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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, June 13, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin, MORPC Chair)
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
3. **COTA Update and Introduction** – Monica Tellez-Fowler, COTA President & CEO
4. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

5. **Proposed Resolution 08-24: “Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2025”** – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

Committees

6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
8. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report** – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - c. **Wayfinding Signage Update** – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming and Melinda Vonstein, MORPC Central Ohio Greenways Program Manager
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **May 9, 2024 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 2) **Proposed Resolution T-8-24: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**
 - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
9. **Commission Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of **May 9, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes**

- b. **Proposed Resolution 09-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to accept funding to launch the Greenways Planning Studio and to perform technical support services”
- c. **Proposed Resolution 10-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with a contractor to provide air quality modeling and technical services”
- d. **Proposed Resolution 11-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Transportation, and local jurisdictions and procure consulting services to execute the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award”
- e. **Proposed Resolution 12-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the 2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts”
- f. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. Other Business

2:45 p.m.

11. **Adjourn** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, August 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report
May 2024

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Regional Water Study

The next Regional Water Study webinar is in June or July. Send requests for webinar invites, comprehensive planning updates and questions to the appropriate email address below.

- Local Planning Updates – dataandmaps@morpc.org
- Webinar Invitations – eteve@morpc.org
- Project Manager – Tiffani Kavalec, Policy Director, Ohio EPA, Tiffani.Kavalec@epa.ohio.gov

MORPC is providing data, mapping, and stakeholder engagement support for the project. Team Members began work on updating the 15-county mapping of parks and other protected greenspaces.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

MORPC hosted a lunch & learn in recognition of Celebrate Diversity Month, a national observance that highlights diversity not only in the workplace, but also within our communities. Team Members shared their personal significant traditions, cultural ceremonies and more.

The Central Ohio Diversity Consortium (CODC) joined forces with MORPC on April 30 for a panel discussion: “Beyond Dialogue: Implementing DEIB In Your Organization.” Nearly 50 people attended the discussion on the relevance of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in the workplace.

MORPC partnered with the State of Ohio Department of Development, City of Columbus Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Franklin County, Columbus City Schools, and the Columbus Metropolitan Library for the Supplier Diversity & Procurement Summit on May 15. The full-day event provided information, resources, and connections for local small businesses. It featured educational breakout sessions, a panel discussion, and speakers, including Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalek and Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther.

Advocacy

The Public Policy Agenda Working Group met May 9. The Regional Policy Roundtable met May 23. The Columbus Coalition met May 24.

Team Members participated on a NARC Panel regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law on May 14 in Washington, DC. While there, the team visited Sen. Brown, Representative Beatty, and House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee members.

MORPC participated in Ohio Rural Development Alliance Statehouse visits on May 21. Team Members gave a presentation to the Central Ohio Public Information Officers on housing policy developments at the state level on May 22.

Gohio Commute

Team Members helped plan and Celebrate Bike to Work Day with the City of Columbus, Central Ohio Transit Authority, CoGo Bike Share, and other like-minded transportation organizations. MORPC staff biked over 240 bike miles to/from work and reduced 206 pounds of CO₂.

MORPC held a transportation fair at the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) to support returning commuters to the workplace. The Defense Logistics agency has 151 employees enrolled in the Gohio Commute Rideshare Platform and ten vanpools traveling to DSCC.

MORPC is running a digital campaign on LinkedIn to raise awareness for Central Ohio companies about consultation services offered around workforce mobility. A similar campaign is running on Facebook and Instagram for individuals to raise ridership.

Active Transportation Planning

The Active Transportation Committee (ATC) met May 22. Meeting materials are available on the [ATC web page](#). The next ATC meeting is August 28.

Team Members participated in a bike tour around the City of Gahanna on May 2 as part of the City's work to develop an Active Transportation Plan.

MORPC hosts virtual group viewings of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) monthly Professional Development webinars. The webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov (jpetrov@morpc.org) if you are interested in attending any of the MORPC group viewings. The next webinar is Wednesday, June 12, on: "*Shifting Away from Car Culture Neighboring the Motor City.*"

Transportation Safety

Save the date for the 2024 Safe Streets Central Ohio Conference. MORPC is hosting the Regional Safety Forum on Thursday, September 26, at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington.

MORPC participated in a [statewide assessment](#) of Motorcycle Safety at the request of Motorcycle Ohio. The assessment was conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and involved experts from across the state covering different components of statewide efforts to improve motorcycle safety. NHTSA will provide a final report documenting assessment findings and recommendations.

The first annual Ohio Traffic Safety Summit was May 20-21 in Columbus. MORPC moderated a session on Non-Motorized Road User Safety. More than 400 people attended the event to share and learn about various aspects of traffic safety. Presentations from the event are available on the [event website](#).

Team Members participated in the following safety committee meetings:

- Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Meeting

Technical Assistance Program

An application window for the next cycle of the MORPC Technical Assistance (TA) Program launches later this year (tentatively in August). If your agency is interested in the TA Program and you have ideas or questions about potential services, please review the program [website](#), or contact Jordan Petrov at jpetrov@morpc.org.

Team Members continue to work with Jefferson and Franklin Townships as they develop their TA projects.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The COG Board met May 15 to hear project updates and Working Group Progress.

- The COG Trail Towns Working Group met May 13 to discuss the best way to implement the COG Trail Town Framework and the COG Wayfinding Strategy. The group proposed a Trail Town Ambassador Training Program.
- The COG Trail Closure and Detours Steering Committee is developing regional best practices to manage closures and detours.
- The COG Mapping Natural Assets Steering Committee is summarizing and analyzing environmental data related to watershed quality. The data will be used to inform development decisions, conservation efforts, and outdoor recreational access.

The Outdoor Trails Pass partnership with Experience Columbus, launched in 2020, is upgraded annually. In 2023, we saw a significant increase in the number of people interacting with and using the pass. Much of the increase was attributed to the inclusion of curated trail experience itineraries. This year the curated experiences are further enhanced through a partnership with local tourism groups. The new curated experiences are highlighted in the 2024 Outdoor Trails Pass. Experience Columbus reported over 1,000 new Outdoor Trails Pass Sign-ups in April which is significantly more than we typically see in one month.

The COG Wayfinding Strategy is complete and available on the COG Website. The report includes signage and map recommendations as well as all strategies to integrate Trail Towns, Public Art, and Placemaking concepts into the regional wayfinding effort.

Central Ohio Blueways

Central Ohio Blueways is working with Keep Columbus Beautiful, Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, the City of Columbus, and watershed advocacy groups to organize a large-scale river clean-up effort. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and focuses on eight locations: two each at the Scioto River, Olentangy River, Alum Creek, and Big Walnut Creek.

Regional Housing Strategy

Team Members continue to promote the identification of barriers and solutions related to housing for members through connections with MORPC's Community Assistance Programs and by giving presentations to councils and other organizations. MORPC is working on identifying ways to expand upon the previous work of the Regional Housing Strategy.

MORPC continues to work with the National Association of Regional Councils' Housing Working Group on discussions surrounding the housing crisis to learn how peer organizations are approaching housing issues.

Are you interested in a housing/growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders? MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our Team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jonathan Miller for more information (JMiller@morpc.org).

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met June 5 and saw a presentation from OSU about a new study abroad program developed for students to participate in the annual UN Climate Change Conference. Other agenda items included MORPC's Summit on Sustainability and reports from Boards and Working Groups.

Sustainable2050

The May 9 Sustainable2050 meeting included updates on MORPC's planning and sustainability programs and featured a presentation on "How Local Governments Can Combat Disinformation." Sustainable2050 membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Current Sustainable2050 members interested in earning their tier status certification should contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org. A certification workbook will be provided, and a kick-off meeting is encouraged to review the process. The deadline to be considered for tier status certification is August 21.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The next Sustaining Scioto Board meeting is June 26.

Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team met May 16 and received an overview of the Farming for Clean Water Communications Plan completed in April. The Outreach Team is planning to partner with local water utility providers to organize a field day in the fall based on recommendations from the Communications Plan. The next Outreach Team meeting is July 18.

Energy & Air Quality

The May 22 Energy & Air Quality Working Group meeting featured updates on air quality and energy programming and opportunities as well as a discussion on the Fifth National Climate Assessment. The Working Group is looking for candidates to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair. Contact Brian Filiatraut, bfiliatraut@morpc.org, if interested in serving in a leadership position. The next Energy & Air Quality Working Group meeting is August 28.

MORPC was awarded \$2 million from the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration's Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program focused on repairing or replacing broken or non-operational EV charging ports throughout the 15-county region. MORPC will soon issue an RFP looking for vendors to complete the work. Reach out to Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org for more information.

