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NOTICE OF A MEETING

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Wednesday, March 2, 2022
9 a.m.

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AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions – James Young, Chair**
- 9:02 a.m. Approval of Feb. 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
- 9:03 a.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC**
- 9:10 a.m. Funding Programs**
- Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC
 - Resolution T-3-22: Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC
- 9:20 a.m. Informational Items**
- Air Quality Program Update – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC
 - Technical Assistance Program – Lauren Cardoni, MORPC
 - Celebrate Trails Day & Outdoor Trails Passport – Melinda Vonstein, MORPC
- 9:45 a.m. Other Business**
- 9:50 a.m. Adjourn**

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The next TAC meeting is **April 6, 2022, at 9 a.m.**

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **February 2, 2022**
Time: **9 a.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members/Alternates Present

Mike Barker
Andrew Biesterveld
Barbara Cox
Cindi Fitzpatrick
Corey Francis

Tiffany Jenkins
Tim Nittle
Matthew Peoples
Scott Sanders
Letty Schamp

Reynaldo Stargell
Kevin Weaver
James Young

Members/Alternates Viewing Online

Mike Andrako
Greg Butcher
Brian Davidson
Matt Huffman
Morgan Kauffman

Joshua Lockhart
Kimberly Moss

Guests Present

John Gallagher

Guests Viewing Online

Dan Hoying

MORPC Staff

Lauren Cardoni
Thea Ewing
Mary Ann Frantz
John Gardocki
Nick Gill

Thomas Graham
Ralonda Hampton
Dina Lopez
Lexi Petrella
Maria Schaper

Bevan Schneck
Edwina Teye
Nathaniel Vogt
Melinda Vonstein

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Approval of December 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes. Ms. Fitzpatrick moved; Mr. Weaver seconded; and the motion passed.

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

- Thea Ewing started off the report highlighting some structural and staff changes that recently took place at MORPC. It includes Ms. Ewing being promoted to Chief Regional Development Officer and Senior Director of Programming, as well as Nick Gill being promoted to Director of Transportation Study – among other staff promotions.

- Ms. Fitzpatrick asked about back-filling Mr. Gill's role since it encompasses so much. Mr. Gill said some other staff had been promoted and MORPC is hiring various positions to the programming team.
- Mr. Gill highlighted the billions of dollars as part of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, including the increased formula funding MORPC would receive, as well as its discretionary grants – including the recent RAISE grant notice. More information is continuing to be released, including guidance from the federal administration. MORPC is also in the process of hiring a grants and investment officer.
- The second round of public involvement meetings for the US-23 Connect study took place, focused on the purpose and need, concepts to be studied, and evaluation metrics. There has been great public interest, and the third round of public meetings will take place in the spring.
- MORPC's Technical Assistance Program received six applications from communities that are being evaluated, with awardees soon to be announced.
- Delaware County Transit's Delaware City FLEX service continues to grow, and its green route suspension will continue until March 31, 2022, which connects Delaware to COTA service at the COTA Crosswoods Park and Ride.
- The work on the LinkUS Mobility Initiative and its first three corridors continues to progress, including its next steps with the FTA. MORPC is involved in many aspects, and COTA and MORPC have been meeting with local jurisdictions to promote the benefits.
- Mr. Biesterveld provided a COTA update, saying they are continuing to monitor their fare system change. COTA will be offering half-off fares for low-income riders starting March 1 as part of a six-month pilot program to make transit accessible and increase ridership. There are also renovations taking place at the McKinley Avenue facility.
- Mr. Gill also highlighted that the resolutions brought before the committee would always make references to the implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

IV. Funding Programs

- Attributable Funds Project State Update – Thomas Graham, MORPC
 - Mr. Graham provided the attributable funding commitments handout. Funds for the 70/71 Phase 4R/6R were encumbered on Jan 12. The Franklin County Agler Road at Alum Creek bridge replacement project is an outstanding encumbrance because they are rebidding it.
 - Ms. Schamp asked about projects going over 10% and how that affects estimates put together by MORPC. Mr. Gill said MORPC has only been aware of a couple and deferred to other. Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Young, Ms. Schamp, and Mr. Biesterveld all mentioned having to adjust their estimates, as well as experiencing delays.

