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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, December 12, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA - AMENDED

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

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

4. **Proposed Resolution 19-24: “Accepting the Village of Alexandria as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
5. **Proposed Resolution 20-24: “Accepting the City of Marion as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
6. **Proposed Resolution 17-24: “Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2025”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

Committees

7. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Jeff Stauch (Union County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair
8. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Proposed Resolution 18-24: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda”** – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
9. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
 - **Proposed Resolution 21-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to serve as the liaison for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”** – Jessica Kuenzli, MORPC Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
10. **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. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**

- 1) Approval of **November 14, 2024 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 2) **Proposed Resolution T-13-24: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**
- 3) **Proposed Resolution T-14-24: “Support the 2025 ODOT Safety Performance Measure Targets”**

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

11. Commission Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of **November 14, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Proposed Resolution 22-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program”**
- c. **Proposed Resolution 23-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and procure consulting services to execute the 2024 Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Funding Award”**
- d. **Proposed Resolution 24-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio State University (OSU) Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) to execute the FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award”**
- e. **Proposed Resolution 25-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program funding and enter into related subcontracts”**
- f. **Proposed Resolution 26-24: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) round 2 funding and enter into related subcontracts”**
- g. **Proposed Resolution 27-24: “To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing**

and Urban Development (HUD) for \$2,000,000 to be utilized over a time period of 42 months to perform the remediation of health and safety hazards in homes”

- h. **Proposed Resolution 28-24:** “To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for \$2,000,000 to be utilized over a time period of 36 months to perform the testing and remediation of mold and radon”
- i. **Proposed Resolution 29-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to file applications, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Administration (FTA) and the State of Ohio, as authorized under the Federal Transit Laws and the State of Ohio laws executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval”
- j. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

12. Other Business

2:45 p.m.

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

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The next Commission Meeting is
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MORPC Monthly Agency Report
November 2024

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

208 Planning and Areawide Designation Process

The 208 committee continues to review and provide input on key decisions, such as the operational structure and funding considerations for standing up a designated areawide planning agency. MORPC anticipates completing these initial steps for establishing an Areawide Planning Agency in the first quarter of 2025 for Board consideration. Following approval, MORPC will work with the Ohio EPA to conduct a public engagement process with affected stakeholders.

Regional Water Study

The Central Ohio Regional Water Study consultants requested an extension through February to complete the Water Study. The delay is due to significant modeling efforts to account for numerous growth and weather scenarios over the next few decades. It is expected that the consultants will hold a Licking County Specific Workshop with elected officials in mid-December, with the full report occurring sometime in February 2025. Previous webinar recordings and slide deck information can be accessed [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page to the Regional Water Study section.

Transportation Safety

Team Members are collaborating with the Heart of Ohio Family Health Center since they were awarded an [AARP 2024 Community Challenge Grant](#) to conduct walk audits in the Whitehall community. MORPC coordinated and led two walk audits, engaging community members, along with staff from COTA, Franklin County Public Health, the Age Friendly Innovation Center, and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office.

Team Members participated in the following safety committee meetings:

- Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Board
- Central Ohio Alliance for Safe Transportation

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

In celebration of their tenth anniversary, the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) hosted “COMTO Columbus Week.” MORPC joined the signature event as a community partner. Councilmember Barroso de Padilla recognized COMTO at a Columbus City Council meeting with a council resolution.

MORPC’s DE&I Committee organized a guided tour to the National Veterans Memorial & Museum in honor of Veterans Day. This museum is the only site in the country that honors veterans from each branch of service.

Team Members facilitated a virtual “Coffee and Chat,” hosted by the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium. The event promoted a culture of belonging and informed attendees how this contributes to higher engagement within the workplace.

Gohio Commute

Gohio Commute welcomed a new vanpool from Chillicothe to the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Clinic. Team Members promoted Gohio Commute at the Licking County Chamber HR Management meeting and the Nationwide Children’s Health & Benefits Fair.

Active Transportation Planning

The 2025 Active Transportation Committee meetings are: January 29, April 23, July 30, and October 29. New members are welcome to join. Reach out to Lauren Cardoni (lcardoni@morpc.org) if interested.

ODOT announced a special Active Transportation focused funding solicitation toward the end of October. Team Members are sharing information and collaborating with local partners to assist with developing funding applications for this unique opportunity. The funding is available to any political subdivision within the State of Ohio. Many types of projects, studies, and other initiatives are eligible.

MORPC is available to assist with upcoming Safe Routes to School funding applications and provide letters of support for those applications. Contact Lauren Cardoni (lcardoni@morpc.org) if you need assistance.

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, December 18, on: “*University Transportation Centers 101: An Overview of the UTC Program and Exploring How Practitioners Can Engage the Process.*”

Team Members participated in the following active transportation meetings and events:

- Gahanna Transportation and Mobility Plan Steering Committee and Technical Workshops with Jeff Speck
- ODOT Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- OSU Active Transportation Advisory Group
- Ohio Statewide Active Transportation Conference Planning Committee

Technical Assistance Program

MORPC awarded four new Technical Assistance services for the 2025 program:

- Village of Galena – Complete Streets Safety Audit
- City of Hilliard – Trail Town Visioning & Wayfinding Study
- City of Gahanna – Capital Improvement Plan Visualization Tool
- City of Grove City – Transit-Support Infrastructure Planning on US-62

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The COG Board met November 20 and heard Working Group, legislative, partner, and program updates. The board also discussed the progress of Regional Trail Vision.

- The COG Trail Towns Working Group is developing a brand for the program. The group continues to build consensus around the brand and is seeking funding to refine the brand with a designer. The group is also seeking funding for a Trail Town Ambassador Training Program, the Trail Towns in the Nation’s Heartland Project, and Operational Funding.

In 2025, Central Ohio Greenways will begin adding “Gateways of Regional Significance” to the map to identify existing and proposed locations for premier trail heads that offer the amenities trail users need to travel the trails safely and comfortably.

Central Ohio Blueways

Central Ohio Blueways Working Groups continue to prioritize and define their 2025 goals. The Environmental Stewardship Working Group is focusing on assembling guidance for Onion Bag Project Installations. The User Experience Working Group continues to advance the formation of a hazard removal consortium. The Water Trail Designation Working Group is refining an editable field map to distribute to communities along the waterways so they can provide details on amenities at access points, and any useful information on the waterways’ navigability and seasonality.

Regional Housing Strategy

Team Members continue having conversations around housing issues with MORPC member communities. Staff continues to promote the identification of barriers and solutions related to housing for members through connections with MORPC’s Community Assistance Programs and by giving presentations to councils and other organizations. Team Members continue to identify ways to expand upon the previous work of the regional Housing Strategy.

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 December 18 at the Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley and includes a special holiday celebration. Team Members are working to confirm 2025 member appointments. If you are interested in being considered or would like to make a recommendation for SAC membership, contact Brandi Whetstone (bwhetsone@morpc.org).

- The Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee met November 22 and continues refining goals and objectives to promote sustainable, healthy, and resilient communities throughout Central Ohio. The next meeting is January 23, 2025. For more information, contact Brandi Whetstone (bwhetstone@morpc.org).

Sustainable2050

The next Sustainable2050 meeting is December 5. The agenda includes updates on the Regional Sustainability Agenda and a presentation from Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health, about a recent countywide tree canopy study in partnership with the City of Columbus.

