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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
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**Wednesday June 1, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

- 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions – LaGrieta Holloway, Chair**
- 5:32 p.m. Approval of May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
- 5:33 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC**
- 5:40 p.m. Resolutions**
- Resolution T-8-22: Amending the State Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- 5:55 p.m. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- Goals & Objectives – Maria Schaper, MORPC
- 6:05 p.m. Informational Items**
- Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) Applications & MPO Prioritization Process – Elliott Lewis, MORPC
  - Trail Town Framework Planning – Jonathan Miller, MORPC
  - RAPID 5 Update – Jennifer Noll, MORPC
  - Energy Program Update – Brian Filiatraut
- 6:35 p.m. Other Business**
- 6:40 p.m. Adjourn**

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The next CAC Meeting is  
**Monday, Aug. 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **May 4, 2022**  
Time: **5:30 p.m.**  
Location: **MORPC**

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## **Members Present**

William Curlis	Helen Rollins
David Paul	Erin Synk
Bob Roehm	Ira Weiss

## **Members Present Online**

Dana Dorsey

## **Guests**

Bill Allman

## **MORPC Staff**

Thea Ewing	Nick Gill	Maria Schaper
Mary Ann Frantz	Thomas Graham	Bevan Schneck
Amanda Frey	Amanda McEldowney	

## **I. Welcome & Introductions**

- Vice Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was a quorum present (in person and online).

## **II. Approval of February 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Vice Chair Rollins asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2022 minutes. Mr. Curlis moved; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.

## **III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC**

- Mr. Gill mentioned MORPC's newest staff members: Data Analyst Sam McLaughlin and Research & Data Officer Adam Porr.
- Transit Updates – Delaware County Transit is working on proposals to provide public transit service in the US-23 corridor in Delaware County and interconnecting with COTA transfer points. May COTA service changes started, and AirConnect returns for selected conventions this summer, as well as the Zoo Bus. As of April, Greyhound service has been completely moved to COTA's South Terminal.
- A MORPC-attributable Funds Workshop will be held for all sponsors of projects with outstanding attributable funding commitments, as well as any potential applicants requesting funding on May 18 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- The 2022 TRAC application period is now open. MORPC will be prioritizing projects within the MPO area.
- Federal RAISE grant applications were due April 14, and our region submitted four of them: City of Columbus – Williams Road Multimodal Corridor Planning; LinkUS – Mobility Planning for Equitable Transit Supportive Infrastructure;

Franklin County Engineer's Office – Darby Creek Trail: Hubbard Road Connector; and LCATS – Silicon Heartland Mobility Startup Strategic Plan (planning around Intel).

- On Saturday, April 23, MORPC and partners participated in the annual Celebrate Trails Day and relaunch of the Outdoor Trails Passport, a partnership with Experience Columbus.
- MORPC and the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE) are co-hosting an update on Central Ohio's readiness to take advantage of funding for passenger rail. It will take place Thursday, May 19 at MORPC. A federal notice of funding opportunity regarding rail funding will come out mid-May.
- The 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is newly in development and will be a standing item on the committee's agenda from now through its adoption.
- Mr. Roehm asked about connections between Delaware County Transit and COTA. Mr. Gill responded that some of the service had stopped during the pandemic, but they are looking to restart it.
- Mr. Allman asked what the rural Trail Town Framework referenced in the MPO printed report is, and it was explained.

#### **IV. Resolutions**

- Resolution T-5-22: Adopting Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds – Thomas Graham, MORPC
  - Mr. Graham explained MORPC's process of considering revisions to the Policies for Managing Attributable Funds, which have already been approved by the Attributable Funds Committee.
  - Mr. Graham highlighted proposed changes in the document for the upcoming round of funding and explained why they are being implemented, along with how the scoring is weighted and the funding target ranges.
  - Mr. Roehm asked how funding is distributed for roadways/projects that overlap jurisdictions. Mr. Gill explained the types of roadways that are eligible for federal funding through MORPC – highlighting interstate projects controlled by ODOT versus the areas controlled by local governments.
  - Vice Chair Rollins asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-5-2022. Mr. Curlis moved; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.
- Resolution T-6-22: Acceptance of the MORPC Fiscal Year 2023 Planning Work Program – Nick Gill, MORPC
  - Mr. Gill explained what the Planning Work Program is and highlighted many of the projects and activities that will be performed by MORPC, as an MPO, over the next fiscal year. Each work element has funding associated with it.
  - The resolution memo and summary of the PWP work elements were updated since the committee's packet was distributed to include the work element related to safety.