V. Resolutions

- Resolution T-1-22: Accepting MORPC as the Prime Holder of the Gohio Platform Contract, including Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility, for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils with RideAmigos – Lexi Petrella, MORPC

- Ms. Petrella provided an overview of the Gohio Commute program, which encourages commuters to search for and use sustainable modes. Gohio Mobility helps individuals, caregivers, and social service agencies find transportation services.
 - The Gohio Platform is a statewide program through the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC), of which MORPC is a member.
 - The resolution considered would allow MORPC to be the prime contract holder, on behalf of OARC, with RideAmigos – a company that helps to run the Gohio Platform.
 - Ms. Schamp made a motion to adopt Resolution T-1-22; Mr. Peoples seconded; and the motion passed.
- Resolution T-2-22: Adopting the 2021-2026 Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT Human Services Transportation Coordination Region 6 – Lexi Petrella, MORPC
 - Ms. Petrella reminded the committee that the Regional Mobility Plan applies to the nine counties within ODOT Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6, and she highlighted the approval process for the plan – including the resolution under consideration.
 - The Regional Mobility Plan provides for goals and strategies at the county and regional levels related to transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The plan is required by the Federal Transit Administration to receive funding. Ms. Petrella also highlighted next steps for after the plan is adopted.
 - Mr. Barker made a motion to adopt Resolution T-2-22; Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded; and the motion passed.

VI. Informational Items

- Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure & Conservation Update – Nathaniel Vogt and Edwina Teye, MORPC
 - Mr. Vogt and Dr. Teye highlighted the three programs MORPC administers on behalf of the Ohio Public Works Commission. They include the State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP), Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP), and Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund for District 3, which is all of Franklin County.
 - The presentation provided an overview of the programs, how much they provide to local governments, and the current application processes for each.
- 2021 Year in Review – Bevan Schneck, MORPC
 - Mr. Schneck provided a synopsis of all that the committee had accomplished during the 2021 calendar year. It included the ten meetings the committee had – both virtually and hybrid – the 16 transportation-related resolutions passed by the committee, and the many different topics that were considered by the committee throughout the year.

VII. Other Business

- Mr. Schneck highlighted that MORPC would be hosting a virtual board member orientation and that CAC members are welcome to participate
- MORPC is also hosting a Black History Month Webinar event with the Franklin County Engineer and COMTO Columbus on February 7 at 1 p.m. TAC members are welcome to participate.

VIII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.



Thea J Ewing, Secretary



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

February 2022

PROGRAMMING

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Transportation

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Staff continues to work on data development that will inform the population and employment forecast update for the 2024-2050 MTP.
- Staff will also begin compiling data for the 2022 MTP Report Card.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- Staff attended the Delaware County Transit Advisory Committee meeting on January 26, 2022 to discuss the Regional Mobility Plan and priorities for Delaware County, specifically. The committee will be meeting quarterly in 2022 to initiate the goals and strategies.
- MORPC staff conducted a meeting with a group of regional stakeholders who made up the Regional Mobility Plan Steering Committee to discuss next steps on February 8, 2022. Engagement with these stakeholders will continue regionally on a quarterly time frame and locally based on each county's local transit coordination meetings.
- MORPC staff finalized the Regional Mobility Plan and submitted the document to ODOT on February 11, 2022. The plan was posted to morpc.com/mobilityplan for public viewing on February 15, 2022.
- MORPC staff received resolutions of adoption from Fairfield, Fayette, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties for the Regional Mobility Plan, the ODOT HSTC Region 6 Coordinated Plan. Resolutions of adoption were also received from LCATS (representing Licking County) and MORPC (representing Franklin and Delaware counties).

- MORPC staff is developing a provider service area drawing tool for Ohio mobility managers to draw more precise polygons for the Gohio Mobility specialized search tool. MORPC staff has communicated with the platform provider, RideAmigos, to ensure platform changes were made to accommodate more precise service areas with multiple points. MORPC staff will train Ohio mobility managers on how to use the tool.
- MORPC staff engaged with the ODOT statewide mobility coordinator and Ohio mobility management network on February 9, 2022 to share best practices, update the group on Gohio Mobility advancements, and support the statewide programs.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- Staff initiated the FTA TrAMs process for approval of the FFY 2021 CRRSAA and ARPA apportionments (COVID relief dollars) as approved by Commission.
- Vehicle delivery continues to be an issue with the ongoing chassis and computer chip shortages. Vendors cannot accurately provide delivery dates for the February 2021 order or the order staff will place for the just-approved round of Section 5310 funding.
- Staff is updating the Program Management Plan (PMP) to incorporate new procedures and policies per federal guidance.

