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PLANNING COMMISSION

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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, September 12, 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. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **Welcome MORPC Regional Planning Officer Jessica Kuenzli**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

Committees

4. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Dave Dixon, MORPC Director of Data Analytics & Strategy
 - **2024 Draft Population Estimates**
5. **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
6. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
7. **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. **Proposed Resolution T-11-24: “Establishing priorities for Central Ohio candidate projects submitted in 2024 for Transportation Review Advisory Committee (TRAC) funding”** – Parag Agrawal, MORPC Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **August 8, 2024 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 2) **Proposed Resolution T-9-24: “Amending the State Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**
 - 3) **Proposed Resolution T-10-24: “Adopting the 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide”**
 - 4) **Proposed Resolution T-12-24: “Accepting the Planning Work Program Completion Report for State Fiscal Year 2024”**

- e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

8. Commission Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of **August 8, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Proposed Resolution 13-24: “Authorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program”**
- c. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

9. Other Business

2:45 p.m. **10. Adjourn** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

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The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, October 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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MORPC Monthly Agency Report
August 2024

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

208 Planning and Areawide Designation Process

The Ad Hoc Process Review committee is meeting and continues to listen to presentations about best practices and experiences of peer planning agencies in the state on their processes around 208 planning. This is part of the process to ensure the committee has a balanced view as well as an opportunity to explore pathways to addressing modifications to Facility Planning Area boundaries and dispute resolution related to sewer service in the Central Ohio region. This is part of the agency's efforts to be designated as an Areawide Planning Agency by Ohio EPA.

Regional Water Study

MORPC and Ohio EPA hosted the second Regional Water Study webinar on August 28. Speakers from Ohio EPA and the Hazen and Sawyer consultant team provided the overall status of the project including topics such as data collection and mapping, regionalization, and cost analysis. 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

Team Members are supporting the Regional Water Study, an effort led by the State of Ohio to model water supply, wastewater, and stormwater needs through 2050. MORPC completed a set of household, population, and jobs forecasts for quarter-mile grids for the 15-county region, as well as grid-level forecasts of land cover.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

MORPC participated in the National African American Male Wellness Agency Walk on August 10. Since 2004, the National African American Male Wellness Agency has taken a stance to reduce disparities in premature death and chronic diseases by providing thousands of health screenings and innovative educational programs throughout marginalized communities.

Gohio Commute

MORPC's newest vanpool group travels daily from Canal Winchester to the Chillicothe VA Hospital. Seventeen new vanpools were added in 2024. This year the program surpassed pre-pandemic numbers.

The second annual state-wide Ohio Commuter Challenge is September 9-22. Prizes range from \$25 to \$200. The more sustainable trips commuters take in Ohio, the more chances they have to win.

Active Transportation Planning

The Active Transportation Committee met August 28. Meeting topics included Public Health and the Built Environment, Safety Towns in Central Ohio, the Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy, recent updates to ODOT roadway design manuals, and other MORPC program updates. Meeting materials will be available on MORPC's website. The next meeting is October 23.

Team Members attended the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) conference in Detroit, August 12-14. The conference offered opportunities to learn about the latest best practices in complete streets design and implementation, designing safe streets, installing demonstration projects, and more.

Team Members attended the City of Columbus Bike Plus Open House events to learn more about the recommendations being developed through that planning process. MORPC hosted an internal meeting on September 4 with the Bike Plus planning team to ensure that MORPC is up to date on the process and recommendations moving forward.

MORPC hosts virtual group viewings of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals 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, September 18, on: "*Planning the New Forms of Micromobility.*"

Transportation Safety

Registration for the 2024 Safe Streets Central Ohio Conference is open. The Regional Safety Forum is September 26 at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington. Registration details and more information are available at: <https://www.morpc.org/event/ssco/#/>.

Team Members gave a presentation on MORPC's safety program and current initiatives to the WTS - Columbus organization at their August breakfast event. Attendees noted that safety is their biggest area of interest/concern regarding transportation.

Technical Assistance Program

MORPC held a final meeting with Jefferson Township and agency partners to discuss final project priorities for the Township, as well as potential opportunities for future funding and project coordination. The final Implementation Plan is in development and a draft will be delivered to the township in early September. MORPC will present the final plan at the Township's Board of Trustees September 25 meeting.

Team Members held a final meeting with Violet Township and stakeholders on August 7 to review the draft implementation plan and discuss next steps. Some of the plan recommendations have already been initiated in collaboration with ODOT District 5 and other partners.

The draft program guide for the 2025 Technical Assistance Program is available on MORPC's website. Applications for the next Technical Assistance window open September 16. MORPC is hosting an informational webinar September 18. More information is available at www.morpc.org/programsservices/technical-assistance-program.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

COG held the summer forum, "Opening access to the region's Blue and Greenways," August 27 at the Minerva Park Community Center. Community partners, planners, and leaders learned about efforts to expand access to nature along our waterways and had an opportunity to kayak a portion of the Alum Creek Trail.

The next COG Board Meeting is September 25 to hear Working Group progress and advise on summer COG intern research projects.

Central Ohio Blueways

The Central Ohio Blueways Steering Committee met in August and determined priority projects to pursue for each of the working groups. Projects include an invasive species ID guide, native vegetation recommendations, signage packages, considerations for hazard removal, and refining the process for Water Trail Designation.

Central Ohio Blueways finalized details for a large-scale river clean-up effort. World Rivers Cleanup Day is September 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cleanup highlights two locations on each of the following waterways: Scioto River, Olentangy River, Alum Creek, and Big Walnut Creek. Partners for the clean-up effort include Keep Columbus Beautiful, Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks, the City of Columbus, FLOW, FACT, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, and RAPID5. Registration for the event is available through Keep Columbus Beautiful.

Regional Housing Strategy

Team Members are presenting the Leaders Listen: Housing survey to the National Association of Regional Councils Housing Working Group in mid-September.

If you are 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 next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is September 18 at NBBJ, an international architecture firm located in downtown Columbus. The agenda includes a presentation from NBBJ, discussion about the Regional Sustainability Agenda, and reports from boards and working groups.

- The Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee met August 22 to begin updating the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA). Subcommittee representation includes several local governments, OSU, SWACO, and Licking Soil and Water Conservation District. The first meeting focused on the subcommittee's purpose followed by group discussion around goals 1-2. The RSA includes goals and measurable objectives to align members and regional stakeholders around common sustainability goals and provides the framework for Sustainable2050 membership and tier status certification. For more information, contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org.

Sustainable2050

Sustainable2050 met August 15 at Del-Co Water. The meeting featured short presentations from the City of Westerville and Rural Action followed by a tour of Ohio's first floating solar installation. Sustainable2050 membership is open to all MORPC members. Current Sustainable2050 members interested in earning their tier status certification should contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met August 28 with a member spotlight on the City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities programming including the recently updated Stormwater Drainage Manual and the City's involvement with a water affordability taskforce.

Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

The next Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team meeting is September 19.

Energy & Air Quality

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met August 28. The meeting featured air quality programming updates, energy programming updates, upcoming opportunities, and Carbon Solutions' development of their new U.S. DOE funded co-benefits analysis tool called the Local Air Emissions Tracking Atlas. The goal for the tool is to identify community impacts from industrial emissions and to help estimate the air quality health benefits from decarbonizing these facilities to specific communities. The Working Group continues to look for candidates to serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair. If interested, email Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org. The next meeting is November 20.

MORPC will soon issue an RFP looking for EV vendors to repair and/or replace broken or non-operational EV charging ports throughout the 15-county region as part of MORPC's \$2 million award from the U.S. DOT-FHWA's Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program. Reach out to Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org for more information.

Work on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Central Ohio Climate Action Plan (COCAP) continues. The COCAP aims to create a unified approach to regional planning and pollution mitigation actions. We highly encourage all residents who reside within the 10-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, and Union Counties) to complete the [COCAP Community Priorities Survey](#). It is open for responses through September. For more information, visit the [COCAP website](#).

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

Team Members continue to move forward with the U.S. EPA funded air monitoring project, working in partnership with Franklin County Public Health. MORPC deployed three additional PurpleAir sensors into the community with the expected deployment completed by October 31. MORPC is working with the consultant to develop mutually acceptable processes for downloading and analyzing sensor data.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The next RDAC meeting is October 1.

- Data Day Working Group: The Working Group continues planning for Data Day 2025. The group is working towards securing the Workforce Development Center at Columbus State Community College as the new location. The group identified multiple public and private partners to reach out to

regarding sponsorship. The 2025 theme is “Making Impacts Through Trust in Data”. The working group is considering potential keynote speakers and anticipates putting out a call for proposals by mid-September.

- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG): RIDGE met August 14 and focused on MORPC’s Leaders Listen Series including past surveys development approach, questions asked, lessons learned, and the Actionable Insights report from the most recent survey. The next meeting is November 13.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG): COGUG met August 21. The City of Dublin shared how their planners are using ESRI Urban and the 3D buildings MORPC created to show proposed development.
- The Regional Data Coaching Working Group: The Working Group is hosting their first pop-up event at Columbus Metropolitan Library Main branch on September 26, 10-11:30 a.m. for community outreach. The next Working Group meeting is September 19.
- Workforce and Job Quality Working Group: The Working Group met August 22 and discussed prioritization of job quality dimensions. The next meeting is September 19. The group continues to participate in the Results for America (RfA) Workforce Fellowship, a free six-month program that includes monthly webinars, office hours with RfA staff, and engagement with other organizations pursuing work related to job quality.
- DEI & Data Working Group: The Working Group met August 23 to discuss proposed DEI “Data for All” event sessions, confirm working group member assignments and continue event planning. The group is aiming to host an event in the late October to early November timeframe.
- Cyber Security Working Group: The Cyber Security Working group met July 8 and August 28 and continued developing “Cybersecurity for Local Leaders”, a local leader oriented educational event, and began discussing which cyber self-assessment(s) to leverage for post-event engagement with member community technical staff.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members continue developing the MORPC Insights platform, a web application whose purpose is to provide data-derived insights on a variety of topics at the regional, county, and community levels. Each insight is supported by data, visualizations, and expert commentary, and is eventually expected to feature content from trusted partners in addition to MORPC-produced content. Current efforts are focused on selection of a web application platform and prototype of the user-facing components of the application.

Team Members are preparing to improve processes in advance of the 2028 Metropolitan Transportation Plan cycle.

Team Members continue to assist with the Intel Area study, which will result in an expansion of the travel demand model to ten counties.

Team Members are developing county-level forecasts of households/housing by type to better predict future housing needs.

MORPC continues to work to improve the completeness of our residential building permit data collection and began evaluating complementary data sources including aggregated permit data from the Census Bureau and parcel data from county auditors to augment local permit data.

Upcoming updates to standard data products:

- County-level population estimates as of January 1, 2024 (September)
- Sub-county population estimates as of January 1, 2024 (October)

Outreach

Team Members presented on the Air Quality Program to the Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Sustainable Columbus and Dr. Daryl Hood, Ohio State University.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

MORPC and LinkUS Planning Partners released the draft Capital Improvement Program for public comment. The five-year program of sidewalks, bikeways, and trails could be developed by 2030 through LinkUS. It represents a potential \$250 million investment in 80+ projects to construct over 150 miles of new, safe

connections. Public comment was open July 25-August 23. The approval of the program is expected in mid-September. Upon passage of COTA's levy in November, the program will be maintained and updated annually.

LinkUS Partners are finalizing the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Draft Strategy with an expected release in early September.

COTA and MORPC initiated a kick-off scoping meeting with public stakeholders to identify potential east-west transit connections between northern Franklin County and southern Delaware County to northwest Licking County and the growing industrial and business developments in that area. Completion of the feasibility study is expected in early 2026.

Passenger Rail

Midwest Connect Corridor partners selected HNTB as the consultant to conduct initial planning tasks associated with the Chicago-Fort Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor. They will develop the scope, budget, and schedule for the remainder of the planning program. The work is expected to wrap up in early 2025, with corridor-wide service planning beginning in mid-2025.

The Central Ohio Passenger Rail Committee formally convened on July 23. Committee members received an update from MORPC on the status of the Corridor ID Program plans and outlined the roles and responsibilities of the committee moving forward. The next meeting is October 22.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)/Economic Development District

The first CEDS committee meeting was August 22. Susan Brehm, the Regional Director of the US EDA's Chicago Regional Office, addressed the committee on EDA priorities, the reauthorization process and what is required to be a successful EDD. The committee, comprised of representatives from the public and private sectors, demonstrates the region's main economic interests. Convening the committee was a major milestone toward setting up the Economic Development District and begin implementing the CEDS priority areas. The CEDS Committee will advise the EDD Board on economic development-related matters.

Brownfield Assessments

The U.S. EPA's brownfield grant programs will begin accepting applications mid-September. Team Members are scoping out a project, and plan to apply for funding to assess sites in targeted areas.

Federal Competitive Programs

The U.S. DOT-FHWA's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Round 2 grant program awarded MORPC's grant proposal for Central Ohio, MORE EVS, \$15 million. MORPC collaborated with key partners to submit the successful application including Smart Columbus, City of Columbus, HNTB, Electrification Coalition, and AEP Ohio. Winning the grant unlocks regional investment to install an additional 62 charging sites across 13 counties, further extending the EV charging network in Central Ohio.

MORPC submitted a second CFI Round 2 application per the new NOFO guidelines, focusing on building out both passenger and medium- and heavy-duty EV charging hubs along the Alternative Fuel Corridors. MORPC was the lead applicant working collaboratively with Prologis Mobility, Momentum, several local government members, the Electrification Coalition, Smart Columbus, the National Center for Urban Solutions, and others to increase the EV charging network and workforce development ecosystem.

MORPC formally accepted their Partnership Planning Grant award from the EDA enabling MORPC to access funds to implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the eleven County Economic Development District (EDD) region.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided MORPC with an application debrief for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program. Although MORPC's application, titled "Finding US Tomorrow's Universal Residential Experience (FUTURE) Program," was not funded, the debrief provided valuable information toward making MORPC's re-application more competitive. The second round of PRO Housing funding opened August 13; applications are due October 15.

HUD announced the second round of the PRO Housing Grant. MORPC will work closely with member communities and stakeholders to identify potential ways to utilize this unique funding source. MORPC will also seek letters of commitment from member communities regarding potential program elements.

The U.S. DOT provided MORPC with an application debrief for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. Although MORPC's application, titled "Trail Towns in the Nation's

Heartland,” was not funded, it did obtain a Project of Merit status which will streamline the application’s resubmission early next year. Approximately 41 percent of RAISE 2024 Projects of Merit were funded.

Drive Investment Portal

The Drive Investment Portal continues to be a valuable member resource with up-to-date information on existing and future funding opportunities to help finance regional priorities. For any questions, contact Preston Frick at pflick@morpc.org.

Mobility Management

The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee met and discussed preliminary findings from the transportation provider survey that went out in late July and ended August 31. Team Members attended ODOT’s bi-annual mobility management roundtable.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

MORPC is hosting an applicant workshop on September 25 for the 2024 solicitation period for 5310 funds. The workshop is required for any interested applicants to the program. The application form is open September 25 through October 25.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

CORPO subcommittee meetings are scheduled in each of the seven counties during the last two weeks of September. The next CORPO Committee meeting is November 4 at MORPC.

Public comment for the two TRAC applications submitted in the CORPO region during the 2024 cycle ended August 16. The prioritized list of applications will be shared with the CORPO subcommittees and then sent to TRAC and ODOT. MORPC/CORPO will present the list of projects to TRAC at the October 16 regional public hearing.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

On August 14, Team Members sent applicants feedback on screening applications for new funding requests.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

Public comment for the five TRAC applications submitted in the MORPC region during the 2024 cycle ended August 16. Once adopted, MORPC will send the prioritized list of applications to TRAC and ODOT. MORPC will present the list of projects to TRAC at the October 16 regional public hearing.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Final applications for FY 2025 in Franklin County were due August 30. NRAC members are visiting project sites September 12. 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:

- August 5 – How MORPC Members can Benefit from G.I.S. Data
- August 12 – Federal Funding and Community Projects
- August 19 – EDA Good Jobs Challenge
- August 26 – Project Management

Upcoming sessions:

- September 9 – One Time Strategic Community Investment Fund
- September 16 – Affordable Housing Efforts
- September 23 – Sustainability Projects
- September 30 – Findlay Formula for Economic Development

PAY IT FORWARD

Educational Partnerships

MORPC is delighted to announce two new partnerships.

Otterbein University Partnership: MORPC is partnering with Otterbein University to offer an estimated \$20,000 award to the dependent children of MORPC-member government employees as well as member employees at the undergraduate level. In addition, MORPC member employees and spouses/domestic

partners can receive a 15% discount on the undergraduate and graduate credit hour rate as part-time undergraduate and graduate students in some programs.

- The Otterbein Educational Advantage Scholarship for Dependent Children of MORPC Member Employees is available to any undergraduate who starts at Otterbein prior to the age of 24 while still an IRS dependent and who has not completed a bachelor's degree. Those already enrolled at Otterbein are not eligible. Those interested can contact Phanawn Bailey, Advantage Partnership Admission Coordinator, at 614.823.1355 or bailey1@otterbein.edu.
- The Coalition for the Common Good Educational Advantage Partnership for MORPC Member Employees and Spouse/Domestic Partners is designed to support employees and spouse/domestic partners enrolling as part-time undergraduate or graduate students. The 15% discount applies to any part-time undergraduate student and part-time graduate students enrolled in Coalition for the Common Good graduate programs. Those interested can contact Bridget Newell, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, at 614.823.1735 or bnewell@otterbein.edu.

OHIO Online Partnership: MORPC is also partnering with the Ohio University's OHIO Online to offer a 10% discount on all online undergraduate programs and certificates as well as a 15% discount on all graduate programs and certificates. This incentive scholarship can be applied to instructional, general, program, and non-resident fees for enrolled courses, but it does not apply to any credits taken at the Athens or regional campuses. Full- and part-time active MORPC-member government employees have access to these discounts in addition to a \$10,000 discount towards the College of Business Online MBA and all online MBA concentration programs during the Fall 2024 semester. To search eligible programs and enroll, visit the [OHIO Online Incentive Scholarships](#) webpage for more information.

For more information on any of these activities, contact Alli Mancz at amancz@morpc.org, 614-233-4164 or Eileen Leuby at eleuby@morpc.org, 614-381-0111.

Membership Services

MORPC produces a monthly newsletter containing event links and legislative updates. The newsletter is issued to members the day before every commission meeting. MORPC also provides a Drive Investment Newsletter with grant and resource information. This newsletter is typically sent out the third week of each month.

MORPC provides each member with a detailed report on the value of their individual membership on a calendar-year basis. The return on investment reports are prepared and distributed by early October for consideration during our members' budgeting process.

Team Members completed six members visits.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- August 6 – Social Media Summit

Upcoming Events:

- September 18 – Long Street Bridge & Cultural Wall 10 Year Celebration
- September 25 – Regional Collaboration Luncheon – Southwest, Jackson Township Fire Station
- October 23 – Zoning for the Future, Opportunity Center, New Lexington

For more information on upcoming events, contact Eileen Leuby (eleuby@morpc.org or 614-381-0111).

Public Involvement & Engagement

Team Members participated in the following opportunities:

- CCSD Workforce Development Housing Forum

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

- TRAC Public Comment Period
- LinkUS TSI Comment Period
- LinkUS TSI Webinar
- Safe Streets Award Nominations & Registration
- Summit on Sustainability Registration
- Long Street Bridge & Cultural Wall Celebration

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

MORPC Annual Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey

Team Members are finalizing the annual salary & fringe benefit survey and anticipate releasing the survey in September.

Community-Based Planning Assistance

The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program (CBPA) continues to be available for community assistance requests. Members may 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

The Consultant Service Program (CSP) added a section on the program website for member RFPs. If your community has an open RFP that MORPC can add to the CSP website for additional availability, send RFP details, including a link to the RFP, to consultantservices@morpc.org.

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.

The Community Development Team is currently assisting three communities in the region with projects that include a community character study, community visioning study, an area plan, zoning code updates, and a supplemental design guide to accompany a community zoning code, as well as providing temporary planning and zoning assistance.