This year's Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op kicked off in May and runs through August 26. The co-op is a collaborative effort led by the City of Columbus and Solar United Neighbors with MORPC, IMPACT Community Action, and Green Columbus providing support. If interested in learning more or registering, visit: solarunitedneighbors.org/columbus.

DriveOhio's annual EV Infrastructure Outreach Meeting for Central Ohio is June 18, 11 a.m., at ODOT. For more information, visit: drive.ohio.gov/about-driveohio/events.

The American Lung Association's 2024 State of the Air report noted that four California cities and one Oregon city reported the highest particulate matter pollution in the nation; these results stand in contrast to the IQ Air report that stated Columbus was the most polluted city in the U.S. In fact, Columbus did not appear in the State of the Air's list of most polluted cities, with Franklin County receiving a "B" grade for particulate matter pollution.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

MORPC continues to move forward with the U.S. EPA funded air monitoring project working in partnership with Franklin County Public Health. Team Members completed collocation of 40 PurpleAir sensors with Ohio EPA monitors to test and validate their performance before placing them in the community. Dr. Huyen Le, professor at OSU and Project Advisory Committee member, is lending us 23 additional sensors for the project's duration. The team removed malfunctioning or older sensors from the community and refurbished or replaced them as needed. Team Members began creating community outreach materials for co-presentations beginning next quarter. The Earth Day radio interview with NPR's All Sides generated considerable interest in the project. Team Members are working with community members to place sensors in new locations around Franklin County.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The next RDAC meeting is July 9. Their focus this year is on the areas of Workforce & Job Quality; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Cyber Security; and Regional Data Coaches projects and initiatives.

- Data Day Working Group: The Data Day Working Group continues to plan for Data Day 2025.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG): The May 29 RIDG meeting featured discussion on MORPC's process and methods for population projections and a demonstration of the Monte Carlo Simulation regarding sensitivity analysis. The RIDG Steering Committee is hoping for more involvement from the general attendees. Suggestions included asking for proposals that the members might want to present themselves and encouraging members to share an interesting (static) data visualization for group analysis and discussion.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG): COGUG met May 15. Lightning rounds were presented by Pickaway County, City of Dublin, MORPC, and the Franklin County Engineer. The next meeting is August 21.
- The Regional Data Coaching Working Group: The Working Group met May 30 and is evaluating tools identified as potential platforms to service requests and provide data coaching.
- Workforce and Job Quality Working Group: The Working Group met May 21 and heard a presentation from Results for America, about their work related to job quality evaluation and a related fellowship program they offer.
- DEI & Data Working Group: The next meeting is June 14 to evaluate proposed DEI rubrics and MORPC member and affiliate session content.
- Cyber Security Working Group: The group met May 22 and continued developing an impact statement, proposed near-term activities, and a S.M.A.R.T. goal to achieve the desired impact.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members created a set of virtual machines to provide a consistent and less-restrictive computing environment for carrying out analyses.

2023 factors of population change (births/deaths/migration) for 15 counties and the region are now available in the [Population Resource Hub](#). The process was improved this year to also make the data available in Excel charts (available upon request). Upcoming updates to standard data products:

- Detailed migration analysis by county (May)
- County-level population estimates as of January 1, 2024 (June)
- Key ACS 2022 5-year estimate data for MORPC counties with new and improved user interface improvement (June)

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted in May is available at www.morpc.org/mtp.

Passenger Rail

MORPC and planning partners received RFQ proposals for initial scoping, schedule, and budget for Corridor ID Program activities for Midwest Connect (Chicago-Fort Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh) in early May. Consultant selection is expected by early June.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is completing their Long-Distance Service Study this summer. MORPC was engaged with the study team and other regional stakeholders over the course of the last year. MORPC plans to participate in the final stakeholder meeting in early June.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Team Members drafted bylaws for the Economic Development District Governing Board that are ready for leadership review. Team Members will send invitations to apply to participate on the CEDS Committee once the bylaws and roster are confirmed.

Freight Planning

MORPC is submitting an application to the U.S. EDA's Planning and Local Technical Assistance grant to fund a regionwide freight study. The study will help document the current conditions of freight movement and assets in the region as well as project the region's needs and challenges as it prepares for growth and economic developments. The study will also provide recommendations on ways to preserve existing transportation infrastructure and enhance regional freight capabilities.

Federal Competitive Programs

MORPC was awarded \$2,120,000 in federal funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program for the Crash Analytics and Injury Research (CAIR) initiative. CAIR is a pilot project developed by the Ohio State University's Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) in collaboration with partners at the MORPC, City of Columbus Department of Public Service, Franklin County Engineer's Office, Honda Development & Manufacturing of America, American Honda Motor Co., and others. CAIR will play a crucial role in addressing current gaps in preventing fatal and serious injuries in motor vehicle crashes by uncovering valuable insights into the causes, patterns, and contributing factors throughout the proposed 5-county Central Ohio study area.

MORPC applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Prioritization Process Pilot Program on May 1 requesting funds to replace the current project evaluation and selection process for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The application is titled Building Equitable and Safe Transportation (BEST).

The City of Columbus and MORPC are working together to apply to US. DOT's Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP). The application looks to increase connectivity to major active transportation spines while creating resources for communities along the spines to become trail towns.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) is supporting the City of Columbus in applying to U.S. DOT's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. MORPC provided a letter of support and is creating a webpage for the City of Columbus to better promote the application which requests funds to complete a grade separation on Hilliard Rome Road.

Team Members are in conversation with the Logan County Chamber of Commerce since the Indian Lake region was hit by tornadoes and recently received a federal disaster declaration. MORPC is exploring U.S. EDA funding opportunities to support the region in developing a strategic economic development plan.

The final deadline for planning and demonstration grants for the FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal discretionary grant program is August 29. If your agency is interested in applying for an SS4A grant this year, please let the MORPC team know.

Team Members participated in Community Change grant brainstorming, War Room Monthly Grants update, and U.S. DOT's CFI Grant update.

Drive Investment Portal

The Drive Investment Portal is a member resource containing vital information on existing as well as future funding opportunities to help finance member projects. For questions on funding opportunities, contact Preston Frick at pfrick@morpc.org.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

The COTA Board of Trustees approved ballot language at their May 22 meeting to ask voters to approve the collection of additional sales tax for the LinkUS initiative during the November 2024 election. The Transit

Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Leadership Committee met May 7 and approved the TSI Program Policies. The working groups continue to prioritize TSI projects in each quadrant. Regional engagement and community outreach events continue, including the augmented reality experience on the West Broad corridor. MORPC is actively promoting LinkUS by spreading awareness through social media, at public meetings, outreach events, and through various other venues in advance of its appearance on the November 2024 ballot.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Team Members discussed the CAP program at multiple MORPC events and meetings. Receiving up to date information on county CAPs is essential to ensure the projects receive requisite funding. For questions or updates, contact Preston Frick at pfrick@morpc.org.

Brownfield Assessments

MORPC's application to U.S. EPA's FY24 Community-wide Brownfield Assessment grant was not successful. The preliminary feedback from U.S. EPA noted that it was a very competitive round with over 380 applications submitted. A debrief meeting is scheduled to get more in-depth feedback in order to develop a stronger proposal for the next round.

Team Members are meeting with other key partners to build a repository of essential Brownfield redevelopment tools and resources to build capacity and firm up the strategy toward activities to undertake in this area. Contact Aubrey Hauter at ahauter@morpc.org for requests related to brownfield sites.

Mobility Management

The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee met May 13 and planned for a transportation provider survey and a COTA Plus travel training in June. MORPC Team Members attended mobility manager-led transportation advisory committees for Union, Fairfield, and Licking Counties. Staff participated in the Newark Mobility Management Conference, the Dublin Microtransit Workshop, and the City of Dublin Transportation Work Group.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The CORPO Committee met May 6 and passed three resolutions approving the FY 2025 CORPO Planning Work Program, approving the CORPO Safety Action Plan, and awarding CORPO Dedicated Funds to five projects.

The CORPO Safety Action Plan and related resources are available on the CORPO [website](#). Completion of the Safety Action Plan makes CORPO communities eligible to apply for Implementation funding in future solicitation rounds of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal discretionary grant program.

The award of CORPO Dedicated Funds to five projects completes the solicitation, evaluation, and selection of projects to receive funds for the State Fiscal Years 2024-2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds program. In total, the two-year program awarded around \$2.1 million in funds to seven projects in four CORPO counties (Fairfield, Knox, Madison, and Union).

