"AMENDING THE 2020-2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN"**

To support the development of the proposed Intel site and the resulting regional growth, state and local agencies have committed to advancing area roadway network improvements. This amendment is proposed to incorporate the corridor information resulting from the planned state and local Intel-related investments.

For one freeway project already identified in the 2020-2050 MTP, the limit will be extended to the west and the cost estimate will be updated to reflect recent design work. Nine projects that were not previously included in the MTP are proposed to be added as part of this amendment. These projects are all listed and mapped in the attachment along with more information on fiscal balance and air quality conformity.

A formal public comment period on the proposed amendment began on July 15, 2022 and will be open through August 15, 2022.

Committees will be asked to act on a resolution amending the 2020-2050 MTP in September. The amendment and the revised MTP, including the revised project listing, maps, fiscal balance information, air quality conformity documentation and other amendment-related changes, will be placed on the website once the resolution to amend the MTP has been approved.

Attachment: Summary of Proposed Amendment

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2020-2050 COLUMBUS AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Proposed Amendment to Modify One Project and Add Nine Projects

This amendment is to modify the limits and adjust the cost estimate and construction timeframe of one Freeway project and add nine projects to the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Background

In early 2022, Intel, a multinational technology company, announced that it has selected a site in the Licking County portion of the New Albany International Business Park as the location for a \$20 billion+ chip manufacturing project. The company plans to build two state-of-the-art factories by 2025.

The megaproject, which will be the largest single private sector company investment in Ohio's history, is expected to generate thousands of jobs in the state, including direct Intel jobs, jobs supporting chip manufacturing, and construction jobs in New Albany.

To support the development of the site and the resulting regional growth, state and local agencies have committed to advancing area roadway network improvements.

MTP Project Changes

For one freeway project already identified in the 2020-2050 MTP, the limit will be extended to the west and the cost estimate will be updated to reflect recent design work. The construction timeframe will also advance to reflect ODOT's project delivery timeline.

This project is:

- MTP ID 464: SR-161 from I-270 (*previously Harlem Rd.*) to US-62, Add one lane each direction

The following projects that were not previously included in the MTP are proposed to be added as part of this amendment:

- MTP ID 1840: I-270 from SR-161 to SR-3; Add one lane in northbound direction
- MTP ID 1841: Green Chapel Rd. from US 62 to Clover Valley Rd; Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway
- MTP ID 1842: Green Chapel Rd. from Clover Valley Rd. to Mink St; Widen road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes total both directions with complete street facilities
- MTP ID 1843: Mink St. from SR-161 eastbound ramps to Green Chapel Rd; Widen road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes total both directions with complete street facilities
- MTP ID 1844: Harrison Rd. Extension from Clover Valley Rd. to Mink St.; New Roadway 1 lane(s) each direction with complete street facilities
- MTP ID 1845: Clover Valley Rd. from Jug St. to Green Chapel Rd. Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway
- MTP ID 1846: Beech Rd. from Innovation Corridor Way to Jug St.; Widen road from 2 to 4 lanes total both directions with complete street facilities

- MTP ID 1847: Beech Rd. from Jug St. to US-62; Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway
- MTP ID 1848: Miller Rd. from Beech Rd. to Clover Valley Rd; Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway

Figures 1 and 2, below and on the following pages, represent the projects as they will be included in the amended MTP.

Figure 1: Project Descriptions, Estimated Construction Time Frame, and Cost Estimate