Sustainable2050 membership is open to all MORPC members, and current Sustainable2050 members interested in earning their tier status certification should contact Brandi Whetstone (bwhetstone@morpc.org). A certification workbook will be provided, and a kick-off meeting is encouraged to review the process. Once a completed workbook is submitted and reviewed, the next step is to present the proposed certification to the SAC for approval.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The next Sustaining Scioto Board Meeting is December 11 and will focus on the transition to a Regional Water Advisory Council. The proposed Regional Water Advisory Council will continue to advance broad regional water priorities including sustainable water resource management, climate resiliency, and adaptation in the face of growth, development, and changing weather patterns.

Energy & Air Quality

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met November 20 and heard updates on the Central Ohio Climate Action Plan. The work group is looking for candidates to serve as Chair and Vice Chair. If interested, contact Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

MORPC is in the final stages of awarding and contracting out the full scope of work for the \$2 million U.S. DOT/FHWA Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC RAA) award to repair and/or replace non-operational EV chargers throughout the 15-county region. Team Members plan on starting EVC RAA work this month and progressing into 2025 to fulfill the award completion deadline of August 2025.

MORPC is moving forward with finalizing the grant agreement with FHWA on the \$15 million MORE EVS project award to install over 400 EV charging ports in thirteen counties as part of the U.S. DOT/FHWA's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Round 1B Program. As soon as the grant agreement is completed, MORPC will issue an RFI to set up the RFP process. Reach out to Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org) for more information.

Work on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Central Ohio Climate Action Plan (COCAP) continues. The COCAP Team, led by Sustainable Columbus, MORPC, and others continues to develop a more comprehensive climate action plan and pollution reduction strategies through the COCAP for the 10-county Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area. MORPC completed the regional greenhouse gas inventory which will serve as a roadmap and benchmark mitigation strategies developed over the coming months. For more information, visit the [COCAP website](#) or email Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

Team Members, in partnership with Franklin County Public Health, made great progress on the U.S. EPA funded air monitoring project. Under the advisement of the air quality modeling consultant, Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, MORPC created an interactive map of where sensors should be deployed and began sharing this with local community partners. MORPC extended the deadline for sensor deployment to December 31 to ensure the best possible placements for analyzing local PM2.5 levels within Franklin County. Of the forty newest Purple Air sensors, fifteen were installed by the end of November and the remaining 25 are scheduled for installation in the coming weeks.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The RDAC met October 1.

- Cyber Security Working Group: The Working Group met November 19 to discuss takeaways from the October 31 “*Cybersecurity for Local Leaders*” event. Four MORPC member communities and one community stakeholder signed up to engage with the Working Group for assistance in advancing their cybersecurity objectives. Interested parties should complete a Cybersecurity Working Group Interest [Form](#).
- Data Day Working Group: The Working Group sent out a Call for Proposals for Data Day 2025. The group is also focusing their efforts on identifying potential morning and lunch speakers. Send speaker suggestions to Jordan Inskeep at jinskeep@morpc.org.
- DEI & Data Working Group: The Working Group met November 19 to evaluate progress and identify support needed to complete proposals for DEI-focused sessions to be held at Data Day 2025.
- Regional Data Coaching Working Group: The Working Group met November 21 to coordinate marketing and coverage for their second pop-up event at the Columbus Metropolitan Main Library on December 7. Members also discussed 2025 outreach plans.
- Workforce and Job Quality Working Group: The Working Group met November 21 and continued to define regional standards associated with five dimensions of job quality: earnings, schedules, benefits, safety/security, and learning/development.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group: The group met November 2, GIS Day. Andrew Wilson, City of Hilliard, presented on ArcPro, with discussions on all things GIS, including potential future uses of ESRI AI assistants and the steep data management requirements needed to efficiently leverage some of ESRI’s more advanced features.
- Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG): RIDG met November 13. The meeting focused on Data Privacy. The next RIDG meeting is in the first quarter of 2025. The RIDG Steering Committee and MORPC Team Members are working to develop topics for 2025 and evaluating the structure and charter of the Committee to assess areas for improvement and streamlining.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members expect to launch the next Leaders Listen Survey in early December.

Team Members are collaborating with a group of graduate students in The Ohio State University Master of Translational Data Analytics program to conduct a property tax productivity analysis (aka “value per acre”) for parcels in Delaware County. Past studies in other locations revealed that traditional walkable neighborhoods characteristic of those built prior to World War II produce significantly more tax value per acre than automobile-oriented development characteristic of post-WWII development patterns. The project is structured as a two-semester capstone course ending May 2025. The students are carrying out the analysis under supervision from MORPC Staff. A key project goal is that the analysis will be reproducible and easily adaptable to other counties. The processes for working with county parcel data may also facilitate other critical MORPC work including sub-county population estimates.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

With the passage of the transit levy, MORPC continues to work with COTA, the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and other partners to implement the LinkUS initiative, including the formalization of the transit-supportive infrastructure program, equitable transit-oriented development policies, bus rapid transit corridor planning, and initial fixed-route and COTA/Plus services enhancements.

Passenger Rail

MORPC continues to work with the City of Fort Wayne on planning for the Midwest Connect corridor between Chicago and Pittsburgh. Staff participated in a Rally for Rail and panel discussion in late October. Representatives from the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Committee (COPRC) also met with Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon Tucker to discuss short- and long-term goals and to strengthen interregional collaboration.

The Central Ohio Passenger Rail Committee met November 12 and heard updates from the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), the Midwest Connect consultant team, and Amtrak.

ORDC is accepting public comments on the State Rail Plan update, including topics related to passenger rail, through an online survey. The survey is available at <https://metroquestsurvey.com/isd72>. Comments or questions may be submitted to staterailplan@dot.ohio.gov through the end of December.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)/Economic Development District

MORPC hosted a panel, *The Future of Infrastructure: Building a Blueprint for Tomorrow*, at the December 6 ED411. Panelists from Nevada, Arizona and Texas shared lessons learned whilst securing large scale projects, including how they addressed regional challenges and prepared the region for transformative growth.

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation, MORPC is hosting a Rickenbacker Area Freight Alliance workshop on December 16. The purpose of the workshop is to create synergies between ongoing economic development initiatives in the area and the planned transportation infrastructure investments to meet the needs of this important regional economic asset.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Team Members ensured applications for MORPC Attributable Funds, OPWC, and other infrastructure funding and technical assistance programs were evaluated in congruence with adopted MTP goals.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

The relaunch of the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program is on hold until federal funding priorities, particularly those of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, are clear.

Brownfield Assessments

MORPC applied to the U.S. EPA's Community Wide Brownfield Assessment grant on November 12. If successful, this grant could fund phases 1 and 2 of hazardous material assessments as well as clean up planning. The grant targets the Linden and South Side Area of Columbus as well as Mt. Vernon in Knox County but all members will be able to utilize funds. Award announcements are likely in Q2 2025.

Federal Competitive Programs

The United States Department of Transportation opened the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY25 grant program on November 1. The current solicitation includes two rounds of funding where only applications that obtained a Project of Merit status in the previous RAISE round can participate in round one. MORPC's application, titled "Trail Towns in the Nation's Heartland Planning Project" was a Project of Merit in the previous RAISE round and was resubmitted into round one of the current RAISE solicitation.

The United States Department of Transportation opened the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) program on October 28. MORPC is interested in participating in this program to assist with delivery of Transit Supportive Infrastructure that is included in LinkUS. The grant could also help inform the implementation of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) vision. MORPC leadership will meet to discuss next steps.

MORPC established a process for Letters of Support requests. The process will not only help Central Ohio communities and other partners receive MORPC's support letters in a timely manner but will also help track and record internally the letters provided for different funding opportunities. You can find the link [here](#).