Gohio Commute

- Staff developed a vanpool testimony video to highlight a success story. Universal Veneer in Newark, Ohio was able to stabilize its second shift by participating in the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program. The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/q2wXv17CBuo>.
- MORPC staff is hosting a planning meeting with Central Ohio transportation partners to begin the process of updating the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan. The TDM Plan will focus on encouraging sustainable transportation behavior through campaigns and partnership programs.
- Staff is working with Central Ohio transportation partners and Central Ohio Greenways to collaborate on active transportation campaigns and events in April and May in connection with Bike Month and MORPC's TDM programming.
- Staff is working on the new subscription agreement with RideAmigos, the Gohio Platform provider, for OARC and ODOT. The new subscription agreement will be for a three-year period and will include Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility. The MORPC Transportation Policy Committee approved the resolution to be the prime contract holder for OARC and ODOT on February 10, 2022.

Transportation Planning Activities:

Rt 23 Connect Study

- MORPC continues to support the ODOT team in providing data and modeling services.
- Phase 2 of the study will conclude at the end of February, when the current public comment period ends.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- MORPC, the City of Columbus, and COTA continue to hold regional outreach discussions with the cities and townships in Franklin County about the overall LinkUS initiative.
- 30% design continues to move forward for the East Main and West Broad corridors, with end of line decisions becoming clearer. Bi-weekly technical and traffic meetings for the corridors are occurring with the jurisdictions along the route.

Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)/Interregional Connections Committee (ICC)

- The first Interregional Connections Committee was held virtually on February 23, 2022, when officers and bylaws were determined. Discussions on planning priorities for the year were also part of the agenda.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO):

- Staff reviewed and evaluated eight applications for CORPO Dedicated Funds and convened the Dedicated Funds Selection Committee on February 8. The committee recommended funding for six applications. A public comment period on the recommendations is open until March 14. The CORPO committee will be asked to approve the funding awards at its March 21 meeting.
- Development activities have begun for the update of the CORPO Transportation Plan, which is set to be adopted by the CORPO committee in May 2023. Initial activities include reviewing the goals and objectives, and identifying performance measures.
- Staff is planning county-level subcommittee meetings to take place at the end of March.

Transportation Safety:

- Staff continues working with Franklin County Public Health on the Complete Streets Safety Audits project. Three communities are participating in the project: City of Grove City, City of Reynoldsburg, and City of Whitehall. Walk audits have been scheduled with each community and will be conducted with city staff and local stakeholders to discuss opportunities and challenges related to walking and bicycling in key locations within each community. Staff from COTA, FCEO, and other relevant agencies have also been engaged to participate.
- Staff participated in the following transportation safety committee meetings:
 - Ohio SHSP Steering Committee – February 7
 - Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition – February 9
 - SAFE Delaware County Coalition – February 10
 - Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review – February 10
 - OARC Transportation Safety Subcommittee – February 15
 - Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee, Technical Council – February 17
- Key updates from committee meetings included:

- Traffic fatalities in 2021 were up 10% compared to 2020; serious injuries also increased for the first year in many years. Overall vehicle volumes are still down 5-10% statewide compared to 2019.
- ODOT received more than \$80 million in requests for systemic safety project funding; it originally planned to distribute only \$30 million, but will be looking to fund as many quality projects as possible. The majority of the applications were from local agencies (only a few from ODOT district offices).

Technical Assistance Program:

- The Technical Assistance Program provides MORPC staff assistance to local government members within the boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to advance the goals in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan through implementation of specific MTP strategies focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure.

Six applications for technical assistance were received for the 2022 program, and the following requests were awarded:

- City of Columbus – Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement – east/west corridor connectivity assessment for downtown / Bronzeville
- City of Dublin – Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement – multi-jurisdictional trail connectivity assessment
- City of Sunbury – Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement – Ohio to Erie trail access and connectivity planning
- Franklin County Metro Parks – Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement – Scioto Trail extension planning

These four technical assistance activities will kick off in March and be completed before the end of the year. More information about the MORPC Technical Assistance Program can be found on the [program webpage](#).

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Staff has prepared a TIP amendment for consideration in March.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

- The Draft Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding are currently open for public comment through March 18.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- The next meeting of the Public Works Integrating Committee, District 3 (Franklin County), will be held on Friday, March 11.

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- The Columbus Region CEDS was approved by the Economic Development Administration on February 1. EDA staff commended the CEDS for its targeted action plan and integration of the COVID-19 Policy Briefs.
- With a completed and approved CEDS, we will now move on to application for Economic Development District (EDD) designation.