- Vice Chair Rollins asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-6-2022. Mr. Paul moved; Ms. Synk seconded; and the motion passed.
- Resolution T-7-22: Certification of the MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process – Nick Gill, MORPC
  - Mr. Gill said this is an annual item to self-certify that MORPC, as an MPO, is following all of the rules and regulations associated with being an MPO.
  - The Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration will go through the process of certifying MORPC as an MPO this fall.
  - Vice Chair Rollins asked for a motion to approve Resolution T-7-2022. Mr. Paul moved; Mr. Weiss seconded; and the motion passed.

**V. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- MTP Development Process – Maria Schaper, MORPC
  - Ms. Schaper explained that the MTP is MORPC's long-range plan that identifies prioritized transportation projects for the region, the area to which the plan applies, and why it is important.
  - The process of developing the MTP was highlighted, along with the many considerations and analyses that go into it and a general timeline. The goals will be established in late summer or early fall, which will be the first official action by the committee on the MTP.

**VI. Informational Items**

- LinkUS Funding Strategy and Transit Supportive Infrastructure Update – Kim Sharp, COTA
  - Ms. Sharp explained that the LinkUS team is doing regional outreach to all the local jurisdictions on what LinkUS is and what it will do. The team is currently focused on how the parts of the initiative can be funded.
  - LinkUS was specifically explained as a tool to help manage regional growth and its effect on how commuting patterns have and will change.
  - Ms. Sharp explained that the backbone of LinkUS relates to high-capacity transit and the cost benefits associated with smart, higher density development along the corridors. The Northwest, W Broad and E Main corridors are those being focused on right now.
  - Based on the financial model, the presentation highlighted what aspects are possible to implement by 2030 and by 2050, as well as the associated expenditures. It also covered from where the funding would come and where it would go.
  - MORPC would partner to administer a process to program the funds for transit-supportive infrastructure that would be different from, but similar to, the attributable funding process.
  - The LinkUS Steering Committee put together a Community Action Plan that will come out later in the month to lay out how

LinkUS can be a reality, how it can be funded, and what outcomes and development will come from it.

- Mr. Weiss asked how to develop more transit partnerships with those in outlying areas, such as near Pickerington and the area near the Intel development. Ms. Sharp specifically highlighted the RAISE grant application focused on how to connect COTA and other mobility options to the development in order to move the work force, as well as the potential of other projects.
- General discussion took place related to how new infrastructure related to the Intel development would be funded.

## **VII. Other Business**

- Mr. Allman asked the group if they were familiar with the Harmony Project and explained it. He invited the group to the “Find Harmony” event on Saturday, May 7, at Lower.com Field.
- Mr. Roehm highlighted four webinars taking place by the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis regarding the impact of the Intel development.
- Mr. Gill highlighted several of the upcoming, major events associated with MORPC the rest of this year, including the National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference, Ohio Conference on Freight, Columbus International Summit, Ohio Association of Regional Council Gubernatorial Luncheon, and Summit on Sustainability.
- Ms. Synk highlighted that the Ride of Silence would be taking place on May 18.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Bevan Schneck, Secretary

**Community Advisory Committee**



# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

May 2022

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## PROGRAMMING

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### Transportation

Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director – [ngill@morpc.org](mailto:ngill@morpc.org)

#### Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- The Data & Mapping team continues to collect, compile, develop, and seek review on data and information as part of the 2050 population and employment forecasts.
- Staff has initiated an internal review of the regional goals that will guide development of the 2024-2050 MTP.
- Data development continues for the 2022 MTP Report Card.
- A timeline was established for the forthcoming proposed amendment to the 2020-2050 MTP to incorporate Intel development-related infrastructure improvements.

#### Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

##### *Mobility Management*

- MORPC staff hosted the coordination meeting for ODOT Human Services Transportation Coordination Region 6. The meeting focused on benchmarking for the regional coordinated plan and collaboration for human service transportation work.
- MORPC staff is continuing work on Gohio Mobility, the statewide specialized transportation search tool. Staff members are assisting the statewide mobility management in their drawing of service area for mapping coordinates and completing this work for ODOT HSTC Region 6.

##### *FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient*

- Staff continued to work with FTA Region 5 to execute the FY 2021 5310 grant cycle. Finalization will occur before Memorial Day, and contract execution will be the next step.

- MORPC accepted three 5310 vehicles in April/May. Delivery of two additional cutaway vehicles are anticipated for delivery in 2022 if the supply chain returns to normal.

### *Gohio Commute*

- MORPC staff participated in the Somali American Chamber of Commerce Career & Resource Fair to promote MORPC's programs and Gohio Commute. Staff had the opportunity to network with other participating companies about providing commute benefits for their employees.
- MORPC staff was interviewed on news channel 4 about Gohio Commute and the state of commuting in Central Ohio. The article can be found at <https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/columbus/columbus-ranks-sixth-best-city-for-commuters>.
- MORPC staff is leading a social media campaign called People Who Bike. The campaign intends to break down stereotypes and encourage biking as a form of sustainable transportation by collecting bike-supportive stories from residents, communities, and businesses. Narratives will be shared on social media in June 2022.
- MORPC staff is updating the two-year Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan. The document will reevaluate TDM goals around mode shift initiatives and be restructured for stronger connection to the MTP.