Drive Investment Portal

The Drive Investment Portal is a free member resource with up-to-date information on active and proposed funding opportunities to help finance regional priorities. For any questions, contact Preston Frick at pfrick@morpc.org.

Mobility Management

Team Members created a "Getting Around Franklin County" guide to highlight the available transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities. The guide is available to the public and interested agencies.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

The 5310 Advisory Committee met to select awards for the 2024 solicitation cycle. Fifteen recipients are recommended for a total of \$1,760,329 in federal funding.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The CORPO Committee met November 4 and appointed Jeff Stauch (Union County Engineer) the new chair and Brian Ball (City of Mount Vernon Engineer) the new vice chair.

Team Members began the process of drafting the 2026-2029 CORPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with rural consultation at the September CORPO Subcommittee meetings and continued this month with submitting documentation from the rural consultation meetings, attending training sessions for the E-STIP platform and beginning the drafting of the TIP document.

The Functional Classification Review process started with a training session at the beginning of the month. CORPO will be coordinating with counties and local jurisdictions to complete the Functional Classification Review process over the next year to be submitted to ODOT and FHWA by August 2025.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Team Members prepared a TIP amendment for consideration by CAC, TAC, and the Transportation Policy Committee in December. Coordination with ODOT is ongoing for smaller administrative modifications to the TIP.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

Staff provided applicants to the MORPC-Attributable Funds program with draft scores for their applications in early November. Applicants were offered the opportunity to discuss their draft scores and provide clarification where needed. Revised draft scores were shared with applicants on November 22. The AFC reviewed these scores and discussed funding scenarios at their December 4 meeting.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

Applicants to District 3 (Franklin County) for FY26 SCIP/LTIP assistance were provided draft scores for their applications in early November. Applicants were offered the opportunity to meet with MORPC Staff, who scored the applications, to discuss their scores and provide clarification of their applications where needed. The District 3 PWIC reviewed these scores at their December 6 meeting.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

The District 3 Natural Resource Assistance Council met November 4 and recommended five projects totaling approximately \$4.9 million for Clean Ohio Funding in the FY 2025 cycle.

Rank by Score	Applicant	Project Name	Total Project Cost	COCF Amount Requested	Total COCF Awarded
1	Prairie Twp.	Hellbranch Preserve	\$1,784,000	\$1,338,000	\$1,338,000
2	Metro Parks	Little Darby Watershed Acquisition	\$2,390,000	\$1,792,500	\$1,792,500
3	Columbus	Cooke Woods Preservation Project	\$1,202,380	\$841,665	\$841,665
4	Metro Parks	Georges Creek Acquisition	\$530,000	\$318,000.00	\$318,000.00
5	Columbus	Whitethorne Woods Protection	\$991,250	\$693,875.00	\$693,875.00
					\$4,984,040

Preliminary Screeners for FY 2026 are due June 2025. For more information about Clean Ohio funding for Franklin County, contact Edwina Teye at (ETeye@morpc.org) or visit MORPC’s Clean Ohio Fund [website](#).

Money Mondays

MORPC hosted the following Money Monday sessions:

- November 18 – Grants and Financial Reporting
- December 2 – EPA’s \$8 Million for Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Upcoming sessions:

- December 9 – State and Federal Funding to Support Strategic Priority Projects in Upper Arlington
- December 16 – Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

Team Members completed ten member visits.

Member Benefits

MORPC added two educational partnerships with Capital University and the Columbus College of Art and Design.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- November 14 – Pre-Commission Luncheon with Stephen Steinour
- November 19 – STEPZ Workshop

Public Involvement & Engagement

Team Members participated in the following opportunities:

- COTA's Adopt-a-Stop
- Who's Who in Black Columbus
- National Center for Urban Solutions "UpliftHer" community forum

MORPC promoted the following through social media and on our website: STEPZ Workshop, Community Advisory Committee applications, CURA & MORPC Housing Forum, Data Day registration, Air Quality Neighborhood Monitoring.

MORPC's Residential Services department is being promoted to Franklin County residents through billboard advertisements to increase awareness for low-income homeowners and renters.

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

STEPZ Workshop

MORPC hosted the Strategic Training for Effective Planning and Zoning (STEPZ) Workshop for Planning Officials aimed at training and providing context for elected and appointed planning officials for MORPC's Member Communities. The workshop featured sessions on the roles and responsibilities of planning commissions and zoning boards, connecting the work of these entities to community planning as a whole, and discussions around the legalities of zoning and how to interact with engaged members of the public. The workshop also featured an interactive element in partnership with the Urban Land Institute where attendees received firsthand experience in the role of a developer.

The second STEPZ workshop; *STEPZ: Planning Staff* is in May 2025. If you have any questions about the event and how it can assist your community's planning commissions and boards of zoning appeals, contact Tunazzina Alam (talam@morpc.org).

Planner Pool Program

MORPC is assembling a list of fixed-fee services that relate to the most common issues communities in Central Ohio are experiencing. Any and all suggestions on potential services are welcome. If you have suggestions for services that MORPC should be offering through the Planner Pool, contact Jonathan Miller at jmiller@morpc.org.

Members are invited to submit applications for assistance from the Planner Pool Program. MORPC is accepting projects related to planning, zoning, and sustainability.

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.

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.

Team Members are reviewing the community assistance provided through the Consultant Services and Planner Pool Programs to identify potential additions. If there is any specific topic or area of planning that you think should be included in the community assistance services that MORPC provides, please contact Jonathan Miller at jmiller@morpc.org.

Consultant Services Program

Team Members are working on opening prequalification for 2025. New eligible services will include cost estimating and feasibility studies.

If you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) you would like advertised through the Consultant Services Program or need assistance with writing an RFP, reach out to consultantservices@morpc.org for additional information.

Finance Updates

The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) for 2025 was submitted and is awaiting ODOT approval. The 2025 agency budget and appropriations are prepared and ready for Commission review and approval.

MORPC in the News

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

Personnel Updates

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Programming Executive Assistant
- Programming Intern
- Energy Auditor

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:

- Leaders Listen: Economic Development – Public Opinion Survey
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs

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



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: November 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 19-24: **“Accepting the Village of Alexandria as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On November 7, 2024, the Village Council of the Village of Alexandria passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the Village of Alexandria as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The 2025 dues assessed to the Village of Alexandria will be \$1,250.

Attachment: Resolution 19-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 19-24

“Accepting the Village of Alexandria as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the Village of Alexandria recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continue growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alexandria has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alexandria will be assessed dues based on the 2024 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2024, the Village Council of the Village of Alexandria passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the Village of Alexandria is accepted as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by the Village of Alexandria is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That 2025 dues will be assessed to the Village of Alexandria in the amount of \$1,250.
- Section 4. That the Village of Alexandria is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Village based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. 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 6. 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

Resolution 19-24

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Effective date:	January 1, 2025
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	December 12, 2024



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: November 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 20-24: **“Accepting the City of Marion as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On October 28, 2024, the City Council of the City of Marion passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the City of Marion as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The 2025 dues assessed to the City of Marion will be \$15,992.

Attachment: Resolution 20-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 20-24

“Accepting the City of Marion as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the City of Marion recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continue growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marion has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marion will be assessed dues based on the 2024 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2024, the City Council of the City of Marion passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the City of Marion is accepted as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2025.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that two (2) representatives appointed by the City of Marion are eligible to serve as voting members on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That 2025 dues will be assessed to the City of Marion in the amount of \$15,992.
- Section 4. That the City of Marion is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the City based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. 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 6. 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

Resolution 20-24

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 17-24: **“Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2025”**

This resolution establishes an agency operating budget of \$30,436,359 for calendar year 2025 and sets authorized appropriation levels for the agency operating and capital expenditures budget line items.