MTP ID	Project Description	Year	Cost Estimate (YOE \$)
464	SR-161 from <i>I-270</i> to US-62, <i>Add one lane each direction</i>	2024	\$65.8 million
1840	<i>I-270 from SR-161 to SR-3; Add one lane in northbound direction</i>	2024	\$19.8 million
1841	<i>Green Chapel Rd. from US 62 to Clover Valley Rd; Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway</i>	2024	\$19.5 million
1842	<i>Green Chapel Rd. from Clover Valley Rd. to Mink St; Widen road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes total both directions with complete street facilities</i>	2024	\$19.5 million
1843	<i>Mink St. from SR-161 eastbound ramps to Green Chapel Rd; Widen road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes total both directions with complete street facilities</i>	2024	\$38.4 million
1844	<i>Harrison Rd. Extension from Clover Valley Rd. to Mink St.; New Roadway 1 lane(s) each direction with complete street facilities</i>	2024	\$9.5 million
1845	<i>Clover Valley Rd. from Jug St. to Green Chapel Rd. Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway</i>	2024	\$15.9 million
1846	<i>Beech Rd. from Innovation Corridor way to Jug St.; Widen road from 2 to 4 lanes total both directions with complete street facilities</i>	2030	\$9.3 million
1847	<i>Beech Rd. from Jug St. to US-62; Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway</i>	2030	\$16.1 million
1848	<i>Miller Rd. from Beech Rd. to Clover Valley Rd; Add turn lanes and complete street facilities to 2 lane roadway</i>	2030	\$13.7 million

Bold italics = new or changed project components

Fiscal Balance

The 2020-2050 MTP identifies \$31.8 billion in expected resources for transportation projects through 2050 and has identified \$30.3 billion in project costs. The refined and added project cost estimates associated with the projects proposed in this amendment fall within that \$1.5 billion surplus.

Air Quality Conformity

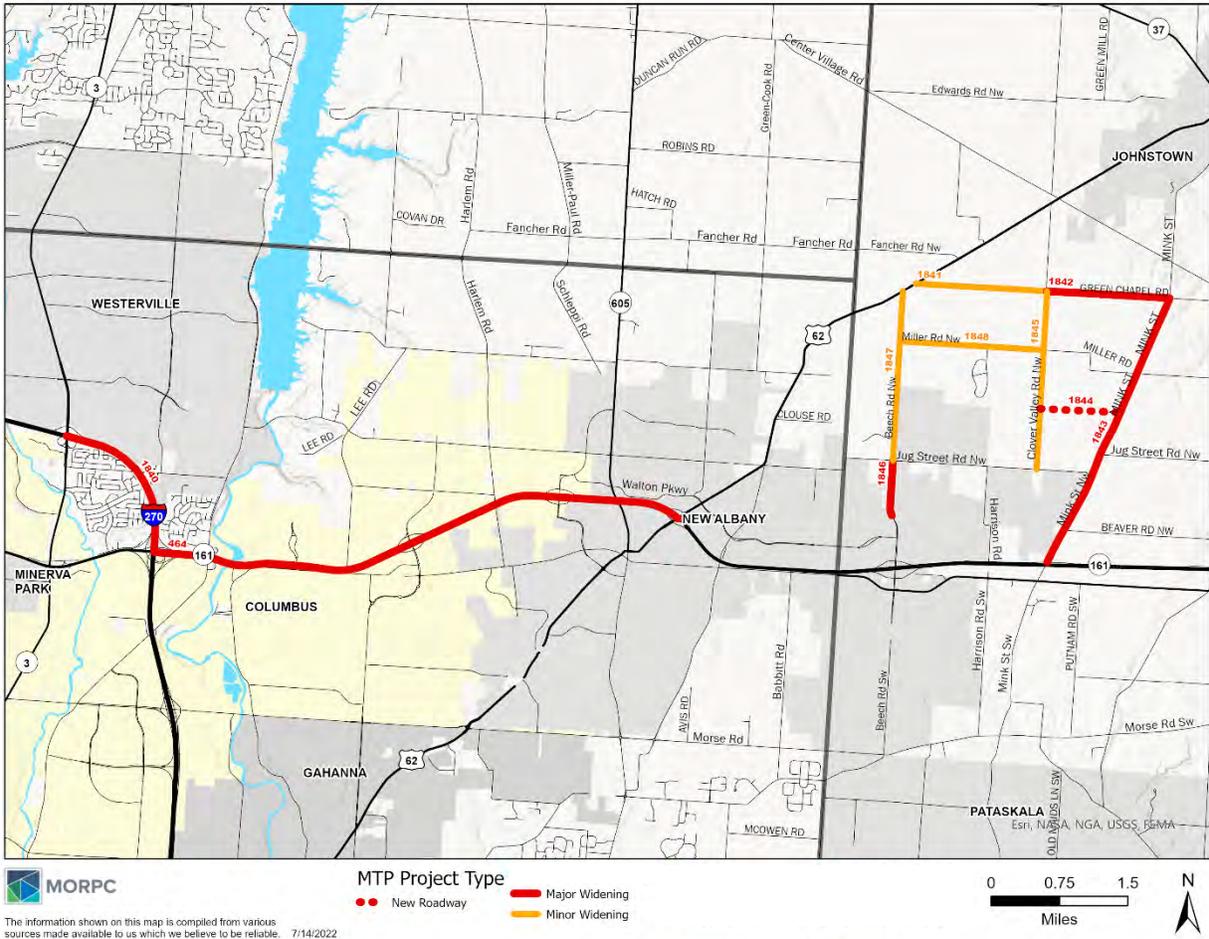
Due to the significance of the proposed changes to the MTP, it is federally required to do an analysis to confirm the projects included in the amended MTP do not lead to violations in the air quality standard or delay obtaining the standard. This is called a conformity determination. The incorporation of the projects in the proposed amendments into the conformity analysis has been completed. In addition to the project changes, the latest planning assumptions regarding 2050 population and employment for the region were adjusted to reflect the committed known direct impacts of the Intel development. Approximately 8,600 people and 8,500 employees were added to the 2050 forecast and allocated to locations expected to experience immediate direct impacts from the development. Appendix B of the 2020-2050 MTP has been updated accordingly and shows the amended MTP is in conformity.