PLANNING

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Community Development

Active Transportation Planning:

- Active Transportation Planning
 - Staff participated in the ODOT Active Transportation Advisory Committee quarterly meeting on February 16. ODOT will be opening an application window in late February 2022 for consultant assistance to develop local active transportation plans. The assistance will focus on developing plans that identify specific active transportation projects for future implementation. Agencies interested in applying can reach out to Lauren Cardoni for more information at lcardoni@morpc.org.
 - The ODOT Multimodal Design Guide will be released in April, and a series of online / virtual training sessions will be available to those interested in learning more about the content. The ODOT L&D and TEM will be updated to integrate this new guidance as well.
 - MORPC hosted the February APBP webinar: Accommodating Active Transportation Through Work Zones. Staff from the City of Dublin, FCEO, and COTA attended the live webinar viewing. For more information about this monthly webinar series and how to attend viewings, contact Lauren Cardoni at lcardoni@morpc.org.
 - The Complete Streets Walk Audit Program is underway. Team members from the Planning and Programming departments, together with members of Franklin County Public Health, held project kick-off meetings with staff and elected officials in the communities of Grove City, Reynoldsburg, and Whitehall. Walk audits will take place in each community in late February.
- Central Ohio Greenways
 - The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met on January 19 and welcomed new Board Chair Mike Andrako, from the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and showed appreciation to past Chair Letty Schamp, from the City of Hilliard, for her

dedication to trails and to the COG Board. The board adopted a revised Regional Trail Vision reflecting changes communities requested due to updated feasibility understandings. The board also discussed goals for 2022 and plans to continue focusing on partnership building, utilizing federal funds, and evaluating the strategic plan.

- Trail Development Working Group: The group is supporting a trail monitoring pilot project. Two state-of-the-art counters were installed on trails and will be evaluated over the next six-to-nine months. A formal equipment recommendation to partners is expected after the evaluation period. Additionally, the group will meet with communities to learn more about their trail projects and support regional grant applications over the next six months.
- Marketing & Communications Working Group: The group is advising MORPC's Trail Town Planning effort, which will provide recommendations to rural towns and communities on how to utilize trail connectivity for economic development, tourism, and quality of life. The Trail Town Project began in late 2021 and will continue through July 2022. The results of the effort will provide recommendations for establishing a Trail Town Program. Lastly, the group is organizing a Celebrate Trails Day to be hosted at Nelson Park on April 23, 2022 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Trail user groups and other organizations will be hosting rides, wellness activities, sharing free food, and other fun activities as part of the event. Experience Columbus will also relaunch the Outdoor Trails Pass as part of the celebration.
- Operations & Access Working Group: The group supported a wayfinding strategy application that was submitted for funding consideration to ODOT in January 2022.
- Partnership Working Group: The group recently finalized an Impact of Trails Report, which estimates a return on investment for the Regional Trail Vision. The report reveals significant impacts related to quality of life, health, the economy, and the environment. In 2022, the group plans to focus more on environmental and multimodal partnerships.

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 metrics review and outreach.
- RAPID 5
 - A printed copy of the final visions for each corridor is now available. If you are interested in obtaining a hard copy, please contact Kerstin Carr.

Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

- Outreach
 - Team members attended a roundtable discussion with community leaders in Circleville and Pickaway County.
- Implementation Assistance

- MORPC members can look forward to an improved and expanded RHS Resource Hub this spring. 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

Sustainability Advisory Committee:

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met February 16, when several new members were introduced. The MORPC team presented on 2022 planning and sustainability initiatives, and chairs from the Sustaining Scioto Board, Central Ohio Greenways Board, and Energy & Air Quality Working Group provided updates. Committee Chair Mayor Ben Kessler updated the members about plans for the March Sustainable2050 meeting. The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting will be hosted in person on April 20, when the committee will engage in planning for the Summit on Sustainability.

Sustainable2050:

The next quarterly member meeting will be on March 18 and will focus on waste reduction, composting, and recycling with a presentation from Kyle O'Keefe with SWACO. An excel workbook is available for members to achieve tier status certification through an updated process that includes recognition for advancing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. We also announced the technical assistance program for Sustainable2050 members available through OSU's City and Regional Planning program and Sustainability Institute, working with planning studios and capstone courses to match up the project needs. Please contact Brandi Whetstone to join Sustainable2050 or to achieve tier status certification.