MORPC-Attributable Funding

The 2024 round of Attributable Funding opened in May. On May 22, MORPC hosted an applicant workshop to explain the application process. Commitment updates are due July 12, and screening applications for new funding commitments are due July 19. The application is available [here](#).

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

District 3 (Franklin County) opened applications for SFY 2026 SCIP/LTIP funding in May. MORPC held a virtual applicant workshop on May 21 to explain the application process. Applications, due August 30, are available [here](#).

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

The 2024 ODOT TRAC application cycle was May 1-31. The next TRAC meeting is June 26.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

The Clean Ohio Conservation Fund has approximately \$5 million available for FY 2025. Preliminary screeners are encouraged and were due June 3. Final applications are due August 30. Projects located in Franklin County will be considered. For more information, contact Edwina Teye at (ETeye@morpc.org) or visit MORPC's Clean Ohio Conservation Fund [website](#).

Money Mondays

MORPC hosted the following Money Monday sessions:

- May 6 – ODOT Urban Paving Program
- May 13 – Impact of A.I. and how it can be a helpful tool in craft grant applications
- May 26 – Council of Development and Finance Agencies
- June 3 – Final Office of Management and Budget Uniform Grants Guidance

Upcoming sessions:

- June 10 – Small Nation & Affordable Housing
- June 17 – WeConnect Data Center
- July 8 – Affordable Housing and Rural Housing Efforts in Lancaster
- July 15 – Working with the Chamber
- July 22 – Village of Somerset Tom Johnson and Trace Johnson
- July 29 – MORPC Planner/Consultant Pool for Members

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

Promotion of the educational partnerships provided by several local colleges and universities takes place throughout the year. These are updated on the MORPC website and are listed under the [Member Benefits Section](#).

MORPC completed four members visits and attended one state of the city event. Sixteen member visits are scheduled for June.

Summer Intern Program

The second Intern Orientation for 16 summer interns was June 4. All Summer interns are invited to a mixer hosted by the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange Group to learn more about the economic development profession.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- May 1 – MORPC Central Area Luncheon/Update
- May 9 – Pre-Commission Luncheon featuring Colonel Andrew Powers
- May 22 – Revitalization that Inspires Investment Rural Forum, Newark

Upcoming Events

- June 13 – Pre-Commission Luncheon featuring Intel Regional Update
- June 13 – MORPC Night at the Clippers
- July 24 – Housing for Future Generations: Flying horse Farms in Morrow County

Public Involvement & Engagement

Team Members participated in the following opportunities:

- Conference of Minority Transportation Officials General Body Meeting
- Senior Health & Wellness Expo
- City of Westerville Affordable Housing Resource Fair
- Bridging the Gap Between Community, Infrastructure, and Transportation

The Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS), in partnership with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), convened a panel of key stakeholders to discuss LinkUS and opportunities for a more equitable and sustainable region for everyone. Team Members served as the moderator and as a panelist.

MORPC promoted the following through social media and on our website:

- Gohio Commute Make Your Miles Matter Challenge
- LinkUS
- Healthy Homes

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

MORPC Annual Salary & Fringe Benefits Survey

The annual Salary Survey requests to members will be sent out in June as we kick off the summer and completion of the survey forms. Member HR team member contacts will receive the request to complete the survey in the first half of the summer and the MORPC team will compile the results during the second half of the summer, with the report expected to be released in September.

Community-Based Planning Assistance

The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program (CBPA) continues to be available for community assistance requests. As an added member benefit, MORPC recently added the option for communities to sign up for an introductory training session for Planning Commission, Boards of Zoning Appeals, and City Council members that relates to the development review and approval processes. Learn more about, or request assistance from, CBPA by visiting <https://www.morpc.org/community-based-planning-assistance>. Contact Jonathan Miller (jmiller@morpc.org) with questions or to discuss potential ways that MORPC may assist.

MORPC is soliciting feedback on any specific topic or program areas to include in a Planning Resources Library. If there is a specific topic or area of planning that you think should be included in the Planning Resources Library, contact Jonathan Miller (jmiller@morpc.org).

Consultant Services Program

MORPC is working with several communities on the Consultant Services Program to assist with the RFP process for both Comprehensive Plan Updates and Zoning Codes. The Program was expanded to include economic development activities, like financial planning and the creation of economic development overlays, as well as the addition of public engagement services to assist with high-profile projects.

Planner Pool Program

Members are invited to submit applications for assistance from the Planner Pool Program. MORPC is accepting projects related to planning, zoning, and sustainability. Current projects in discussion, or recently completed, include parking assessments, community character studies, apartment studies, neighborhood visioning plans, supplemental design guidebooks, and a community sustainability plan. If you are interested in additional staffing assistance, filling staff vacancies during vacation, assistance with gaps in staffing, or other planning or pre-planning activities such as guidance with best practices, contact Jonathan Miller (jmiller@morpc.org) to schedule a time to discuss your communities potential needs and ways that MORPC may be able to help.

MORPC in the News

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

Finance

The auditors from the Auditor of State's Office have nearly completed their audit and review of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report prepared by MORPC. The results of their audit and Annual Report will be presented in executive session at the June Executive Committee meeting.

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- GIS Intern Matthew Gerstner began May 7
- Water Research Fellowship Intern Kenny Anderson began May 28
- Easton Fellow Future Vision Intern Harold Deanda began May 28

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Strategic Director of Technology
- Chief Regional Planning Officer
- Active Transportation & Safety Intern
- Programming Assistant/Associate Planner
- Programming Associate/Senior Planner
- Programming Intern – Transit Focus

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

RFP/RFQ Postings

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

- Air Monitoring and Source Apportionment in Underserved Communities (Franklin County, Ohio) – closed June 3
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs

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



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 08-24: **“Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2025”**

This resolution adopts the 2025 membership fee schedule. Regularly increasing the dues by relatively small amounts in order to carry on the efforts of the Commission has been preferred over more infrequent but larger increases. This year’s resolution follows this past practice. Additionally, the proposed rates for 2025 are consistent with the 2025 planned rates presented in the planned five-year dues rates schedule presented a year ago in June.

The current (2024) rate of \$0.64 includes \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.21 for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) federal matching fund and reserve needs, and \$0.36 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. Members located outside the MPO boundaries pay dues at the reduced rate of \$0.43, which excludes the MPO portion of the dues.

The current (2024) Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) rate totals \$0.535 per capita, including \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.105 for CORPO matching fund requirements, and \$0.36 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. This CORPO rate applies only to member counties in areas that are outside the MPO and in the 7-County CORPO area.

The 2025 rate recommendation is \$0.665 including \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.215 for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) federal matching fund and reserve needs, and \$0.38 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. Members located outside of the MPO boundaries would pay dues at the reduced rate of \$0.45, which excludes the MPO portion of the dues.

The 2025 Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) rate recommendation totals \$0.56 per capita, including \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.11 for CORPO matching fund requirements, and \$0.38 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities

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of the agency. This total CORPO rate applies only to member counties in areas that are outside the MPO and in the 7-County CORPO area.

Per MORPC’s Bylaws:

- Each year the COMMISSION shall **adopt a fee schedule by July 31** to be used in assessing members for the upcoming calendar year.
- Every five years the COMMISSION shall establish a five-year fee schedule which it shall not exceed when adopting fees for each upcoming year (i.e. maximum dues schedule).
- Each year the Commission shall provide a non-binding estimate of fees for the next five (5) years for members to use in their financial planning.

This last bullet indicating an estimated or planned dues schedule will be presented with the annual fee schedule each year, with any updated planned rates if applicable. Note that the planned rates are not approved via resolution each year, but instead included via memo only for reference and planning purposes.

The planned five-year dues rates schedule for 2025-2029 is presented below, represented in cents per capita.

Planned Rates	MPO Area Planned Rate	CORPO Area Planned Rate	RPC-Only Area Planned Rate
2025	66.50	56.00	45.00
2026	69.00	58.00	47.00
2027	71.50	60.50	49.00
2028	74.00	62.50	51.00
2029	76.50	65.00	53.00

The above is further detailed as follows to show the expected increase area in each year with actual 2023 rates included for comparison purposes:

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Building	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents
RPC	<u>36 cents</u>	<u>38 cents</u>	<u>40 cents</u>	<u>42 cents</u>	<u>44 cents</u>	<u>46 cents</u>
Total RPC	43 cents	45 cents	47 cents	49 cents	51 cents	53 cents
CORPO	<u>10.5 cents</u>	<u>11 cents</u>	<u>11 cents</u>	<u>11.5 cents</u>	<u>11.5 cents</u>	<u>12 cents</u>
Total CORPO	53.5 cents	56 cents	58 cents	60.5 cents	62.5 cents	65 cents
MPO	<u>21 cents</u>	<u>21.5 cents</u>	<u>22 cents</u>	<u>22.5 cents</u>	<u>23 cents</u>	<u>23.5 cents</u>
Total MPO	64 cents	66.5 cents	69 cents	71.5 cents	74 cents	76.5 cents

NOTE: The Total CORPO amount equals the Total RPC plus the CORPO rates for each year. The Total MPO amount equals to the Total RPC plus the MPO rates for each year. The Total MPO amounts exclude the CORPO amounts.