Public Involvement

This amendment packet and the revised conformity determination appendix is being made available for a 30-day comment period through August 15, 2022. The proposed amendment can be viewed at morpc.org/mtp2050. Comments can be submitted by email to mtp@morpc.org or in writing to MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Attn: Maria Schaper, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2022.

The amendment and the revised MTP, including the revised project listing, maps, fiscal balance information, air quality conformity documentation and other amendment-related changes, will be placed on the website once the resolution to amend the MTP has been approved.

Figure 2: Proposed New or Modified MTP Projects





**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 9, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present In Person

Karen Angelou	Bill Habig	Eric Meyer
Joe Antram	Tom Homan	Bill Narducci
Lee Bodnar	Matt Huffman	Cornell Robertson
Ron Bullard	Laurie Jadwin	Lauren Rummel
Franklin Christman	Erik Janas	Brent Russell
Ben Collins	James Jewell	David Scheffler
Tina Cottone	David Kell	Jim Schimmer
Karl Craven	Ben Kessler	Chris Schmenk
Brad Ebersole	Steve Mazer	Elissa Schneider
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Dana McDaniel	Ike Stage
Jennifer Gallagher	Rozland McKee	Christie Ward

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Barry Adler	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Ryan Rivers
Chris Amorose Grooms	Emily Keeler	Make Schadek
Joe Begeny	Benjamin King	Rob Slane
Jeff Benton	Glenn Marzluf	Jim Stanley
Stephanie Bosco	Rory McGuinness	Joe Stefanov
Greg Butcher	Bonnie Michael	RC Wise
Mike Ebert	Eric Phillips	
Shane Farnsworth	Eric Richter	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present In Person

Kristen Easterday	Kim Sharp for	Thom Slack
Chris Harkness	Joanna Pinkerton	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

LaGrieta Holloway	Isaac Robinson
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Associate Members Present In Person

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Abby Barnes	Ralonda Hampton	Jennifer Noll
Andrea Doolittle	James Holley	Lexi Petrella
Thea Ewing	Shawn Hufstедler	Adam Porr
Xander Fay	Ethan Hug	Chuck Ratliff
Mary Ann Frantz	Niel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Amanda Frey	Eileen Leuby	Brandi Whetstone
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Jake Buchanan	John Gardocki	Anabel Pederson
Letitia Cetina	Kenneth Harvey	Anthony Perry
Brian Filiatraut	Elliott Lewis	Shea Wegner