Water Resources Program:

- Sustaining Scioto Board: The board will meet on February 23 with Glenn Marzluf, General Manager and CEO of Del-Co Water, serving as chair. There will be a featured presentation by Bartlett Durand of Sand County Foundation on the topic *Municipal-Agriculture Watershed Partnerships in Iowa — A Successful Approach to Water Quality Improvement*.
- Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team: The team will meet on March 17. At that time, the chair and MORPC staff will be presenting logistical considerations and other programming alternatives focused on climate change adaptation and water quality in the Scioto Watershed.

Energy & Air Quality:

- Energy and Air Quality Working Group: The group met on January 25 with a featured presentation from Mike Foley, the sustainability director of Cuyahoga County. Mike discussed the county's efforts in tackling climate change by taking the group through

Cuyahoga County's climate action plan, highlighting residential and municipal solar co-ops, starting a green bank, and exploring the development of microgrids. The next meeting will be held on March 22.

- **Energy:** MORPC is continuing with SolSmart designations among members to streamline permitting and zoning to increase the ease of adopting solar. Additionally, MORPC is collaborating with the City of Columbus, Solar United Neighbors, IMPACT Community Action, and Simply Living to develop residential solar in the Greater Columbus region as part of the 2022 Rocky Mountain Institute Solarize cohort. And finally, MORPC is continuing with developing its energy aggregation toolkit to advance more aggregation in the region focused on renewable energy and in-state generation.
- **Air Quality:** The annual air quality report was released on February 16 and gave the project team some key takeaways. For the first time since record keeping began in 1980, no "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" Air Quality Index (AQI) days for ozone were observed. And other than wildfire smoke in July, overall, 85% of days for PM 2.5 were in the "Good" AQI category. Sadly, the team was informed that Dr. Brooke White is leaving MORPC for a new opportunity. Her position will be posted on MORPC's job portal soon.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund:

- Final applications for Round 16 of the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund are due on March 11, 2022. Applicant site visits are scheduled for March 25.

Data, Mapping & Modeling

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

Staff held an orientation meeting for new RDAC Members on January 27. The first RDAC meeting will be held on March 2.

- **Working Groups**
 - The Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group will meet in early March, date to be determined.
 - The Local Government Resources Working Group will hold its first meeting of the year on February 22.
 - The Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy Working Group is collecting letters of intent.
- **User Groups**
 - The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee met on February 2, in preparation for the full RIDG User Group meeting on March 2.
 - The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met February 15, with presentations by City of Dublin and ESRI.

Data Management:

- Staff finalized and submitted a joint application with OSU CURA to join the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) – pending approval to join. This will provide opportunities for the data team to discuss and learn from other similar community data intermediaries.
- Staff members are working with communities to identify ways to more timely and efficiently share building permit data for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan process.

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 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and CORPO Transportation Plan.
 - Internal review of draft county population projections.
 - Conducting research for other county control totals (e.g., households, labor force, employment).
 - Renewable energy data collection for 2021, comparing City of Columbus's reported to what was provided from PUCO.
 - Consulted on survey development for both Central Ohio Trail Towns and Communications & Engagement marketing.
 - Working on Federal Transit Administration appropriation data collection and processes/ for future updates and streamlining.
 - A new data analyst has been hired.
- Mapping Activities
 - The COG Vision layer and web map were updated to add additional trails.
 - A draft of existing land use and future land use at the parcel level is complete as a part of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and will be set up for community review via a web map.
- Modeling Activities
 - Reviewed scripts and process for land use model in preparation for Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
 - US23 T2C Connect network has been completed.
 - Model work as part of LinkUS project is ongoing.
 - Staff responded to Traffic Growth Rate requests for various locations.
 - Traffic Count Program maintenance is ongoing.
 - Modeling staff attended a four-day training class at ODOT.

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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News Releases:

- [More Than \\$27 Million Awarded to Franklin County Communities](#)
- [MORPC Amends 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect COTA Changes](#)
- [MORPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Approved](#)
- [Draft Policies for Allocating MORPC-Attributable Transportation Funding Available for Review and Comment](#)
- [CORPO Proposes More than \\$900,000 for Transportation Projects](#)

MORPC in the News:

- [Bexley seeking public input on latest draft of East Livingston Avenue safety plan](#)
- [Columbus leaders eye housing, transit investments to prepare for Intel](#)
- [Generational Change](#)
- [Roads, water, sewers among infrastructure needed to support Intel facility](#)
- [Collaboration is key to regional transportation plan](#)
- [Transportation initiative discussed at Westland Area Commission meeting](#)
- [Public transportation idea still alive](#)
- [ODOT is looking at changing Route 23 north of Columbus, and many residents aren't happy](#)
- [Will Ohio officials get on board with Amtrak passenger rail expansion? Advocates hope so](#)
- [Intel in New Albany: Computer chip manufacturer approached city, planners in spring 2021](#)

Digital Content:

- Air Quality Alerts, Careers/Jobs, Central Ohio Greenways, Columbus Vision Zero, eSource, Gohio Commute, Mid-Ohio Open Data Site, OU Partnership, Paving the Way, Regional Housing Strategy, Rentful (rent assistance), RFPs/RFQs, Sustainability, Weatherization, Staff promotions, SOTR promotion, Black History Month.
 - Top Digital Content (Twitter)
 - [January 2022](#)
 - [February 2022](#) (as of 2/14/22)

Diversity & Inclusion:

- In early February, MORPC partnered with the Franklin County Engineer's Office and the Conference of Minority Officials (COMTO) Columbus to present a Black History Month webinar, "Black Excellence in Transportation. Panelists included Shannetta Griffin, Federal Aviation Administration; Director Jack Marchbanks, ODOT; Amy Hall, Ebony Construction; and Taj Bakare, CT Consultants. The webinar focused on the importance of diversity, equity & inclusion in the transportation field and in selecting future leaders. Over 200 individuals attended the event.

Public Involvement & Engagement:

- MORPC became a partner with New Growth Innovation Network's (NGIN) newly created Inclusive Recovery Initiative Community of Practice. The goal of the initiative is to create a network of economic development practitioners who will work together to find innovative solutions for inclusive COVID-19 recovery.
- MORPC staff participated in a workshop titled, "Normalizing Race Equity in Economic Development," which was led by the Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE), located in Atlanta, GA. This workshop focused on helping leaders ensure that racial equity plays a key role in substantial economic development projects and will be beneficial in MORPC's involvement in projects like LinkUS.
- In January and February, comment periods for the following subjects were promoted on social media: the Transportation Improvement Plan; Allocation of MORPC- Attributable Transportation Funding; and CORPO Proposes More than \$900,000 for Transportation Projects
 - Social media (shared on all platforms):
 - [Transportation Improvement Plan Comment Period](#)
 - [Allocation of MORPC- Attributable Transportation Funding](#)
 - [CORPO Proposes More than \\$900,000 for Transportation Projects](#)

Events:

- Save the Date for MORPC's annual [State of the Region](#) on March 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This year's event will be held in person at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.
- Be sure to save the date for other important events hosted by MORPC alongside our partners throughout 2022:
 - NARC 56th Annual Conference & Exhibition, June 12-15, 2022, Hilton Columbus Downtown
 - Ohio Conference on Freight, June 2022 (date to be announced)
 - 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 Study Director

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-3-22: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-3-22 will add or modify nine projects to the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling almost \$170 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In April, 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 1: Repair or replace bridges in poor physical condition
- PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition
- PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life
- PRES 5: Repair or replace transit facilities in poor physical condition
- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations
- OP 5: Improve connections and coordination among transit system operators
- TRAN 3: Implement high capacity transit service along additional corridors
- MULTI 2: Maximize efficiency of existing transit terminals and construct new transit terminals, mobility centers and park and rides with safe bike, pedestrian, and vehicle access where there is a convergence of transit routes or intercity rapid speed transportation modes
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges

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. Four projects include MORPC-attributable funding.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

COTA - The following additions and modifications to the TIP are being made for COTA projects:

- Split the former High Capacity Transit East-West Corridor (PID 112116) into two projects – High Capacity Transit East Main Street Corridor (remains PID 112116) and High Capacity Transit West Broad Street Corridor (PID 116500). MORPC's prior commitment of \$1.5 million will be divided equally between the two corridors.
- PID 112217 – Electric Charging Stations: Add \$1,600,000 of FTA Section 5307 funding and \$1,000,000 of COTA local funding.
- PID 114757 – Rickenbacker Mobility Center: Add \$825,000 of Section 5307 funding and modify COTA local funding. This project contains MORPC-attributable funding, but no changes are being made to MORPC commitments.
- PID 116001 - 2022 DERG Buses (PID 116001): Add project to the TIP.
- PID 116194 - Reynoldsburg Park and Ride: Modify scope to reflect renovation of an existing facility as opposed to new construction.