The full 2025 operating budget document with comparisons to the 2024 budget and an executive summary highlighting key elements of the 2025 budget is attached.

The proposed transfers are as follows:

- Transfer \$1,000,000 out of the Operating Reserve to the main operating account.
 - This transfer will only occur, if needed, in accordance with the operating reserve policy.
- Transfer \$1,000,000 into the Operating Reserve to transfer (if needed) member dues funding to increase the Operating Reserve and return the funds transferred as noted above, if applicable.
- Transfer \$50,000 out of the Operating Reserve to the main operating account.
 - This transfer authorization is for the management reserve, if needed, to fund new intended revenue-generating activity and/or relatively minor shortages in funding for certain programs.
- Transfer \$100,000 out of the main operating account to the Operating Reserve.
 - This authorization is for the purpose of transferring positive net income from certain program groups to be invested in the Operating and Management Reserves in accordance with the Operating Reserve Policy.

Attachment: Resolution 17-24

William Murdock, AICP
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RESOLUTION 17-24

“Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2025”

WHEREAS, the Commission annually adopts the agency budget and fund account appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the finance team, working with the executive director and all MORPC departments, has formulated the 2025 Budget and fund account appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the 2025 Budget and fund account appropriations and recommends adoption; now therefore,

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

Section 1. That the operating budget attached as page 6 of the 2025 Budget is adopted.

Section 2. That the finance director is hereby authorized and directed to adopt the 2025 fund appropriations as shown below and transfer funds up to the amounts listed in the transfer appropriation lines below.

Fund No.	Org. No.	Franklin County Object Code	Account Title	2025 Appropriations Budget
9013	13570	510000	Salaries	\$8,353,029
9013	13570	515000	Fringe Benefits	\$3,125,884
9013	13570	520000	Services & Charges and Materials	\$16,261,222
9013	13570	539500	Board Member Reimbursements	\$30,000
9013	13570	554000	Grants to Non-Profit Organizations and Governments	\$2,383,040
9013	13570	540000	Capital outlay – Furniture, Equipment & Leasehold Improvements	\$97,500
			TOTAL	\$30,250,675
			Transfer for Operating Reserve	
9042	42570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$1,000,000
9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$1,000,000
9013	13570	573300	Transfer Appropriation - Out	\$1,000,000
9042	42570	473300	Transfer Appropriation - In	\$1,000,000
			Transfer for Management Reserve	
9042	42570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$50,000

9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$50,000
9013	13570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$100,000
9042	42570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$100,000

- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That the finance director is authorized and directed to make any necessary allocation changes within a single fund of the appropriations up to 5 percent of the total appropriations to accommodate operating and accounting requirements of the Commission.
- Section 5. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: January 1, 2025
 Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
 Prepared by: Steve Armstrong, Finance Director
 Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
 For action date: December 12, 2024
 Attachment: 2025 Budget



MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2025 BUDGET



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MORPC 2025 operating budget is \$30,436,359 an increase of \$6,806,941 (28.8%) from 2024's budget of \$23,629,418.

Looking toward 2025, MORPC's finances are strong. The agency will continue to make investments strategically, while also prioritizing the preservation of cash to ensure the long-term sustainability of its operations. With relatively high interest rates persisting, uncertainty continues around the national economy. However, MORPC remains optimistic – economic development projects in the region continue to grow, large amounts of federal funding are available to the region, and nationwide inflation is on the decline. This budget seeks to continue a balanced approach of using resources responsibly, while still targeting investments that will improve services for members and the region.

MORPC will continue to aggressively pursue grants and contracts that will benefit its members. While some increases have been budgeted, a mid-year budget amendment will be completed if needed to adjust for new funding and programs as we move through 2025.

This budget focuses on MORPC's Strategic Framework Goals, which include:

- Drive Investment;
- Pay It Forward;
- Create an Environment for Prosperity; and
- Build Value for Our Members.

MORPC is pursuing a number of initiatives to continue to advance these goals, which include the following:

Drive Investment

- To attract investment to the region and create opportunities for members and all of Central Ohio, MORPC will continue to devote more resources toward efforts in the areas of economic development and regional investment. This includes continued funding in the following positions: Economic Development Director, Regional Investment Officer, Economic Development Planner, Grants Coordinator, and Grants Intern. The MORPC team continues to implement the Economic Development District that was recognized by United States Economic Development Administration (USEDA) in late 2023.
- MORPC will continue to support planning efforts around major projects, such as the Intel Project in Licking County. MORPC is budgeting funding received from ODOT to support this planning work.
- MORPC continues to develop the Regional Water Plan and implement the process for 208 clean water quality management planning.
- Through LinkUS, MORPC will continue to invest in smart development to connect communities and create opportunities for a more equitable and sustainable region for everyone by helping to address growth, affordability, and opportunity gaps in Central Ohio. In collaboration with the City of Columbus, Central Ohio Transit Authority, and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, LinkUS will bring more Bus Rapid Transit to the region, create more walkable communities, expand access to opportunities, and more.

- MORPC continues to work on multiple rail projects and stood up the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Committee to advise and help steer passenger rail planning and ancillary work in Central Ohio. This includes work on the collaborative effort called Midwest Connect to connect Chicago, Fort Wayne, IN, Columbus, OH and Pittsburgh with passenger rail service, as well as continued work on the 3C+D corridor to connect Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati.

Pay It Forward

- MORPC will continue to enhance public service leadership and build capacity in Central Ohio communities by training local elected officials and appointed leaders; provide extensive member-focused forums, briefings, and special events; and connect young leaders to public service through MORPC's Local Government Internship Program. MORPC continues to expand our partnership with colleges and universities in the region to offer educational discounts to employees of all member agencies.

Create an Environment for Prosperity

- MORPC will continue to deliver essential tools for the region to get better as it grows bigger, including expanded research, visual tools, and proactive briefings; continued expertise to tackle the housing challenge; and programs and tools to inform and drive sustainability and mobility efforts.
- MORPC will implement two large electric vehicle (EV) charging projects in 2025, including the largest grant ever received by the agency. These programs are designed to support the maintenance and expansion of electric vehicle charging to improve access to clean transportation and facilitate the transition to sustainable energy solutions.

Build Value for Our Members

- In response to the challenges of growth and staffing in many of the region's local governments, MORPC continues to develop the recently added resources for planning assistance. This includes a staffing pool of planners available for short-term assignments with MORPC members to assist with planning and development staffing needs. MORPC also developed a task order consultant program to streamline the process for local governments to engage pre-negotiated services from a network of planning and development firms and consultants.
- MORPC will be an excellent steward of regional resources. In this budget, MORPC is using \$405,215 in funding to bolster its operating reserve, which will further strengthen MORPC's finances, improve financial resiliency, and support MORPC's 60-day or more operating reserve balance target.
- MORPC will continue to be a strong resource and collaborative forum for Central Ohio communities. MORPC members will continue to have access to the newly renovated space and will benefit from virtual meeting tools.
- MORPC will continue to provide a strong return on investment (ROI) for all local government members.

The details below show some changing initiatives and new programs. Here are some notable highlights for 2025:

MPO& CORPO (Jointly Funded Projects)

- The Federal Highway Administration funds decreased to \$3,393,968 in 2025 from \$4,016,119 in 2024. This decrease was due to more carry-over funds available in 2024

than in 2025, primarily the result of significant turnover in 2023. This timing difference is expected to be balanced out by non-jointly funded project work in 2025.