The population estimates for members will be completed in Autumn 2024 and will show each members' dues amount for 2025. The 2025 projection will be presented as part of the process to establish and adopt the 2025 budget and will be presented for formal adoption by the Commission by December of this year.

Attachment: Resolution 08-24

RESOLUTION 08-24

“Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2025”

WHEREAS, the financial provisions of the MORPC Bylaws require that the Commission adopt a fee schedule by July of each year to be used in assessing members for the upcoming calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the below rates include are below the “maximum per-capita membership fee” approved by the Commission in Resolution 09-21 on June 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a planned dues schedule has been established that shows the expected rates for 2025 through 2029 to help with long-term planning for both MORPC members and MORPC staff; and

WHEREAS, a 2025 projection for member dues and related uses will be presented as part of the process to establish and adopt the 2025 budget and will be presented for formal adoption by the Commission by December; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That a 2025 per-capita fee of \$0.665 with a minimum of \$1,250 is hereby adopted for members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for areas in the MPO boundaries, a 2025 per-capita fee of \$0.56 is hereby adopted for county members of the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) for areas within the CORPO boundaries, and a reduced 2025 per-capita fee of \$0.45 with a minimum of \$1,250 is hereby adopted for members of the Regional Planning Commission that are not in the MPO or CORPO.
- Section 2. The \$0.07 per-capita portion (included within the \$0.665, \$0.56, and \$0.45 rates) of the dues for the building for 2025 is included to pay a portion of building lease payments and improvements is hereby adopted.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: June 13, 2024
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
Prepared by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: June 13, 2024
Attachment: Commission Membership as of June 2024

**Commission Membership as of June 2024
MPO vs CORPO vs RPC**

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) & Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Members 2025 dues rate per-capita: \$0.665		
County Members:		
Delaware County	Franklin County	
Municipal Members (Cities):		
Bexley	Grove City	Powell
Canal Winchester	Groveport	Reynoldsburg
Columbus	Hilliard	Sunbury
Delaware	New Albany	Upper Arlington
Dublin	Obetz	Westerville
Gahanna	Pataskala	Whitehall
Grandview Heights	Pickerington	Worthington
Municipal Members (Villages):		
Galena	Marble Cliff	Shawnee Hills
Lithopolis	Minerva Park	Urbancrest
Lockbourne	Riverlea	
Township Members:		
Blendon Township (Franklin)	Madison Township (Franklin)	
Bloom Township (Fairfield)	Mifflin Township (Franklin)	
Brown Township (Franklin)	Perry Township (Franklin)	
Clinton Township (Franklin)	Plain Township (Franklin)	
Etna Township (Licking)	Prairie Township (Franklin)	
Franklin Township (Franklin)	Truro Township (Franklin)	
Jackson Township (Franklin)	Violet Township (Fairfield)	
Jefferson Township (Franklin)	Washington Township (Delaware, Franklin, Union)	
Jerome Township (Union)		
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) & Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Members 2025 dues rate per-capita: \$0.56		
County Members:		
Fairfield County*	Marion County	
Knox County	Morrow County	
Licking County	Union County*	
Madison County		
Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Only Members 2025 dues rate per-capita: \$0.45		
County Members:		
Hocking County	Perry County	
Logan County		
Municipal Members (Cities):		
Bellefontaine	Johnstown	Mount Vernon
Chillicothe	Lancaster	Newark
Circleville	London	
Heath	Marysville	
Municipal Members (Villages):		
Ashville	Hebron	Somerset
Buckeye Lake	Mount Sterling	South Bloomfield
Gambier	New Lexington	West Jefferson
Granville	Plain City	
Township Members:		
Granville Township (Licking)		
*For Fairfield and Union Counties, a small portion of the County is in the MPO and therefore the County pays the MPO rate for that portion. Fairfield and Union Counties pay the CORPO rate for the remainder of the County.		



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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2024
Time: 1:52 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Dave Gulden	Heidi Munc
Chris Amorose Groomes	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Thom Slack
Greg Betts	Laurie Jadwin	Sloan Spalding
Michael Bivens	James Jewell	Ike Stage
Lee Bodnar	Benjamin King	Joe Steager
Ron Bullard	Bill LaFayette	Christie Ward
Gary Burkholder	Nate Lang	Trenton Weaver
Michelle Crandall	Joe Long	Steve Welsh
Tracie Davies	Kirs Long	Andrew Williams
Dave Efland	Gary Merrell	Tim Wilson
Brad Foster	Eric Meyer	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Kristen Atha	Carol Kauffman	Stephen Sayre
Ben Collins	Emily Keeler	Alana Shockey
Christina Drummond	Aaron Kennedy	Chloe Siens-Nuñez
Kristen Easterday	Glenn Marzluf	Brandon Standley
Shane Farnsworth	Steve Mazer	Joe Stefanov
Jennifer Fening	Megan O'Callaghan	Robyn Stewart
Jeremiah Gracia	Erin Prosser	Kenneth Wright
Tom Homan	Bernita Reese	
Christine Houk	Eric Richter	

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Bill Habig	Matt Starr
Stephanie Bosco	Jeff Hall	Steve Welsh
Jamie Brucker	Mark Mauter	RC Wise

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Chasilyn Carter	Mark Johns	Sean Stanearth
Terry Emery	Brittany Misner	RC Wise

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Parag Agrawal	Eileen Leuby	Melissa Rapp
Steve Armstrong	Elliott Lewis	Raj Roy
Todd Bradley	Yan Liu	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Dave Dixon	Allison Mancz	Shari Saunders
Joe Garrity	Cheri Mansperger	Maria Schaper
Nick Gill	Kelsey Matson	Lacey Stevens
Thomas Graham	William Murdock	Shubh Thakkar
Ralonda Hampton	Shelby Oldroyd	Brandi Whetstone
Jon Heider	Jordan Petrov	Robert Williams
Shawn Hufstedler	Adam Porr	
Niel Jurist	Kyle Probert	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Emily Brown	Brian Filiatraut	Karina Peggau
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Guests Present in Person

Grace Byler, Morrow County
Cornell Robertson, The Mannik Smith Group
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Heather Welsh, Heartland Charging Services
Terry Wise, Villages of Centerburg & Hartford

Guests Attending Remotely

Mike Anderson
Cindi Cooper, City of Sunbury
Elliott Doza, COTA
James Oliver

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Daniel Van Epps
Brent Welch, FCEO

Meeting Called to Order – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

Chair Chris Amorose Grooms called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 1:52 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming

Parag Agrawal presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). Mr. Agrawal announced today is a great day for the Central Ohio region because the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is up for adoption today. The MTP totals \$35 billion and makes the transportation system safer and more equitable. Nick Gill will give a presentation on the MTP later in today's meeting.

Mr. Agrawal noted two items on the Transportation Policy Consent Agenda. Proposed Resolution T-6-24 accepts the SFY 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) which serves as the MPO budget. The \$8.5 million document includes \$4.7 million of core funding, \$3.75 million for special studies, and \$1.3 million for ride sharing and air quality. Every year each MPO must certify they are following the transportation planning process. Proposed Resolution T-7-24 is that certification.

MORPC submitted an application to U.S. DOT's Prioritization Process Pilot Program for \$1.4 million to refine our project selection criteria. The proposal, Building Equitable and Safe Transportation (BEST), included the principles of safety, sustainability, equity, and workforce development.

MORPC's Technical Assistance Program works closely with smaller communities to enhance the multi-modal transportation network. This year MORPC is working with Jefferson Township and Franklin Township on active transportation projects.

ODOT's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) provides funds for the major new capacity program for projects over \$12 million. Once the projects are submitted to TRAC, the MPOs prioritize the projects in their region and send their recommendations to TRAC. Mr. Agrawal shared the TRAC funding timeline. The application deadline is May 31.

Gohio Commute is celebrating National Bike Month & Bike to Work Day with two challenges. The Spring Challenge is open to all commuters who take a sustainable mode to work. The Love Your Commute Challenge is for those who bike to work.