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

- PID 109164 – I-71 Bridge Maintenance: Move project from SLI Group list to Individual List.
- PID 92616 – I-270 (South Outerbelt) at US 23: Add PE DD phase in SFY 2022 and Construction phase in SFY 2023.

Upper Arlington - The following modification to the TIP is being made for an Upper Arlington project:

- PID 111991 – Fishinger Rd Reconstruction – Phase 2: Increase local funding in SFY 2024. This project contains MORPC-attributable funding, but no changes are being made to MORPC commitments.

NTG:TG

Attachment: Resolution T-3-22

RESOLUTION T-3-22

“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, two project additions and four project modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP have been identified as needed for Central Ohio Transit Agency projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

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

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2021-2024 TIP has been identified as needed for an Upper Arlington 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 1: Repair or replace bridges in poor physical condition, PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition, PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life, PRES 5: Repair or replace transit facilities in poor physical condition, SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations, OP 5: Improve connections and coordination among transit system operators, TRAN 3: Implement high capacity transit service along additional corridors, MULTI 2: Maximize efficiency of existing transit terminals and construct new transit terminals, mobility centers and park and rides with safe bike, pedestrian, and vehicle access where there is a convergence of transit routes or intercity rapid speed transportation modes, RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting February 28, 2022, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 2, 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 it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2021-2024 TIP is maintained.

- Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 6. 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.

Karen Angelou, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

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

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 112116

TIP ID: 3736

MTP ID: 619

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA High Capacity Transit E Main St C **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: System Analyzed

Description: COTA High Capacity Transit E Main St Corr, Transit Expansion Capital, East Main St Corridor Pre-Project Development, Development through Completion. Engineering & Design - Busway. ALI 11.21.01

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

Ped Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2021	Other	Local-Transit	\$20,000,000	
2022	Other	STBG-S	\$2,200,000	
2022	Other	Local-Transit	\$550,000	
2022	PE-Detailed Design	STBG-M	\$750,000	MORPC Funds - Cap Amount
2022	PE-Detailed Design	Local-Transit	\$475,000	
2023	Other	FFY23 Sec 5307	\$375,000	
2023	Other	Local-Transit	\$1,125,000	
2024	Other	FFY24 Sec 5307	\$5,843,085	
2024	Other	Local-Transit	\$38,518,418	
Total:			\$69,836,503	

Agency: COTA

PID: 112217

TIP ID: 3755

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA Electric Charging Stations- **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA Electric Charging Stations, Transit Activity, Route Electrification. Acquisition - Misc. Elec/Power Equip. ALI 11.52.20

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2021	Other	Local-Transit	\$329,850	
2022	Other	Sec 5307	\$1,600,000	
2022	Other	Local-Transit	\$500,000	
2023	Other	Local-Transit	\$1,000,000	
2024	Other	Local-Transit	\$500,000	
Total:			\$3,929,850	

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 114757

TIP ID: 3839

MTP ID: 1711

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA Rickenbacker Mobility Center-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA Rickenbacker Mobility Center, Transit Activity, The Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center is envisioned as a hub connecting multiple rural, workforce, and urban transit systems. ALI 11.31.03 and 11.33.03

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

Ped Components: Transit shelters.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2021	Other	Local-Transit	\$1,000,000	
2022	Construction	Sec 5307	\$825,000	
2022	Construction	STBG-M	\$3,375,000	MORPC Funds - Cap Amount
2022	Construction	Local-Transit	\$4,800,000	
Total:			\$10,000,000	

Agency: COTA

PID: 116001

TIP ID: 3891

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA 2022 DERG Buses-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Replacement Capital

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA 2022 DERG Buses, Transit Replacement Capital, Replace four model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with four new CNG powered transit buses. ALI: 11.12.01.

Bike Components: Bicycle racks.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2022	Other	DERG	\$1,966,240	
2022	Other	Local-Transit	\$491,560	
Total:			\$2,457,800	

Agency: COTA

PID: 116194

TIP ID: 3854

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA Reynoldsburg Park and Ride-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: COTA Reynoldsburg Park and Ride, Transit Activity, ALI: 11.33.04. Renovation to increase the parking capacity, create a building for operator restrooms and small break area, and create a long bus pull off that will accomodate current and future operations

Bike Components: Secure bicycle parking.