## Transportation Planning Activities:

### *US 23 Connect Study*

- The Preliminary Feasibility Study has been updated with the latest traffic volume forecasts, cost estimates, and expected impacts
- After comparison of the expected benefits and costs for each concept, ODOT has determined that none of the concepts can be reasonably implemented as presented in the study. Therefore, ODOT will not advance any of the study concepts.
- In the coming months, ODOT will reach out to stakeholders to discuss transportation concerns and priorities along the existing U.S. 23 corridor in more detail. Through this shift in focus, ODOT will prioritize the needs of the existing U.S. 23 corridor and develop individual projects, providing drivers with real benefits sooner rather than later. Moving forward, the public will continue to be engaged for input and ideas for how to solve some of these problems.

### *LinkUS Mobility Initiative*

- Staff continues to work with COTA on regional outreach about the LinkUS funding and implementation plan.
- Staff participated in two workshops on bus rapid transit station design for the East Main and West Broad Street corridors.
- Staff participates in weekly technical and traffic meetings and is currently reviewing 15% design for West Broad. 5% design for East Main is expected after Memorial Day.



- MORPC began coordinating with COTA to engage region-wide partners in establishing a committee for the potential development of a regional Transit Supportive Infrastructure CIP.

### *Interregional Connections*

- Staff continued to monitor the FRA Corridor Identification program for introduction of passenger rail to the 3C+D corridor. FRA Notice was released on May 14, 2022 for criteria of the program.
- The May Interregional Connections Committee meeting will focus on the downtown passenger rail feasibility and design study crafted by the Franklin County Convention and Facilities Authority.

### Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- The CORPO Committee met on May 2, 2022. The committee adopted the FY23 Planning Work Program and the 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan goals and objectives.
- CORPO staff facilitated the first meeting of the Knox-Morrow Freeway Access Study Working Group on May 4. Staff presented data collected and the scope of work, and determined next steps.
- CORPO staff continues to participate in regional Trail Towns Steering Committee meetings. The last meeting attended was on May 9.
- CORPO staff continues to assist Fairfield County with the update to its Active Transportation Plan. CORPO staff has developed a scope of work and additional project management-related tasks, and will present these items to the working group in Fairfield County at the end of the month.
- CORPO staff continues to assist Union County stakeholders with active transportation planning activities and attended Union County's Parks and Trails Working Group's most recent meeting on May 17.
- CORPO staff met with stakeholders in Pickaway County on 4/18, 5/3 and 5/23 regarding the Pickaway County TID's development of a strategy focusing on the northern portions of the county. The purpose is to better prepare for the growth that portion of the county will experience.

### Transportation Safety:

- The FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for [Safe Streets and Roads for All grants](#) was released, and MORPC is eager to strategize on funding applications with local partners. This is one of many new discretionary grant programs established in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). **The focus of this grant is addressing roadway safety through the reduction and/or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries.**
- Staff has been reaching out to safety partners throughout the MPO to set up meetings to discuss potential applications. The deadline to apply for this grant is September 15, 2022.

## Technical Assistance Program:

- Work is well underway with the four communities that received technical assistance awards. MORPC led the first stakeholder workshop with the City of Columbus and key stakeholders to discuss opportunities to better connect downtown and the Near East Side with the regional trail system. MORPC has also been coordinating key stakeholder and landowner meetings to discuss the feasibility of various alignments for the extension of the Scioto Trail southward. Work on these efforts will continue through the summer and into fall.

## Infrastructure Funding:

### *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*

- Staff has prepared a TIP amendment that includes modifications to four projects on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

### *MORPC-Attributable Funding*

- MORPC is currently soliciting applications for new funding commitments, as well as outstanding commitment updates. Screening applications for new funding commitments are due on July 15 at 5 p.m., while commitment updates are due on July 8 at 5 p.m.

### *Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)*

The Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3, in Franklin County, approved on May 14 several revisions to the policies and criteria for FY23 funding. The policies and criteria in the Applicant Manual were sent to OPWC for review and approval. After OPWC approval, the application material will be posted on MORPC's website and the call for applications will be released.

### *Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)*

- The 2022 application period for Major New Capacity Program funding through TRAC was open through May 31. MORPC staff will produce summaries of each application from the MPO area and present more information about the regional prioritization process and public comment period at the CAC, TAC, and Transportation Policy Committee meetings in June.
- The next TRAC general meeting will be held May 25 at 10 a.m. virtually and in-person at ODOT headquarters.