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

Accounts Payable Process Improvement

Team Members completed an accounts payable process improvement event in August. After several external system changes affecting MORPC since January, processes were assessed, and improvements were made to make the payment processes more efficient. Team Members will evaluate the newly implemented procedural changes over the coming weeks for effectiveness and make any further changes to improve efficiency of the process.

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Customer Service Representative Neal Oxman began August 13

The following positions are starting at MORPC soon:

- Chief Regional Planning Officer
- Strategic Director of Technology

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Programming Associate/Senior Planner
- Programming Intern – Transit Focus
- Economic Development Intern

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:

- 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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MEMBER TOTAL (b)							2,254,902	2,301,378	\$ 1,646,986	166	2,279,533	\$ 1,563,335	162	956,639	18,317	24,358	999,314				
Community	Government Type	County	Member Type	2024 Member Dues Rate	2025 Member Dues Rate	April 1, 2020 Census Population	January 1, 2024 Population Estimate	2025 Dues	2025 Reps	January 1, 2023 Population Estimate	2024 Dues	2024 Reps	Change in Dues (a)	2020 Census Housing Units	New Single Family Units (c)	New Multifamily Units (d)	2024 Housing Unit Estimate	Occupancy Rate - Owner Households	Occupancy Rate - Renter Households	Household Size - Owner Households	Household Size - Renter Households
Riverlea	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	599	580	\$ 1,250	1	581	\$ 1,250	1	\$ -	241	1	-	242	99.0%	100.0%	2.57	1.67
Shawnee Hills	Village	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	835	841	\$ 1,250	1	832	\$ 1,250	1	\$ -	330	5	-	335	100.0%	100.0%	2.76	2.08
Somerset	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,481	1,478	\$ 1,250	1	1,471	\$ 1,250	1	\$ -	661	-	-	661	92.3%	100.0%	2.63	2.07
South Bloomfield	Village	Pickaway	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,143	3,148	\$ 1,417	1	3,119	\$ 1,341	1	\$ 75	831	103	192	1,126	97.6%	89.9%	3.06	3.71
Urbancrest	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,031	1,019	\$ 1,250	1	1,022	\$ 1,250	1	\$ -	379	9	-	388	97.2%	98.3%	3.13	3.20
West Jefferson	Village	Madison	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	4,137	4,134	\$ 1,860	1					1,737	2	3	1,742	100.0%	98.1%	2.60	2.27
TOWNSHIP MEMBERS																					
Blendon	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	8,143	7,883	\$ 5,242	1	7,922	\$ 5,070	1	\$ 172	3,034	15	-	3,049	100.0%	100.0%	2.89	2.45
Bloom	Township	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	7,612	7,724	\$ 5,136	1	7,592	\$ 4,859	1	\$ 278	2,716	1	-	2,717	98.3%	100.0%	3.02	2.71
Brown	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,643	2,655	\$ 1,766	1					906	39	-	945	100.0%	82.9%	2.92	1.90
Clinton	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,499	4,354	\$ 2,895	1	4,374	\$ 2,799	1	\$ 96	2,153	9	-	2,162	96.3%	98.4%	2.61	2.20
Etna	Township	Licking	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	9,829	10,062	\$ 6,691	2	9,991	\$ 6,394	1	\$ 297	3,691	106	12	2,971	100.0%	94.6%	2.80	2.25
Franklin	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	10,504	10,127	\$ 6,734	2	10,200	\$ 6,528	2	\$ 206	4,047	5	-	4,052	99.7%	93.8%	2.54	3.45
Granville	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	4,298	4,357	\$ 1,961	1	4,317	\$ 1,856	1	\$ 104	1,643	37	-	1,680	98.7%	100.0%	2.67	1.67
Jackson	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,251	4,137	\$ 2,751	1	4,154	\$ 2,659	1	\$ 93	1,657	16	2	1,675	99.4%	92.6%	2.54	2.22
Jefferson	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	13,603	14,328	\$ 9,528	2	14,211	\$ 9,095	2	\$ 433	4,725	451	-	5,176	100.0%	97.5%	2.83	1.88
Jerome	Township	Union	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	8,774	13,229	\$ 8,797	2	11,270	\$ 7,213	2	\$ 1,584	3,057	1,541	12	4,610	100.0%	100.0%	3.14	2.12
Madison	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	11,101	10,719	\$ 7,128	2	10,780	\$ 6,899	2	\$ 229	4,264	12	-	4,276	99.9%	96.7%	2.49	3.06
Mifflin	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,637	2,603	\$ 1,731	1	2,600	\$ 1,664	1	\$ 67	1,098	26	-	1,124	99.3%	94.8%	2.57	2.10
Perry	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,234	4,448	\$ 2,958	1	4,420	\$ 2,829	1	\$ 129	1,569	125	-	1,694	100.0%	100.0%	3.08	3.19
Plain	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,980	1,925	\$ 1,280	1	1,943	\$ 1,250	1	\$ 30	759	6	-	765	98.7%	100.0%	3.17	2.48
Prairie	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	17,500	16,949	\$ 11,271	2	17,041	\$ 10,906	2	\$ 365	6,956	38	-	6,994	99.3%	94.8%	2.68	2.19
Truro	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,422	1,528	\$ 1,250	1	1,379	\$ 1,250	1	\$ -	572	71	-	643	98.7%	96.3%	2.35	2.47
Violet	Township	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	20,214	21,730	\$ 14,450	2	21,360	\$ 13,670	2	\$ 780	6,953	402	-	7,355	99.4%	86.0%	3.03	2.64
Washington	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,005	974	\$ 1,250	1	981	\$ 1,250	1	\$ -	399	2	-	401	98.8%	91.4%	2.88	2.07
COUNTY MEMBERS																					
Delaware County Total						214,124	234,305	\$ 97,180	8	226,824	\$ 90,800	8	\$ 6,380	81,854	5,418	3,282	90,554				
Cities (10% population dues)																					
Columbus	City	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	14,570	16,861	\$ 1,121		15,354	\$ 983			7,269	10	1,157	8,436	99.1%	95.9%	2.44	2.19
Delaware	City	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	41,302	45,669	\$ 3,037		44,122	\$ 2,824			16,863	1,431	427	18,721	100.0%	97.8%	2.75	2.09
Dublin	City	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,250	4,262	\$ 283		4,185	\$ 268			1,548	18	-	1,566	99.2%	90.6%	2.95	2.08
Powell	City	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	14,163	14,947	\$ 994		14,455	\$ 925			4,965	304	16	5,285	99.7%	83.9%	2.99	1.62
Sunbury	City	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	6,614	6,641	\$ 442		6,846	\$ 438			2,476	24	10	2,510	100.0%	100.0%	2.82	2.34
Westerville	City	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	9,230	9,587	\$ 638		9,426	\$ 603			4,081	26	58	4,165	99.9%	94.3%	2.60	2.13
Villages																					
Ashley	Village	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,198	1,189	\$ 791		1,167	\$ 747			531	1	-	532	100.0%	97.2%	2.49	2.48
Galena	Village	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	924	1,698	\$ 1,129		1,916	\$ 1,226			315	241	-	556	100.0%	100.0%	3.28	4.36
Ostrander	Village	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,094	1,380	\$ 918		1,327	\$ 849			365	86	-	451	100.0%	100.0%	3.48	2.81
Shawnee Hills	Village	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	835	841	\$ 559		832	\$ 532			330	5	-	335	100.0%	100.0%	2.76	2.08
Townships																					
Berkshire	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,476	6,574	\$ 4,372		6,093	\$ 3,900			1,628	521	296	2,445	100.0%	67.3%	3.02	2.95
Berlin	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	7,774	9,208	\$ 6,123		8,995	\$ 5,757			2,527	466	-	2,993	99.6%	100.0%	3.28	3.26
Brown	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,402	1,469	\$ 977		1,421	\$ 909			571	45	-	616	82.9%	100.0%	2.17	4.29
Concord	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	10,951	12,212	\$ 8,121		11,999	\$ 7,679			4,071	474	-	4,545	100.0%	100.0%	2.91	3.14
Delaware	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,138	2,200	\$ 1,463		2,149	\$ 1,375			869	35	-	904	100.0%	88.9%	2.37	1.16
Genoa	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	24,806	24,998	\$ 16,624		24,522	\$ 15,694			8,752	143	-	8,895	99.3%	86.3%	3.05	2.37
Harlem	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,554	4,817	\$ 3,203		4,720	\$ 3,021			1,766	118	-	1,884	100.0%	100.0%	2.63	2.20
Kingston	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,359	2,502	\$ 1,664		2,474	\$ 1,583			870	60	-	930	100.0%	100.0%	2.78	2.05
Liberty	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	18,234	21,779	\$ 14,483		20,481	\$ 13,108			6,665	810	846	8,321	99.9%	94.1%	3.00	1.67
Marlboro	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	295	300	\$ 200		295	\$ 189			117	2	-	119	100.0%	100.0%	3.92	2.12
Orange	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	30,553	32,213	\$ 21,422		31,341	\$ 20,058			10,455	352	472	11,279	99.6%	93.7%	3.01	2.07
Oxford	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	950	960	\$ 638		943	\$ 604			386	8	-	394	100.0%	100.0%	2.43	1.54
Porter	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,194	2,276	\$ 1,514		2,235	\$ 1,430			788	40	-	828	100.0%	100.0%	2.59	4.18
Radnor	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,570	1,617	\$ 1,075		1,592	\$ 1,019			629	28	-	657	100.0%	100.0%	2.26	2.00
Scioto	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,648	2,880	\$ 1,915		2,821	\$ 1,805			1,043	85	-	1,128	100.0%	100.0%	3.06	3.48
Thompson	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	659	701	\$ 466		675	\$ 432			260	17	-	277	100.0%	100.0%	2.91	1.64
Trenton	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,276	2,376	\$ 1,580		2,335	\$ 1,494			851	44	-	895	97.3%	68.0%	2.88	2.06
Troy	Township	Delaware	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,105	2,148	\$ 1,428		2,103	\$ 1,346			863	24	-	887	100.0%	100.0%	2.66	1.78
Fairfield County Total						158,705	166,534	\$ 55,547	5	162,957	\$ 52,230	5	\$ 3,317	62,380	1,679	287	64,346				
Cities (10% population dues)																					
Canal Winchester	City	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,706	2,096	\$ 139		1,969	\$ 126			665	137	-	802	100.0%	100.0%	2.63	1.94
Columbus	City	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	10,849	11,317	\$ 753		11,119	\$ 712			3,922	128	-	4,050	99.1%	95.9%	2.44	2.19
Lancaster	City	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	40,552	41,934	\$ 2,348		41,219	\$ 2,205			18,302	80	287	18,669	99.3%	95.8%	2.50	2.16
Pickerington	City	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	22,999	25,824	\$ 1,717		24,831	\$ 1,589			8,342	813	-	9,155	98.9%	82.7%	3.06	2.63
Reynoldsburg	City	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,130	1,146	\$ 76		1,127	\$ 72			448	-	-	448	99.1%	95.7%	2.48	2.43
Village																					
Amanda	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	673	683	\$ 382		671	\$ 359			287	-	-	287	100.0%	100.0%	2.52	3.28
Baltimore	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,981	3,024	\$ 1,693		2,972	\$ 1,590			1,327	-	-	1,327	100.0%	100.0%	2.76	1.64
Bremen	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,479	1,500	\$ 840		1,474	\$ 789										

							BASE YEAR POPULATION	2024 POPULATION <i>Used to calculate 2025 member dues</i>			2023 POPULATION <i>Used to calculate 2024 member dues</i>				2024 HOUSING UNIT ESTIMATES				2024 OCCUPANCY RATE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE ASSUMPTIONS (e)			
MEMBER TOTAL (b)							2,254,902	2,301,378	\$ 1,646,986	166	2,279,533	\$ 1,563,335	162	956,639	18,317	24,358	999,314					
Community	Government Type	County	Member Type	2024 Member Dues Rate	2025 Member Dues Rate	April 1, 2020 Census Population	January 1, 2024 Population Estimate	2025 Dues	2025 Reprs	January 1, 2023 Population Estimate	2024 Dues	2024 Reprs	Change in Dues (a)	2020 Census Housing Units	New Single Family Units (c)	New Multifamily Units (d)	2024 Housing Unit Estimate	Occupancy Rate - Owner Households	Occupancy Rate - Renter Households	Household Size - Owner Households	Household Size - Renter Households	
Lithopolis	Village	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,085	2,470	\$ 1,643		2,341	\$ 1,498			720	118	-	838	98.5%	100.0%	3.01	2.10	
Millersport	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	978	992	\$ 556		975	\$ 522			483	-	-	483	100.0%	100.0%	2.27	2.51	
Pleasantville	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	934	947	\$ 530		931	\$ 498			377	-	-	377	100.0%	100.0%	2.97	2.67	
Rushville	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	304	308	\$ 172		303	\$ 162			125	-	-	125	91.6%	100.0%	2.57	4.35	
Stoutsville	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	579	587	\$ 329		577	\$ 309			243	-	-	243	96.6%	100.0%	2.78	2.37	
Sugar Grove	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	429	435	\$ 244		428	\$ 229			171	-	-	171	100.0%	88.2%	2.61	1.53	
Tarleton	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	-	-	\$ -		-	\$ -			-	-	-	-	97.2%	100.0%	2.42	2.40	
Thurston	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	603	612	\$ 343		601	\$ 322			238	-	-	238	94.4%	100.0%	2.91	2.58	
West Rushville	Village	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	166	168	\$ 94		165	\$ 88			63	-	-	63	100.0%	100.0%	3.70	4.15	
Township																						
Amanda	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,049	2,078	\$ 1,164		2,043	\$ 1,093			759	-	-	759	100.0%	100.0%	2.47	3.07	
Berne	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	4,628	4,694	\$ 2,629		4,614	\$ 2,468			1,869	-	-	1,869	100.0%	98.7%	2.76	1.52	
Bloom	Township	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	7,612	7,724	\$ 5,136		7,592	\$ 4,859			2,716	1	-	2,717	98.3%	100.0%	3.02	2.71	
Clearcreek	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	3,505	3,555	\$ 1,991		3,494	\$ 1,869			1,332	-	-	1,332	99.4%	100.0%	2.90	3.22	
Greenfield	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	5,204	5,278	\$ 2,956		5,188	\$ 2,776			2,029	-	-	2,029	98.7%	100.0%	2.66	2.76	
Hocking	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	4,850	4,919	\$ 2,755		4,835	\$ 2,587			1,309	-	-	1,309	100.0%	100.0%	2.53	2.60	
Liberty	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	5,241	5,316	\$ 2,977		5,225	\$ 2,795			1,962	-	-	1,962	100.0%	100.0%	2.88	1.94	
Madison	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,770	1,795	\$ 1,005		1,765	\$ 944			645	-	-	645	100.0%	100.0%	2.91	1.97	
Pleasant	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	5,650	5,731	\$ 3,209		5,633	\$ 3,014			2,237	-	-	2,237	97.6%	100.0%	2.62	1.85	
Richland	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,837	1,863	\$ 1,043		1,831	\$ 980			660	-	-	660	98.9%	100.0%	2.71	3.26	
Rush Creek	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,517	2,553	\$ 1,430		2,509	\$ 1,342			1,020	-	-	1,020	100.0%	98.7%	2.59	3.40	
Violet	Township	Fairfield	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	20,214	21,730	\$ 14,450		21,360	\$ 13,670			6,953	402	-	7,355	99.4%	86.0%	3.03	2.64	
Walnut	Township	Fairfield	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	4,655	4,722	\$ 2,644		4,641	\$ 2,483			2,381	-	-	2,381	99.0%	100.0%	2.30	2.50	
Franklin County Total							1,323,822	1,328,013	\$ 150,584	11	1,325,700	\$ 144,843	11	\$ 5,741	580,870	5,571	19,191	605,632				
Cities (10% population dues)																						
Bexley	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	13,928	13,421	\$ 892		13,517	\$ 865			4,942	3	-	4,945	100.0%	97.7%	2.86	1.87	
Canal Winchester	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	7,401	7,630	\$ 507		7,635	\$ 489			2,885	199	-	3,084	100.0%	100.0%	2.63	1.94	
Columbus	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	880,329	890,877	\$ 59,243		885,801	\$ 56,691			404,265	2,929	17,851	425,045	99.1%	95.9%	2.44	2.19	
Dublin	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	40,734	40,057	\$ 2,664		40,235	\$ 2,575			15,371	155	218	15,744	99.2%	90.6%	2.95	2.08	
Gahanna	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	35,726	34,532	\$ 2,296		34,778	\$ 2,226			14,734	17	-	14,751	99.3%	94.2%	2.61	2.09	
Grandview Heights	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	8,085	8,335	\$ 554		8,370	\$ 536			4,018	26	278	4,322	100.0%	96.6%	2.44	1.89	
Grove City	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	41,252	41,842	\$ 2,782		42,757	\$ 2,736			17,308	607	252	18,167	99.4%	92.0%	2.54	2.17	
Groveport	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	6,009	6,112	\$ 406		6,127	\$ 392			2,488	34	88	2,610	100.0%	98.2%	2.64	2.87	
Hilliard	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	37,114	37,443	\$ 2,490		37,639	\$ 2,409			14,727	404	268	15,399	100.0%	93.1%	2.79	2.07	
New Albany	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	10,779	11,158	\$ 742		11,140	\$ 713			3,555	251	-	3,806	98.4%	100.0%	3.27	2.30	
Obetz	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	5,489	5,286	\$ 352		5,324	\$ 341			1,980	-	-	1,980	100.0%	100.0%	2.75	2.81	
Pickerington	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	95	91	\$ 6		92	\$ 6			31	-	-	31	98.9%	82.7%	3.06	2.63	
Reynoldsburg	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	29,755	28,814	\$ 1,916		29,029	\$ 1,858			12,128	37	33	12,198	99.1%	95.7%	2.48	2.43	
Upper Arlington	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	36,800	35,439	\$ 2,357		35,694	\$ 2,284			14,831	1	-	14,832	99.7%	96.0%	2.66	2.11	
Westerville	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	29,960	28,862	\$ 1,919		29,072	\$ 1,861			11,791	5	-	11,796	99.9%	94.3%	2.60	2.13	
Whitehall	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	20,127	19,813	\$ 1,318		19,968	\$ 1,278			8,479	1	196	8,676	98.4%	97.9%	2.65	2.32	
Worthington	City	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	14,786	14,256	\$ 948		14,359	\$ 919			6,119	7	-	6,126	98.7%	100.0%	2.58	1.82	
Villages																						
Brice	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	93	90	\$ 60		90	\$ 58			40	-	-	40	100.0%	100.0%	3.00	1.35	
Harrisburg	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	315	303	\$ 201		306	\$ 196			149	-	-	149	100.0%	100.0%	2.44	2.39	
Lithopolis	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	49	50	\$ 33		47	\$ 30			15	1	-	16	98.5%	100.0%	3.01	2.10	
Lockbourne	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	236	233	\$ 155		234	\$ 150			95	2	-	97	100.0%	100.0%	2.81	3.20	
Marble Cliff	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	634	616	\$ 410		622	\$ 398			326	-	5	331	97.6%	96.8%	2.47	1.32	
Minerva Park	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,009	2,024	\$ 1,346		2,034	\$ 1,302			762	33	-	795	100.0%	100.0%	2.83	2.53	
Riverlea	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	599	580	\$ 386		581	\$ 372			241	1	-	242	99.0%	100.0%	2.57	1.67	
Urbancrest	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,031	1,019	\$ 678		1,022	\$ 654			379	9	-	388	97.2%	98.3%	3.13	3.20	
Valleyview	Village	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	669	644	\$ 428		649	\$ 415			266	-	-	266	96.6%	100.0%	2.43	2.55	
Townships																						
Blendon	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	8,143	7,883	\$ 5,242		7,922	\$ 5,070			3,034	15	-	3,049	100.0%	100.0%	2.89	2.45	
Brown	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,643	2,655	\$ 1,766		2,629	\$ 1,683			906	39	-	945	100.0%	82.9%	2.92	1.90	
Clinton	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,499	4,354	\$ 2,895		4,374	\$ 2,799			2,153	9	-	2,162	96.3%	98.4%	2.61	2.20	
Franklin	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	10,504	10,127	\$ 6,734		10,200	\$ 6,528			4,047	5	-	4,052	99.7%	93.8%	2.54	3.45	
Hamilton	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,226	4,072	\$ 2,708		4,101	\$ 2,625			1,888	1	-	1,889	100.0%	100.0%	2.51	2.80	
Jackson	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,251	4,137	\$ 2,751		4,154	\$ 2,659			1,657	16	2	1,675	99.4%	92.6%	2.54	2.22	
Jefferson	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	13,603	14,328	\$ 9,528		14,211	\$ 9,095			4,725	451	-	5,176	100.0%	97.5%	2.83	1.88	
Madison	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	11,101	10,719	\$ 7,128		10,780	\$ 6,899			4,264	12	-	4,276	99.9%	96.7%	2.49	3.06	
Mifflin	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	2,637	2,603	\$ 1,731		2,600	\$ 1,664			1,098	26	-	1,124	99.3%	94.8%	2.57	2.10	
Norwich	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	3,839	3,710	\$ 2,467		3,737	\$ 2,392			1,445	5	-	1,450	99.9%	93.0%	2.85	2.08	
Perry	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,234	4,448	\$ 2,958		4,420	\$ 2,829			1,569	125	-	1,694	100.0%	100.0%	3.08	3.19	
Plain	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,980	1,925	\$ 1,280		1,943	\$ 1,244			759	6	-	765	98.7%	100.0%	3.17	2.48	
Pleasant	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	6,437	6,271	\$ 4,170		6,290	\$ 4,026			2,625	27	-	2,652	100.0%	80.1%	2.78	1.84	
Prairie	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	17,500	16,949	\$ 11,271		17,041	\$ 10,906			6,956	38	-	6,994	99.3%	94.8%	2.68	2.19	
Sharon	Township	Franklin	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	1,794	1,803	\$ 1,199		1,816	\$ 1,162			848	1	-	849	98.3%	100.0%	2.56</		