Proposed Resolution T-3-24: "Adopting the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan" – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#). The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) address the growing Central Ohio region, making it a multimodal region and helping provide mobility needs for households and job centers. The full plan is available on MORPC's [website](#). The long-range transportation vision for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) includes the largest ever transit investment to the region, adds five high-capacity transit projects, adds 725 miles of stand-alone bike and/or pedestrian facilities, includes complete streets

on non-freeway projects, and includes traditional freeway projects. Team Members incorporated comments received during public engagement and will share them with implementing partners. Mr. Gill highlighted that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended approval by a seven to four vote. Discussion among the CAC was the continued expansion of the roadway system and the desire to go further with the expanding transit, bike and pedestrian systems. Mr. Gill recognized and thanked Team Members who worked on the MTP.

Ike Stage made a motion to approve Resolution T-3-24, second by Laurie Jadwin; motion passed.

Complete Streets & MORPC-Attributable Funds – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming

Parag Agrawal presented [MORPC Complete Streets Policy & MORPC-Attributable Funds](#). Complete Streets are one way we ensure our transportation investments are meeting regional goals. Complete Streets impact safety, health, environmental, economic, and social concerns. MORPC's first Complete Streets Policy was adopted in 2010. Since then, all projects receiving MORPC-Attributable Federal Funds have to include accommodation for all roadway users. Many of our local agency partners adopted their own policies or resolutions, all providing a significant and positive impact on our communities and transportation system.

Attributable funds are MORPC's federal transportation funds through which we work with our member communities to encourage a multi-modal transportation network. Up to \$72 million in federal funding is available for the upcoming cycle of MORPC-Attributable Funds for new project commitments. MORPC currently has nearly \$250 million committed to various projects across the MPO area. In the most recent funding program, our region committed an historic amount of funding toward transit and stand-alone bike/pedestrian projects.

MORPC continues to update these policies to continue improving accommodations for people walking and bicycling, but also to increase their safety. The latest crash data shows that 2023 was the deadliest year on record for the MORPC MPO area. We lost 156 people on our roadways in 2023. Each year more than 20 percent of those deaths are people who were struck by a motorist while walking. The Safe System Approach emphasizes the need to accommodate human mistakes and design the system to keep crash impacts at tolerable levels so that when crashes do occur, they do not result in fatality or serious injury. This emphasis on safety, and incorporating new federal guidance, was a primary factor in the current update to the MORPC policies. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

- **Proposed Resolution T-4-24: “Adopting MORPC Complete Streets Policy”**
Heidi Munc made a motion to approve Resolution T-4-24, second by LaGrieta Acheampong; motion passed.
- **Proposed Resolution T-5-24: “Adopting ‘Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds’”**
Bill LaFayette made a motion to approve Resolution T-5-24, second by Thom Slack; motion passed.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Pam O’Grady made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Michelle Crandall; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: June 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-8-24: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-8-24 will add or modify 12 projects to the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$387 million. Additionally, this resolution will remove two projects from the TIP. 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 2024-2050 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
- PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life
- TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs
- TRAN 6: Make neighborhoods transit supportive through infrastructure projects
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeway and at interchanges
- RDWY 3: Construct new interchanges, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional development goals
- RDWY 4: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing congestion that hinders economic activity along existing arterial and collector corridors
- RDWY 6: Construct new roadways, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional or local development goals
- BP 3: Expand high comfort bicycle and pedestrian networks through the implementation of complete streets

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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.

COTA: – The following additions, removals, or modifications to the TIP are being made for COTA projects:

- PID 112116 – COTA High-Capacity Transit E Main St, Transit Expansion Capital: Adding \$8.1 million of FTA Sec. 5309 funds in SFY 2024. Attachment 1 includes current funding in the TIP, though future TIP amendments will further define funding for this project.
- PID 116500 – COTA High-Capacity Transit W Broad St, Transit Expansion Capital: Adding \$8.1 million of FTA Sec. 5309 funds in SFY 2024. This project includes a contribution of MORPC-Attributable Funds, though no changes to this commitment are being made at this time. Attachment 1 includes current funding in the TIP, though future TIP amendments will further define funding for this project.
- PID 121181 – SFY 2024 COTA DERG Buses, Transit Replacement Capital: Adding project to the TIP with the award of \$2.6 million of Diesel Emission Reduction Grant funds if SFY 2025.
- Pid 112119 – COTA Operating Expansion Service: Remove project from the TIP.

Franklin County TID: – The following modification to the TIP is being made for a Franklin County TID project:

- PID 115792 – Alum Creek Drive from SR 317 to Groveport Rd, Major Widening: Adding the Detailed Design phase to the TIP, with \$3.6 million of ODOT TRAC funding in SFY 2024. This project includes a contribution of MORPC-Attributable Funds, though no changes to this commitment are being made at this time.

ODOT: – The following additions, removals, or modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:

- PID 106843 – ODOT Central Office ADA Upgrades: Adding this project to the TIP, with \$91,195 of state funding in SFY 2024.
- PID 106959 – I-71 at Sunbury Parkway, New Interchange: Modifying RW funding and adding the construction phases to the TIP in SFY 2025. This includes \$29 million of Connect 4 Ohio funding in SFYs 2024 and 2025.
- PID 106961 – Sunbury Parkway from US 36 to 3 B's & K Rd, New Roadway: Adding the RW phase to the TIP, including \$2.3 million of Connect 4 Ohio funding and \$4 million of ODOT TRAC funding in SFY 2024.
- PID 117878 – SR 161 from US 62 to SR 37, Add Through Lane(s): Adding the PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP, including \$5 million of ODOT TRAC funding in SFY 2024.
- PID 119387 – US 33 from I-270 to the Fairfield County Line, Major Widening: Adding the PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP, with \$19 million of ODOT TRAC funding in SFY 2025.

- PID 77238 – I-70 from Palmer Road to SR 158, Major Widening: Adding the PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP, with \$5 million of ODOT TRAC funding in SFY 2025.
- PID 96808 – I-70 at SR 256/Taylor Rd, Interchange Modification: Adding the Detailed Design phase to the TIP, with \$1.5 million of ODOT TRAC funding in SFY 2025.
- PID 112798 – I-270 (East Outerbelt) from RR bridge S of I-70 to N of Alum Creek Dr, Minor Pavement Rehabilitation: Updating funding and moving project from group list to individual list on the TIP.
- PID 119976 – FRA Buckeye Yard Industrial Park, Jobs and Commerce Project: Removing project from the TIP.

The additions, removal, and modifications to the TIP via this amendment represent reallocation of existing funding as well as new funding being made available to local agencies. Below is a summary of the new funding being added to projects as part of this TIP amendment:

Funding Source	Amount of New Funding
Connect 4 Ohio	\$31,300,000
Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant	\$2,666,167
ODOT TRAC	\$56,409,733
Total	\$90,375,900

NTG:TG

Attachment: Resolution T-8-24

RESOLUTION T-8-24

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-5-23; and

WHEREAS, one project addition and two project modifications to the 2024-2027 TIP have been identified as needed for COTA projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a Franklin County Transportation Improvement District project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, seven project additions and one project modification to the 2024-2027 TIP have been identified as needed for an Ohio Department of Transportation project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project deletion from the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for COTA projects as listed in the resolved section; and

WHEREAS, one project deletion from the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for an ODOT project as listed in the resolved section; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting June 3, 2024, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 5, 2024 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 2024-2027 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. That the COTA Operating Expansion Service PID 112119 be removed from the MORPC SFY 2024-2027 TIP.
- Section 3. That the ODOT FRA Buckeye Yard Industrial Park PID 119976 be removed from the MORPC SFY 2024-2027 TIP.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP is maintained.
- Section 5. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as five projects are exempt from conformity requirements,

and nine of the ten non-exempt projects were already included in the most recent approved air quality conformity, dated May 2023 (PID 119387 not included), and all ten non-exempt projects are included in the air quality conformity determination for the 2024-2050 MTP currently pending approval by FHWA.