Programming and Planning

- The increase in programming funding for 2025 can be attributed to several key factors. FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program has seen significant growth, with more funding available in 2025 compared to 2024. This increase is primarily due to a resolution of nationwide supply chain issues that had delayed vehicle purchases for subrecipients in previous years. With these issues now resolved, more funds are expected to be utilized in the upcoming year.
- In 2025, more funding is being secured through various programs, such as the Safe Streets for All program, which provides resources for transportation safety and infrastructure improvements.
- Funds for the newly established Economic Development District are expected to contribute to the increased funding for programming.
- Various transportation projects include projected funding for rail and the RAISE for trail towns.
- Planning is budgeted to increase due to 2 new grants related to Electrical Vehicle charging. The Charging Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant will add funding of \$3,429,785 and the EV Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program will add an additional \$1,917,611. The projects will repair/replace, maintain, and expand EV chargers throughout the Central Ohio region.

Residential Services

- The 2025 budget for Residential Services (RS) shows a slight reduction in funding with an overall reduction in Weatherization and an increase in Home Repair. Specifically, the HWAP budget will decrease from \$4,382,032 in 2024 to \$4,028,831 in 2025. The Columbia Gas budget also decreases from \$2,095,620 in 2024 to \$1,363,840 in 2025. These decreases are due to a combination of right-sizing the budgets for contractor costs and a decrease in eligible applicants reaching the programs. However, there are still efforts underway to boost efficiency and revenue generation in MORPC's Weatherization programs, including additional installation of funded measures by MORPC team members. In addition, MORPC is increasing its focus on broader home repair and renovation efforts, including radon mitigation and lead safe programs. The service area for these initiatives is expanding to include the City of Westerville, with plans to continue broadening outreach to other communities. The Home Repair budget has received a significant increase of \$847,635 raising funding from \$2,102,901 in 2024 to \$2,950,535 in 2025. This boost will help MORPC continue providing critical support to families in need.

The Detailed Revenue by Department schedule, which is in the Appendix, shows additional detail on program fluctuations from year to year.

This budget also makes investments in staffing that will increase program focused positions that will support the priority programs of the agency. The budget also shows a similar level of turnover/soft funding assumption associated with staffing based on recent turnover trends, which is in line with the expectations of other organizations due to the current employment climate.

The fringe rate will rise to 59% of wages in 2025, which is slightly increased from 57.5% in 2024. Additionally, the indirect cost allocation rate will lower to 61.0% of direct labor (i.e., wages and fringe), which was 62.5% in 2024. The net impact of these two modest changes will result in a near net zero change to the direct programs.

SOURCES (Funding Sources – Page 11)

Total 2025 sources of \$30,436,359 are greater than the 2024 sources budget of \$23,629,418 with the large increases for the EV programs and additional fluctuations in some funding sources and programs as is typical for MORPC.

Revenue from federal sources is budgeted to increase to \$21,861,781 (or by 44%) from \$15,210,779. Federal sources account for 72% of the operating budget. The increase can primarily be attributed to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant (CFI) and the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program (EV Charger) funds.

Local and other budgeted revenue is projected to increase by 13% to \$4,013,175 in 2025 from \$3,099,673 in 2024. Housing Local Contracts is the largest increase primarily as a result of the new City of Westerville Home Repair program with other modest increases in Planning and Data related funding areas.

USES (Page 6)

Salaries and fringe benefits are budgeted to increase from \$10,983,466 to \$11,478,913 (or 4.51%) as a result of new positions, across the board wage increases, some promotions/wage adjustments, and fringe benefit cost increases. Staff was budgeted at 95.3 FTEs in the 2024 budget and is budgeted at 96.3 FTEs in 2025.

MORPC will increase the amount of funding it is setting aside for its operating reserve to \$405,215 to further strengthen MORPC's finances, improve financial resiliency, and support MORPC's 60-day or more operating reserve balance target.

Services & Charges are higher primarily due to more being budgeted in 2025 for FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program subgrant funds.

Subcontractors are expected to increase significantly from \$6,996,347 in 2024 to \$11,473,672 due to the addition of several programs that will need to utilize subcontractors including the EV Charger, CFI, Lead Safe, and City of Westerville Home Repair.

Depreciation and Amortization increased from \$189,684 in 2024 to \$795,559 in 2025 due to the implementation of a new GASB pronouncement that records amortization differently for lease payments in prior year budgets. The depreciation amount included within the 2025 budget (of approximately \$186,000) is consistent with the 2024 budget amount for depreciation alone.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (Page 6)

The capital expenditures budget for 2025 is \$97,500 down from the 2024 expense of \$120,000. The 2025 expense is attributable to the planned purchase of a new van for Residential Services weatherization and other various equipment for IT and other areas.

USE OF MEMBER DUES (Page 7)

The total 2025 member dues budget is \$1,666,760 (a 5.7% increase compared to 2024). Dues funding is provided by MORPC members. Revenue is increasing due to the addition of new members, an increase in population, and a Commission-approved increase to member dues. Of the 2025 budgeted amount: \$405,215 of the dues are being set aside to bolster MORPC's operating reserve in support of the Commission-approved 60-day operating reserve target (similar to the \$400,000 in 2024), \$21,009 is being used to cover CORPO transportation matching requirements (MPO transportation matching requirements are being met using other local funds), and \$187,599 is for building lease expenses.

Services to Members makes up the majority of the dues budget with \$900,893 budgeted for work for members such as executive director services, proactive legislation, public policy work, member services coordination, and other services (including regional investment work). Member Dues represent approximately 5.5% of the operating sources budget. Dues are provided by 82 participating local government members (counties, townships, municipalities, and villages) at annual rates set by the Commission. Finally, associate members, which includes eight regionally-oriented units of local government, are currently participating as members of MORPC at an annual rate of \$1,250 each.

APPROPRIATIONS (Page 8)

The appropriations are similar to the agency operating expenses, coming in at \$30,250,675 for 2025.

OPERATING BUDGET

SOURCES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING			
Jointly Funded Projects (MPO & CORPO)	\$5,020,149	\$4,242,460	(\$777,689)
Programming - Transportation & Infrastructure Development	\$5,510,619	\$7,304,974	\$1,794,355
Planning	\$1,960,613	\$7,079,610	\$5,118,997
Planning - Data and Mapping	\$336,457	\$454,060	\$117,603
SUBTOTAL PLANNING, DATA AND TRANSPORTATION	\$12,827,838	\$19,081,103	\$6,253,265
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES			
Residential Energy Efficiency	\$6,537,783	\$5,524,683	(\$1,013,100)
Housing & Rehab Services	\$2,102,901	\$2,950,535	\$847,634
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	\$8,640,684	\$8,475,218	(\$165,466)
MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT	\$1,153,431	\$1,240,536	\$87,105
OPERATING RESERVE	\$400,000	\$405,215	\$5,215
OTHER	\$607,465	\$1,234,287	\$626,822
TOTAL SOURCES	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,941

Detail Budgets provided on pages 9-10

USES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$10,983,466	\$11,478,913	\$495,447
Materials and Supplies	\$307,517	\$183,107	(\$124,410)
Services - Subcontractors	\$6,996,347	\$11,473,672	\$4,477,325
Services & Charges	\$4,752,401	\$6,099,887	\$1,347,486
Additions to Operating Reserve	\$400,000	\$405,216	\$5,216
Depreciation and Amortization	\$189,684	\$795,559	\$605,875
TOTAL USES	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,940
NET CHANGE	\$0	\$0	\$0

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

SOURCES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Cash *	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
TOTAL SOURCES	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)