Ped Components: Replace existing facilities.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2023	Other	FFY22 Sec 5339	\$1,425,650	
2023	Other	Local-Transit	\$1,024,350	
2024	Other	Local-Transit	\$300,000	
Total:			\$2,750,000	

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 116500

TIP ID: 3894

MTP ID: 988

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA High Capacity Transit W Broad St **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: System Analyzed

Description: COTA High Capacity Transit W Broad St Corr, Transit Expansion Capital, West Broad St Corridor Pre-Project Development, Development through Completion. Engineering & Design - Busway. ALI 11.21.01

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

Ped Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2022	PE-Detailed Design	STBG-M	\$750,000	MORPC Funds - Cap Amount
2022	PE-Detailed Design	Local-Transit	\$475,000	
2023	Other	FFY23 Sec 5307	\$375,000	
2023	Other	Local-Transit	\$1,125,000	
2024	Other	FFY24 Sec 5307	\$5,843,085	
2024	Other	Local-Transit	\$38,518,418	
Total:			\$47,086,503	

Agency: ODOT 6

PID: 109164

TIP ID: 3629

MTP ID: 203

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-IR071-20.08

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Bridge Maintenance Activities

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: I-71 at 7 overhead bridges between 17th Ave & SR-161, Bridge Maintenance Activities, Repairs and concrete deck overlay on 7 structures.

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2022	PE-Environmental Study	Preserv-Federal	\$450,000	
2022	PE-Environmental Study	Major/New-S	\$600,000	
2022	PE-Environmental Study	Major/New-F	\$2,400,000	
2022	PE-Environmental Study	Preserv-State	\$50,000	
2022	PE-Detailed Design	LABR-S	\$742,500	
2024	PE-Detailed Design	Preserv-State	\$150,000	
2024	PE-Detailed Design	Preserv-Federal	\$1,350,000	
Total:			\$5,742,500	

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Agency: ODOT 6

PID: 92616

TIP ID: 2872

MTP ID: NA

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-IR270-51.50

Length (mi.): 2.46

Project Type(s): Interchange Modification

Air Quality: System Analyzed

Description: I-270 (South Outerbelt) at US-23, Interchange Modification, Located in Columbus. Prelim Eng and Env under PID 25733.

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	PE-Detailed Design	Major/New-S	\$340,912
2023	Construction	LABR-F	\$1,053,591
2023	Construction	LABR-S	\$323,589
2023	Construction	Major/New-F	\$12,562,200
2023	Construction	Major/New-S	\$1,395,800
2023	Construction	Preserv-Federal	\$466,400
2023	Construction	Preserv-State	\$116,600
2023	Construction	State Safety	\$444,389
2023	Construction	HSIP	\$3,999,497
2023	Construction	J&C	\$279,114
2023	Construction	Local	\$660,000
Total:			\$21,642,092

Agency: Upper Arlington

PID: 111991

TIP ID: 3594

MTP ID: 1563

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-CR052-01.82

Length (mi.): 0.98

Project Type(s): Reconstruction/Sidewalks

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: Fishing Rd from Riverside Dr to Mountview Rd, Reconstruction & Sidewalks, includes replacement of street lights and curb and gutter.

Bike Components: Bicycle signage. "Bikes May Use the Full Lane" signage will be installed. 0.98 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 2 sides. Add 5' sidewalks on the south side and 8' sidewalks on the north side, replacing a few isolated segments. 1.96 mi. added to ped network.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	Right-of-Way	Local	\$100,000
2024	Construction	STBG-M	\$3,337,415
2024	Construction	Local	\$2,635,707
Total:			\$6,073,122

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Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
DERG	Diesel Emmissions Reduction Grant	\$1,966,240
FFY22 Sec 5339	Transit Bus and Bus Facilities	\$1,425,650
FFY23 Sec 5307	Transit Formula Block Grants	\$750,000
FFY24 Sec 5307	Transit Formula Block Grants	\$11,686,170
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$3,999,497
J&C	State Jobs & Commerce Funds	\$279,114
LABR-F	Labor - Federal	\$1,053,591
LABR-S	Labor - State	\$1,066,089
Local	Local Public Agency	\$3,395,707
Local-Transit	Local Public Transit Authority	\$110,732,596
Major/New-F	Major/New Program - Federal	\$14,962,200
Major/New-S	Major/New Program - State	\$2,336,712
Preserv-Federal	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - Federal	\$2,266,400
Preserv-State	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - State	\$316,600
Sec 5307	Transit Formula Block Grants	\$2,425,000
State Safety	State Safety	\$444,389
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$8,212,415
STBG-S	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to the State	\$2,200,000
Grand Total:		\$169,518,370

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