Guests Present in Person

Jason Reed, City of Grove City	Andy Ware, Morrow County
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter	

Guests Attending Remotely

Marcus Duemmel, City of Bexley	Joseph Laborie, Jefferson Township
Mark Forrest, CORPO Chair	Stacy Lapso, Blendon Township
Preston Frick, Perry County	Jack Liggett, City of Johnstown
Megan Goldstein, City of Grandview Heights	John Price, Summer Intern
Donovan Harvey	Devayani Puranik, COTA
Mike Kelly, Bloom Township	Emma Qazi, City of Grandview Heights

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Nick Soulas, FCEO

Abby Thiel, City of Hilliard
Brent Welch, FCEO

Meeting Called to Order – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

Chair Erik Janas called the Commission meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Recognition of Guests – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby welcomed Summer Interns:

- Jake Buchanan, MORPC
- Abby Thiel, City of Dublin
- Emma Qazi, City of Grandview Heights
- Megan Goldstein, City of Grandview Heights
- Preston Frick, Perry County
- Jacob Reed, City of Grove City
- Miles Kelley, Bloom Township
- Marcus Duemmel, City of Bexley
- Letitia Cetina, MORPC

Ms. Leuby welcomed new Board Members:

- Bill Narducci, Union County
- Kristin Sutton, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Vince Utterback, Violet Township
- Brent Russell, Morrow County
- John Giammarco, Blendon Township

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

William Murdock thanked members who came early and purchased lunch from the OH-Fish-O food truck in celebration of Juneteenth.

Mr. Murdock reminded members the next phase of I-70/I-71 construction is beginning so they may need to take a different route the next time they come to MORPC.

There will be no more remote voting after the end of June. Members may still participate remotely in Commission meetings but can no longer vote remotely.

There is no July Commission meeting.

Mr. Murdock reported at their June meeting, the Executive Committee voted to submit and approve MORPC's annual fiscal audit. It is a clean audit with no findings. Mr. Murdock congratulated the Operations and Finance Teams. This year the Finance Team had two new Team Members in key roles.

The National Association of Regional Councils' Annual Conference is Sunday-Wednesday next week. The Ohio Conference on Freight is Thursday with a trip to Rickenbacker on Wednesday. The City of Obetz is hosting a reception at the Fortress on Wednesday.

MORPC's Residential Services is working on solutions with Franklin County and others regarding the lack of available contractors. If you are facing this in your area, talk to Robert Williams.

The Federal Railroad Administration released its guidance on passenger rail. The State of Ohio instructed the Ohio Rail Development Commission to examine the requirements. Their priority is the Cleveland to Columbus to Cincinnati line. MORPC is looking at other lines as well.

A lot of work is happening with the LinkUS initiative. Recent key meetings were held with business leaders and stakeholders in many communities.

MORPC continues to engage with Intel, state agencies, and Licking County on the Intel project. Monthly sessions are provided on specific topics.

Upcoming Events:

- Riverfest – June 11-12
- National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) 56th Annual Conference & Exhibition – June 12-15
- MORPC Night at the Clippers – June 14
- Ohio Conference on Freight – June 15-16
- Columbus International Summit – June 25
- Rural Forum Series: Trail Town Success Start with a Vision – July 13
- 2022 Social Media Summit – August 2
- OARC Gubernatorial Luncheon – August 16
- Summit on Sustainability – October 14

The Salary Survey starts this month. Last year over 30 communities/agencies participated.

Mr. Murdock introduced MORPC's new Human Resources Director Andrea Doolittle. Ms. Doolittle is looking forward to working at MORPC and with members.

Mr. Murdock introduced MORPC's new Research & Data Officer Adam Porr. Mr. Porr is glad to be at MORPC and be a part of helping make the region better.

Proposed Resolution 09-22: "Accepting Licking County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Joe Antram made a motion to approve Resolution 09-22, second by David Scheffler; motion passed.