USES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Equipment, Vehicles & Other Assets	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
Furniture & Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)

* - Represents cash available and recoverable via grants

DETAIL OF MEMBER DUES

SOURCES:	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
RPC Member Dues (\$.36 - 2024, \$.38 - 2025)	\$948,124	\$1,018,394	\$70,270
MPO Member Dues (\$.210 - 2024, \$.215 - 2025)	\$410,818	\$424,892	\$14,074
Associate Members	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Building (\$.07 - 2024, \$.07 - 2025)	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
CORPO Local Match (\$.105 - 2024, \$.110 - 2025)	\$24,338	\$25,875	\$1,537
TOTAL SOURCES	\$1,576,316	\$1,666,760	\$90,444
USES:			
Transportation Match / Operating Reserve (MPO & CORPO)	\$422,888	\$426,224	\$3,336
SUBTOTAL LOCAL MATCH	\$422,888	\$426,224	\$3,336
Executive Director Services to Members	\$44,384	\$46,172	\$1,788
Proactive Legislative Activity	\$212,698	\$229,684	\$16,986
Public Policy & Multi-jurisdictional	\$265,265	\$292,978	\$27,713
Member Service Coordination	\$214,356	\$213,648	(\$708)
Annual Salary Survey	\$8,646	\$9,070	\$424
Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA)	\$2,020	\$2,085	\$65
Other Services to Members	\$104,436	\$107,255	\$2,819
SUBTOTAL FOR SERVICES TO MEMBERS	\$851,805	\$900,893	\$49,088
Executive Director Development	\$43,767	\$45,531	\$1,764
Executive Director & Staff Travel & Registration	\$7,400	\$14,670	\$7,270
Board Travel & Registration	\$10,595	\$12,195	\$1,600
Other Development/Business Development	\$2,149	\$4,279	\$2,130
SUBTOTAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$63,911	\$76,675	\$12,764
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	\$49,830	\$50,877	\$1,047
Miscellaneous	\$3,300	\$5,919	\$2,619
Contingency & Cost Overruns	\$1,546	\$18,573	\$17,027
SUBTOTAL OTHER	\$54,676	\$75,369	\$20,693
Building Lease Expense	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
SUBTOTAL BUILDING	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
TOTAL USES OF MEMBER PER-CAPITA FEES	\$1,576,316	\$1,666,760	\$90,444

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS

ACCT #	ACCOUNT TITLES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALARIES				
	Salaries - Regular	\$7,870,061	\$8,342,349	\$472,288
	Salaries - PTO and Sick Leave Payout	\$62,301	\$10,680	(\$51,621)
510000	SUBTOTAL SALARIES	\$7,932,362	\$8,353,029	\$420,667
FRINGE BENEFITS				
	PERS - Regular	\$1,072,532	\$1,124,298	\$51,766
	PERS - PTO and Sick Leave Payout	\$10,679	\$10,679	\$0
	SUBTOTAL PERS	\$1,083,211	\$1,134,977	\$51,766
	Medicare Tax	\$111,084	\$106,045	(\$5,039)
	Unemployment Compensation	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$0
	Workers Compensation	\$93,949	\$90,821	(\$3,128)
	Fringe Benefits Other (includes group medical, dental, vision, life and disability)	\$1,745,761	\$1,776,941	\$31,180
515000	SUBTOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$3,051,105	\$3,125,884	\$74,779
	TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$10,983,466	\$11,478,913	\$495,446
MATERIALS, SERVICES & CHARGES				
	Materials & Supplies	\$307,517	\$183,107	(\$124,410)
	Services & Charges:			
	Subcontractors	\$6,996,347	\$11,473,672	\$4,477,325
	Services and Charges	\$3,976,436	\$5,784,857	\$1,808,421
	Additions to Operation Reserves	\$400,000	\$405,215	\$5,215
	Rent and Utilities	\$704,163	\$693,455	(\$10,708)
	Travel	\$71,802	\$133,955	\$62,153
	SUBTOTAL SERVICES & CHARGES & MATERIALS	\$12,456,265	\$18,674,261	\$6,217,996
520000	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$23,439,731	\$30,153,175	\$6,713,443
Capital Expenditures				
	Equipment, Vehicles & Other Assets	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
	Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
540000	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$120,000	\$97,500	(\$22,500)
	TOTAL	\$23,559,731	\$30,250,675	\$6,690,943



APPENDIX

DETAIL SOURCES BY DEPARTMENT

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MPO & CORPO (Jointly Funded Projects)			
Federal Highway Administration (MPO & CORPO)	\$4,016,119	\$3,393,968	(\$622,151)
Ohio Department of Transportation (MPO & CORPO)	\$502,015	\$424,246	(\$77,769)
MORPC Transportation Match (MPO & CORPO)	\$502,015	\$424,246	(\$77,769)
SUBTOTAL OF JOINTLY FUNDED PROJECTS	\$5,020,149	\$4,242,460	(\$777,689)
Programming - Transportation & Infrastructure Development			
Infrastructure Program	\$200,049	\$193,779	(\$6,270)
Gohio	\$796,360	\$774,519	(\$21,841)
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$174,399	\$209,594	\$35,195
FTA 5310 Designated Recipient - Enhanced Mobility Programs	\$1,781,286	\$2,731,917	\$950,631
Technical Assistance	\$284,148	\$266,968	(\$17,180)
Competitive and Economic Development & Fr. Co TID	\$587,905	\$652,106	\$64,201
USEDA Grant	\$6,398	\$293,521	\$287,123
Major Growth and Economic Development	\$736,127	\$475,000	(\$261,127)
CORPO Safe Streets for All	\$165,061	\$0	(\$165,061)
Safe Streets for All	\$0	\$663,429	\$663,429
ODOT Mobility Management Planning	\$224,702	\$235,101	\$10,399
Local Forecasting/ Modeling (NUC)	\$50,000	\$0	(\$50,000)
Various Transportation & Infrastructure Development Projects (NUC)	\$504,181	\$809,041	\$304,860
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	\$5,510,618	\$7,304,973	\$1,794,358
Planning			
Clean Ohio	\$21,060	\$29,031	\$7,971
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$136,376	\$138,042	\$1,666
Greenways Program	\$217,156	\$182,236	(\$34,920)
Air Quality Awareness	\$599,520	\$566,123	(\$33,397)
Insight 2050 Academy	\$4,000	\$0	(\$4,000)
Ohio EPA	\$119,317	\$0	(\$119,317)
Sustaining Scioto	\$133,650	\$141,839	\$8,189
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$43,410	\$0	(\$43,410)
Franklin County HAB and Issuer fees	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$0
USEPA Air Quality Grant	\$181,433	\$234,633	\$53,200
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	\$70,818	\$54,358	(\$16,460)
American Farmland Trust	\$14,086	\$0	(\$14,086)
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator	\$0	\$1,917,611	\$1,917,611
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)	\$0	\$3,429,785	\$3,429,785
Various Planning Projects (NUC)	\$399,289	\$365,452	(\$33,837)
SUBTOTAL PLANNING	\$1,960,613	\$7,079,610	\$5,118,995
Planning - Data & Mapping			
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$94,692	\$90,296	(\$4,396)
Various Data & Mapping Projects - Local	\$50,015	\$68,570	\$18,555
Various Data & Mapping Projects (NUC)	\$191,750	\$295,193	\$103,443
SUBTOTAL PLANNING - DATA & MAPPING	\$336,457	\$454,060	\$117,603
TOTAL PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING	\$12,827,838	\$19,081,103	\$6,253,266