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MEMBER TOTAL (b)							2,254,902	2,301,378	\$ 1,646,986	166	2,279,533	\$ 1,563,335	162		956,639	18,317	24,358	999,314				
Community	Government Type	County	Member Type	2024 Member Dues Rate	2025 Member Dues Rate	April 1, 2020 Census Population	2024 POPULATION <i>Used to calculate 2025 member dues</i>			2023 POPULATION <i>Used to calculate 2024 member dues</i>				2024 HOUSING UNIT ESTIMATES				2024 OCCUPANCY RATE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE ASSUMPTIONS (e)				
							January 1, 2024 Population Estimate	2025 Dues	2025 Reps	January 1, 2023 Population Estimate	2024 Dues	2024 Reps	Change in Dues (a)	2020 Census Housing Units	New Single Family Units (c)	New Multifamily Units (d)	2024 Housing Unit Estimate	Occupancy Rate - Owner Households	Occupancy Rate - Renter Households	Household Size - Owner Households	Household Size - Renter Households	
St. Louisville	Village	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	352	349	\$ 157		348	\$ 150			148	-	-	148	100.0%	100.0%	2.73	3.21	
Utica	Village	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,048	2,043	\$ 919		2,030	\$ 873			936	5	-	941	95.8%	100.0%	2.61	3.10	
Townships																						
Bennington	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,682	1,715	\$ 772		1,696	\$ 729			643	17	-	660	100.0%	100.0%	2.82	2.32	
Bowling Green	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,807	1,863	\$ 838		1,838	\$ 790			682	23	-	705	100.0%	100.0%	3.18	3.06	
Burlington	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,209	1,239	\$ 558		1,223	\$ 526			499	16	-	515	100.0%	100.0%	2.56	3.28	
Eden	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,281	1,298	\$ 584		1,281	\$ 551			495	11	-	506	100.0%	95.1%	2.66	2.32	
Etna	Township	Licking	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	9,829	10,062	\$ 6,691		9,991	\$ 6,394			3,691	106	12	3,809	100.0%	94.6%	2.80	2.25	
Fallsbury	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	985	994	\$ 447		981	\$ 422			415	5	-	420	100.0%	95.1%	3.61	2.32	
Franklin	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,112	2,158	\$ 971		2,132	\$ 917			824	25	-	849	100.0%	100.0%	2.60	2.32	
Granville	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	4,298	4,357	\$ 1,961		4,317	\$ 1,856			1,643	37	-	1,680	98.7%	100.0%	2.67	1.67	
Hanover	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,834	1,892	\$ 851		1,872	\$ 805			739	27	-	766	98.7%	100.0%	2.82	3.66	
Harrison	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	8,052	8,637	\$ 3,887		8,456	\$ 3,636			2,941	218	-	3,159	99.9%	96.2%	3.04	3.35	
Hartford	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,029	1,048	\$ 472		1,042	\$ 448			402	9	-	411	100.0%	100.0%	3.16	2.53	
Hopewell	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,260	1,284	\$ 578		1,265	\$ 544			508	13	-	521	100.0%	100.0%	2.72	2.25	
Jersey	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,501	2,539	\$ 1,143		2,526	\$ 1,086			1,043	24	-	1,067	100.0%	100.0%	2.53	2.31	
Liberty	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,756	2,875	\$ 1,294		2,809	\$ 1,208			982	47	-	1,029	100.0%	95.1%	3.08	2.32	
Licking	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	4,816	4,956	\$ 2,230		4,915	\$ 2,113			2,152	66	-	2,218	100.0%	100.0%	2.79	2.05	
Madison	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	3,180	3,225	\$ 1,451		3,196	\$ 1,374			1,205	28	-	1,233	100.0%	100.0%	2.66	1.99	
Mary Ann	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,120	2,127	\$ 957		2,113	\$ 909			850	12	-	862	89.4%	100.0%	2.45	4.21	
McKean	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,606	1,652	\$ 743		1,619	\$ 696			671	21	-	692	100.0%	100.0%	2.90	1.93	
Monroe	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,571	2,645	\$ 1,190		2,614	\$ 1,124			1,041	35	2	1,078	100.0%	96.3%	2.67	1.99	
Newark	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,175	2,168	\$ 976		2,158	\$ 928			922	5	-	927	98.3%	100.0%	2.41	2.29	
Newton	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,842	2,866	\$ 1,290		2,841	\$ 1,222			1,173	19	-	1,192	99.6%	100.0%	2.61	3.50	
Perry	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,671	1,686	\$ 759		1,676	\$ 721			623	13	-	636	100.0%	95.1%	2.30	2.32	
St. Albans	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,059	2,096	\$ 943		2,084	\$ 896			827	25	-	852	95.5%	93.6%	2.36	3.10	
Union	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	4,309	4,372	\$ 1,967		4,327	\$ 1,861			1,523	38	-	1,561	99.9%	83.2%	2.69	2.14	
Washington	Township	Licking	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	944	955	\$ 430		948	\$ 408			387	7	-	394	97.9%	92.3%	2.76	3.17	
Logan County Total						46,144	45,998	\$ 15,032	2	46,010	\$ 14,368	2	\$ 664	23,655	215	4	23,874					
Cities (10% population dues)																						
Bellefontaine	City	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	14,115	13,993	\$ 630		13,996	\$ 602			6,372	33	2	6,407	98.1%	93.4%	2.38	2.08	
Villages																						
Belle Center	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	809	797	\$ 359		798	\$ 343			348	-	-	348	97.5%	100.0%	2.51	2.39	
De Graff	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,250	1,232	\$ 554		1,232	\$ 530			519	-	-	519	97.3%	100.0%	2.36	2.69	
Huntsville	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	408	405	\$ 182		404	\$ 174			186	1	-	187	97.5%	98.5%	2.63	2.48	
Lakeview	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,184	1,175	\$ 529		1,175	\$ 505			638	4	-	642	96.3%	93.9%	1.95	2.63	
Quincy	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	536	528	\$ 238		528	\$ 227			253	-	-	253	94.4%	100.0%	2.25	1.87	
Ridgeway	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	107	105	\$ 47		106	\$ 46			43	-	-	43	100.0%	100.0%	2.31	3.18	
Rushsylvania	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	491	484	\$ 218		484	\$ 208			210	-	-	210	100.0%	100.0%	2.62	2.52	
Russells Point	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,320	1,306	\$ 588		1,306	\$ 562			1,063	3	-	1,066	97.6%	96.4%	1.81	2.08	
Valley Hi	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	228	225	\$ 101		225	\$ 97			148	-	-	148	100.0%	93.3%	1.70	2.16	
West Liberty	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,770	1,745	\$ 785		1,745	\$ 750			846	-	-	846	98.7%	86.8%	2.51	1.57	
West Mansfield	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	749	738	\$ 332		739	\$ 318			321	-	-	321	100.0%	100.0%	2.32	3.11	
Zanesfield	Village	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	194	191	\$ 86		191	\$ 82			97	-	-	97	100.0%	93.0%	2.45	1.75	
Townships																						
Bloomfield	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	417	416	\$ 187		416	\$ 179			158	2	-	160	100.0%	100.0%	2.30	2.13	
Bokescreek	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	557	552	\$ 248		552	\$ 237			224	1	-	225	100.0%	100.0%	2.77	2.78	
Harrison	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,612	1,621	\$ 729		1,621	\$ 697			641	10	-	651	100.0%	100.0%	3.22	1.74	
Jefferson	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,003	2,018	\$ 908		2,021	\$ 869			841	18	-	859	100.0%	98.1%	2.47	1.70	
Lake	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	651	654	\$ 294		656	\$ 282			261	5	-	266	96.6%	92.7%	2.43	2.09	
Liberty	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,354	1,362	\$ 613		1,363	\$ 586			500	10	-	510	99.4%	91.4%	2.78	1.74	
McArthur	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,512	1,520	\$ 684		1,520	\$ 654			627	12	-	639	99.4%	98.8%	2.61	2.26	
Miami	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	541	541	\$ 243		541	\$ 233			316	4	-	320	97.8%	100.0%	2.07	2.36	
Monroe	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,625	1,634	\$ 735		1,637	\$ 704			606	12	-	618	100.0%	95.8%	2.72	3.08	
Perry	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	954	946	\$ 426		947	\$ 407			405	3	-	408	100.0%	100.0%	2.08	4.33	
Pleasant	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	923	913	\$ 411		913	\$ 393			344	1	-	345	100.0%	100.0%	2.63	1.87	
Richland	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,836	1,858	\$ 836		1,856	\$ 798			1,010	19	-	1,029	96.3%	100.0%	2.67	2.29	
Rushcreek	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,664	1,668	\$ 751		1,668	\$ 717			661	11	-	672	96.1%	100.0%	2.67	2.63	
Stokes	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	3,366	3,403	\$ 1,531		3,403	\$ 1,463			3,738	43	2	3,783	99.2%	78.9%	1.92	2.46	
Union	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	755	750	\$ 338		750	\$ 323			321	3	-	324	100.0%	100.0%	2.05	2.13	
Washington	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,022	2,026	\$ 912		2,025	\$ 871			1,469	14	-	1,483	99.2%	97.3%	2.41	2.10	
Zane	Township	Logan	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,191	1,191	\$ 536		1,192	\$ 513			489	6	-	495	100.0%	100.0%	2.84	3.32	
Madison County Total						43,830	44,726	\$ 19,812	2	43,532	\$ 18,421	2	\$ 1,391	16,217	308	137	16,662					
Cities (10% population dues)																						
London	City	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	10,279	10,387	\$ 582		10,112	\$ 541			4,390	61	-	4,451	100.0%	94.3%	2.41	2.13	
Villages																						
Midway	Village	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	269	268	\$ 150		261	\$ 140			120	-	-						

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MEMBER TOTAL (b)							2,254,902	2,301,378	\$ 1,646,986	166	2,279,533	\$ 1,563,335	162		956,639	18,317	24,358	999,314				
Community	Government Type	County	Member Type	2024 Member Dues Rate	2025 Member Dues Rate	April 1, 2020 Census Population	January 1, 2024 Population Estimate	2025 Dues	2025 Reps	January 1, 2023 Population Estimate	2024 Dues	2024 Reps	Change in Dues (a)	2020 Census Housing Units	New Single Family Units (c)	New Multifamily Units (d)	2024 Housing Unit Estimate	Occupancy Rate - Owner Households	Occupancy Rate - Renter Households	Household Size - Owner Households	Household Size - Renter Households	
West Jefferson	Village	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	4,137	4,134	\$ 2,315		4,025	\$ 2,153			1,737	2	3	1,742	100.0%	98.1%	2.60	2.27	
Townships																						
Canaan	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,631	2,662	\$ 1,491		2,597	\$ 1,389			967	14	-	981	99.3%	100.0%	2.97	3.43	
Darby	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	932	940	\$ 526		915	\$ 490			371	4	-	375	100.0%	94.6%	2.71	2.52	
Deer Creek	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	967	972	\$ 544		949	\$ 508			410	3	-	413	100.0%	100.0%	3.09	3.28	
Fairfield	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,452	1,470	\$ 823		1,424	\$ 762			564	7	-	571	100.0%	100.0%	3.26	2.65	
Jefferson	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	3,075	3,084	\$ 1,727		3,001	\$ 1,606			1,245	8	-	1,253	100.0%	98.5%	2.57	2.18	
Monroe	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,581	1,592	\$ 892		1,550	\$ 829			620	6	-	626	96.2%	100.0%	2.96	2.86	
Oak Run	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	521	530	\$ 297		518	\$ 277			207	4	-	211	100.0%	100.0%	2.71	2.96	
Paint	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	554	554	\$ 310		540	\$ 289			232	1	-	233	93.6%	100.0%	2.48	1.91	
Pike	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	545	548	\$ 307		534	\$ 286			170	2	-	172	100.0%	100.0%	2.58	2.95	
Pleasant	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,327	1,332	\$ 746		1,297	\$ 694			527	4	-	531	100.0%	100.0%	2.52	2.64	
Range	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	712	716	\$ 401		697	\$ 373			277	2	-	279	100.0%	100.0%	3.37	3.04	
Somerford	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	3,053	3,095	\$ 1,733		3,016	\$ 1,614			1,302	20	-	1,322	100.0%	100.0%	2.70	1.30	
Stokes	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	319	323	\$ 181		314	\$ 168			132	2	-	134	100.0%	100.0%	2.64	3.07	
Union	Township	Madison	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	5,867	5,869	\$ 3,287		5,713	\$ 3,056			562	11	-	573	96.9%	100.0%	2.28	1.91	
Marion County Total							65,507	64,728	\$ 18,337	2	64,515	\$ 17,461	2	\$ 876	27,411	34	-	27,445				
Cities (10% population dues)																						
Marion	City	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	35,999	35,538	\$ 1,990		35,420	\$ 1,895			14,539	5	-	14,544	98.9%	96.6%	2.59	2.40	
Villages																						
Caledonia	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	560	553	\$ 310		551	\$ 295			246	-	-	246	100.0%	86.7%	2.95	2.58	
Green Camp	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	310	306	\$ 171		305	\$ 163			139	-	-	139	95.2%	100.0%	3.18	2.30	
La Rue	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	676	667	\$ 374		665	\$ 356			316	-	-	316	100.0%	100.0%	2.64	2.38	
Morrall	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	373	368	\$ 206		367	\$ 196			153	-	-	153	100.0%	100.0%	2.36	3.26	
New Bloomington	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	413	408	\$ 228		406	\$ 217			193	-	-	193	100.0%	87.7%	2.75	1.64	
Prospect	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,067	1,053	\$ 590		1,049	\$ 561			493	-	-	493	89.3%	100.0%	2.58	2.85	
Waldo	Village	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	326	322	\$ 180		321	\$ 172			150	-	-	150	89.0%	100.0%	2.70	1.98	
Townships																						
Big Island	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,174	1,160	\$ 650		1,157	\$ 619			499	1	-	500	100.0%	100.0%	1.97	3.61	
Bowling Green	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	603	595	\$ 333		593	\$ 317			227	-	-	227	100.0%	96.5%	1.26	2.28	
Claridon	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,240	2,215	\$ 1,240		2,208	\$ 1,181			989	2	-	991	100.0%	69.9%	2.69	2.19	
Grand	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	373	368	\$ 206		367	\$ 196			147	-	-	147	100.0%	100.0%	1.35	2.28	
Grand Prairie	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,586	1,568	\$ 878		1,563	\$ 836			635	1	-	636	92.7%	100.0%	3.69	3.00	
Green Camp	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	770	760	\$ 426		757	\$ 405			325	-	-	325	99.0%	100.0%	2.49	2.79	
Marion	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	7,821	7,723	\$ 4,325		7,698	\$ 4,118			3,785	2	-	3,787	99.1%	97.3%	2.60	2.27	
Montgomery	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,007	999	\$ 559		995	\$ 532			418	2	-	420	97.5%	96.5%	2.73	1.88	
Pleasant	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	4,951	4,919	\$ 2,755		4,903	\$ 2,623			2,039	13	-	2,052	96.8%	100.0%	2.70	2.75	
Prospect	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	976	965	\$ 540		962	\$ 515			423	1	-	424	91.1%	100.0%	2.39	2.72	
Richland	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,772	1,756	\$ 983		1,751	\$ 937			699	3	-	702	100.0%	100.0%	2.33	1.94	
Salt Rock	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	280	276	\$ 155		275	\$ 147			124	-	-	124	100.0%	100.0%	2.45	2.74	
Scott	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	571	563	\$ 315		562	\$ 301			209	-	-	209	100.0%	100.0%	3.25	2.28	
Tully	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	834	824	\$ 463		824	\$ 441			335	2	-	337	100.0%	100.0%	1.84	1.59	
Waldo	Township	Marion	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	825	819	\$ 459		816	\$ 437			328	2	-	330	97.6%	100.0%	2.35	1.98	
Morrow County Total							35,025	35,750	\$ 20,020	2	35,313	\$ 18,892	2	\$ 1,128	14,507	91	-	14,598				
Cities (10% population dues) (g)																						
Galion	City	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	-	-	\$ -		-	\$ -			-	-	-	-	97.5%	98.0%	2.21	2.14	
Villages																						
Cardington	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,079	2,107	\$ 1,180		2,081	\$ 1,113			889	-	-	889	95.0%	100.0%	2.78	2.24	
Chesterville	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	191	194	\$ 109		191	\$ 102			77	-	-	77	100.0%	100.0%	2.28	2.35	
Edison	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	422	428	\$ 240		422	\$ 226			187	-	-	187	100.0%	100.0%	3.11	2.92	
Fulton	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	250	250	\$ 142		250	\$ 134			113	-	-	113	100.0%	100.0%	2.77	3.34	
Marengo	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	283	287	\$ 161		283	\$ 151			127	-	-	127	100.0%	100.0%	2.28	2.06	
Mount Gilead	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	3,503	3,550	\$ 1,988		3,506	\$ 1,876			1,655	-	-	1,655	100.0%	92.4%	2.36	2.44	
Sparta	Village	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	121	123	\$ 69		121	\$ 65			58	-	-	58	100.0%	100.0%	2.35	3.31	
Townships																						
Bennington	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	3,052	3,181	\$ 1,781		3,146	\$ 1,683			1,155	33	-	1,188	100.0%	100.0%	2.65	1.84	
Canaan	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	900	924	\$ 517		913	\$ 488			371	5	-	376	100.0%	100.0%	2.32	3.11	
Cardington	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,001	1,015	\$ 568		1,002	\$ 536			427	-	-	427	97.2%	100.0%	2.53	2.49	
Chester	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,660	1,682	\$ 942		1,662	\$ 889			643	-	-	643	100.0%	100.0%	2.45	2.12	
Congress	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,939	2,991	\$ 1,675		2,954	\$ 1,580			1,420	5	-	1,425	100.0%	100.0%	2.41	2.76	
Franklin	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,609	1,611	\$ 913		1,611	\$ 862			604	-	-	604	100.0%	100.0%	2.76	2.43	
Gilead	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,018	2,062	\$ 1,155		2,037	\$ 1,090			834	6	-						