Chris Harkness shared the Licking County Commissioners send their greetings and are very excited to be part of this great regional organization/voice.

Proposed Resolution 08-22: "Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2023" – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

This annual resolution sets the rate for 2023. The five-year plan is included for reference and planning. There is no change from last year's planned rate chart. Population estimates in the fall will include the dues for each member.

Tom Homan made a motion to approve Resolution 08-22, a second was made; motion passed.

Committees

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

Brad Ebersole presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Capacity Building & Partnership Working Group is planning a Data Day on September 15 to convene participants interested in learning about data usage, management, storytelling, and more. Stay tuned for a detailed agenda and registration information.

As part of the 20-year transportation plan, MORPC uses a land use model to forecast future population and jobs. An important input to this process is identification of expected future land use in your community. The data is based on local plans and known planned development. However, MORPC relies on expert local knowledge to confirm this information. The dataset is updated every four years. This year the area expanded from seven to ten counties. MORPC requests that a representative from each jurisdiction review the data available on our future land use map (www.morpc.org/landuse) by June 30. If you see anything that appears incorrect or if you have any new development plans we missed, please reach out to Cheri Mansperger.

Preliminary research by the Regional Municipal Fiber Working Group, co-chaired by Sam Orth, City of Columbus and Gene Oliver, City of Worthington, indicates the region is well-positioned to create a municipal fiber network and that emerging funding opportunities may reduce barriers to entry for communities to participate. Nineteen communities expressed interest in participating in the network. If you would like to learn more about how your community can get involved, please reach out to dataandmaps@morpc.org.

The Local Government Resources Working Group is developing a web-based library to collect data governance resources of interest to MORPC member communities. We need your help to make this project a success. Please share with MORPC resources related to data stewardship that you find helpful. When published, the library will allow members to submit ideas yourself, but in the meantime please send submissions to Jennifer Noll.

Regional Policy Roundtable – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

David Scheffler presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The Regional Policy Roundtable met May 17. Matt McQuaide, Managing Director of Business Development for One Columbus, gave an update on Intel. The Roundtable is forming a Public Policy Agenda Working Group chaired by Lourdes Barroso. Contact Joe Garrity if interested in serving on the working group. The state legislature passed the state capital budget. A list of funded projects is included in the monthly legislative update.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Engagement**

Joe Garrity and Steve Tugend gave the legislative update highlighting the following:

- State capital budget
- Intel investment
- CHIPS Act
- 2021 Highway Safety
- HB 283 – distracted driving
- HB 377 – ARPA dollars for non-entitlement communities
- HB 698 – imminent domain

- Central Ohio Defense Group
- National Guard Annual Conference
- Redistricting
- State primary

See the [June 2022 Monthly Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). The City of Lancaster is the newest Sustainable2050 member. Sustainable2050 is open to all MORPC members who pass a resolution of commitment to join the program. Members ready to go through the Sustainable2050 certification can reach out to Brandi Whetstone. The next meeting is June 17 at Battelle Darby Nature Center.

The City of Delaware recently received their SolSmart Designation. SolSmart is a national free technical assistance and designation program run by the U.S. Department of Energy that encourages local governments to promote solar energy growth. If you are interested in pursuing a SolSmart Designation, contact Brian Filiatraut.

Over the past two years, the City of Columbus partnered with Solar United Neighbors to lead residential solar co-ops. This collaboration expanded to include MORPC, IMPACT and Simply Living and is open to all homeowners in Franklin County and communities that spill into adjacent counties. Contact Brian Filiatraut for more information.

MORPC is partnering with Metro Parks and RAPID 5 to celebrate Riverfest at the Columbus Arts Festival. Free kayaking, paddle boarding, and canoeing are available on a first come, first served basis June 11-12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Transportation Policy Committee – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair

Chair Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:22 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Ben Kessler made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Brad Ebersole; motion passed.