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	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES			
Energy Efficiency			
Columbia Gas WarmChoice	\$2,095,620	\$1,363,840	(\$731,780)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$1,389,644	\$628,814	(\$760,830)
Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$455,048	\$273,531	(\$181,517)
GLS Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$834,638	\$1,041,973	\$207,335
GLS Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$322,449	\$424,517	\$102,068
HWAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$588,029	\$676,841	\$88,812
GLS HWAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$792,224	\$983,155	\$190,931
WDBCO Workforce Wx Training NUC	\$8,000	\$0	(\$8,000)
Potential Weatherization Funding (NUC)	\$52,130	\$132,012	\$79,882
SUBTOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$6,537,783	\$5,524,683	(\$1,013,099)
Residential Programs			
FC Home Repair Program	\$932,661	\$506,930	(\$425,731)
Franklin County HAB Applications	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
COCIC Home Repair	\$100,379	\$0	(\$100,379)
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$247,365	\$263,838	\$16,473
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$600,876	\$629,476	\$28,600
Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Program	\$0	\$899,505	\$899,505
City of Westerville Home Repair Program	\$0	\$483,047	\$483,047
Affordable Housing Trust	\$33,077	\$50,597	\$17,520
Renew Homes	\$16,576	\$0	(\$16,576)
Various Rehab Projects (NUC)	\$161,966	\$107,142	(\$54,824)
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS	\$2,102,901	\$2,950,535	\$847,635
TOTAL FOR RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$8,640,683	\$8,475,218	(\$165,464)

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	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT			
Services to Members	\$851,808	\$957,688	\$105,880
Development Fund	\$63,911	\$76,675	\$12,764
Building Lease Payments	\$183,036	\$187,599	\$4,563
Other	\$54,676	\$18,573	(\$36,103)
TOTAL MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT (See Dues Page for Details)	\$1,153,432	\$1,240,536	\$87,105

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
OTHER			
Local Government Internship Program - Administrative	\$25,779	\$90,570	\$64,791
State of the Region Luncheon	\$122,463	\$160,078	\$37,615
Summit On Sustainability	\$123,782	\$136,711	\$12,929
Operating Reserve	\$400,000	\$405,215	\$5,215
Other	\$110,467	\$109,973	(\$494)
Interest	\$42,800	\$98,354	\$55,554
Building Depreciation	\$156,006	\$165,293	\$9,287
Indirect Costs Variance (carryforward from prior years)	\$46,957	\$325,239	\$278,282
Fringe Benefits Variance (carryforward from prior years)	(\$20,789)	\$148,070	\$168,859
TOTAL OTHER	\$1,007,465	\$1,639,502	\$632,037
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,944

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCES	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MEMBER DUES	\$1,576,319	\$1,666,761	\$90,442
FEDERAL FUNDING			
Federal Highway Administration (MPO & CORPO)	\$4,016,119	\$3,393,968	(\$622,151)
FTA/Other FHWA	\$4,737,818	\$5,153,445	\$415,627
FC Home Repair Program - CDBG	\$987,797	\$506,930	(\$480,867)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program - ODOT	\$4,382,033	\$4,042,641	(\$339,392)
Brownfields Grant NUC	\$199,992	\$0	(\$199,992)
USEDA Grant	\$6,398	\$223,521	\$217,123
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant -USEPA	\$70,818	\$54,358	(\$16,460)
American Farmland Trust	\$14,086	\$0	(\$14,086)
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$13,410	\$0	(\$13,410)
USEPA AQ Grant	\$181,433	\$234,633	\$53,200
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant - HUD	\$600,876	\$629,476	\$28,600
Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability & Accessibility Accelerator FHWA	\$0	\$1,917,611	\$1,917,611
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) - FHWA	\$0	\$3,429,785	\$3,429,785
Safe Streets For All - FHWA	\$0	\$663,429	\$663,429
Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Program - ARPA	\$0	\$899,505	\$899,505
Other Federal Funding NUC	\$0	\$712,480	\$712,480
SUBTOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING	\$15,210,779	\$21,861,781	\$6,651,001
STATE FUNDING			
Ohio Department of Transportation (MPO & CORPO funding)	\$502,015	\$424,246	(\$77,769)
Ohio Public Works Commission (Infrastructure/Clean Ohio)	\$77,549	\$88,966	\$11,417
Ohio EPA Funding	\$119,317	\$0	(\$119,317)
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$247,365	\$263,838	\$16,473
Other State Funding	\$545,841	\$56,520	(\$489,321)
SUBTOTAL STATE FUNDING	\$1,492,087	\$833,570	(\$658,517)
UTILITIES	\$2,095,620	\$1,482,042	(\$613,578)
FOUNDATION/CORPORATE FUNDING	\$128,772	\$105,721	(\$23,051)
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDING			
Infrastructure Program & Clean Ohio	\$143,560	\$133,844	(\$9,716)
Summit on Sustainability	\$123,782	\$136,711	\$12,929
Housing Local Contracts	\$116,956	\$600,189	\$483,233
Transportation & Infrastructure Local Funds	\$1,163,451	\$1,187,651	\$24,200
Planning - Data & Mapping Local Funds	\$346,247	\$463,329	\$117,082
Planning Local Funds	\$428,876	\$614,948	\$186,072
Greenways Local Program	\$217,156	\$182,236	(\$34,920)
State of the Region	\$122,463	\$160,078	\$37,615
Local Government Internship Program	\$25,779	\$90,570	\$64,791
Other	\$368,603	\$345,266	(\$23,337)
Interest	\$42,800	\$98,354	\$55,554
SUBTOTAL LOCAL & OTHER FUNDING	\$3,099,673	\$4,013,175	\$913,502
Interperiod Indirect Receivable/(Reserve)	\$46,957	\$325,239	\$278,282
Interperiod Fringe Benefits Receivable/(Reserve)	(\$20,789)	\$148,070	\$168,859
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	\$23,629,418	\$30,436,359	\$6,806,941

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SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
SUBCONTRACTORS BY DEPARTMENT			
PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION			
Major Growth and Economic Development	\$650,000	\$475,000	(\$175,000)
Safe Streets for All	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000
Other/Local Transportation Projects (NUC)	\$239,926	\$376,028	\$136,102
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION	\$889,926	\$1,651,028	\$761,102
PLANNING & DATA			
Air Quality Awareness	\$80,841	\$81,780	\$939
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$13,410	\$0	(\$13,410)
USEPA Air Quality Grant (NUC)	\$82,000	\$104,366	\$22,366
Natural Asset Mapping	\$12,500	\$0	(\$12,500)
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Other Misc./Local Transportation Projects (NUC)	\$226,305	\$0	(\$226,305)
SUBTOTAL PLANNING	\$415,056	\$4,886,146	\$4,471,090
RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES			
Columbia Gas Warmchoice	\$1,416,786	\$831,858	(\$584,928)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$467,388	\$253,321	(\$214,067)
Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$317,990	\$210,412	(\$107,578)
GLS Weatherization Assistance Program	\$529,958	\$519,918	(\$10,040)
GLS Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$241,744	\$314,043	\$72,299
HWAP Readiness	\$48,741	\$48,741	\$0
GLS Readiness	\$21,122	\$42,243	\$21,121
HWAP BIL	\$575,901	\$359,738	(\$216,163)
GLS BIL	\$792,224	\$565,882	(\$226,342)
Franklin County Urgent Repair Program	\$626,000	\$408,000	(\$218,000)
COCIC Home Repair for Wx Deferrals NUC	\$80,000	\$0	(\$80,000)
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$151,000	\$138,202	(\$12,798)
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$311,114	\$311,115	\$1
Affordable Housing Trust	\$26,397	\$39,845	\$13,448
Renew Homes Inspections and Intake Support	\$10,000	\$0	(\$10,000)
Ohio Department of Development Lead Safe Program	\$0	\$520,830	\$520,830
City of Westerville Home Repair	\$0	\$372,350	\$372,350
Weatherization & Housing (NUC)	\$75,000	\$0	(\$75,000)
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$5,691,365	\$4,936,498	(\$754,867)
TOTAL SUBCONTRACTOR EXPENSES	\$6,996,347	\$11,473,672	\$4,477,325