- Section 6. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP as modified.
- Section 7. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 8. 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.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2024-2027 TIP

Attachment 2: TIP Amendment Project Location Map

Resolution T-8-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 112116

TIP ID: 156

MTP ID: 619

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA-High Capacity Transit

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: COTA High Capacity Transit E Main St Corr, Transit Expansion Capital

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>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Sec 5309	\$8,134,600	14.08.80
2024	Transit	Local	\$44,361,503	11.21.01
2025	Transit	Local	\$90,000,000	11.21.01
Total:			\$142,496,103	

Agency: COTA

PID: 116500

TIP ID: 173

MTP ID: 988

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA-High Capacity Transit

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: COTA High Capacity Transit W Broad St Corr, Transit Expansion Capital

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>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Sec 5309	\$8,134,600	14.08.80
2024	Transit	Local	\$44,361,503	11.21.01
2025	Right-of-Way	CMAQ-M	\$7,520,000	
2027	Construction	CMAQ-M	\$13,100,000	
Total:			\$73,116,103	

Agency: COTA

PID: 121181

TIP ID: 456

MTP ID: 200

Co-Route-Sec: COT-SFY2024 COTA DERG Buses-S2024 DE **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Transit Replacement Capital

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: SFY2024 COTA DERG Buses, Transit Replacement Capital

Bike Components: Bicycle racks.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2025	Transit	DERG	\$2,666,167	11.12.01
2025	Transit	Local	\$666,542	11.12.01
Total:			\$3,332,709	

Funds in FYs prior to 2024 are not included in this report nor in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

LR = Long Range (after SFY 2027, the last year of the TIP). LR funds are shown for information only and are not included in the TIP.

G* indicates a grouped project.

Resolution T-8-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: Franklin County TID

PID: 115792

TIP ID: 341

MTP ID: 1182

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-CR122-0.00

Length (mi.): 2.7

Project Type(s): Major Widening/Major Rehabilitation

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: Alum Creek Dr from SR 317 to Groveort Rd, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes & Major Rehabilitation

Bike Components: Multi-use path. 2.7 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 1 side, multi-use path on 1 side. 2.7 mi. added to ped network.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Detailed Design	State	\$720,000
2024	Detailed Design	Federal	\$2,880,000
2025	Right-of-Way	Local	\$1,143,410
2025	Right-of-Way	STBG-M	\$341,538
LR	Construction	Local	\$34,008,767
LR	Construction	STBG-M	\$10,158,463
Total:			\$49,252,178

Agency: ODOT

PID: 106843

TIP ID: 453

MTP ID: 204

Co-Route-Sec: FAC-CO ADA Project-CO ADA Projects

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Facility Renovation

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: CO ADA Project, Facility Renovation

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Other	State	\$91,195
Total:			\$91,195

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT

PID: 106959

TIP ID: 440

MTP ID: 384

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-IR071-8.91 (Ph A)

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): New Interchange

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: I-71 at Sunbury Parkway south of US 36/SR 37, New Interchange

Bike Components: Multi-use path.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 1 side.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Right-of-Way	State	\$122,200
2024	Right-of-Way	Connect 4 Ohio	\$5,389,000
2024	Right-of-Way	Connect 4 Ohio	\$1,500,000
2024	Right-of-Way	Connect 4 Ohio	\$111,000
2024	Right-of-Way	Federal	\$488,800
2025	Construction	Federal	\$560,000
2025	Construction	State	\$2,000,000
2025	Construction	State	\$140,000
2025	Construction	Local	\$1,533,000
2025	Construction	Connect 4 Ohio	\$22,000,000
2025	Construction	State	\$3,939,747
2025	Construction	Federal	\$13,758,986
2026	Construction	State	\$1,000,000
2026	Construction	Federal	\$1,000,000
Total:			\$53,542,733

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Resolution T-8-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT

PID: 106961

TIP ID: 454

MTP ID: 324

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-Sunbury Parkway-Sunbury Parkway (Ph **Length (mi.):** 1.4

Project Type(s): New Roadway

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: Sunbury Parkway from US 36 to 3 B's & K Rd, New Roadway, 4 lanes

Bike Components: Multi-use path. 1.4 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Multi-use path. 1.4 mi. added to ped network.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Right-of-Way	Connect 4 Ohio	\$2,300,000
2024	Right-of-Way	Federal	\$3,200,000
2024	Right-of-Way	State	\$800,000
Total:			\$6,300,000

Agency: ODOT

PID: 117878

TIP ID: 311

MTP ID: 380

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR161-22.1

Length (mi.): 10.37

Project Type(s): Add Through Lane(s)

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: FRA/LIC SR 161 22.1/0.00 from US 62 to SR 37, Add Through Lane(s)

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Environmental Study	State	\$5,000,000
Total:			\$5,000,000

Agency: ODOT

PID: 119387

TIP ID: 455

MTP ID: 1791

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US33-24.76

Length (mi.): 6.5

Project Type(s): Major Widening/New Interchange

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: US 33 from IR 270 to Fairfield County Line, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes & New Interchange

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Environmental Study	State	\$3,778,976
2025	Environmental Study	State	\$3,044,205
2025	Environmental Study	Federal	\$12,176,819
Total:			\$19,000,000

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Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT

PID: 77238

TIP ID: 451

MTP ID: 64

Co-Route-Sec: LIC-IR70-01.00

Length (mi.): 7.93

Project Type(s): Major Widening/Resurfacing

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: IR 70 from Palmer Road overpass to SR 158 overpass, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes & Resurfacing

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2025

Environmental Study

Federal

\$4,500,000

2025

Environmental Study

State

\$500,000

Total:

\$5,000,000

Agency: ODOT

PID: 96808

TIP ID: 452

MTP ID: 60

Co-Route-Sec: FAI-IR70-0.00/0.00

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Interchange Modification/Major Rehabilitation

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: IR 70 at SR 256 and Taylor Rd SW, Interchange Modification & Major Rehabilitation

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2025

Detailed Design

State

\$150,000

2025

Detailed Design

Federal

\$1,350,000

Total:

\$1,500,000

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 112798

TIP ID: 109

MTP ID: 204

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-IR270-43.180

Length (mi.): 5.29

Project Type(s): Minor Pavement Rehabilitation

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: I-270 (East Outerbelt) from RR bridge S of I-70 to N of Alum Creek Dr, Minor Pavement Rehabilitation

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2024

Construction

State

\$100,000

2024

Construction

Federal

\$24,138,441

2024

Construction

State

\$2,682,049

2024

Construction

Federal

\$1,094,787

2024

Construction

Federal

\$900,000

2024

Construction

State

\$121,643

Total:

\$29,036,920

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Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
State	State ADA	\$91,195
Connect 4 Ohio	Connect 4 Ohio	\$31,300,000
DERG	Diesel Emmissions Reduction Grant	\$2,666,167
Federal	Labor - Federal	\$1,654,787
Local	Labor - Local	\$1,533,000
State	Labor - State	\$261,643
Local	Local Public Agency	\$214,541,725
Federal	Major/New Program - Federal	\$38,354,606
State	Major/New Program - State	\$18,055,127
CMAQ-M	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement, Attributable to MORPC	\$20,620,000
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$10,500,001
State	Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$2,000,000
Federal	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - Federal	\$26,038,441
State	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - State	\$3,782,049
Sec 5309	Capital Investment Program	\$16,269,200
Grand Total:		\$387,667,941

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Date: May 9, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Brad Foster	Gary Merrell
Chris Amorose Groomes	Dave Gulden	Eric Meyer
Joe Antram	Bill Habig	Heidi Munc
Greg Betts	Jeff Hall	Sloan Spalding
Michael Bivens	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Ike Stage
Lee Bodnar	Laurie Jadwin	Matt Starr
Stephanie Bosco	James Jewell	Joe Steager
Jamie Brucker	Benjamin King	Christie Ward
Ron Bullard	Bill LaFayette	Trenton Weaver
Gary Burkholder	Nate Lang	Steve Welsh
Michelle Crandall	Joe Long	Andrew Williams
Tracie Davies	Kirs Long	Tim Wilson
Dave Efland	Mark Mauter	RC Wise

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Kristen Atha	Mark Johns	Stephen Sayre
Chasilyn Carter	Carol Kauffman	Alana Shockey
Ben Collins	Emily Keeler	Chloe Siens-Nuñez
Christina Drummond	Glenn Marzluf	Brandon Standley
Terry Emery	Steve Mazer	Sean Stanearth
Shane Farnsworth	Brittany Misner	Joe Stefanov
Jennifer Fening	Megan O'Callaghan	Robyn Stewart
Jeremiah Gracia	Erin Prosser	RC Wise
Tom Homan	Bernita Reese	Kenneth Wright
Christine Houk	Eric Richter	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Thom Slack

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Kristen Easterday Aaron Kennedy

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Parag Agrawal	Eileen Leuby	Melissa Rapp
Steve Armstrong	Elliott Lewis	Raj Roy
Todd Bradley	Yan Liu	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Dave Dixon	Allison Mancz	Shari Saunders
Joe Garrity	Cheri Mansperger	Maria Schaper
Nick Gill	Kelsey Matson	Lacey Stevens
Thomas Graham	William Murdock	Shubh Thakkar
Ralonda Hampton	Shelby Oldroyd	Brandi Whetstone
Jon Heider	Jordan Petrov	Robert Williams
Shawn Hufstedler	Adam Porr	
Niel Jurist	Kyle Probert	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Emily Brown Brian Filiatraut Karina Peggau

Guests Present in Person

Grace Byler, Morrow County

Cornell Robertson, The Mannik Smith Group

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Heather Welsh, Heartland Charging Services

Terry Wise, Villages of Centerburg & Hartford

Guests Attending Remotely

Mike Anderson
Cindi Cooper, City of Sunbury
Elliott Doza, COTA
James Oliver

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Daniel Van Epps
Brent Welch, FCEO

Meeting Called to Order – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

Chair Chris Amorose Grooms called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Amorose Grooms thanked those who were able to join the pre-Commission luncheon with Colonel Andrew Powers from the 121st Refueling Air Wing.