### *Federal Competitive Programs*

The [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) was released on May 16. This is one of many new discretionary grant programs established in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The focus of this grant is addressing roadway safety through the reduction and/or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries. For FY22, there is up to \$1 billion in funding available to metropolitan planning organizations as well as counties, cities, towns, transit agencies and other local entities. State entities are specifically *not* eligible for this grant. Applications are due Sept. 15.

There are two pots of funds available within the program:

- Approximately 40% of the funds will be designated for developing comprehensive safety action plans.
- Approximately 60% will be designated for implementation of projects and/or activities identified in an existing action plan. In order to be eligible for the implementation funds, the applicant must have a qualifying action plan already in place. The components of a qualifying action plan are listed in the NOFO, but in essence are something similar to a Vision Zero action plan, Local Road Safety Plan, or similar comprehensive safety plan.

### *Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)*

- Planning has begun for in-person meetings with the CAP counties to discuss projects.

## **Economic Development**

### **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

- Staff continues to monitor the distress statuses of the eleven counties of the Columbus region.
- Preparation has begun to develop and deliver presentations to the eleven counties regarding economic development district designation. The presentations will also serve as a CEDS progress update.
- The new Economic Development Officer, Megan Stein, will be visiting each of the CEDS counties to present during the months of June/July.

### **Brownfield Assessments**

- MORPC continues to make great progress on its brownfield projects and is looking forward to the upcoming release of brownfield funding in the fall.
- Cooper's Glass Field, in the City of Chillicothe, is preparing for a Phase II environmental site assessment (ESA), with field work beginning in June. The Sampling and Analysis Plan was submitted to the EPA.
- A Phase I ESA has been completed for the City of Logan City Dump property. MORPC supported the City of Logan by providing the site's Phase 1 report, as the city works to secure funding for future phases of the brownfield site's work.
- MORPC worked with Mayor Ben Kessler (City of Bexley) to discuss a potential brownfield project. Due to most of the grant already being allocated, it is possible that MORPC's role will be as an informational or advisory resource depending on the Bexley's needs. MORPC will also work to determine if Bexley's project could be included in upcoming brownfield funding opportunities.

# PLANNING

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## Community Development

### Active Transportation Planning:

#### Active Transportation Planning

May is Bike Month! Members of the planning team are helping to promote this month-long event, which celebrates the many benefits of bicycling and encourages everyone to give bicycling a try.

#### Central Ohio Greenways

- Our thanks to the Rails to Trails Conservancy for sponsoring and organizing the April 23 Celebrate Trails Day event in Columbus. At the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board meeting on May 18, it was reported that the Columbus event was the largest in the country!
- Other discussion items from the COG Board meeting included updates from MORPC staff regarding RAPID 5, the Technical Assistance Program; federal and state policy updates; and funding. Working groups also reported on the Outdoor Trails Pass and gave an update on the Trail Town project.
- 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 this summer 2022.

### insight2050:

#### LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- Together with the Programming Department, team members are engaged in ongoing committee and working group meetings for the LinkUS initiative, including developing goals, metrics, and targets.

#### RAPID 5

- RAPID 5 was launched earlier this month with an updated website at [www.rapid5.org](http://www.rapid5.org) and the announcement that Dr. Amy Acton will be the CEO & President for the organization. Over the next few months, RAPID 5 will continue to evolve as its own non-profit and will host listening sessions in the community. MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative is Chief Regional Strategy Officer Kerstin Carr.

## Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

### Outreach

- Team members provided an overview of the RHS at a community conversation about diverse and inclusive housing policies hosted by the Grandview Anti-Racism & Inclusion Network.

### Implementation Assistance

- MORPC members can look forward to an improved and expanded RHS Resource Hub in 2022. Resources will include examples of administrative and policy best practices, templates, and data, and will promote the efforts of MORPC members and partners to advance the goals of the RHS. If your community or organization would like to share resources for inclusion in the Resource Hub, please contact us.

## Sustainability

### Outreach

- MORPC staff participated in a 10TV interview about air quality and ways to reduce energy and emissions during the summer.
- MORPC staff hosted a MORPC table at the Green Bexley Earth Day event on April 23.

## Sustainability Advisory Committee:

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting will be in person at the MORPC office on June 8. Agenda items will include the Summit on Sustainability, RAPID 5, and updates from the boards and working groups.

## Sustainable2050:

The next meeting will be on June 17 at the Darby Nature Center. Metro Parks has volunteered to coordinate this meeting featuring RAPID 5 and efforts to protect green space. Additional MORPC members are in process of formalizing Sustainable2050 membership, and one is in process of achieving tier status certification. Members are encouraged to contribute examples of local sustainability-focused policies for the Local Government Legislative Toolkit. Those who would like to be certified as a Sustainable 2050 member can reach out to MORPC Sustainability Officer Brandi Whetstone.