				BASE YEAR POPULATION		2024 POPULATION <i>Used to calculate 2025 member dues</i>			2023 POPULATION <i>Used to calculate 2024 member dues</i>				2024 HOUSING UNIT ESTIMATES				2024 OCCUPANCY RATE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE ASSUMPTIONS (e)				
MEMBER TOTAL (b)				2,254,902		2,301,378	\$ 1,646,986	166	2,279,533	\$ 1,563,335	162	956,639	18,317	24,358	999,314						
Community	Government Type	County	Member Type	2024 Member Dues Rate	2025 Member Dues Rate	April 1, 2020 Census Population	January 1, 2024 Population Estimate	2025 Dues	2025 Reps	January 1, 2023 Population Estimate	2024 Dues	2024 Reps	Change in Dues (a)	2020 Census Housing Units	New Single Family Units (c)	New Multifamily Units (d)	2024 Housing Unit Estimate	Occupancy Rate - Owner Households	Occupancy Rate - Renter Households	Household Size - Owner Households	Household Size - Renter Households
Westfield	Township	Morrow	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,226	1,243	\$ 696		1,227	\$ 656			487	-	-	487	100.0%	100.0%	2.06	1.46
Perry County Total Villages						35,683	35,609	\$ 16,024	2	35,441	\$ 15,240	2	\$ 784	15,107	-	-	15,107				
Corning	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	488	487	\$ 219		485	\$ 209			208	-	-	208	100.0%	100.0%	2.66	2.79
Crooksville	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,418	2,413	\$ 1,086		2,402	\$ 1,033			1,057	-	-	1,057	99.4%	100.0%	2.61	2.45
Glenford	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	165	165	\$ 74		164	\$ 71			64	-	-	64	100.0%	100.0%	3.20	2.62
Hemlock	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	142	142	\$ 64		141	\$ 61			69	-	-	69	100.0%	100.0%	2.20	4.21
Junction City	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	721	719	\$ 324		716	\$ 308			308	-	-	308	100.0%	95.2%	2.69	2.28
New Lexington	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	4,435	4,426	\$ 1,992		4,405	\$ 1,894			1,977	-	-	1,977	100.0%	100.0%	2.52	2.41
New Straitsville	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	652	651	\$ 293		647	\$ 278			308	-	-	308	100.0%	100.0%	2.68	2.05
Rendville	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	28	28	\$ 13		28	\$ 12			16	-	-	16	100.0%	99.5%	3.06	2.46
Roseville	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,061	1,059	\$ 477		1,054	\$ 453			469	-	-	469	100.0%	97.3%	3.18	2.53
Shawnee	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	505	504	\$ 227		501	\$ 215			240	-	-	240	94.7%	100.0%	2.44	2.56
Somersset	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,481	1,478	\$ 665		1,471	\$ 633			661	-	-	661	92.3%	100.0%	2.63	2.07
Thornville	Village	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,087	1,085	\$ 488		1,080	\$ 464			450	-	-	450	100.0%	100.0%	2.77	1.94
Townships																					
Bearfield	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,465	1,462	\$ 658		1,455	\$ 626			652	-	-	652	100.0%	100.0%	3.65	2.51
Clayton	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,565	1,562	\$ 703		1,554	\$ 668			640	-	-	640	100.0%	100.0%	2.41	3.51
Coal	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	285	285	\$ 128		283	\$ 122			121	-	-	121	100.0%	100.0%	2.51	1.88
Harrison	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,934	1,930	\$ 869		1,921	\$ 826			822	-	-	822	99.8%	99.0%	2.43	2.64
Hopewell	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,420	2,415	\$ 1,087		2,404	\$ 1,034			867	-	-	867	100.0%	100.0%	3.03	3.71
Jackson	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,089	2,085	\$ 938		2,075	\$ 892			817	-	-	817	100.0%	97.1%	2.74	2.16
Madison	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	1,367	1,364	\$ 614		1,358	\$ 584			553	-	-	553	100.0%	100.0%	2.65	4.31
Monday Creek	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	694	692	\$ 311		689	\$ 296			291	-	-	291	100.0%	99.5%	2.88	2.46
Monroe	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	837	835	\$ 376		831	\$ 357			398	-	-	398	100.0%	100.0%	2.52	2.72
Pike	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,248	2,243	\$ 1,009		2,233	\$ 960			846	-	-	846	100.0%	100.0%	2.65	2.33
Pleasant	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	847	845	\$ 380		841	\$ 362			375	-	-	375	100.0%	100.0%	2.63	4.50
Reading	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	2,862	2,856	\$ 1,285		2,843	\$ 1,222			1,129	-	-	1,129	97.1%	100.0%	2.62	2.12
Salt Lick	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	510	509	\$ 229		506	\$ 218			215	-	-	215	97.2%	100.0%	2.41	3.07
Thorn	Township	Perry	Non-MPO	\$ 0.430	\$ 0.450	3,377	3,370	\$ 1,517		3,354	\$ 1,442			1,554	-	-	1,554	100.0%	100.0%	2.62	2.16
Union County Total Cities (10% population dues)						62,765	70,974	\$ 24,164	3	67,023	\$ 21,453	2	\$ 2,711	23,134	2,696	1,202	27,032				
Dublin	City	Union	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	4,344	4,526	\$ 301		4,387	\$ 281			1,342	110	-	1,452	99.2%	90.6%	2.95	2.08
Marysville	City	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	25,571	29,240	\$ 1,637		28,081	\$ 1,502			9,327	823	1,190	11,340	100.0%	98.8%	2.64	2.01
Villages																					
Magnetic Springs	Village	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	267	264	\$ 148		257	\$ 137			113	2	-	115	100.0%	92.2%	2.41	2.08
Milford Center	Village	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	807	798	\$ 447		773	\$ 414			313	5	-	318	100.0%	100.0%	3.28	2.43
Plain City	Village	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	730	710	\$ 398		693	\$ 371			342	1	-	343	100.0%	95.5%	2.44	2.20
Richwood	Village	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,222	2,157	\$ 1,208		2,105	\$ 1,126			959	1	-	960	100.0%	93.8%	2.49	2.15
Unionville Center	Village	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	241	234	\$ 131		228	\$ 122			91	-	-	91	100.0%	100.0%	4.34	2.00
Townships																					
Allen	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,365	2,363	\$ 1,323		2,287	\$ 1,224			853	25	-	878	100.0%	98.7%	2.85	2.08
Claibourne	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,251	1,236	\$ 692		1,195	\$ 639			504	9	-	513	100.0%	94.7%	2.52	2.13
Darby	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,156	2,221	\$ 1,244		2,143	\$ 1,147			789	42	-	831	100.0%	100.0%	3.20	4.31
Dover	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,326	2,298	\$ 1,287		2,235	\$ 1,196			904	16	-	920	100.0%	100.0%	2.70	2.19
Jackson	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	954	955	\$ 535		926	\$ 495			356	11	-	367	100.0%	100.0%	2.79	3.38
Jerome	Township	Union	MPO	\$ 0.640	\$ 0.665	8,774	13,229	\$ 8,797		11,270	\$ 7,213			3,057	1,541	12	4,610	100.0%	100.0%	3.14	2.12
Leesburg	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,220	1,236	\$ 692		1,197	\$ 640			460	16	-	476	100.0%	96.9%	3.36	2.14
Liberty	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	2,048	2,080	\$ 1,165		2,018	\$ 1,080			749	31	-	780	100.0%	100.0%	3.11	1.10
Millcreek	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,332	1,325	\$ 742		1,283	\$ 686			519	11	-	530	100.0%	100.0%	3.13	1.53
Paris	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,585	1,566	\$ 877		1,527	\$ 817			602	11	-	613	100.0%	98.8%	2.65	2.01
Taylor	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,516	1,482	\$ 830		1,441	\$ 771			601	5	-	606	100.0%	100.0%	2.40	2.36
Union	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	903	898	\$ 503		871	\$ 466			380	8	-	388	100.0%	100.0%	2.92	2.10
Washington	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	812	814	\$ 456		795	\$ 425			337	12	-	349	100.0%	100.0%	2.25	2.23
York	Township	Union	CORPO	\$ 0.535	\$ 0.560	1,341	1,342	\$ 752		1,311	\$ 701			536	16	-	552	100.0%	100.0%	2.63	2.96

a - Changes in dues may appear \$1 high or low due to rounding.

b - Member totals represent the total for all MORPC members in the listed year. Change from year to year includes growth from new members as well as overall population change.

c - New single family units with an estimated build between April 1, 2020 (base year) and December 31 of the year preceeding the estimate year; assumes a 6-month lag time between date a building permit is issued and final occupancy

d - New multifamily units with an estimated build between April 1, 2020 (base year) and December 31 of the year preceeding the estimate year; assumes a 9-month lag time between date a building permit is issued and final occupancy

e - (Deleted)

f - Population in new housing units is estimated using the renter occupancy rate and average household size for multifamily units and owner occupancy rate and average household size for single family units using the latest available 5-year ACS data

g - Zero population is reported for several communities for which a small portion of the community's geography falls in a MORPC county but is undeveloped and therefore unlikely to contain residents. This is verified by inspection of maps and aerial imagery. Those communities are Galion City and Tarlton Village.



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: Revised September 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-11-24: **“Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2024 for TRAC Funding”**

As reported previously, five projects located within MORPC’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area were submitted to ODOT’s Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) for the 2024 funding cycle. TRAC is responsible for committing development and construction funding toward projects that meet the criteria of the Major New Capacity Program (generally projects that cost over \$12 million and increase roadway capacity and/or reduce congestion). ODOT requests input from metropolitan planning organizations like MORPC as part of the application evaluation process. Each funding cycle, MORPC evaluates the TRAC applications that are located within the MPO area.

Information sheets were prepared and posted to our website over the summer with details on the projects. While each of the projects submitted would provide safety, congestion, and economic benefits to local and regional transportation networks, MORPC’s role is to evaluate the projects’ impacts regionally, and relative to each other. For MORPC, the evaluation process includes analyzing and prioritizing each application based on the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives. The priorities are then provided to ODOT for consideration by TRAC during the funding selection process.

Resolution T-11-24 establishes MORPC’s priorities for the 2024 TRAC funding requests that fall within MORPC’s MPO area. Facilitating the development and implementation of these projects is an element of implementing the strategies in the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). The projects wanting to advance with TRAC funding specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:

- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations

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- OP 3: Implement managed lanes along additional freeway corridors
- OP 4: Apply access management along arterial and collector corridors
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges
- RDWY 3: Construct new interchanges, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional development goals
- RDWY 6: Construct new roadways, where appropriate, to alleviate congestion or support regional or local development goals
- BP 3: Build safe and comfortable infrastructure for walking and bicycling

MORPC accepted comments on the projects from the public, and staff completed a technical evaluation of the projects. This memo provides a summary of how the projects were evaluated and concludes with a recommendation on project prioritization. The priorities will be presented to TRAC at a regional public hearing this fall, and upon adoption of Resolution T-11-24, submitted in writing by September 13.

Project Evaluation Summary

MORPC staff evaluated the five TRAC projects requesting funding based on the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives. Key elements of the MTP evaluation criteria were used for the evaluation. For the projects being ranked, the analysis results by goal are:

Adopted Goal: Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.

The criteria for this goal focus on congestion relief and the total number of jobs as well as non-retail jobs within one mile of the facility at present and projected in 2050. The SR 315 North Knot ranked highest for this goal due to the high number of existing and projected jobs in the area and projected congestion relief. It was followed closely by the I-71 Hard Shoulder Running which showed the strongest impact on future congestion relief.

Adopted Goal: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.

The criteria for this goal considered reductions in emissions (VOC and NOx). The I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges performed the strongest for this goal. All other projects showed no significant changes in emissions.

Adopted Goal: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.

The criteria for this goal considered reduction in regional vehicle-miles traveled. The I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges showed the greatest reduction of vehicle-miles traveled under anticipated 2050 conditions.

Adopted Goal: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.

The criteria for this goal included the number of communities being served by the project, consideration for collaboration with regards to project development and funding the project, and new development in the area. The US 33 Southeast Corridor scored higher than the rest due to anticipated new development, existing funding and Competitive Advantage Program status. The SR 315 North Knot scored well due to anticipated development and support for several regional partners.

Adopted Goal: Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.

The criteria for this goal considered the safety/crash ranking analysis, pavement and bridge condition, and Environmental Justice (EJ) populations served. The US 33 Southeast Corridor scored highest for this goal due to the expected safety improvements on the corridor. It was followed by the SR 315 North Knot which serves EJ populations and has expected safety improvements for all road users.

Adopted Goal: Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.

The criteria for this goal considered which projects serve users going to or coming from higher density areas and multimodal elements of the project, such as facilities for transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The SR 315 North Knot performed the best for this goal, followed closely by the Dublin Emerald Connector, both of which serve areas with high existing and future trip density and improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connectivity in the region.

Comments Received from the Public

On June 28, MORPC issued a press release requesting comments from the public on this year's TRAC applications. Comments were due by August 16. The table below summarizes the number of comments received. In all, MORPC received 101 submissions, with some containing multiple comments for specific projects as well as general observations and input.

Application	In Support	Opposed	Total Comments
I-71 HSR/SmartLane	2	4	6
I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges	4	0	4
US 33 Southeast Corridor	25	2	27
SR 315 North Knot	12	0	12
Dublin Emerald Connector	41	5	46

A mix of opinions on the proposals was submitted during the public comment period. The Dublin Emerald Connector, US 33 Southeast Corridor, and SR 315 North Knot received the most support. The Dublin Emerald Connector was deemed beneficial for relieving congestion from Sawmill Road, expanding bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and economic development. The US 33 Southeast Corridor was deemed beneficial for relieving congestion and improving safety. The SR 315 North Knot was seen as helpful for economic development and expanding travel modes.

Many of the comments in opposition to specific projects were opposed to widening freeways. Several additional comments not addressed to particular projects carried similar sentiments, with additional suggestions of promoting transit and active transportation facilities.

Comments Received from the Community Advisory Committee

On September 4, 2024, staff provided the Community Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee with information regarding staff evaluation of the projects, public comments received, and the MORPC staff recommendation for project prioritization. The Community Advisory Committee did not have a quorum at its meeting and was unable to make a recommendation. Discussion focused on future TRAC cycles and members of the Community Advisory Committee discussed their support for MORPC to proactively encourage project sponsors to submit projects to the TRAC that add significant transit, pedestrian, or bicycle infrastructure. Additionally, the Community Advisory Committee expressed concern with the goal of congestion reduction, particularly when evaluation of projects that reduce congestion may favor projects that encourage unsustainable growth patterns and single-occupancy vehicle usage.

MORPC Staff Ranking Recommendation

Based on the goal-by-goal evaluation summarized above, the public comments and the phase for which money is being requested, MORPC staff recommends the following priority ranking for the five TRAC applications requesting funding:

- Priority 1: SR 315 North Knot (Request: Planning/Development)
- Priority 2: US 33 Southeast Corridor (Request: Construction)
- Priority 3: I-71 Hard Shoulder Running (HSR)/SmartLane (Request: Construction)
- Priority 4: I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges (Request: Right-of-Way)
- Priority 5: Dublin Emerald Connector (Request: Construction)

Resolution T-11-24 recommends these rankings.

MS: SO

Attachment: Resolution T-11-24

RESOLUTION T-11-24

“Establishing priorities for Central Ohio candidate projects submitted in 2024 for TRAC funding”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) selects major new projects to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT's) major new capacity program; and

WHEREAS, the TRAC has requested that each MPO submit its priorities for projects in that MPO’s planning area; and

WHEREAS, five projects requesting funding have been submitted to MORPC for acknowledgement prior to their submittal to the TRAC (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, MORPC members and the public were asked to submit comments on the projects; and

WHEREAS, staff provided the Community Advisory, Transportation Advisory and Transportation Policy committees information regarding the applications, including public comments received for staff recommendation; and

WHEREAS, staff evaluated the projects with regard to the six goals of the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and along with public comments developed the priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 4, 2024, recommended approval 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 attached listing of projects (Attachment A) be established as the order of priorities for the candidate projects submitted to TRAC from the MORPC transportation planning area for major new capacity program funding.
- Section 2. That the TRAC is strongly discouraged from funding lower priority projects on this list at the expense of higher priority projects.
- Section 3. That it directs MORPC staff to forward these priorities to the TRAC and to present the priorities to the TRAC.

Section 4. 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: Shelby Oldroyd

Attachments:

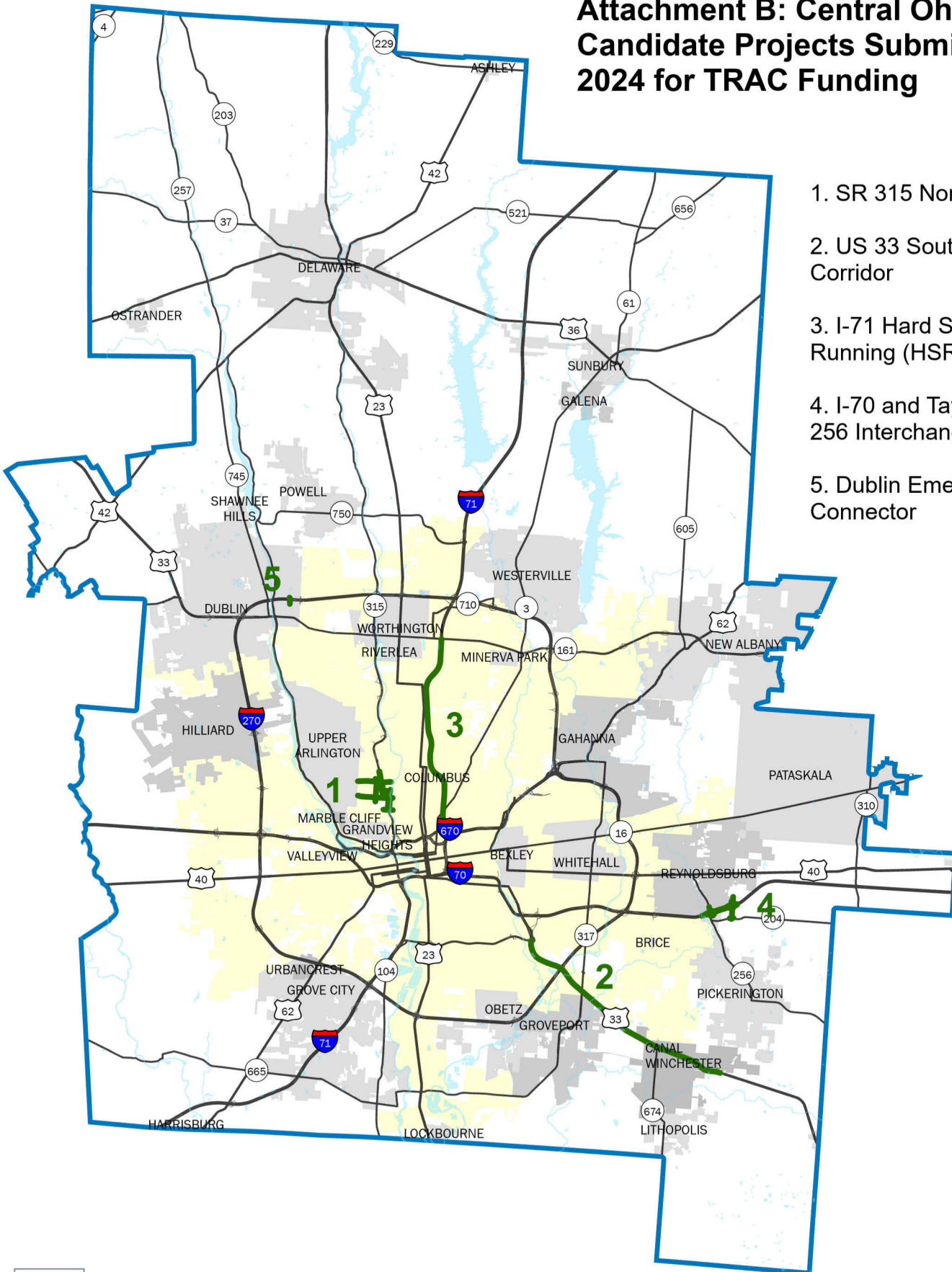
- A. Priorities for the 2024 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects
- B. 2024 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects Map

Priorities for the 2024 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects

Rank	Project	Tier Request	2024 TRAC Funding Request	Total Project Cost
1	SR 315 North Knot	Tier II	\$7.8 million	\$247 million
2	US 33 Southeast Corridor	Tier I	\$145 million	\$167 million
3	I-71 Hard Shoulder Running (HSR)/SmartLane	Tier I	\$100 million	\$154 million
4	I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges	Tier II	\$7 million	\$124 million
5	Dublin Emerald Connector	Tier I	\$5 million	\$40.7 million