Chair Amorose Grooms announced she named Terry Emery, City Manager of Marysville, as chair of the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. The rest of the committee has been invited to join an upcoming meeting in the next month. Reports on the committee meetings are forthcoming.

Recognition of Guests and New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby welcomed new Commission representatives and guests:

- Steve Welsh, Village of Ashville Mayor
- Tracie Davies, Delaware County Administrator
- Heather Welsh, Heartland Charging Services
- Terry Wise, Village Administrator for the Villages of Centerburg & Hartford
- Shubh Thakkar, MORPC Intern

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

William Murdock shared how great it was to have Colonel Powers and his team at the pre-Commission luncheon. MORPC helps facilitate the Central Ohio Defense Group. Over 10,000 individuals work at defense facilities in Central Ohio. We are working to make sure local governments are connected with the defense facilities and learning how MORPC can be supportive with them.

This week is Air Quality Awareness Week. The air quality in Central Ohio is good. The MORPC Team is helpful getting people connected with the air quality alerts, especially the most vulnerable.

Mr. Murdock introduced and welcomed MORPC's new Finance Director, Steve Armstrong.

Next week is Infrastructure Week. Mr. Murdock is invited to the National League of Cities Infrastructure Week event in Washington, DC, to share insights on the impacts of the federal infrastructure bills.

Mr. Murdock shared that engagements in the last month included rural forums, mobility forums, diversity forums and member visits.

Mr. Murdock expressed his pride and gratefulness for the team of professionals working on MORPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This is one of the most significant things MORPC does. It took four years to get to today. The MTP is in front of you for approval today.

Housing is a top issue in Central Ohio. Mr. Murdock shared some of the regional efforts:

- MORPC and other local leaders testified before the Senate Select Committee on Housing. The Committee released its report. Some of the things we advocated for made it in the report.
- The City of Columbus launched the first phase of their re-zoning effort, Zone In Columbus. They are looking at zoning along their major transportation corridors. The Zone In Gallery is an interactive educational space where visitors can learn more about the initiative and how it relates to Central Ohio.
- The City of Gahanna just overhauled their zoning code. It went into effect May 1.
- MORPC is entering a partnership with the City of Westerville on how we can help their most vulnerable with home repairs. We may be able to do this with other communities.

The Regional Water Study kicked off in April. It impacts the whole region and includes significant data and mapping collection. There are monthly information sessions. The Sustainability Advisory Committee report will expand on this later in today's meeting.

The RFQ issued last month for the Midwest Connect route closed last Friday. The project selection committee is already reviewing proposals and anticipates having a consultant selected in the next few weeks. Ohio is releasing the RFQ for the 3C+D route later this month.

Mr. Murdock reported that COTA's Board is moving forward with ballot language for LinkUS at their May 22 meeting. The Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Committees continue to meet. The Technical Coordinating Committee and the Leadership Committee adopted the TSI Program Policies. The policies will help develop the regional capital improvement plan. The working groups are working with over 40 communities to identify 125 projects across four quadrants, totaling over \$6 million. Community and public engagement includes a public open house, regional engagement, Columbus Dispatch Editorial Board, and community meetings. The updated bus rapid transit corridors map shows the planned corridors. The darker colored routes are well into design. The routes in lighter blue are the next wave of corridors to be studied. The green corridors are identified through the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for future study. MORPC is working with COTA on an Immersive Experience, an augmented reality tour along the West Broad corridor.

Mr. Murdock reminded members the [Drive Investment Portal](#) is a resource for communities to learn about available funding opportunities from grant and loan programs.

The Grant Opportunity of the Month is the ODOT Small Cities Program that provides federal funds for roadway, signal, or safety projects. The application deadline is June 15.

Upcoming Events:

- Supplier Diversity & Procurement Summit – May 15, 9 a.m., Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Transportation Innovation Forum – May 16, 2 p.m., MORPC

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

Eileen Leuby presented the [Membership Report](#) highlighting:

- Monthly Membership Newsletter
- Member Benefit of the Month – Grant Finder Service
- Completed Events and Area Meetings
- Member Visits
- Rural Series “Raising the Fun Factor: Revitalization that Accelerates Value”
- MORPC Night at the Clippers
- Rural Three: Housing for All Generations
- Summer Intern Program

Transportation Policy Committee – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
Chair Amorose Grooms called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 1:52 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:29 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming

Parag Agrawal presented the [Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization \(CORPO\) Report](#). CORPO met May 6 and acted on three items. They adopted their Planning Work Program which outlines the CORPO Scope of Work and serves as their budget. There was one change from the draft posted on the website. The Safe Streets and Roads for All carryover was \$54,000, not \$34,000 as originally anticipated.

CORPO also rewarded over \$1 million to five communities for five projects and approved the Central Ohio Safety Action Plan.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

Joe Garrity presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 23 at the McKinley Avenue Transit Facility. The 2025/2026 Public Policy Agenda Working Group, led by Roundtable Vice Chair Sloan Spalding, begins this summer. Contact Kyle Probert if you are interested in serving on the working Group.

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

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

- Columbus Region Coalition
- Infrastructure Week
- Select Committee on Housing
- HB 488
- Distracted Driving
- Ohio Public Works Commission
- One Time Strategic Community Investment Fund
- Capital Budget
- HB 344
- Defense Update

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Laurie Jadwin (City of Gahanna), Sustainability Advisory Committee Vice Chair

Laurie Jadwin presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Over \$5 million is available for Clean Ohio funding in Franklin County this year. MORPC administers the program for Franklin County and encourages submission of preliminary screeners in order to receive feedback on applications. Submit preliminary screeners by June 3 to Edwina Teye via email. Visit publicworks.ohio.gov to learn more about options for communities outside Franklin County.

Ohio EPA and MORPC hosted the Regional Water Study Kickoff webinar on April 24. One hundred and fifty people participated in the webinar to learn about the purpose of the study and the outcomes. The study will provide a foundation to inform decision-making around siting major new developments and water-intensive industries. The next webinar is in June or July. Contact Edwina Teye to be added to the invitation list.

The first Central Ohio Blueways Steering Committee meeting was May 8. The purpose of the committee is to advance outdoor recreation through needed improvements and ensure the

improvements are done in a manner promoting waterway stewardship. The Committee worked on refining a mission and vision and created working groups.

May 6-10 is Air Quality Awareness Week. Sign up for Air Quality Alerts to be informed ahead of time if pollution levels are expected to reach unhealthy levels. Vice Chair Jadwin encouraged members to explore sustainable commute alternatives to driving alone with MORPC's Gohio Commute Program. Contact Mauro Diaz-Hernandez for more information.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting is June 5, 2:30 p.m. at MORPC.

Commission Consent Agenda

Trenton Weaver made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Joe Steager; motion passed.

Other Business

Thom Slack gave an ODOT construction update.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Brandi Whetstone, Interim Sr. Director of Planning
Planning Department

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 09-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to accept funding to launch the Greenways Planning Studio and to perform technical support services”**

The purpose of resolution 09-24 is to authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with Rapid 5 to provide technical support services from July 1 – December 31, 2024. RAPID 5 will pay MORPC \$50,000 for six months of services. Included in the agreement is an option to renew for a full one-year term in January 2025 at a rate of \$100,000.