## Water Resources Program:

### Sustaining Scioto

- The board met on April 26 with a featured presentation by Max Herzog of Cleveland Water Alliance on the topic of “The Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network: Organizing Communities for Credible Water Monitoring”. Mr. Herzog talked about the need for regional collaboration without losing the local impact.
- Board member Dr. Aaron Wilson, with the Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, also presented to the group an NSF Civic Innovation & Engagement Challenge Opportunity. Dr. Wilson and his team submitted a proposal with support from MORPC, City of Columbus, and other cities in the region to update precipitation guidance in Central Ohio. The board will meet again on June 22.

- Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team: The team met on May 19. Kori Gasaway with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District presented an overview of the “Be the Change for Clean Water” program. This is a consortium of eleven soil and water conservation districts in Central Ohio with support from stakeholders focused on communication of different water quality issues with emphasis on non-point sources. Chair Brandt led discussions on farmer and non-farmer outreach programming in July and August, which will consist of a webinar and an indoor event with a focus on cover crops, incentives, nutrients reduction.

## Energy & Air Quality:

### Air Quality:

- MORPC celebrated Air Quality Awareness Week May 2-6 with daily social media posts and a video to increase awareness about MORPC’s air quality forecasting and monitoring program, and solutions for improving air quality and equity. Staff made a presentation at the Air Sensors International Conference about the neighborhood level air monitoring project. The team is working with the North Central Area Commission and NAACP to site additional particle pollution monitors in the 43219 ZIP code, where there are concerns around industrial / vehicle pollution sources and high asthma rates. A monitor was placed at Bexley City Hall as well. All monitors are deployed at this time, and we will be purchasing a few more with funding from the Thriving Earth Exchange.

### Energy and Air Quality Working Group (EAQWG):

- The group will meet on May 24 moving forward with its draft resolution on an education, engagement, and empowerment strategy centered on SB 52 and utility-scale solar. The resolution will have a specific focus on an education and engagement strategy surrounding SB 52 and the new powers it gives county commissioners to restrict utility-scale solar. After being briefed on the law, hearing added perspectives from working group members, and a robust discussion, the EAQWG plans to recommend drafting a set of policy guidelines for local government officials. Once completed, Chair Matt Stephens-Rich will present the guidelines to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for review.

### 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, which will be open to all residents who live in Franklin County. More information will be available summer 2020.
  - The Regional Schools Energy Strategy (ReSES), which will be 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 ([BFiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:BFiliatraut@morpc.org)).
- The Rickenbacker Energy Consortium met May 4 and was briefed by staff on MORPC’s role in obtaining Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds for the region. Buckeye Power and South Central Power presented case studies of current warehouses – their electricity consumption, how that might be paired with rooftop solar, and how rural cooperatives, in

general, view new electricity generation projects. The Consortium will meet again on July 13 featuring Duke Realty presenting on a case study of a new build spec analysis and rooftop solar. The Resident-based Environmental Sustainability Forum, a group comprised of residents who sit on local government advisory boards, committees, and commissions focused on sustainability issues, will meet for the second time on June 22 at MORPC. The group will discuss various sustainability topics, including the Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op open to any homeowner in Franklin County.

## Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

Four projects were awarded over \$3,000,000 in Clean Ohio Conservation Funds in the Round 16 funding cycle, which ended in May. There will be an applicant workshop to introduce new applicants to the application process for the next funding cycle. Preliminary Screeners are due on December 9. For more information, please contact Edwina Teye at [eteye@morpc.org](mailto:eteye@morpc.org).

## Data, Mapping & Modeling

### Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

RDAC members will gather at a hybrid meeting on June 7. Members will hear presentations regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Intel.

### Working Groups & User Groups:

- The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group is continuing to work through details for the Data Day event that is scheduled for September 15. A call for sessions was sent out in May, and proposals are due back to the committee on June 17. Selected proposals will be notified on July 1. The next working group meeting will be held mid to late June to review the submittals and set the event agenda.
- The Local Government Resources Working Group is establishing a process for selecting/creating data policy resources for MORPC members, which will inform the creation of a living clearinghouse for these resources. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month.
- The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group is collecting letters of intent. Members and interested parties will meet again in summer 2022.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) will have a hybrid meeting on June 1. The focus of the meeting will be on data and economics.

## Data Management

- Staff members are working with communities to identify ways to more efficiently share building permit data on a timely basis for the MTP and population estimate processes.