Attachment B: Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2024 for TRAC Funding

1. SR 315 North Knot
2. US 33 Southeast Corridor
3. I-71 Hard Should Running (HSR)/SmartLane
4. I-70 and Taylor Rd/SR 256 Interchanges
5. Dublin Emerald Connector





Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2024
Time: 2:54 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Christina Drummond	Megan O'Callaghan
Chris Amorose Groomes	Brad Ebersole	Elissa Schneider
Bob Arnold	Dave Efland	Kent Shafer
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla	Shane Farnsworth	Kimberly Sharp
Beth Beatty	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Thom Slack
Michael Bivens	Brad Foster	Sloan Spalding
Lee Bodnar	Dave Gulden	Ike Stage
Stacey Boumis	Laurie Jadwin	Joe Steager
Paul Brake	James Jewell	Joe Stefanov
Gary Burkholder	Joseph Laborie	Andy Volenik
Matthew Cincione	Bill LaFayette	Christie Ward
Ben Collins	Kris Long	Andrew Williams
Michelle Crandall	Gary Merrell	
Tracie Davies	Heidi Munc	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Susan Brobst	Aaron Kennedy	Eric Richter
Jeremiah Gracia	Rory McGuinness	Andrew White
Christine Houk	Dave Medley	Tim Wilson
Emily Keeler	Bernita Reese	

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Terry Emery	Nick Shultz
Stephanie Bosco	Luke Feeny	Matt Starr
Jamie Brucker	Jeff Hall	RC Wise
Ben Carpenter	Mark Mauter	Hannah Wynne
Wes Dodds	Brittany Misner	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Michelle Blanton	Chasilyn Carter	Eric Phillips
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Associate Members Present in Person

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Todd Bradley	Ethan Hug	Kyle Probert
Joe Garrity	Eileen Leuby	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Matthew Gerstner	Kelsey Matson	Shari Saunders
Nick Gill	Amanda McEldowney	Brandi Whetstone
Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	
Shawn Hufstedler	Alisa Obukhova	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

April Bumgardner	Brian Filiatraut	Karina Peggau
Dave Dixon	Meghan Means	Hannah Ruscini

Guests Present in Person

Sarah Ameiche, City of Columbus	Ethan Chapman, Village of Somerset
Vera Anderson, Village of New Lexington	Justin Feasel, Village of Somerset
Eddie Baran, City of Grove City	Matt Goodhart, City of Gahanna
Scott Brown, Ohio Auditor of State's Office	Isaiah Heyman, Union County
Grace Byler, Morrow County	Cal Horning, City of Hilliard

Claire Huffman, Village of Plain City
Mark Matheny, City of Columbus
Sophia Morales, City of Grove City
Ally Pasanen, Village of Hebron
Claire Payauys, Violet Township
Tyler Phelps, COTA
Ciara Reitz, Village of Buckeye Lake

Griffin Roberts, Licking County
Cornell Robertson, Mannik & Smith Group
Charlie Schneider, City of Gahanna
Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Alaina Uscio, City of Upper Arlington

Guests Attending Remotely

Mike Anderson
Chelsea Barnett, Franklin County
Anthony Bocija, City of Delaware
Nate Dedrick, City of Logan
Deandra Quiero, City of Circleville

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Jim Stanley, City of Circleville
Brent Welch, FCEO
Sheila Willamowski Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill
+ Ritter

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 2:54 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). MORPC received applications for MORPC's attributable funding totaling \$208 million; \$50 million is available. We will go through the process to narrow down the applications and present them for approval in September.

MORPC's Technical Assistance Program provides assistance on primarily active transportation planning. The updated program policy will be presented next month for adoption.

Five applications for ODOT's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) for MORPC's MPO area were submitted. A one-page fact sheet for each project is available on MORPC's [website](#). The comment period is open. MORPC will evaluate the applications and bring a resolution next month of recommended priorities for your approval. MORPC will submit the approved recommendations to the TRAC Board in October.

The Safe Streets Central Ohio 2024 Safety Forum is September 26 at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington.

The LinkUS message changed a little because COTA is on the November ballot, not LinkUS. The message is about expanding COTA service, building more sidewalks, bikeways, and trails instead of using the term TSI (Transit Supportive Infrastructure). LinkUS partners are getting the message out through partner websites, social media, targeted outreach, media engagement, paid media ads, in-person meetings, and Town Halls. Partners are finalizing an action plan for equitable transit-oriented development that will be out in September. The draft Capital Improvement Program focuses on sidewalks, trails, and bikeways. The public comment period for the draft Capital Improvement Program is late July-August. The final plan will be published in September. Suburban LinkUS Toolkits are tailored to each suburban community to help with community engagement.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Joe Stefanov made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Lourdes Barroso de Padilla; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: August 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-9-24: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-9-24 will add or modify six projects to the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$51 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In October, 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
- 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
- BP 3: Expand high comfort bicycle and pedestrian networks through the implementation of complete streets

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. One project includes MORPC-attributable funding.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

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

- PID 118036 – COTA Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure: Adding the award of FTA Sec. 5339 LowNo funds to the TIP.

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

- PID 119487 Pike St from SR 310 to Etna United Methodist Church, Reconstruction: Increasing funding for construction utilizing local funding. This project includes a commitment of MORPC-Attributable Funds, though no changes to this commitment are being made at this time.

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

- PID 119387: US 33 from SR 104 to Diley Rd, Major Widening: Adjusting funding to reflect detailed design and construction phases being moved to the three new PIDs listed below and adjusting the limits of the project.
- PID 121811: US 33 from SR 104 to Diley Rd, Major Widening: Adding the project to the TIP with the detailed design phase.
- PID 121812: US 33 at IR 270, Interchange Modification: Adding the project to the TIP with the detailed design phase.
- PID 121814: US 33 at Bixby Rd, New Interchange: Adding the project to the TIP with the detailed design phase.

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 state and federal funding, not previously included in the TIP, being added to projects as part of this TIP amendment:

Funding Source	Amount of New Funding
FTA Sec. 5339 - LowNo	\$22,849,800
Total	\$22,849,800

MS:TG

Attachment: Resolution T-9-24

RESOLUTION T-9-24

“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 modification to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a COTA project as shown in Attachment 1; and

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

WHEREAS, three 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, 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 Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 4, 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 it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as two projects are exempt from conformity requirements, and four non-exempt projects were already included in the most recent approved air quality conformity, dated May 2024.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP as modified.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.

Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

Resolution T-9-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 118036

TIP ID: 322

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA-Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Transit **Air Quality:** Exempt

Description: COTA Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure, Transit

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2025	Transit	Sec 5339	\$9,333,000	11.13.01
2025	Transit	Sec 5339	\$12,014,400	11.23.01
2025	Transit	Local	\$375,600	11.7D.02
2025	Transit	Local	\$1,428,600	11.23.01
2025	Transit	Local	\$1,647,000	11.13.01
2025	Transit	Sec 5339	\$1,502,400	11.7D.02
Total:			\$26,301,000	

Agency: Licking County TID

PID: 119487

TIP ID: 349

MTP ID: 205

Co-Route-Sec: LIC-Pike St-SR 310 **Length (mi.):** 0.38

Project Type(s): Reconstruction **Air Quality:** Exempt

Description: Pike St from SR 310 to Etna United Methodist Church, Reconstruction

Bike Components: Multi-use path. 10 ft pathway north side, 7 ft pathway south side 0.85 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 1 side, multi-use path on 1 side. 10 ft pathway north side, 7 ft pathway south side 0.85 mi. added to ped network.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026	Construction	State	\$2,717,351
2026	Construction	Local	\$335,610
2026	Construction	STBG-M	\$2,684,877
Total:			\$5,737,837

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-9-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT

PID: 119387

TIP ID: 455

MTP ID: 1791

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US33-24.76

Length (mi.): 6.6

Project Type(s): Major Widening/New Interchange

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: US 33 from SR 104 to Diley Rd, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes & New Interchange

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2024

Environmental Study

State

\$3,778,976

2025

Environmental Study

State

\$244,200

2025

Environmental Study

Federal

\$976,800

Total:

\$4,999,976

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 121811

TIP ID: 492

MTP ID: 1791

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US33-22.99/0.00

Length (mi.): 6.6

Project Type(s): Major Widening

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: US 33 from SR 104 to Diley Rd, Major Widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2025

Detailed Design

State

\$1,000,000

2025

Detailed Design

Federal

\$4,000,000

Total:

\$5,000,000

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 121812

TIP ID: 493

MTP ID: 80

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-270/33-45.808/24.375

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Interchange Modification

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: US 33 at IR 270, Interchange Modification

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2026

Detailed Design

State

\$300,000

2026

Detailed Design

Federal

\$2,700,000

Total:

\$3,000,000

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G* indicates a grouped project.

Resolution T-9-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 121814

TIP ID: 494

MTP ID: 83

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-US33-27.831

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Interchange Modification

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: US 33 at Bixby Rd, Interchange Modification

Bike Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

Ped Components: Yes - Type to be determined.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2026

Detailed Design

Federal

\$4,800,000

2026

Detailed Design

State

\$1,200,000

Total:

\$6,000,000

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Local	Labor - Local	\$335,610
Local	Local Public Agency	\$3,451,200
State	Local - General	\$2,717,351
Federal	Major/New Program - Federal	\$12,476,800
State	Major/New Program - State	\$6,523,176
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$2,684,877
Sec 5339	Low or No Emission Vehicle	\$22,849,800
Grand Total:		\$51,038,813

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: August 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-10-24: "**Adopting the 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide**"

The proposed Resolution T-10-24 will adopt an update to the MORPC Technical Assistance Program Guide for the next round of services. The Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) provides MORPC staff assistance to local governments and MORPC members within the boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to advance the goals in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) through implementation of specific MTP strategies focused on improving active transportation and transit-related Infrastructure.

The Program Guide is reviewed on a regular basis, in alignment with each new round of technical assistance services. These reviews provide the opportunity to make necessary changes to address current needs of the region and local communities. Minor updates were made to the Program Guide for 2025, with the most significant change incorporating the new strategies and specific objectives adopted with the 2024-2050 MTP.

The 2025 Program Guide will apply to the 2025 round of technical assistance services. The application window will be opened on Monday, September 16, 2024 for eligible local governments and MORPC members to apply for the services established in the 2025 Program Guide.

Since the inception of the TA Program, Several Central Ohio communities have received MORPC staff assistance to complete various planning and policy development efforts. More information about these past services, as well as the current program, can be found on the MORPC website at: www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program.

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RESOLUTION T-10-24

“Adopting the 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes strategies for implementing and improving active transportation, trails, transportation safety, and transit supportive infrastructure throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Technical Assistance Program has provided technical assistance to eligible local government members since 2017 to advance planning that supports active transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide continues previously offered technical assistance services; and

WHEREAS, the primary tenet of the Technical Assistance Program is to assist communities in implementing MTP System Management and System Development strategies focused on improving active transportation, transportation safety, and transit, including strategies as listed in the Program Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee at its September 4, 2024 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it adopts the attached MORPC 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide.
- Section 2. That it directs staff to conduct a process to select activities for technical assistance in accordance with the 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide.
- Section 3. That the Technical Assistance Program Guide will be reviewed and evaluated ahead of each application round and be modified as warranted.
- Section 4. That this 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

Resolution T-10-24

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Prepared by: Programming Staff

Attachment: MORPC 2025 Technical Assistance Program Guide

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDE 2025



The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Technical Assistance (TA) Program provides MORPC staff assistance to local government agencies and members within the boundary of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO). Through the TA Program, MORPC staff assist with specific planning services related to active transportation, trail planning, transportation safety, and transit-supportive land use planning that contribute to the goals and strategies identified in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The TA Program is one element of Community-Based Planning Assistance that MORPC offers to member communities to respond to individual community needs as our region continues to grow. More information about additional Community-Based Planning services can be found at <http://www.morpc.org/community-based-planning-assistance>

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PROGRAM PURPOSE

The seven-county Central Ohio region is growing rapidly, with its population expected to increase to approximately 3.15 million people by 2050. Demographic shifts anticipated with this growth will have a significant impact on the region's transportation system. To keep up with these shifts and evolving market demands, the region must recognize and address the need for a more multimodal and sustainable transportation system, as well as strategies for development that supports it.

A safe, reliable, efficient, and accessible transportation system is essential to the economy and quality of life for those who live and work in Central Ohio. The [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#) (MTP) establishes a set of regional goals, measurable objectives, and strategies – including specific projects – that will maintain, manage, and develop Central Ohio's transportation system through 2050. Additionally, the [Active Transportation Plan](#) (ATP) and [Complete Streets Policy](#) work in combination with the MTP to further promote safe and comfortable conditions for walking and bicycling throughout the region. Finally, the [Central Ohio Greenways](#) vision of providing a world-class network of trails accessible to everyone in Central Ohio has resulted in a plan to add more than 500 new miles of trails throughout the broader region. Together these plans lay out a vision for a robust, multimodal, and sustainable transportation system in Central Ohio that provides the mobility options needed to support the region's growing population.

The 2024-2050 MTP established the following goals:

- Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.
- Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.
- Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.
- Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.
- Provide transportation and mobility to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.
- Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.

Progress toward meeting these goals is measured based on specific objectives identified for each goal. These objectives are adopted in the MTP and help to measure different aspects of each goal based on available data and information. Below are some of the adopted objectives that may be addressed by services provided through the Technical Assistance Program.

- Increase the average number of jobs reachable within 20 minutes and within 40 minutes via automobile, transit, cycling, and walking.
- Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries from crashes.
- Encourage and support MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.
- Increase the amount of interconnected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs.
- Reduce the percentage of commuters driving alone, and increase the percentage of commuters riding transit, bicycle, or walking.
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita.

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

System Management

- OP 10: Modify existing roadway lane configurations, where appropriate, to improve safety for all users.
- SAF 1: Collect, develop, maintain, and analyze crash data to identify regional safety emphasis areas and priority safety locations, with an emphasis on eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes.
- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations with an emphasis on eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes.
- SAF 7: Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to collaborate on the implementation of the Safe System Approach in all transportation planning activities, policies, and projects.
- DM 3 – Collaborate on development strategies and regulations to support mobility options.
- DM 6 – Make neighborhoods safely walkable, bikeable, and accessible by transit through non-infrastructure projects and programs.

System Development

- BP 1 – Collaborate on development strategies and regulations to implement safe and comfortable infrastructure for walking and bicycling
- BP 2 – Increase the quantity and quality of volume and travel behavior data on people walking, bicycling, and using similar modes of transportation
- BP 3 – Build safe and comfortable infrastructure for walking and bicycling
- BP 4 – Implement the Central Ohio Greenways trail vision
- BP 5 – Implement and update the Active Transportation Plan to create safe and comfortable infrastructure for walking and bicycling
- BP 6 – Make neighborhoods walkable and bikeable through infrastructure projects that fill gaps and increase connectivity of safe and comfortable facilities for walking and bicycling
- BP 7 – Ensure neighborhoods and activity centers have safe and comfortable connections for walking and bicycling to transit networks
- BP 8 – Facilitate multi-jurisdictional dialogue to improve opportunities through collaboration
- TRAN 1 – Collaborate to build transit infrastructure through development regulations.
- TRAN 6 – Make neighborhoods transit supportive through infrastructure projects.

Transportation System Related

- SYS 1 – Collaborate to ensure localized and regional transportation systems needs are addressed in development decisions.
- SYS 2 – Develop transportation system to serve all demographic population groups.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

IMPORTANT DATES

September 16, 2024
Call for Applications

September 18, 2024
Informational Webinar

October 11, 2024
Deadline to Submit
Competitive Application

November 15, 2024
Awardees Notified

The MORPC TA Program awards technical assistance services through a competitive application process. Successful applicants will receive MORPC staff expertise for community-based planning services that help to advance regional goals and specific strategies identified in the MTP. Technical assistance will be provided for specific planning services to help implement the identified strategies.

MORPC has established pre-determined scopes of services for potential activity types for the 2025 TA Program cycle. Before applying for technical assistance, interested parties are encouraged to participate in an optional, **informational webinar** with MORPC staff **on Wednesday, September 18, 2024**, to ask any questions about the program. For more information, contact Jordan Petrov at jpetrov@morpc.org.

Applicants who are awarded technical assistance through the TA Program must be prepared to have these services completed within six to nine months. Services should align with existing or proposed community projects that establish a strong connection to the [MTP](#), [ATP](#), [Complete Streets Policy](#), and [COG Vision](#). As part of the application process, applicants are required to provide a commitment letter signed by a local leader or department director acknowledging the request for technical assistance and committing local staff time to the project.

Within the program application, applicants will be asked to describe how local government officials and staff will participate in the process. The TA Program planning process is expected to be iterative; MORPC staff and program partners will conduct the planning process *together* with staff from the communities that are selected.

Applicants to the Technical Assistance Program **must** be able to:

- Submit a letter of commitment signed by a local leader or department director as part of the application,
- Designate a community staff member as Project Manager, and
- Enter into an agreement with MORPC establishing the scope of services and staff commitment prior to initiation of services.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The following criteria must be met in order to be considered eligible for the MORPC TA Program:

- The applicant is a local government or MORPC member within the [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) boundary](#) (or is in the process of being included within the MPO boundary).
- Services requested are within the scope of services offered or within the scope of the TA Program and/or MORPC staff expertise.
- Application must be complete (including signed letter of commitment).
- Application must be received prior to the application deadline.

If a service selected for technical assistance cannot be initiated for any reason, at no fault of MORPC, the applicant must withdraw the application from the application pool and forfeit its award of technical assistance. Applications may be resubmitted for consideration in the next application cycle.

If an applicant selected for technical assistance fails to complete the selected activity within the expected six-to-nine-month timeframe, the recipient may be asked to provide one or more of the following:

- Documentation explaining why the activity failed to be completed within the given timeframe
- Agreement extension executed by recipient and MORPC

AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES

If/when an applicant is awarded Technical Assistance services, the designated Project Manager for the award will be responsible for the following:

- Collaborating with MORPC staff to finalize a scope of services based on the original request.
- Providing any relevant data or materials that MORPC does not already have.
- Scheduling and attending recurring (bi-weekly preferred) check-ins with MORPC staff.
- Identifying and communicating with appropriate community stakeholders.
- Coordinating participation from all departments within the local agency relevant to the project.
- Reviewing all project materials in a consistent and timely manner.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY TYPES

For the 2025 TA Program cycle, MORPC has identified activity types that are intended to help guide Central Ohio communities through the projected changes in regional transportation needs. These activity types were developed based on the vision and goals established by the [MTP](#), [ATP](#), [Complete Streets Policy](#), and [COG Vision](#). Each activity is designed to address specific strategies established in the MTP.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for one of the pre-determined activity types outlined below. The anticipated scopes of work are intended to be a guide for the services and deliverables the TA Program will provide for communities. Communities can modify a pre-determined scope to suit their individual community needs as part of the application process.

Applicants must indicate their chosen activity type and provide the scope of work in their application. Awardees must be able to show that whichever project they choose can be completed within six to nine months.

Activity Types:

The following activity types have been established for the 2025 TA Program cycle:

- 1. Active Transportation Planning**
 - a. Complete Streets Policy Development
 - b. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Planning
 - c. Active Transportation Project Prioritization

- 2. Central Ohio Greenways Visioning**
 - a. Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
 - b. Trail Access & Connectivity Planning
 - c. Trail Town Visioning & Community Placemaking

- 3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety**
 - a. Safety Action Plan Development
 - b. Complete Streets Safety Audit
 - c. Systemic Pedestrian Safety Analysis

- 4. Land Use Planning**
 - a. Conceptual Development Framework
 - b. Transit Oriented Development Planning

- 5. Other**

Following are the potential scopes of work for each activity type. These may be modified by the applicant as part of the application process.

1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

a. Complete Streets Policy Development

Background: Complete Streets provide safe, comfortable, and convenient access for all roadway users regardless of mode, age, or ability. Complete Streets may include sidewalks, protected bike lanes, shared-use paths, bus lanes, roundabouts, or other design elements. Adopting a Complete Streets Policy formalizes a community's intent to plan, design, develop, redevelop, and maintain roads that work for all residents.