Other Business

Thom Slack gave a construction update. The Front Street exit ramp closes next week. ODOT is reconstructing the Front Street bridge which is closing in a couple weeks. It will be closed one to two years. Mr. Slack advised members to plan ahead and visit the [OHGO](#) website for construction updates.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Thea J. Ewing
Chief Regional Development Director & Senior Director of Programming

DATE: July 29, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 10-22: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into, administer, and/or sub-allocate contracts for approximately \$1.56 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding and additional local funding”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into and administer contracts with subrecipients receiving Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds and additional local funding.

MORPC is the Designated Recipient and administrator for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Section 5310 to enhance the mobility of older adults and persons with disabilities pursuant to 49 U.S.C. for the Columbus, Ohio urbanized area. Staff is obligated to receive and expend one federal fiscal year of funds for projects approved by MORPC’s Transportation Policy Resolution T-14-21.

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and Delaware County Transit Board (DCT) are Direct Recipients with FTA. They administer Section 5310 funds that have been awarded by MORPC creating a sub-allocation agreement to pass-through Section 5310 funds to an eligible transit entity. Their awards are approximately \$403,000.

- Approximately \$100,000 was directed to COTA and DCT for purchased transportation.
- Approximately \$303,000 was directed to DCT capitalized maintenance and Mobility Management programs.

MORPC’s procedures with FTA are documented in MORPC’s Program Management Plan to administer funds between FTA and approved subrecipients. All federal requirements will be met with federal oversight. Based on signed contracts, MORPC will reimburse subrecipients or make purchases with budgeted MORPC funds for approved capital items purchased according to proper procurement policies.

Below is an overview of the remaining \$1.152 million.

- Over \$905,000 was awarded to private non-profits, local governments, and other public transportation providers to purchase capital items such as lift equipped vehicles, purchased

transportation and preventative maintenance. Additional local funds will be used to make up the difference between the award amount and the price of purchased vehicles.

- MORPC Administration will receive \$116,044.
- MORPC Mobility Management will receive \$130,000.

MORPC, COTA, DCT, and FTA will have \$1.56 million in executed agreements awarding Section 5310 funds to direct and subrecipients. These awards include lift equipped vehicles, acquisition of transportation services, and preventive maintenance on existing Section 5310 vehicles.

Attachment: Resolution 10-22

RESOLUTION 10-22

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into, administer, and/or sub-allocate contracts for approximately \$1.56 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding and additional local funding”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is the Designated Recipient and administrator for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Section 5310 program for enhancing the mobility of older adults and persons with disabilities pursuant to 49 U.S.C. in the Columbus, Ohio urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, these projects and programs were approved by MORPC’s Transportation Policy Resolution T-14-21; and

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COT) and Delaware County Transit Board (DCT) are Direct Recipients with FTA and will administer approximately \$403,000 in Section 5310 funds that were awarded by MORPC creating a sub-allocation agreement to pass-through Section 5310 funds to an eligible transit entity; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5310 funds for subrecipients have been recommended and approved by MORPC and the FTA according to MORPC’s approved FTA Program Management Plan to receive over \$905,000 for the purchase of vehicles and other capital items under FTA Grant numbers; and

WHEREAS, additional local funds will be used to make up the difference between the award amount and the price of purchased vehicles; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is an authorized Designated Recipient and will administer funds between FTA and approved subrecipients according to MORPC’s Program Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, purchases performed pursuant to these contracts for vehicle and other capital items using Section 5310 and additional local funds will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff, approved subrecipients, and FTA; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into, administer, and/or sub-allocate contracts for approximately \$1.56 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding and additional local funding.
- Section 2. That as part of the \$1.56 million, the executive director is authorized to enter into and administer contracts with subrecipients receiving over \$905,000 in FTA Section 5310 funding and additional local funding.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to approve change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 4. 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 5. 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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: June 10, 2022

Submitted by: Thea J. Ewing, Chief Regional Development Director & Senior Director of Programming

Prepared by: Mary Ann Frantz, Associate Director, Programming

Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21

For action date: August 11, 2022