MORPC is a trusted regional leader known in Central Ohio for developing lasting partnerships across all sectors and levels of government. MORPC’s successful Central Ohio Greenways (COG) program has substantially advanced outdoor recreation, active transportation, and sustainability initiatives in the region. Standing on the foundation established by COG and other regional partners, RAPID 5 is well positioned to develop the “largest interconnected greenspace system in the country” accessible by every Central Ohioan. MORPC is prepared to expand the region’s long-standing COG program into a comprehensive Greenways Planning Studio (GPS) to serve as the technical support center for RAPID 5. GPS will provide expertise, guidance, and advocacy to RAPID 5 with the following services: GIS Database Host, Technical Assistance, and Regional Coordination.

Attachment: Resolution 09-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 09-24

“Authorizing the executive director to accept funding to launch the Greenways Planning Studio and to perform technical support services”

WHEREAS, MORPC is a trusted regional leader known in Central Ohio for developing lasting partnerships across all sectors and levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s successful Central Ohio Greenways (COG) program has substantially advanced outdoor recreation, active transportation, and sustainability initiatives in the region; and

WHEREAS, RAPID 5, with support from the foundation established by COG and its partners, is well positioned to develop the “largest interconnected greenspace system in the country” accessible by every Central Ohioan; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is prepared to expand the region’s long-standing COG program into a comprehensive Greenways Planning Studio (GPS) to serve as the technical support center for RAPID 5; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with RAPID 5 to offer technical support services anticipated to begin July 1, 2024, for a fee of approximately \$50,000, for six months of services. With an option to renew for a full one-year term for 2025 at a rate of approximately \$100,000.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: June 13, 2024
Submitted by: Brandi Whetstone, Interim Sr. Director of Planning
Prepared by: Melinda Vonstein, Central Ohio Greenways Program Manager
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: June 13, 2024



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Brandi Whetstone, Interim Sr. Director of Planning

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 10-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with a contractor to provide air quality modeling and technical services”**

The purpose of resolution 10-24 is to authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with a contractor to assist with data collection, monitoring, and modeling of PM_{2.5} air quality data. MORPC aims to leverage and expand on the previous low-cost air quality monitoring work with additional technical support and modeling with funding from U.S. EPA.

MORPC’s neighborhood air quality monitoring project, titled the Community Led Enhanced Air Quality Network (CLEAN), in partnership with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH), measures air pollution across neighborhoods in Franklin County. By gathering more data at the local level, this project will help provide a baseline understanding of pollution concentrations comparing across a variety of locations and with regulatory monitors, increase awareness about local air quality and the potential health impacts, and guide the strategies that go into making the region’s air healthier and easier to breathe.

The consultant will provide technical services including data collection and analysis, photochemical air modeling, development of a public-facing dashboard, and reporting. The consultant will attend quarterly Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, and with input from the PAC, advise on sensor siting using a data driven approach primarily focused on disadvantaged populations with elevated health risks from pollution exposure. The data generated by the sensors and photochemical model will be used to compare pollution levels at established time increments between sensor locations and with Ohio EPA’s continuously reporting PM_{2.5} monitors, and provide data on pollution patterns and potential sources (such as vehicles, industry, or wildfires).

Attachment: Resolution 10-24

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Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
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Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 10-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with a contractor to provide air quality modeling and technical services”

WHEREAS, MORPC secured funding through the EPA’s Enhanced Air Monitoring for Communities competitive grant program to enhance ambient air quality monitoring in and near underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s neighborhood air quality monitoring project, titled the Community Led Enhanced Air Quality Network (CLEAN), in partnership with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH), measures particulate matter pollution (PM_{2.5}) across several neighborhoods in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, MORPC and FCPH seek to leverage and expand the impact of previous low-cost air monitoring with technical support from a contractor to assist with data collection, monitoring, and modeling of PM_{2.5} air quality data; and

WHEREAS, by gathering more data at the local level, this project will help provide a baseline understanding of pollution concentrations comparing across a variety of locations, increase awareness about local air quality and the health effects, and guide the strategies that go into making the region’s air healthier and easier to breathe; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a contractor to offer technical support services for up to \$221,000 for services beginning July 2024 through June 30, 2026.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: June 13, 2024
Submitted by: Brandi Whetstone, Interim Sr. Director of Planning
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 11-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Transportation, and local jurisdictions and procure consulting services to execute the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award”**

In December 2023, MORPC was awarded a federal discretionary Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning and demonstration project award in the amount of \$1,032,000. MORPC, ODOT, and local jurisdictions are providing \$258,000 in matching funds or in-kind services for the award. The activity is included in the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program adopted in May. The work element for the activity is included as an attachment to the resolution.

Resolution 11-24 authorizes the executive director to enter into agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive the funds and enter into necessary agreements with local jurisdictions for their contributions and implementation of demonstration projects. A portion of the work will also include consulting services and Resolution 11-24 authorizes the executive director to enter into agreement(s) with consultant(s).

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Attachment: Resolution 11-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

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RESOLUTION 11-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Transportation, and local jurisdictions and procure consulting services to execute the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award”

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is authorized to make grants for transportation planning funds consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 MORPC applied for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration funding; and

WHEREAS, in December 2023 U.S. DOT announced an award of \$1,032,000 in federal funds with \$258,000 in matching funds or in-kind services for the award provided by MORPC, ODOT, and local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) includes the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan and Demonstration Activities as shown in the attached work element; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the activity will utilize consultant activities; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to accept funding and execute the grant agreement with the U.S. DOT for the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding award.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to accept funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions for their matching contributions to the federal funds.
- Section 3. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with the funding agencies and with any consultants, subcontractors, or vendors necessary to undertake the activities in connection with the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding award.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding award.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 7. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: June 13, 2024
Submitted by: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director
Prepared by: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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Attachment: Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) Action Plan and Demonstration Activities Work Element

665-Special Studies**66584-3000 - Safe Streets For All Action Plan and Demonstration Activities****Primary Contact:** Lauren Cardoni

In 2023, MORPC applied to USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program for safety planning funds. In December 2023, MORPC received notification of the award. These funds will be used to update the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan and conduct the following supplemental planning activities:

- Advance MORPC's Regional Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Develop a regional Complete Streets Safety Audit Program
- Conduct Pedestrian Safety Improvement demonstration projects

Product/Method	Agencies	Schedule
<p>Safety Plan Update</p> <p>Complete an update to Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan in accordance with the funding program guidelines and requirements.</p>	Local Governments, MORPC, ODOT	Spring 2025
<p>Non-Motorized Volume Data Program</p> <p>Collaborate with local and state partners to enhance MORPC's existing non-motorized volume data program.</p>	MORPC, ODOT	2026
<p>Complete Streets Safety Audit Program</p> <p>Collaborate with local partners to enhance existing initiatives focused on conducting walk audits and identifying proven safety countermeasures for implementation.</p>	MORPC, Public Health	2026
<p>Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Projects</p> <p>Collaborate with local partners to install quick-build, low-cost, high-impact pedestrian safety countermeasures at 20 priority locations throughout the region.</p>	Local Agencies, MORPC	2026

Related Activities

60135-3000 - Safety Planning

Budget

Total Work Element Budget: \$1,290,000

Spent Previous Year: \$0

Remaining Work Element Budget: \$1,290,000

Funding Sources: FHWA: \$1,032,000, ODOT: \$90,300, MORPC: \$70,705, Local: \$96,995

Budget Note: N/A



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 12-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the 2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts”**

For many years MORPC has contracted with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to implement the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) in portions of Franklin County. The source of funds is federal from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services including the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The program includes work by MORPC to provide client intake, home inspections, installation of energy efficiency measures such as heating and weatherization materials, and quality control over all client cases. MORPC will provide inspection services and quality control to verify work performed adheres to industry and program standards. The installation of weatherization materials, heating and electrical work will be subcontracted to businesses in MORPC's service area.

The grant agreement for PY2024, effective July 1, 2024, is estimated to be up to \$4,203,000 for work performed through June 30, 2025. These funds represent a combined amount that includes funds for territories previously serviced by the provider GLS. MORPC intends to apply for and become the permanent provider of HWAP services in the territories previously served by GLS.

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“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the 2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts”

WHEREAS, ODOD implements the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, pursuant to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Title IV, Part A (P.L. 94-385); and

WHEREAS, ODOD seeks to contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to implement this program inside portions of Franklin County for eligible low-income customers and improve the energy efficiency of their household; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the 2024 program year is estimated to be up to \$4,203,000 and will be leveraged with other funds from local utilities and other non-federal sources; and that these funds represent a combined amount that includes funds for traditional MORPC HWAP territories as well as territories previously serviced by the provider GLS; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are subcontracted in MORPC’s service area; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement(s) with ODOD for the PY2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program in the amount up to \$4,203,000 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
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