Description: This activity will provide communities with the best practices, design guidance, and planning tools necessary to write and implement a Complete Streets Policy. Completion of this activity should result in the development of a Complete Streets Policy that the community then ushers through the adoption process.

Examples of past services:

- City of Delaware Complete Streets Policy
- City of Worthington Complete Streets Policy

Anticipated Services:

- Review of existing legislation, standards, and guidance, as applicable
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
 - MORPC will review materials and outline where improvements can be made regarding design & implementation of Complete Streets
- Research and presentation of best practices for Complete Streets
 - MORPC staff will provide presentation materials describing the benefits and general best practices related to Complete Streets
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to discuss opportunities for improving design and implementation of Complete Streets in the community
- Attend up to two (2) public workshops hosted/led by local agency staff
 - MORPC staff will provide support for local agency, should they decide to host any additional workshops or meetings

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Draft *Complete Streets Policy* (formal policy to be passed through City Council, Township Board of Trustees, or County Commissioners as a resolution or ordinance)
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

b. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Planning

Background: *The insight2050 Corridor Concepts study identified key strategies for building truly transit-supportive corridors and transit-oriented development. As new initiatives like LinkUS work to implement recommendations from the Corridor Concepts study, it will be important for all communities in the region to identify where infrastructure improvements are needed in order to better connect people along priority regional transit corridors to the transit services.*

Description: *This activity will allow a community to understand key characteristics for providing safe pedestrian and bicyclist access to transit and identify issues and opportunities for improving access to key transit services. Completion of this activity should lead to a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities.*

Anticipated Services:

- Review existing plans and projects
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
 - MORPC will review plans and proposed projects to establish working base map
- Data development and analysis
 - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary for assessing issues and opportunities related to accessing transit
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing conditions and discuss potential improvements
- Finalize priority connections and transit access improvements
 - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential transit access improvements

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation including:
 - Priority connections and any relevant opportunities/constraints
 - Relevant best practices and resources
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

c. Active Transportation Project Prioritization

Background: *The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies regionally significant projects to be eligible for federal transportation funding. A project must be included in the MTP in order for a community to use MORPC-Attributable federal funding. These projects include active transportation facilities such as multi-use paths, bike facilities, and sidewalks, as well as roadway projects that are required to comply with the regional Complete Streets Policy.*

Description: *This activity will allow a community to 1) review the active transportation projects currently in the MTP in detail within their jurisdiction to refine them and develop a strategy for prioritizing and implementing the proposed facilities, and/or 2) review the active transportation needs within the community and establish potential projects to include in the next MTP update. Completion of this activity should lead to 1) a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the identified facilities, and/or 2) a list of potential projects to be added to the next MTP update.*

Examples of past services:

- *Violet Township – Active Transportation Planning*
- *Berlin Township – Active Transportation Planning*
- *Jefferson Township – Active Transportation Planning*

Anticipated Services:

- Review existing plans and projects
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
 - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, the ATP, and the MTP to establish working base map for assessing potential active transportation projects
- Data development and analysis
 - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to help refine existing MTP projects and/or identify potential new projects
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing plans and discuss potential changes and/or additions to local priorities and the MTP
- Finalize priority projects and develop potential alternatives
 - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential active transportation projects

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation including:
 - Community active transportation network and proposed projects
 - Recommended design criteria and considerations
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

2. CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS VISIONING

a. Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement

Background: The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Vision establishes a vision for the future network of regionally significant trail facilities in Central Ohio. Many of the proposed facilities were originally identified along river corridors or constrained roadways but may be more feasible along different routes. Additional trails may also be worth consideration for designation in the COG Vision as regionally significant.

Description: This activity will allow a community to review the currently proposed regional trails in the [COG Vision](#) in detail within their jurisdiction to refine the proposed alignments or addition of a regional trail to the proposed vision, and develop a strategy for prioritizing and implementing the proposed trail. The focus of this activity is the regional trail network – not access to the network (see the next activity: Trail Access & Connectivity Planning). Completion of this activity should lead to a feasibility study or application for funding to design and/or implement the regional trail alignment that is identified.

Examples of past services:

- Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks – Scioto Trail Southern Extension
- Brown Township – Regional Trail Visioning Study

Anticipated Services:

- Review existing plans and projects
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
 - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, and COG Vision to establish working base map for refinement
- Data development and analysis
 - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to identify potential routes
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing plans, identify alternatives, and develop strategies for implementation
- Finalize potential route options and implementation strategies
 - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into summary of potential COG routes and related recommendations

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation including:
 - Potential routes and any relevant opportunities/constraints
 - Recommended network connections and access points
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

2. CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS VISIONING

b. Trail Access & Connectivity Planning

Background: The recently completed Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Trail Prioritization study identified critical gaps in access to the regional trail network within Franklin County. The COG Trail Prioritization study and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) can both be used to guide assessment of trail access, as well as the level of stress associated with existing trail access, and identification of new/improved connections to trails in any community.

Description: This activity will review existing access and connections to the regional COG network within a community to identify potential opportunities for adding new connections – either on- or off-street. The goal of this activity is to increase access to the trail network via safe and comfortable connections for people of all incomes, ages, and abilities. Completion of this activity should lead to a temporary demonstration or pilot project along an identified connection, and/or an application for funding to design and/or implement the identified access improvements.

Examples of past services:

- City of Columbus – Downtown and Near-East Side Trail Access and Connectivity Study
- City of Dublin – Regional Trail Network Connectivity Study
- City of Sunbury – Ohio to Erie Trail Access and Connectivity Study
- City of Grove City – Scioto Trail Access and Connectivity Study

Anticipated Services:

- Review existing plans and projects
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and proposed projects
 - MORPC will review plans, proposed projects, and COG Vision to establish working base map for assessing trail access conditions
- Data development and analysis
 - MORPC staff will conduct data analysis as necessary to identify locations and options for improvements
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to review existing conditions and discuss potential improvements
- Finalize priority on-street connections and trail access improvements
 - MORPC staff will conduct any final data analysis, as necessary
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential trail access improvements

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation including:
 - Priority connections and any relevant opportunities/constraints
 - Recommended design criteria and considerations
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

2. CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS VISIONING

c. Trail Town Visioning and Community Placemaking

Background: The recently completed [Central Ohio Greenways \(COG\) Trail Town Framework](#) identified strategies to encourage communities to invest in their regional trails and improve their trail-to-town connections. Any community located within two (2) miles of a regional trail identified on the COG Vision is considered a potential Trail Town. While MORPC is exploring opportunities to fund and resource a regional trail town designation program, local communities are encouraged to identify and develop their physical and cultural connections, and proactively engage in this anticipated regional program.

Description: This activity will engage a community in a dynamic and immersive placemaking exercise to uncover and highlight the valuable local assets and cultural elements to more fully embrace individuals seeking to connect through trail-based experiences. Completion of this activity will result in the development of a Community Readiness Assessment and a Community Trail Profile, which will be used to promote the community's connection to the regional trail system as part of the future Regional Trail Town program.

Anticipated Services:

- Review current conditions
 - Local agency will inventory existing trail-related infrastructure in the identified study area
 - MORPC and the local agency will conduct a points of interest inventory and available services matrix
 - MORPC will develop a local business or resident survey to be administered by the local agency to assess business owners or resident perception of trails
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff and stakeholders
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops identify the local community's sense of place, identity, and vision for enhanced placemaking
- Finalize strategies
 - MORPC will consolidate all research and input into a summary of the community's trail identity and craft recommendations for placemaking strategies

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Community Readiness Assessment
 - A comprehensive overview of available trail related services, placemaking elements, and trail infrastructure
 - Recommendations to enhance the trail user experience through improved infrastructure, art, programming, or events
- Community Profile
 - Public-facing marketing and educational material celebrating cultural elements, trail connections, walkable and bikeable destinations, natural features, and other unique local elements.

3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

a. Safety Action Plan Development

Background: The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. The focus of this grant is addressing roadway safety through the reduction and/or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), more than \$800 million was awarded for two different types of grants: Action Plan grants and Implementation grants. In order to be eligible for the Implementation grants, the applicant must have a qualifying Action Plan already in place.

Description: This activity will allow a community to conduct a planning process to develop an Action Plan that meets the SS4A grant requirements. Completion of this activity should lead to adoption of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, as well as an application for an SS4A Implementation Grant.

Examples of past services:

- City of Delaware – Safety Action Plan

Anticipated Services:

- Establish a local task force, steering committee, or implementation group
 - Local agency will identify priority stakeholders to include
- Existing conditions analysis
 - MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to identify key crash types and factors as well as priority safety locations within the community
- Lead up to two (2) workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss existing conditions and action plan development
- Identify comprehensive set of strategies and action items to address safety problems
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of action plan

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that meets SS4A grant requirements

3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

b. Complete Streets Safety Audit

Background: *The Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan released in 2019 identified pedestrians and bicyclists as the most vulnerable users on our regional transportation system. The update to the regional Active Transportation Plan further analyzed crashes involving people walking and bicycling and identified key factors in many of those crashes.*

Description: *This activity will allow a community to review crashes involving people walking and bicycling to identify priority location(s) to conduct a detailed audit to determine appropriate improvements for that location. Completion of this activity should lead to implementation of a temporary demonstration project or low-cost safety improvements, and/or an application for funding to design and implement permanent safety improvements.*

Anticipated Services:

- Review crashes involving people walking and bicycling within the jurisdiction
 - MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to identify priority location(s) within the community
- Conduct a walk audit of priority location(s)
 - Local agency will identify key stakeholders and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead formal walk audit with key stakeholders
- Lead a workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss identified safety challenges and potential safety improvements
- Identify priority safety improvements
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft map of potential safety improvements

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation including:
 - Priority safety locations
 - Recommended safety improvements
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

c. Systemic Pedestrian Safety Analysis

Background: In January 2022, ODOT's [Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\)](#) began accepting funding applications for projects that focus on preventing pedestrian crashes through systemic infrastructure improvements. Systemic improvements are meant to be proactive and widely implemented based on roadway features that have been associated with specific crash types. FHWA has identified a range of proven countermeasures that prevent pedestrian crashes, and ODOT wants to encourage project applications that focus on the implementation of these improvements.

Description: This activity will allow a community to review pedestrian crashes within their jurisdiction and prioritize potential locations for implementation of specific countermeasures. Completion of this activity should lead to either installation of, or an application for funding to implement, the recommended countermeasures.

Anticipated Services:

- Review crashes involving pedestrians within the jurisdiction
 - MORPC staff will conduct analysis of crash data to understand key contributing factors and roadway characteristics
- Conduct a walk audit of key locations
 - Local agency will identify key stakeholders and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead formal walk audit with key stakeholders
- Lead a workshop for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshop to discuss identified safety challenges and potential safety improvements
- Identify priority safety improvements
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into a final list of prioritized locations and preferred countermeasures

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation for submittal as part of funding application, or inclusion in a local capital budget, including:
 - Map of prioritized locations
 - List of preferred countermeasures with cost estimates
 - Relevant safety metrics for each location

4. LAND USE PLANNING

a. Conceptual Development Framework

Background: *As we prepare for the growth projected for the Central Ohio region, many communities are exploring the potential to implement more compact development, increase housing options, and accommodate more modes of transportation. Establishing a clear vision for strategic locations within individual communities can help to address this.*

Description: *This activity will allow a community to identify the most relevant best practices and development principles for a particular site or strategic location that will help to set the stage for a future development plan. Completion of this activity should result in establishing a vision and the planning and design principles that future development at an identified site will follow.*

Examples of past services:

- *City of Hilliard Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework*
- *Jefferson Township Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework*
- *City of Westerville Brooksedge Office Park Redevelopment Framework*
- *Violet Township Community Center Development Framework*

Anticipated Services:

- Review existing plans and policies relevant to the selected site
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
 - MORPC will review materials and provide summary of relevant highlights
- Existing conditions analysis
 - MORPC staff will review available data for the selected site to develop working base map and identify challenges/opportunities
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to provide overview of study, existing conditions and plans, and relevant best practices
- Identify potential opportunities for implementation in the community
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of potential options

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Conceptual Development Framework including:
 - Identified opportunities
 - Relevant best practices
 - Key development principles
 - Potential next steps for implementation

4. LAND USE PLANNING

b. Transit Oriented Development Planning

Background: *The insight2050 Corridor Concepts study identified key strategies for building truly transit-supportive corridors and transit-oriented development. As new initiatives like LinkUS work to implement recommendations from the Corridor Concepts study, it will be important for all communities in the region to identify opportunities to further the goals of insight2050.*

Description: *This activity will allow a community to assess local policies and codes and identify where improvements can be made to provide more opportunity for transit-supportive development. Completion of this activity could result in potential policy or code updates, or a site-specific strategy for transit-oriented development.*

Anticipated Services:

- Review existing plans and policies, and/or site conditions
 - Local agency will compile all local plans and relevant materials
 - MORPC will review materials and outline where improvements can be made regarding design & implementation of transit oriented development
- Lead up to two (2) workshops for staff, stakeholders, or public
 - Local agency will identify priority groups to meet with and coordinate invitations
 - MORPC staff will lead workshops to discuss priorities and challenges related to transit oriented development
- Identify potential best practices for implementation in the community
 - MORPC staff will consolidate input from all parties into final draft of potential options

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Technical documentation including:
 - Potential best practices for implementation
- Strategy document identifying next steps for implementation

5. OTHER

Parameters for “Other” Activity Type

Description: *If a community is interested in applying for a project that differs from the project types outlined above, the application must include a detailed scope that aligns with the parameters specified below.*

- Technical assistance should focus on moving from plan/concept to implementation.
- Activity should align with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Active Transportation Plan (ATP), or Central Ohio Greenways Vision.
- Applicant must provide a detailed scope of work.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All eligible MORPC members and local government agencies are invited to submit an application for the 2025 TA Program cycle. The application will be available to all eligible applicants beginning on September 16, 2024. **Program applications must be submitted to MORPC by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 11, 2024.**

The application consists of application criteria and required documentation. An evaluation committee will assess completed applications based on the criteria outlined below and further described on *pages 21-22* of this document.

Application criteria – Applications will be scored based on the application criteria listed in the table below. The highest-scoring application will be the first selected to receive technical assistance; the next highest-scoring eligible application will be the second selected to receive technical assistance; and so on until budget is exhausted or until all eligible applications have been awarded. It is possible that not all applicants will be awarded technical assistance.

Application Criteria	Points
Community Objectives	25
MTP Strategies	20
Implementing Regional Priorities	20
Equity Considerations	15
Local Commitment and Collaboration	10
Leveraging Investment	10
TOTAL	100

Required documentation – Applicant communities must submit a signed letter of commitment from the local governments' elected officials or department director as part of their application.

The required documentation must be submitted to MORPC no later than the application deadline of 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 11, 2024.

Application Checklist & Timeline

- ❑ **Optional for all applicants** – Participate in a MORPC TA Program informational webinar on **Wednesday, September 18, 2024**, for more details about the program and application process
- ❑ **Required for all applicants** – Submit an application and required documentation by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 11, 2024**.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application for the 2023 TA Program cycle will be made available on **Monday, September 16, 2024**. Anyone interested in applying for technical assistance through the TA Program must submit an application by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 11, 2024**.

The application will consist of the following:

1) **Applicant Information**

- a) Applicant Community/Organization
- b) Project Manager Name and Title
- c) Phone Number
- d) Email Address
- e) Mailing Address

2) **Activity Type**

Please select a Technical Assistance activity from the drop-down list.

3) **Preferred Scope of Work**

Please submit your preferred scope of work, including an estimated schedule, for the selected activity type.

4) **Staff Commitment**

Based on the identified scope of work and estimated activity schedule, how many person hours (per week, per month, or total) does the applicant intend to commit to the activity?

5) **Community Objectives** (25 points) (500 word maximum)

Please describe the significance of the proposed activity. What are the objectives and what is the perceived benefit to the community? How will an award of technical assistance through the TA Program improve the activity?

6) **MTP Strategies** (20 points) (500 word maximum)

Please indicate how the selected activity will advance specific strategies from the MTP focused on improving active transportation and transit infrastructure. Your response should address at least two (2) and up to five (5) of the most applicable strategies. Refer to the Program Purpose on page 3 for the specific strategies.

7) **Implementing Regional Priorities** (20 points) (500 word maximum)

Please describe how the selected activity will help to implement project(s) in alignment with the MTP, ATP, or COG Vision.

8) Equity Considerations (15 points) (500 word maximum)

Please describe how the selected activity will address transportation needs of transportation disadvantaged and/or underserved populations within your community.

Transportation disadvantaged or underserved populations may include:

- Low-income
- Minorities
- Senior Citizens
- Veterans
- Children / Minors
- Persons with mental / physical disabilities
- College Students
- Or other groups that are often (unintentionally) excluded from planning processes

9) Local Commitment and Collaboration (10 points) (500 word maximum)

To be awarded assistance through the TA Program, communities must commit to designating a community staff person as Project Manager.

Above and beyond this minimum requirement, please indicate how the selected activity will engage relevant community stakeholders – for example: interdepartmental staff, elected officials, school district representatives, civic associations, chambers of commerce, or advocacy groups – to participate in the technical assistance process? Identify potential stakeholders below and describe how their involvement would increase the success of the activity. Examples may include in-kind commitments of stakeholder staff time and resources, demonstrated public-private collaboration, committee participation, etc.

10) Leveraging Investment (10 points) (500 word maximum)

How will MORPC technical assistance services be leveraged to implement active transportation and transit infrastructure?

11) Required Documentation

To ensure elected community leaders and/or department directors recognize that staff are requesting technical assistance through the MORPC TA Program, a letter of commitment signed by a local leader or department director must accompany the application. No points are awarded for required documentation, however, failure to submit will result in the application being ineligible. Required documentation must be submitted to MORPC no later than the application deadline of **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 11, 2024.**



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

DATE: August 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-12-24: "**Accepting the Planning Work Program Completion Report for State Fiscal Year 2024**"

Annually, MORPC is required to submit a report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) describing the work completed with federal planning funds provided to continue the metropolitan transportation planning process, as defined by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024, the use of these funds was outlined in the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) adopted by Resolution T-6-23. The PWP serves as the scope of work, the schedule, and the budget for the federally funded planning activities.

The PWP included such activities as follow up of the SFY 24-27 TIP, continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds with update of policies managing MORPC attributable funds, follow up of the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), adoption of the 2024-2050 MTP, collaboration on major regional initiatives related to greenways and housing, assistance on freeway and arterial studies, support for safety and operations and management of the transportation system, and support for transit, bike, and pedestrian planning.


The SFY 2024 PWP also included the continuation of ridesharing/demand reduction and air quality awareness activities. As part of this scope of work, MORPC also completed the selection process for FTA Section 5310 funding, continued the Regional Data Advisory Committee, continued outreach and developed resources related to insight2050, including the technical assistance program, collaborated to advance intercity passenger rail, continued the LinkUs initiative with other regional partners most significantly with the transit supportive infrastructure (TSI) component, and other projects and activities that have been presented over the state fiscal year.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

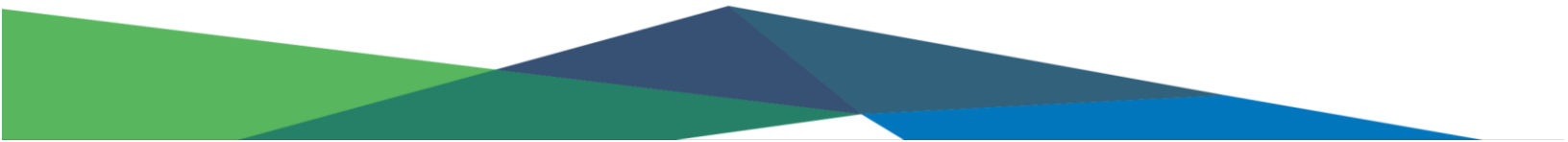
Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary



A summary of the PWP activities is included as an attachment to the resolution. A full report is available upon request. Resolution T-12-24 approves the completion report and requires that it be forwarded to ODOT.