- Staff is reviewing the presentation and documents from the March 2 Regional Information and Data Group meeting to evaluate the potential improvements to documentation and management of data storage and processing here at MORPC.
- Staff is preparing 2022 member community population estimates, which will be made available to members and the public via the MORPC Population Hub. Additionally, the estimates will inform the determination of 2023 membership dues.
- Staff is compiling data to support the 2022 update of the Global Report published by the Columbus Council on World Affairs.
- Staff is working on updating residential building permit data for a 10-county area, as part of updating existing households for the 2020 MTP.

## Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

### Data & Research Activities

- Data and research activities are focused on inputs to the land use allocation model for the coming cycle of the MTP and CORPO Transportation Plan, and staff is internally reviewing draft county population projections and conducting research for other county control totals (e.g., households, labor force, employment).
- Staff is working on FTA appropriation data collection and processes for future updates and supported updating points of interest for school building locations and building populations. Staff also assisted with the survey analysis for the Central Ohio Trail Town Framework project.
- Staff received QCEW jobs data via ODOT and is working to locate and clean up the data for use in updating 2021 jobs data as part of the MTP.
- Various data sets were gathered as part of the attributable funding application process.

### Mapping Activities

- A draft of existing land use and future land use at the parcel level is complete as a part of the 2024 MTP and is out for community review via a web map.
- Staff is working to update parks, easement, and economic development areas at data inputs for the 10-county area land use model.
- Team members are working with ESRI and City of Columbus to create a sample land use scenario, using ESRI Urban.

### Modeling Activities

- The team is continuing to support the LinkUS project with transportation modeling estimates.
- An RFP for traffic count data collections was created and posted on the website.
- MORPC is working on the Quarry Traffic Impact Study & Renner-Trabue-McKinley Corridor (RTMC) Mobility Study as well as on the I71/36/37 interchange modeling and land use review.



# COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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## News Releases:

- [Natural Resources Assistance Council Awards More Than \\$3 Million in Clean Ohio Funds](#)

## MORPC in the News:

- [Pilot Program to Provide Free Bus Rides for Short North Workers, Others](#)
- [Upper Arlington City Council expects to see bids for Fishinger Road rebuild May 9](#)
- [The impact infrastructure changes supporting Intel development will have on traffic](#)
- [Licking County rushing to build homes for Intel employees in already tight housing market](#)
- [Mitigating climate change while managing growth will require collaboration, panelists say](#)
- ['Ultimate public health project:' Dr. Amy Acton looks to connect Franklin parks, waterways](#)
- [Former ODH director now leading nonprofit; RAPID 5 champions future connected to nature](#)
- [Dr. Amy Acton to lead nonprofit aimed at growing central Ohio's future with nature](#)
- [Former state health director taking lead with RAPID 5](#)
- [Dr. Amy Acton accepts role leading Columbus nonprofit group](#)
- [Dr. Amy Acton's new role in Ohio](#)
- [Rapid 5 will be economic development tool, leaders say](#)
- [Amy Acton to lead Rapid 5 nonprofit](#)
- [Richwood received \\$47K grant for multi-use path](#)
- [MORPC Matters: Gohio Commute program brings options to commuters](#)
- [The Columbus Opportunity: Region can 'leapfrog' rivals by collaborating on infrastructure investments](#)
- [2022 Diversity in Business Awards: Meet the 8 individuals honored as Outstanding Diversity Champions](#)
- [West Broad transportation initiative presented to Hilltop community](#)
- [MORPC, Columbus Partnership throw weight behind Amtrak expansion in Ohio](#)
- [MORPC and the Columbus Partnership support Amtrak's potential expansion in Columbus](#)
- [4 key climate change indicators break records in 2021 | 10tv.com](#)
- [High-speed rail proposal for Ohio picking up steam](#)

## Digital Content:

- Air Quality Alerts, Careers/Jobs, Central Ohio Greenways, Trails Pass, Columbus Vision Zero, eSource, Gohio Commute, LinkUS, Mid-Ohio Open Data Site, Educational Partnership, Regional Housing Strategy, RFPs/RFQs, Sustainability, Weatherization, Air Quality Awareness Week, RVA Chamber Visit Post, Memorial Day, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, STIC Funding, Rapid 5, NARC & Freight announcements, Riverfest.
  - Top Digital Content
    - [Twitter: April 2022](#)
    - [Twitter: May 2022 \(as of 5-23-2022\)](#)
    - [Facebook & Instagram: April 2022](#)
    - [Facebook & Instagram: May 2022 \(as of 5-23-2022\)](#)

## Diversity & Inclusion:

- MORPC participated in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce *Small Business Week*, a series of sessions that provided education, exposure, and resources not only to minority and disadvantaged business owners, but also to governmental agencies and corporations.
- May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which honors the culture, history, and contributions of these groups in the United States. MORPC celebrated this annual month of recognition by hosting an employee lunch and learn, featuring guest speaker Dr. Yung-Chen Lu, professor emeritus of the mathematics department at The Ohio State University and the founder of the Asian Festival started in 1995, in Columbus, Ohio.
- MORPC in partnership with the YWCA Columbus held a training, “Beyond Inclusion; Building a Community of Belonging.” The training was extended to MORPC members and community partners.

