

INTER-REGIONAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE BYLAWS

A. NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Inter-Regional Connections Committee for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

B. ORIGIN

The Inter-Regional Connections Committee work is a long-range multimodal planning activity in the federally and state sponsored approved planning work program (PWP) by an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

C. PURPOSE

The Inter-Regional Connections Committee will further advance existing inter-city passenger mobility projects and identify new/other alternatives that address the need for other interregional routes suitable for passenger travel. This includes innovative technologies such as hyperloop, high-speed passenger rail/magnetic levitation, advanced air mobility, and other innovative transportation modes, as deemed appropriate.

The Inter-Regional Connections Committee will also help in selecting the course of action and preferred alternative as various interregional transportation projects arise. The preferred alternative will reflect consideration of various community goals and issues, equity considerations, environmental factors and concerns, and find the appropriate balance among competing interests.

The Inter-Regional Connections Committee may make recommendations to the Transportation Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Committee to advance planning and projects in their purview.

D. MEMBERSHIP

Appointment Nomination - Each Inter-Regional Connections Committee member must provide a letter of nomination from the lead executive of their organization (or department within their organization) to appoint them to the Inter-Regional Connections Committee. If the member is the lead executive of their organization, they may nominate themselves.

Members may have an alternate representative attend meetings and vote their

proxy in their absence. This will require a letter from the member prior to the meeting.

Resignation - A letter of resignation from the member of the Inter-Regional Connections Committee is required to cease membership on the Committee.

E. QUORUM

A quorum shall be defined by a minimum of 5 voting members from the MORPC region. When a quorum is present, an affirmative vote of the majority of the representatives present is necessary for any action taken.

F. MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

Representatives on the Inter-Regional Connections Committee shall consist of decision-making stakeholders in the private and public sector from the MORPC region and areas of interest beyond the region. These representatives must be appointed biennially by their appointing authority.

Additional representatives may be added as deemed appropriate by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Membership terms will last two (2) years from the date in which the member is nominated into the committee.

Representatives of the Inter-Regional Connections Committee may designate, in writing (electronic mail included), one or more alternate representatives. The alternate representative so designated may attend and vote on behalf of the regular member in the absence of the regular member.

G. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Inter-Regional Connections Committee shall be selected from the Inter-Regional Connections Committee membership, following the nomination of the members to the committee biennially. The committee shall select the following officers: a Chairperson to preside over meetings, a Vice- Chairperson to act on the Chairperson's behalf in his or her absence, and a Secretary to certify all minutes of Inter-Regional Connections Committee meetings.

H. MEETINGS

The Inter-Regional Connections Committee will meet quarterly. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson (fulfilling the Chair's duties), or by any three (3) members of the Inter-Regional Connections Committee.

Meeting minutes from the previous ICC meeting shall be approved at the beginning of each meeting agenda.

I. NOTICE

All MORPC meetings are open to the public – in accordance with Ohio law – with advance notice and meeting materials posted at morpc.org. Although it is standard for these meetings to be held in person – and usually at the MORPC office – there may be virtual options to increase people’s ability to participate.

Special assistance can be provided to individuals such as those who are hearing impaired, provided that arrangements are made reasonably in advance of the meetings.

J. ANNUAL UPDATE OF BYLAWS

The bylaws will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis at the May meeting of the ICC.