Attachment: Resolution T-12-24



RESOLUTION T-12-24

“ACCEPTING THE PLANNING WORK PROGRAM COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024”

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate, and provide a forum for regional, cooperative transportation planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds and the regional planning activities that will be conducted each state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee adopted the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) by Resolution T-6-23; and

WHEREAS, the activities described in the PWP have been completed or carried over into SFY 2025 and reported in the PWP Completion Report, a summary of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, major products of the PWP have been presented previously; and

WHEREAS, these products include the core work with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, as well as regional initiatives such as greenways and housing, supporting freeway and arterial studies, local traffic forecasting and continuing updates to the travel demand model, maintaining data to support modeling and planning needs, support for transit planning and ODOT planning studies, ITS, ridesharing/demand reduction, bike and pedestrian planning, safety planning and air quality awareness; and

WHEREAS, ODOT requires approval of this PWP Completion Report by the Transportation Policy Committee as the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee at its September 4, 2024 meeting recommended approval 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 Transportation Policy Committee approves the PWP Completion Report for SFY 2024.
- Section 2. That this resolution and the PWP Completion Report be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation for appropriate action.
- Section 3. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the 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: Programming Staff
Attachment: Summary of Completion Report for the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program

Summary

FISCAL YEAR 2024 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM COMPLETION

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Activities

Total Budget: \$4,268,138

Balance Remaining for SFY 2025 or later is: \$224,093

Work Element Report Summary

60124-3000 - Management & Operations Planning

Budget: \$170,000

Spent through 6/30: \$177,925

Meetings of the Central Ohio ITS committee were held in April and July. Project updates were provided at each meeting. MORPC hosted a Transportation Innovation Forum in May that discussed innovative transportation systems, management ideas, and initiatives. MORPC partnered with the Transportation Research Center to explore future grant funding opportunities relating to pedestrian detection technology and other innovative approaches. MORPC coordinated with NOACA staff in planning for the upcoming Ohio Conference on Freight.

60134-3000 - Safety Planning

Budget: \$110,000

Spent through 6/30: \$103,572

MORPC was actively involved in local and state safety initiatives, provided safety-focused technical assistance to local partners for applications to state and federal discretionary grant programs, and hosted the annual Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum. MORPC continues to be the OARC representative on statewide safety committees, and actively participated in local safety committees. The 2018-2022 State of Safety report was completed, documenting the latest crash data summaries for the region, as well as recent progress on implementing the Safety Plan. MORPC also applied for and was awarded multiple federal discretionary grants for safety planning and research.

60154-3000 - Transit and Human Services Planning

Budget: \$125,000

Spent through 6/30: \$124,698

MORPC carried out transit planning coordination, assistance, and oversight to improve transit services and workforce mobility meeting Metropolitan Transportation Plan strategies. Administration, oversight and the update of the Regional Mobility Plan was completed by the Mobility Coordinator. The Mobility Coordinator held public advisory meetings for Franklin County as well as the Region 6 Mobility Managers Steering Committee.

Regional transit provider coordination continues on a quarterly basis with involvement of all transit agencies, mobility managers, and service providers in the ODOT Region 6 HSTC and the CORPO boundaries.

Staff is participating on several initiatives with regards to workforce mobility including an ODOT-sponsored project for east-west transit connections in northern Franklin County, southern Delaware County, and northwestern Licking County.

60204-3000 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

Budget: \$375,000

Spent through 6/30: \$375,442

Revisions to the SFY 2024-2027 TIP were coordinated with ODOT and local agencies by reviewing the monthly S/TIP Revision Report. Staff approved administrative modifications monthly and prepared four amendment resolutions, which were approved by the Transportation Policy Committee.

Regarding MORPC-Attributable Funds, MORPC worked alongside the Attributable Funds Committee to update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds. These Policies were adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee in May of 2024, and shortly thereafter a new solicitation for commitment updates and new funding requests began. For SFY 2024 approximately \$50 million of attributable funds were encumbered for use on transportation projects and programs in the region.

Federally funded projects were coordinated with local agencies, ODOT and the Ohio Public Works Commission. ODOT District staff held quarterly meetings with local sponsoring agencies, their consultants, and MORPC staff to monitor project development and address any issues. Monthly reports on the status of the MORPC-attributable projects were provided to the TAC. MORPC reviewed engineering plans for projects utilizing attributable funds to ensure compliance with the Complete Streets Policy. Additionally, MORPC prepared an update to the Complete Streets Policy which was adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee in May of 2024. MORPC, COTA, DCT, and ODOT Transit met quarterly to stay current on transit-specific TIP issues.

In July and August 2023, MORPC staff evaluated and prioritized ten applications to TRAC for Major New Capacity Program funding that were submitted in the 2023 cycle. Resolution T-12-23 established the regional priorities for candidate projects for TRAC funding and was adopted September 14, 2023 and transmitted to ODOT. MORPC staff presented the priority list to TRAC and ODOT staff at the Central Ohio regional hearing on September, 2023. Awards were in the Spring of 2024. ODOT accepted TRAC applications for the 2024 cycle in May. Five projects were submitted in the MORPC area. Project fact sheets were prepared, and a public comment period began in July 2024 to solicit comments on the MPO prioritization of the projects.

60514-2000 - Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data

Budget: \$510,000

Spent through 6/30: \$550,434

MORPC has continued its role as a leader in convening and collaborating with data professionals, planners and other stakeholders throughout the Central Ohio Region. We are implementing new operational objectives aimed at improving the acquisition, maintenance and ultimately, use of our internal and publicly hosted data sets and systems - including the development of a MORPC Insights platform, and continuation of our Leaders Listen public opinion polling. Good stewardship of existing data sets through regularized updates and organization is a key objective. We look to better utilize existing technologies for collecting, maintaining, and sharing data that support transportation and community-based planning, and grow partnerships in the region that bring expertly curated data and insights to expanded decision-making contexts.

Through the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC), RIDG, and COGUG user groups, partnerships with organizations such as NNIP, Ohio EPA, Franklin County Public Health, The Columbus Dispatch, CHRR and CURA at OSU, and initiatives such as the Data Day conference and the Leaders Listen survey series, we advanced new research, and a used data inform and better align efforts. Members of our community of data professionals has inspired each other and continue to strive toward shared visions of a better future for all Central Ohio residents.

60524-2000 - Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs

Budget: \$500,000

Spent through 6/30: \$521,572

MORPC provided GIS and data analytics services to support the completion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and a variety of internal and partner-based projects and programs. We also provided technical assistance in the ongoing refinement of core MTP processes and procedures and significant technical support for community stakeholders seeking guidance and feedback for a wide variety of purposes. For the first time we have implemented an Active Transportation Network Analysis tool capable of generating detailed evaluations of sidewalk and bikeway access under a variety of different scenario assumptions.

We continue to update, expand, and make data publicly available through our Mid-Ohio Open Data and Population Resource Hub sites, as well as a variety of other data products and reports. Implementation for Phase 1 (of 3) of a more consolidated, accessible, and user-oriented platform for providing domain specific insights to regional stakeholders is underway.

MORPC serviced over 214 ad-hoc requests for data, insights, and GIS resources from member communities, partners, and frequently also non-affiliated organizations and individuals in government, nonprofit, and academic sectors through a variety of channels.

60554-3000 - Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

Budget: \$460,000

Spent through 6/30: \$443,782

MORPC continued to refine the 3C regional travel demand model and used it for numerous planning and area studies. The model was used to fulfill many requests for traffic growth rates and related activities during the year. Environmental Justice analysis procedures were updated, and the Environmental Justice and air quality analyses were completed for the 2024-2050 MTP. Vehicle Miles Travelled analyses were conducted for projects and applications aiming to update greenhouse gas inventories and carbon reduction strategies, and the land use forecast and model of record for the 2024-2050 MTP were finalized.

61013-3000 - Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning (SFY 2023)

Budget: \$73,859

Spent through 6/30: \$73,859

Refer to 61014-3000 for a summary of activities.

61014-3000 - Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

Budget: \$480,000

Spent through 6/30: \$479,183

Identification of candidate projects for the 2024-2050 MTP concluded in summer of 2023. More than 1,200 candidate projects, collected from local plans and through public input, were evaluated for inclusion in the MTP. The evaluation criteria were also developed in the summer and fall of 2023. Additionally, strategies were drafted, projects selected, and the full plan document was developed. Approximately 50 presentations were given to local jurisdictions and community groups throughout the region in December 2023 through March 2024. An open house was held in February 2024. The MTP was adopted in May 2024 with approval of the conformity determination received from FHWA in June.

MORPC staff supported several local and regional transportation studies such as LinkUS BRT corridor development, City of Columbus Downtown Multimodal Study, City of Columbus North Knot Study, City of Dublin travel demand modeling, and SR-161 Corridor, and I-71/Big Walnut interchange study.

Staff followed and participated in various ODOT planning activities, Route 23 Connect, Strategic Transportation and Development Analysis, and several planning activities related to the Intel area development. MORPC continued discussions and partnerships on passenger rail efforts in Ohio and surrounding states.

MORPC team members participated in ODOT-led trainings on tools and processes to be used in the Urban Area Boundary adjustment review and completed the review process in coordination with local jurisdictions.

61024-0400 - Transportation Public Involvement

Budget: \$135,000

Spent through 6/30: \$134,151

Eight meetings of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and ten meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) took place. All transportation-related topics included elsewhere in the PWP report were presented. The committees reviewed and passed 16 transportation-related resolutions over the fiscal year.

Press releases, printed materials, and digital content (social media, morpc.org website, and electronic newsletters) were used regularly to solicit public participation and involvement on transportation-related activities. Topics included were: 5310 Funding; Air Quality; Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) & CORPO-Dedicated Funds; CHRR & MORPC Leaders Listen: Transportation Survey; Central Ohio Greenways (COG); Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) updates and Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP); City of Columbus zoning code updates; Clean Ohio Conservation Fund; Delaware County Public Transit public comment opportunities, updates; DriveOhio & ODOT Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Public Meeting; Driving Investment: Promoting Infrastructure Survey; Federal MPO Recertification Public Meeting; Gohio Commute; Gohio Mobility; LinkUS Mobility Initiative; Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); Mid-Ohio Open Data (MOOD); MORPC-Attributable Funds; MORPC Messaging Survey; Passenger Rail Updates; ODOT public comment periods and updates; Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Local Infrastructure Funding; Outdoor Trails Pass; Population Estimates; Regional Investment Survey; Regional Mobility Plan (RMP Survey); Ride Your Bike To Work Day; Safer Streets for All (SS4A) program; Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP); Technical Assistance Program; Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) Process/Projects; Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) and Vision Zero Columbus.

Promoted (via social media, print, and MORPC website) and attended the following community outreach events, where programs, services, and public input opportunities were promoted: Ohio Department of Transportation's MBE and Diverse Business Opportunity Expo; Community Senior Resource Fair; Franklin County Auditor's Affordable Housing Fair; National African American Male Wellness Agency Walk and Run; Franklin County Engineer's Touch-a-Truck; National County Government Month Open House; Somali International Council Open House and Community Fair; My Brother's Keeper & COBG College, Career, and Community Fair; Riverfest; and MLK Day Open House.

61034-1000 - Regional Strategic Initiatives

Budget: \$425,000

Spent through 6/30: \$307,344

MORPC advanced Insight2050 by supporting local governments in addressing housing needs and improving mobility through a multimodal transportation system. Building on its Regional Housing Strategy, MORPC continued to identify barriers and solutions, engaged with members, and participated in national housing discussions. The latest Leaders Listen survey gathered residents' views on housing and transportation, guiding regional efforts to align housing and public transit with Central Ohio's growth.

MORPC furthered the Central Ohio Greenways Vision by aiding in the planning and funding of Greenways trails and multi-use paths, contributing to the LinkUS TSI 5-year plan for over 100 miles of new trails, sidewalks, and bikeways. This effort also supported local government funding commitments for bicycle and pedestrian projects

and involved ongoing trail studies and plan reviews. The updated COG Strategy Plan included projects for wayfinding, trail towns, and environmental conservation.

In river corridor planning, MORPC led the Central Ohio Blueways program, previously mapping waterways and public access points, and guiding program priorities through the Central Ohio Blueways Steering Committee. Additionally, MORPC established the Greenways Planning Studio in partnership with RAPID 5, focusing on data management and regional collaboration to build the largest interconnected parks district in the U.S.

62514-1000 - Planning Coordination and Support

Budget: \$210,000

Spent through 6/30: \$169,045

MORPC continued to strengthen local government and partner awareness and knowledge of active transportation and compact development concepts including Complete Streets and bicycle and pedestrian network connectivity through data storytelling presentations, interactive workshops, and media. MORPC also hosted informational meetings with local governments and other agencies, stakeholders, and community organizations on these and other topics related to community development and the transportation network.

To support connectivity of the regional active transportation and trail network, MORPC facilitated meetings among neighboring jurisdictions to encourage collaboration on existing projects and to discuss and plan for potential future infrastructure projects.

62524-1000 - Member Assistance and Support

Budget: \$550,000

Spent through 6/30: \$443,336 Activity continues beyond SFY 2024.

In fall of 2023, MORPC launched the Community-Based Planning Assistance (CBPA) programs, including the Consultant Services and Planner Pool Programs, aimed at supporting local government members and community Planning Commissions with technical and educational resources. The Consultant Services Program prequalified over 30 consultants in planning and zoning activities and helped three communities with consultant RFP processes. The Planner Pool Program addressed various project needs ranging from parking assessments to supplemental design guides and visioning studies. MORPC is also developing a digital library of community plans and data, set to launch in late 2024.

MORPC, alongside The Columbus Dispatch and Measurement Resources Company, surveyed nearly 2,000 Central Ohio residents on housing preferences, capturing diverse responses from urban, suburban, and rural areas. This survey provides valuable insights into regional housing and planning needs.

Additionally, MORPC worked with Cultivate Geospatial to create a tool for analyzing active transportation networks, assessing walking and biking access, and evaluating the Heritage Rail Trail extension. The Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy supports improved walkability and bikeability, while MORPC continues to assist local governments with best practices in active transportation planning.

69714-3000 - Program Administration

Budget: \$144,279

Spent through 6/30: \$139,702

Meetings of the MPO transportation committees were conducted throughout the year, with the CAC holding eight meetings, and the TAC and Policy Committee each holding ten meetings. The 2023 PWP completion report and SFY 2025 PWP were prepared. No Title VI complaints were received this fiscal year. Finally, a portion of the Title VI Compliance report was completed in March 2024.

II. Special Studies

Total Budget: \$3,453,158

Balance Remaining for SFY 2025 or later is: \$1,456,383

Work Element Report Summary

66513-1000 - Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy

Budget: \$290,000

Spent through 6/30: \$290,000

MORPC completed the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Wayfinding Strategy, with recommendations to enhance signage and maps and offer a trail user experience that focuses on safety, while layering opportunities to encourage explorations and moments of inspiration through public art, trail ambassadors, and other partnerships.

66522-3000 - LinkUS Regional Corridors Planning

Budget: \$500,000

Spent through 6/30: \$500,000

The remaining funds carried into SFY 24 were spent continuing the LinkUS initiative around outreach to local jurisdictions and the formation of TSI committee structure and program policy development.

66534-3000 - Growth and Major Economic Development Planning

Budget: \$1,000,000

Spent through 6/30: \$72,583 Activity continues beyond SFY 2024.

The Request for Proposal for consultant services was posted in the fall of 2023. A consultant team was selected, and the contract was signed in April of 2024. Initial steps to begin consultant tasks were started.

66544-0400 - Paving The Way

Budget: \$50,000

Spent through 6/30: \$0

No expenses were incurred in SFY 24. The decision was made to sunset the program.

66564-3000 - Regional Supplemental Planning

Budget: \$400,000

Spent through 6/30: \$400,000

1) See 60204-3000 for activities related to the TIP and project expedition.

2) Our traffic count consultant collected traffic counts at various locations throughout the region to support modeling and planning activities. These were loaded into the online system.

3) See 60524-2000 for activities related to regional data sets.

4) MORPC provided planning data and travel demand model forecasting support for several local and regional planning activities including: LinkUS West Broad and East Main Corridors, ODOT I-71/SR-36 interchange, Big

Walnut interchange studies, US 33 Southeast study, and other smaller requests.

5) MORPC led efforts in the region to advance intercity passenger rail service to Columbus including forming a passenger rail committee.

6) MORPC continued to work with partners and the Sustaining Scioto board with focus on climate change impacts, updated Green infrastructure toolkit and kicked off comprehensive regional water study.

7) Working with the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) and 37 Sustainable2050 members, MORPC facilitated regular meetings and best practices sharing around making progress towards the targets as outlined in the Sustainability Agenda and MTP.

66574-1000 - Technical Assistance Program

Budget: \$275,000

Spent through 6/30: \$275,000

MORPC revised the Technical Assistance Program Guide and administered a fifth cycle of the program. Franklin Township and Jefferson Township were awarded for Active Transportation Planning activities. Worked with each community to develop a scope of work and project timeline, then carried out the scoped activities. This work included compiling and analyzing data, reviewing past planning materials and resources, engaging with key stakeholders, completing GIS-based network analyses, and developing implementation plans.

67413-3000 - 5310 Designated Recipient 2023

Budget: \$169,079

Spent through 6/30: \$76,785

The annual solicitation and selection of projects to receive FTA 5310 funding was completed in the fall of 2023. Project subrecipients continued to draw down dollars according to the MORPC process. Staff continued to monitor federal compliance with TrAMS and complete the FFRs and MPRs in a timely manner. Subrecipients file semi-annual reports to stay in compliance with their vehicles utilized for 5310 services.

67414-3000 - 5310 Designated Recipient 2024

Budget: \$169,079

Spent through 6/30: \$0 Activity continues beyond SFY 2024.

No expenses for the work element were incurred in SFY 2024. See work element 67413-3000 for all SFY 2024 5310 activities.

67423-3000 - Mobility Management 2023

Budget: \$150,000

Spent through 6/30: \$79,511

Development of the Regional Mobility Plan's governance structure and the yearly update were completed. Staff completed outreach activities and information and referral to promote Gohio Mobility and accessible transportation options. Staff led the Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee meetings monthly and convened mobility managers from ODOT's HSTC Region 6 quarterly for strategic planning of the regional goals/strategies.

67424-3000 - Mobility Management 2024

Budget: \$150,000

Spent through 6/30: \$0 Activity continues beyond SFY 2024.

No expenses for the work element were incurred in SFY 2024. See work element 67433-3000 for SFY 2024 activities.

67433-3000 - Mobility Management ODOT Regional Supplemental 2023

Budget: \$300,000

Spent through 6/30: \$90,113 Activity continues beyond SFY 2024.

Completed the development of a governance structure for the Regional Mobility Plan and the yearly update, including the SWOT analysis and unmet needs for ODOT HSTC Region 6. In addition, conducted outreach activities, providing information and referrals to promote Gohio Mobility and accessible transportation options. The Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee meetings were held monthly, and mobility managers from ODOT's HSTC Region 6 were convened quarterly for strategic planning of regional goals and strategies. Finally, mobility staff received training and participated in professional development activities to further program goals.

III. Ridesharing and Air Quality

Total Budget: \$1,325,000

Balance Remaining for SFY 2025 or later is: \$0

Work Element Report Summary

66714-3000 - Transportation Services (Ridesharing)

Budget: \$750,000

Spent through 6/30: \$727,076

Promoted Travel Demand Management (TDM) across Central Ohio, marketing carpool, vanpool, bike, and transit matching programs throughout our 15-county area. Established new vanpools, provided pedestrian support, and advised employers on TDM strategies to improve workforce transportation. Managed an emergency ride home program, a vanpool program, and coordinated a statewide rideshare matching contract with OARC agencies.

66734-1000 - Air Quality Awareness

Budget: \$575,000

Spent through 6/30: \$557,904

MORPC maintained the daily air quality forecasting program and coordinated digitally focused marketing and air quality alerts to educate the public about air quality, and convened Energy and Air Quality working group meetings to share best practices.

MORPC completed and released its annual air quality report for ozone and PM2.5 in early 2024. As a result, MORPC participated in several media interviews and gave several educational presentations about the state of air quality in the region.

In partnership with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH), MORPC completed a pilot study utilizing PurpleAir PM2.5 air sensors across Franklin County to better understand variability in air pollution levels across zip codes. Data collection concluded and a report outlines the findings. Building on this air monitoring project, MORPC and our partners ramped up the US EPA CLEAN project. This work includes forming a Project Advisory Committee and acquiring enough sensors to nearly triple the number of PurpleAir sensors in Franklin County. Additional technical work and modeling will help inform the project moving forward.