## Public Involvement & Engagement:

- C&E partnered with Gohio to engage the Somali population at the Somali American Chamber of Commerce Career and Resource Fair. This event was highly attended, and staff was able to share information about MORPC’s programs, services, and job opportunities with the immigrant and refugee community.
- MORPC staff provided outreach at the Franklin County Affordable Housing Fair, among more than 35 other social service organizations and agencies that provide essential services to residents in the region. Attendees were provided with information about MORPC’s home repair, weatherization, air quality, and Gohio programs, collecting home repair and weatherization applications from attendees onsite at the event.
- Until April 30, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) application period was promoted in our [eSource newsletter](#), and on our [website](#) and [social media platforms](#).

- Starting May 5, the application period for State Innovation Grants was promoted on our [website](#) and [social media platforms](#).

## Marketing Campaigns:

- The Gohio Commute program is continuing to run a marketing campaign that is focused specifically on vanpooling and carpooling. This program is being promoted on Instagram, Facebook, as well as Central Ohio radio stations.
- Residential Services has been running spots on Urban One (formerly Radio One) to increase awareness about its weatherization services.

## Events:

- [Upcoming events:](#)
  - NARC 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibition, June 12-15, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown
  - Ohio Conference on Freight, June 16, 2022, Greater Columbus Convention Center
  - Columbus International Summit, June 25, 2022, Linden Community Center
  - OARC Gubernatorial Luncheon, August 26, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown
  - Summit on Sustainability, October 14, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown



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## Memorandum

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nick Gill, Transportation Director

**DATE:** May 26, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-8-22: “**Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program**”

Proposed Resolution T-8-22 will add or modify three projects to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$50 million. Additionally, one project will be removed. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In July, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Continued maintenance of the TIP is a key element of implementing the strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). The projects included in this amendment specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:

- PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition
- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations
- RDWY 5: Add capacity, where appropriate, at locations such as intersections to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the projects, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. Two projects include MORPC-attributable funding.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

Columbus: – The following modification to the TIP is being made for a Columbus project:

- PID 114254 – SR 161 at Parkville/Spring Run: Increase local funding commitment on the TIP. This project contains MORPC-attributable funding, but no changes are being made to MORPC commitments.

ODOT: – The following modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:

- PID 112798 – I-270 from S of I-70 to N of Alum Creek Drive, Minor Pavement Rehabilitation: Move project from SLI Group list to Individual List and increase funding on the TIP.
- PID 106959 – I-71 at Sunbury Parkway, New Interchange: Remove construction phase from the TIP. Funding was delayed to SFY 2025 and this project must be removed from the TIP to maintain fiscal balance.

Whitehall – The following modification to the TIP is being made for a Whitehall project:

- PID 105768 – E Broad Street at Hamilton Road: Remove the \$50,000 other phase from the TIP. This project contains MORPC-attributable funding, but no changes are being made to MORPC commitments.

NTG:TG

Attachment: Resolution T-8-22

RESOLUTION T-8-22

**“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-7-20; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for a Columbus project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project phase deletion from the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation projects as listed in the resolved section; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for a Whitehall project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, continued maintenance of the TIP implements the goals, objectives and strategies identified in MORPC’s 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, specifically these projects’ further implementation of strategies – PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition, SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations, RDWY 5: Add capacity, where appropriate, at locations such as intersections to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting June 1, 2022, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 1, 2022, recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2021-2024 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That the construction phase of PID 106959, I-71 at Sunbury Parkway, be removed from the MORPC SFY 2021-2024 TIP.
- Section 3. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP is maintained.
- Section 4. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.

- Section 5. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP as modified.
- Section 6. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 7. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2021-2024 TIP

# Resolution T-8-22

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** Columbus

**PID:** 114254

**TIP ID:** 3836

**MTP ID:** 185

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-SR161-13.03

**Length (mi.):** 0.5

**Project Type(s):** Intersection Modification

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** SR 161 at Parkville/Spring Run, Intersection Modification, Construction of roundabouts just north/south of Service Road(s). Also includes construction of a SUP from Maple Canyon to Cleveland Ave. Env. Doc. Cleared under parent PID 110376.

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path. 0.5 mi. added to bike network.