At the recommendation of USDOT, MORPC resubmitted its USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant proposal which was originally submitted in June 2023. The application was highly recommended across all grant criteria with new EV charging sites proposed across communities in MORPC's 15 county region. The MORPC team also continued to promote EV charging solutions through panel discussions at conferences, virtual forums, and committee meetings.

IV. Planning Activities Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget: \$0

Work Element Report Summary

66505-3000 - Ongoing Local Planning

This activity is provided solely for informational purposes and does not have a final product or any budget within the work program. However, staff members may be involved through related activities in planning activities undertaken by others.

MORPC regularly monitors local planning activities and participates in planning efforts of local communities as requested.

COTA continued project development activities for the West Broad and East Main Street BRT corridors. The LinkUs partners also developed a five-year program of Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) projects that would be completed with passage of the COTA sales tax increase. Columbus continued project development activities for the Northwest Corridor BRT project and study of the downtown area focused on the convergence of the BRT routes downtown. They also continued a study on SR 315 in the campus area to look at improving mobility in the OSU medical campus area and Carmenton area.

MORPC continues to assist with the administration of the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District. Working with individual counties throughout central Ohio the Competitive Advantage Project list were maintained for each county.

67401-3000 - Ongoing COTA Activities

This activity is provided solely for informational purposes and does not have a final product or any budget within the work program. However, staff members may be involved through related activities in planning activities undertaken by others.

COTA has implemented strategies from their Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) adopted last year. The SRTP includes recommendations to improve services within a 5-year timeframe for fixed route, COTA mainstream, and COTA/Plus services. They have also continued their transition to a zero-emission fleet, including the completion of expanding the McKinley Avenue Garage for more capacity, electric charging, and upgraded maintenance capabilities. COTA progressed project development on the West Broad, East Main, and Northwest BRT corridors.

COTA held public meetings for their quarterly service changes. These meetings are held twice during each quarter to both receive and deliver information.

67402-3000 - Ongoing DCT Activities

This activity is provided solely for informational purposes and does not have a final product or any budget within the work program. However, staff members may be involved through related activities in planning activities undertaken by others.

Delaware County Transit (DCT) continued to expand their ridership and service, breaking multiple records for monthly ridership driven by additional FLEX service within the City of Delaware and additional demand-response service throughout the county. DCT also planned for the introduction of Saturday FLEX service as well. DCT released their 2024-2028 strategic plan to the public in April. The first strategic plan was launched in 2023 to look at the short- and long-term investments and changes needed to be completed to move DCT into the next wave of growth in Delaware County.



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Wes Dodds	Brittany Misner
Chris Amorose Groomes	Christina Drummond	Heidi Munc
Joe Antram	Brad Ebersole	Megan O'Callaghan
Bob Arnold	Dave Efland	Elissa Schneider
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla	Terry Emery	Kent Shafer
Beth Beatty	Shane Farnsworth	Nick Shultz
Michael Bivens	Luke Feeney	Sloan Spalding
Lee Bodnar	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Ike Stage
Stephanie Bosco	Brad Foster	Matt Starr
Stacey Boumis	Dave Gulden	Joe Steager
Paul Brake	Jeff Hall	Joe Stefanov
Jamie Brucker	Laurie Jadwin	Andy Volenik
Gary Burkholder	James Jewell	Christie Ward
Ben Carpenter	Joseph Laborie	Andrew Williams
Matthew Cincione	Bill LaFayette	RC Wise
Ben Collins	Kris Long	Hannah Wynne
Michelle Crandall	Mark Mauter	
Tracie Davies	Gary Merrell	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Michelle Blanton	Emily Keeler	Eric Richter
Susan Brobst	Rory McGuinness	Andrew White
Chasilyn Carter	Dave Medley	Tim Wilson
Jeremiah Gracia	Eric Phillips	
Christine Houk	Bernita Reese	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Kimberly Sharp	Thom Slack
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Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Aaron Kennedy

Associate Members Present in Person

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Todd Bradley	Ethan Hug	Kyle Probert
Joe Garrity	Eileen Leuby	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Matthew Gerstner	Kelsey Matson	Shari Saunders
Nick Gill	Amanda McEldowney	Brandi Whetstone
Ralonda Hampton	William Murdock	
Shawn Hufstедler	Alisa Obukhova	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

April Bumgardner	Brian Filiatraut	Karina Peggau
Dave Dixon	Meghan Means	Hannah Ruscin

Guests Present in Person

Sarah Ameiche, City of Columbus	Ethan Chapman, Village of Somerset
Vera Anderson, Village of New Lexington	Justin Feasel, Village of Somerset
Eddie Baran, City of Grove City	Matt Goodhart, City of Gahanna
Scott Brown, Ohio Auditor of State's Office	Isaiah Heyman, Union County
Grace Byler, Morrow County	Cal Horning, City of Hilliard

Claire Huffman, Village of Plain City
Mark Matheny, City of Columbus
Sophia Morales, City of Grove City
Ally Pasanen, Village of Hebron
Claire Payauys, Violet Township
Tyler Phelps, COTA
Ciara Reitz, Village of Buckeye Lake

Griffin Roberts, Licking County
Cornell Robertson, Mannik & Smith Group
Charlie Schneider, City of Gahanna
Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County
Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Alaina Uscio, City of Upper Arlington

Guests Attending Remotely

Mike Anderson
Chelsea Barnett, Franklin County
Anthony Bocija, City of Delaware
Nate Dedrick, City of Logan
Deandra Quiero, City of Circleville

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Jim Stanley, City of Circleville
Brent Welch, FCEO
Sheila Willamowski Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

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

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

Auditor of State Award with Distinction – Scott Brown, Ohio Auditor of State’s Office Regional Liaison

Scott Brown presented MORPC the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. The Ohio Auditor’s Office audits approximately 6,000 entities each year and less than four percent are eligible for this award. The award represents that the entire organization has the people and processes in place that understand fiscal accountability.

Nominating Committee Report – Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), MORPC Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall presented the Nominating Committee Report for Nominating Committee Chair Ben Kessler. She thanked Nominating Committee members Ben Kessler, Jeff Benton, Kris Long, Mike Schadek, and Ben Collins for their work. The Nominating Committee met in July to discuss two vacancies on the Executive Committee and makes the following recommendations:

- James Jewell, Prairie Township Administrator, for the remainder of a one-year term (expires 2025)
- Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, City of Columbus Councilmember, for the remainder of a two-year term (expires 2026)

Election of Executive Committee Vacancies – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

Chair Amorose Groomes opened the floor for nominations; no nominations were made. Joe Antram made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations, second by Elissa Schneider; motion passed.

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

Eileen Leuby welcomed new Commission representative Paul Brake and members of the 2024 Summer Intern Class:

- Sarah Ameiche, City of Columbus
- Vera Anderson, Village of New Lexington
- Eddie Baran, City of Grove City
- Anthony Bocija, City of Delaware
- Ethan Chapman, Village of Somerset
- Nate Dedrick, City of Logan
- Justin Feasel, Village of Somerset
- Matthew Gerstner, MORPC
- Matt Goodhart, City of Gahanna
- Isaiah Heyman, Union County
- Cal Horning, City of Hilliard
- Claire Huffman, Village of Plain City
- Max Matheny, City of Columbus
- Meghan Means, MORPC

- Sophia Morales, City of Grove City
- Ally Pasanen, Village of Hebron
- Claire Payauys, Violet Township
- Tyler Phelps, COTA
- Deandre Quiero, City of Circleville
- Ciara Reitz, Village of Buckeye Lake
- Griffin Roberts, Licking County
- Charlie Schneider, City of Gahanna
- Alaina Uscio, City of Upper Arlington

Recognition of Nick Gill – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair and William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Chair Amorose Grooms and William Murdock recognized and honored Nick Gill for his 31 years of service to MORPC. During his time at MORPC, Mr. Gill worked on seven Metropolitan Transportation Plans; every corner in the region was touched and shaped in a positive way through his vision and hard work. He was also instrumental in leading through different transitions at MORPC.

Mr. Gill shared how he started at MORPC as an intern and how his career progressed. He thanked Commission members stating that they as leaders and their staff make it easy to work with and makes his job enjoyable. He values the atmosphere of collaboration at MORPC that provides the best opportunity to succeed and try new things. He appreciates MORPC's work/life balance, the opportunity to empower and teach others, and the ability to work at MORPC for all these years. Mr. Gill thanked everyone for the recognition.

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

William Murdock gave the [Executive's Director Report](#). Mr. Murdock stated how honored MORPC is to have Ohio State University President Ted Carter at the Pre-Commission Luncheon. Mr. Murdock thanked Mayor Bivens, Mayor Hall, and Mayor Amorose Grooms for participating on the panel.

Mr. Murdock thanked the summer interns for their service this year.

Mr. Murdock congratulated MORPC Chief Operating Officer Shawn Hufstедler, MORPC Accounting Manager Alisa Obukhova, and MORPC Finance Director Steve Armstrong for the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.

Mr. Murdock announced Maria Schaper is the new Transportation Study Director and he is close to naming the new Chief Regional Planning Officer. Recordings of the weekly Money Mondays are available on YouTube.

MORPC received significant media coverage over the last few months. Mr. Murdock thanked MORPC Interim Senior Director of Communications & Engagement Ralonda Hampton and MORPC Information Manager Melissa Rapp for getting the news out.

MORPC's Annual Salary and Fringe Benefit Survey will be ready by early September.

The 208 Process Review Committee, chaired by Tom Homan, kicked off. Mayor Jadwin will give more information in her report. The committee is exploring new ways to navigate Central Ohio sewer provision issues. Their recommendations will come to the Commission.

The Passenger Rail Committee, chaired by Terry Emery, is charged with navigating passenger rail questions. The committee kicked off in July and generated articles at sixteen different media outlets. In other passenger rail news, the City of Fort Wayne, MORPC, and the City of Pittsburgh began contract work with HNTB on the Midwest Connect route. In the last two months, MORPC has met with Amtrak's Network Development Chief, the Federal Railroad Administration, all 3C&D partners,

the City of Fort Wayne, the City of Pittsburgh, and the Governor's Officer. We are meeting the Ohio Rail Development Commission soon.

While Mr. Gill will give a full report, Mr. Murdock highlighted two things about LinkUS. Partners are boiling down their message to help communities in the COTA service territory talk about this. It is more transit, more COTA, building more sidewalks, paths, and trails, and it is more opportunity to connect people to jobs. Two weeks ago, the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Group, led by City of Dublin City Manager Megan O'Callaghan, announced the first ever Regional Capital Improvements Plan for sidewalks and trails. The collaboration includes over 80 multi-jurisdictional projects. The plan is in a public comment period.

MORPC's [Mid-Ohio Open Data](#) (MOOD) website is a one-stop location for maps, forecasts and more. If you need help with the website, we offer eight free hours of help with navigation to MORPC members.

MORPC housing resources include:

- Free housing, lead abatement, and weatherization services for Franklin County residents (we can direct you to organizations outside Franklin County offering the same services)
- Tailored programs for communities

MORPC is applying for the second round of PRO Housing Grant funds this year. These funds could be used for technical assistance for communities, updating zoning codes, and expanding home repair and weatherization programs.

MORPC is leading a National Housing Working Group with the National Association of Regional Councils. We are working with other regional councils and communities around the country to see what else we can be doing and learning from them. MORPC Principal Planner Jonathan Miller is the staff lead.

The Grant Opportunity of the Month is the USDA's Rural Utilities Service Broadband Technical Assistance grant. There is no cost share or matching requirement for the up to \$1 million grant. The application deadline is August 20.

Mr. Murdock congratulated MORPC members named to Columbus Business First's Women of Influence: Franklin County Commissioner Erica Crawley and City of Dublin City Manager Megan O'Callaghan.

Mr. Murdock congratulated the City of Hilliard for being named a 2024-2025 Best Hometown by Ohio Magazine.

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

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

- Completed Events
- Monthly Membership Newsletter
- Member Visits
- Summer Intern Program
- New Member Benefit from Ohio University – Ohio Online
- New Member Benefit from Otterbein University
- Ohio University Leadership Academy
- Upcoming Events
- Placemaking
- Return on Investment

Economic Development Update – Padmini Roy-Dixon, MORPC Economic Development Director & Regional Innovation Officer

Padmini Roy-Dixon presented [Driving Economic Growth in Central Ohio](#). Ms. Roy-Dixon shared the last six months the MORPC Team were listening and learning. We met with over 65 stakeholders and partners around the 11-county Economic Development District (EDD) and hosted two economic development forums. The focus of the meetings was to hear from the communities about their priorities, future projects and identify barriers to development.

Issues raised include housing, public utility capacity, workforce, capacity building and community-based planning. The conversations and insights frame our work's purpose which is to enable and empower communities of Central Ohio to acquire resources to drive investments and achieve economic prosperity.

While economic development planning is a new function at MORPC, it is not a new concept. Economic development is closely related to many of the long-range planning MORPC already does. Our role in economic development planning is to prepare communities for the development that is coming.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) approved MORPC's application to become an 11-county Economic Development District (EDD) in September 2023. While there are other EDDs in the state, ours is the largest metropolitan area in Ohio to achieve this designation. The EDD opens doors for local communities to access grant and loan funding opportunities, administrative resources, technical assistance data, and more.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a regional blueprint for economic development. Ross, Hocking and Perry Counties are part of other EDDs. The CEDS Steering Committee is responsible for the development, implementation, or revision of the CEDS and advises the EDD Board.

Central Ohio is within a one-day drive of forty-five percent of the U.S. population. Fifteen percent of the state's freight valued at \$36 billion moves through the Central Ohio region. A strong economy depends on the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of its goods, making freight coordination one of our key functions. Last month, MORPC applied for a U.S. EDA planning grant to develop a regionwide freight study.

The Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program identifies priority projects to help obtain funding for those projects. The CAP program also creates awareness about the projects with state and federal officials.

Redeveloping brownfields to make the site operational is an economic development activity. MORPC will collaborate with stakeholders and partners to build an inventory of priority brownfield sites in Central Ohio and identify funding resources to develop them as potential projects.

Team Members work with communities on supporting grant applications. The [Drive Investment Portal](#), launched in December 2023, is a free member resource. The database includes information on active and projected grant and loan programs from federal, state, and local organizations, as well as private foundations tailored to accommodate diverse projects and funding requirements.

Ms. Roy-Dixon shared products and resources available to members:

- Strategic planning
- Grant writing and administration
- Technical assistance

- Economic Development Academy (coming soon)
- Brownfield revitalization
- Drive Investment newsletter

Next steps include:

- Convene CEDS Committee & EDD Board
- Develop regionwide freight plan
- CAP refresh
- Reimagine Brownfields work
- Access state & federal funding resources
- Stakeholder outreach and building awareness
- Nurture relationships with strategic partners
- Launch [webpage](#)

Ms. Roy-Dixon recognized the Economic Development Team of Grants Coordinator Preston Frick and Economic Development Planner Aubrey Hauter.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Christina Drummond (City of Powell), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

Christina Drummond presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Leaders Listen Housing Actionable Insights Report is available online at www.morpc.org/leaderslisten.

MORPC updated and expanded the land use map. For the first time, the map includes Logan, Fayette, Ross, Hocking, and Perry Counties which are located outside the Columbus MSA. The 2050 small area population, household, and job projections are available down to quarter-mile grids. The data is supporting much of MORPC's work, including the Regional Water study, hydrology modeling and resiliency planning.

Planning for Data Day 2025 is in progress. The theme is oriented around trusting data. Additional education events include one focused around equity and inclusion and making sure data is supporting everyone in the community. The other event focuses on securing data for decision making.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Councilmember Barroso de Padilla thanked the Commission as she is excited to be joining the Executive Committee. She invited members to attend one of the nine LinkUS Town Halls the City of Columbus is hosting. Other LinkUS partners are hosting regional Town Halls. Visit www.morpc.org/moresidewalks to see the TSI map of 83 projects with more than 150 miles of new sidewalks, bikeways, and trails. The public comment period is open until August 23.

The Public Policy Agenda Working Group began meeting to launch work on the Public Policy Agenda. The agenda will be presented to the Executive Committee and Commission for adoption. The agenda is used to advocate for all members on issues that we care most about in every part of the region. The next Public Policy Agenda Working Group meeting is August 20.

The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is August 22. Congressman Mike Carey is the special guest.

- **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:
 - Community relations
 - Accomplishments from the Public Policy Agenda
 - One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) and Capital Bill
 - Special Money Monday on September 9 regarding the OTSCIF and Capital Bill
 - Passenger rail
 - Congressional Directed Spending – 19 regional projects
 - Federal Transportation Reauthorization
 - Economic Development Reauthorization
 - RAISE grants
 - HB 79 – Energy Efficiency
 - HB 497 – County Law
 - HB 315 – Townships
 - HB 536 – Mandatory Seat Belt
 - Columbus Regional Airport Authority one of fourteen sites to receive thumbs up for a Defense Community Infrastructure Program Grant
 - Ohio Public Works Commission funding

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

Laurie Jadwin presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). The Summit on Sustainability is October 29 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Register at morpc.org/summit.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee updates the Regional Sustainability Agenda every four years. The Regional Sustainability Agenda is the guiding document for members and partners to work toward common goals and is the framework used for Sustainable2050 tier status certification. A subcommittee is meeting to develop the updated agenda. The process concludes with Commission adoption in March 2025.

Due to regional growth, MORPC is considering becoming a designated Areawide Planning Agency, which formalizes MORPC's 208 planning role with expanded responsibilities like boundary modifications and dispute resolution for sewer service areas. Over the past several years MORPC did some 208 planning on behalf of Ohio EPA. An areawide designation will bring more decision-making processes to the region. The 208 Process Review Committee, led by Tom Homan, began meeting in June to explore best practices of other areawide planning agencies. The committee seeks to develop a policy suited to Central Ohio's needs, bringing value to the region by defining processes and encouraging collaborative planning for future wastewater needs that align with community plans. The committee will recommend a policy for an areawide agency designation. The recommendation will come to the Commission for approval. After approval, MORPC will work with Ohio EPA on a public engagement process and seek approval from the Governor and U.S. EPA. The next 208 process review committee meeting is August 19.

Mayor Jadwin invited members to the August 27 Central Ohio Greenways Summer Forum which includes an optional lunch and kayaking.

Upcoming meetings include:

- Sustainable2050 – August 15, Del-Co Water
- Regional Water Study Update – August 28, Virtual
- Sustainability Advisory Committee – September 18, NBBJ

Transportation Policy Committee – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

Chair Amorose Grooms called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:54 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:59 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Joe Stefanov made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Lourdes Barroso de Padilla; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 13-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Purchasing Services Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The ODOT Director may permit any political subdivision as defined in Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code to participate in contracts into which the director has entered for purchases.

ODOT maintains competitive bid contracts for items that are bought throughout the year. Purchasing off the ODOT program is similar but separate from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of State Purchasing.

This resolution will be submitted to ODOT Purchasing Services for authorization. After ODOT's authorization, MORPC will place orders and pay invoices directly with the vendor.

Attachment: Resolution 13-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Grooms
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 13-24

"Authorizing the executive director to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program"

WHEREAS, Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides eligible political subdivisions to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Purchasing Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for purchases; and

WHEREAS, purchases will include various lift equipped light transit, modified mini vans or accessible vehicles; and

WHEREAS, according to the definition of political subdivision in Section 5513.01 (B) of the ORC, a regional planning commission is eligible to purchase off ODOT's Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts; now therefore,

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

Section 1. That the executive director hereby requests authority in the name of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) contracts for the purchase of items which the department has entered into pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5513.01 (B).

Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to agree in the name of MORPC to be bound by all terms and conditions as the ODOT, Director of Transportation prescribes.

Section 3. That the executive director is hereby authorized to agree in the name of MORPC to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which MORPC participates, for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

Section 4. That MORPC agrees to be responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program under Section 5513.01 (8) of the ORC. MORPC agrees to waive any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program which MORPC may have or claim to have against ODOT or its employees, unless such liability is the result of negligence on the part of ODOT or its employees.

Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to approve change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 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

Date

Effective date: September 12, 2024
Submitted by: Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
Prepared by: Programming Staff
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: September 12, 2024