**Ped Components:** Multi-use path. 0.5 mi. added to ped network.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2024	Construction	HSIP	\$2,000,000	
2024	Construction	STBG-M	\$968,800	<b>MORPC Funds - Cap Amount</b>
2024	Construction	Local	\$3,699,864	
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,668,664</b>

**Agency:** ODOT 6

**PID:** 112798

**TIP ID:** 3771

**MTP ID:** 204

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-IR270-43.180

**Length (mi.):**

**Project Type(s):** Minor Pavement Rehabilitation

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** IR 270 from S of I70 to N of Alum Creek Drive, Minor Pavement Rehabilitation, AC Overlay without Repairs:FRA-270-43.18-48.47

**Bike Components:** Not applicable.

**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2023	PE-Detailed Design	Preserv-State	\$100,000	
2023	PE-Detailed Design	Preserv-Federal	\$900,000	
2024	Construction	LABR-F	\$1,094,787	
2024	Construction	Preserv-State	\$3,041,081	
2024	Construction	Preserv-Federal	\$27,369,726	
2024	Construction	LABR-S	\$121,643	
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$32,627,236</b>

Funds in FYs prior to 2021 are not included in this report nor in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

LR = Long Range (after SFY 2024, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.



# Resolution T-8-22

## Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** Whitehall

**PID:** 105768

**TIP ID:** 3253

**MTP ID:** 185

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-SR016-06.87

**Length (mi.):** 0.7

**Project Type(s):** Intersection Modification

**Air Quality:** Exempt

**Description:** E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification, Proposed:

EB Broad: 2 thru, 1 LTL, 1 RTL

WB Broad: 2 thru, 2 LTL, 1 RTL

NB Hamilton: 1 thru, 2 LTL, 1 thru/RTL

SB Hamilton: 1 thru, 2 LTL, 1 thru/RTL

Includes medians on all 4 approaches, signal r

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path. 10' path along NE corner of intersection. 0.34 mi. added to bike network.

**Ped Components:** Modify existing facilities. Replace existing sidewalks with 6'-8' sidewalks on all approaches except no change on E side of S Hamilton.

State Fiscal Year	Phase	Source	Amount	
2021	PE-Environmental Study	State Safety	\$67,680	
2022	PE-Detailed Design	State Safety	\$97,175	
2022	Right-of-Way	HSIP	\$2,929,127	
2022	Right-of-Way	State Safety	\$325,459	
2022	Right-of-Way	LTIP	\$330,600	
2022	Right-of-Way	CMAQ-M	\$1,322,400	MORPC Funds
2023	Construction	LTIP	\$611,703	
2023	Construction	CMAQ-M	\$5,055,577	MORPC Funds
2023	Construction	Local	\$252,191	
			<b>Total:</b>	
				<b>\$10,991,912</b>

## Summary of Funding Sources

Source	Description	Total Amount
CMAQ-M	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement, Attributable to MORPC	\$6,377,977
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$4,929,127
LABR-F	Labor - Federal	\$1,094,787
LABR-S	Labor - State	\$121,643
Local	Local Public Agency	\$3,952,055
LTIP	Local Transportation Improvement Program (OPWC)	\$942,303
Preserv-Federal	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - Federal	\$28,269,726
Preserv-State	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - State	\$3,141,081
State Safety	State Safety	\$490,314
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$968,800
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$50,287,812</b>

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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper  
Associate Director, Transportation Planning

DATE: May 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Development of 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals

The 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will be developed with guidance from a set of regional goals established to direct investments in Central Ohio's transportation system. The MTP goals inform MTP strategy development and project evaluation criteria used to identify long-term regional priorities in the MTP. They also drive program development, analyses, and practices for the many planning activities and services provided by MORPC for the region.

The MTP goals have remained largely unchanged since 2016. The continuity reflects renewed commitment and allows for consistency in monitoring progress in advancement. As we embark on the 2024-2050 MTP development, MORPC staff recognize that shifts of emphasis areas have occurred in both the federal and local environments in the four years since the goals were previously reviewed and established. For this reason, we propose using the existing goals as a starting point, but that the goals should be carefully reviewed and modified to ensure they address all the ways transportation investments impact people in our region.

While MORPC staff convenes an internal review process, we are also asking for comment from our committees on proposed edits and additions to the existing goals, listed below.

Existing MTP Transportation Goals

Through transportation...

- Position central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally
- Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people
- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life
- Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures

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- Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies
- Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.

Progress in achieving the goals will continue to be measured by identifying objectives and targets related to each goal. Objectives and targets, along with revised goals, will be brought before the committees for approval later in 2022.

We request initial comments on changes to the existing goals by Friday, July 15, 2022. Based on these comments and the internal staff review, updated Goals will be developed later in the summer for further review.