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**Indirect Cost Allocation Budget
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

	DIRECT LABOR & FRINGES	TOTAL INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION
Transportation & Infrastructure	\$2,855,206	\$1,741,676
Planning & Sustainability	\$1,884,896	\$1,149,787
Data & Mapping	\$1,217,316	\$742,563
Residential Services	\$1,885,193	\$1,149,968
Member Dues	\$511,046	\$311,738
Other Grants & Programs	\$111,743	\$68,163
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding	(\$553,589)	(\$337,693)
TOTAL GRANTS & PROGRAMS	\$7,911,812	\$4,826,201
Indirect Labor & Fringes		
Information & Technology Services		\$604,468
Finance		\$785,533
Communications & Engagement		\$441,115
Executive Management		\$711,521
Human Resources & Facility		\$521,999
Contract & Proposal Development, Other Indirect Labor		\$98,371
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding		(\$120,578)
TOTAL INDIRECT LABOR		\$3,042,429
General Overhead Expenses		
Materials & Supplies		\$44,260
Services & Charges		\$889,154
Rent & Utilities		\$492,374
Other General Overhead		\$27,744
TOTAL GENERAL OVERHEAD		\$1,453,532
Retention/Severance		\$5,000
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS		\$4,500,961
ACTUAL INDIRECT RATES		56.89%
Carry Forward Balance as of 12/31/23		\$325,239
ALLOCATED INDIRECT COSTS		\$4,826,201
ALLOCATED INDIRECT COSTS RATES		61.00%

	INDIRECT LABOR & FRINGES	GENERAL OVERHEAD	TOTAL
Information & Technology Services	\$604,468	\$263,687	\$868,155
Human Resources	\$414,353	\$180,707	\$595,061
Facility	\$107,646	\$557,226	\$664,872
Retention/Severance	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Finance	\$785,533	\$284,919	\$1,070,452
Communications & Engagement	\$441,115	\$88,413	\$529,528
Executive Management	\$711,521	\$6,340	\$717,861
Contract & Proposal Development, Other Indirect Labor	\$98,371	\$72,240	\$170,611
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding	(\$120,578)	\$0	(\$120,578)
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	\$3,042,429	\$1,458,532	\$4,500,961



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 18-24: **“Adoption of MORPC’s 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda”**

Please find attached Resolution 18-24, adopting the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda. This document describes MORPC’s public policy advocacy priorities for the coming biennium. A reflection of MORPC’s goals, values, and current work, it will be utilized by MORPC staff to guide advocacy before the state and federal governments.

The Public Policy Agenda was formulated by a working group of MORPC members and community leaders, and approved by the Regional Policy Roundtable on November 21, 2024.

The Public Policy Agenda (PPA) Working Group was chaired by the Regional Policy Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor Sloan Spalding (New Albany). The PPA Working Group was comprised of a diverse group of local business, non-profit, and government leaders, many of whom are MORPC commission members, from rural, urban, and suburban communities and representing a variety of political perspectives. The Working Group met on three occasions between August and October 2024.

The Regional Policy Roundtable recommends passage of Resolution 18-24 at the December 12 Commission meeting to allow for public circulation at the beginning of the new U.S. Congress and Ohio General Assembly in Q1 2025.

Attachment: Resolution 18-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

RESOLUTION 18-24

“Adoption of MORPC’s 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda”

WHEREAS, members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Board, the Regional Policy Roundtable, and the Public Policy Agenda Working Group collaborated to create a robust, inclusive, and forward thinking 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda; and

WHEREAS, it describes MORPC’s leading and collaborative policy initiatives for the years 2025 and 2026, which directly relate to its mission, goals, and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda provides a framework to advocate for policies that promote regionalism, enhance Central Ohio’s transportation system, promote sustainability, and expand prosperity and opportunity in our growing region; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda provides direction to MORPC members and staff in order to act in concert with those initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda encourages a collaborative approach to public policy advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda was designed to reflect the Central Ohio region and address important public policy issues and legislation that occur throughout the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda will help MORPC lead in local, state, and federal policy matters; now therefore,

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

- Section 1. That it supports and adopts the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda.
- Section 2. 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 3. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: December 12, 2024
Submitted by: Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
Prepared by: Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: December 12, 2024
Attachment: 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda

Public Policy Agenda 2025-2026: Regional Advocacy for Central Ohio at the State and Federal Levels

Lead–Opportunities for legislative and public policy leadership from MORPC

Goal 1: Regionalism: Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government to create an environment for prosperity for all Central Ohio residents by fostering economic growth and efficient use of resources.

- Advocate for policies and legislation that empower local governments to enhance efficiency, innovation, and collaboration.
- Support policies that will provide Central Ohio with tools to help the region grow better as we get bigger.
- Promote and advance local government authority and collaboration to improve the quality of life, environment, and economy for our region.
- Support federal and state tax policies that promote inclusive economic growth and ensure the ability to provide vital local government services.
- Advocate for increases to Ohio's Local Government Fund.
- Oppose legislation that withholds local government funds from any community.
- Advance our Drive Investment strategy by identifying and supporting significant projects and grant opportunities to benefit all Central Ohio residents.
- Promote policies, programs, and funding to maintain and grow our region's critical infrastructure.
- Encourage legislation that allows all local governments to hold public meetings virtually at their discretion.
- Support legislation that encourages local governments to use new forms of technology for communications, official notices, contracts, and outreach to foster greater participation and reduce travel time.
- Advocate for policies, incentives, and funding that increase Central Ohio's supply of quality housing of all types and at all price levels.
- Pursue funding to support collaborative community research projects of strategic significance to Central Ohio
- Advocate for policies and legislation that support regional sewer and water collaboration.
- Support policies and legislation to maintain a robust supply of sustainable energy
- Support policies and resources that promote open data and standardization, protect the security of private, personal, and otherwise sensitive information, and enhance overall cybersecurity capabilities of local governments.

- Support the ability of local governments to fund, manage, and maintain digital assets and infrastructure
- Encourage implementation of data sharing and analytics that result in data-driven decisions and collaboration with regional partners, and federal and state agencies.

Goal 2: Mobility: Achieve an advanced, inclusive, and safe multi-modal transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world.

- Advocate for an advanced multi-modal transportation system that improves interregional access to more public and private transportation choices, connecting to regional, national, and international markets, including LinkUS, 3C+D, Midwest Connect, and passenger rail corridors throughout Ohio.
- Advocate for policies, funding, and other resources that support the study and deployment of passenger rail in Central Ohio, including the establishment of an Office of Passenger Rail within the Ohio Rail Development Commission and membership in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission.
- Pursue policies and funding to improve quality of life through expanded multimodal transportation options connecting marginalized communities in rural, suburban, and urban areas, including LinkUS, GOHIO Commute, and rural collaborations.
- Seek new revenue mechanisms for transportation at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Preserve funding streams created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and support continuation or expansion of IIJA programs in future surface transportation reauthorization legislation.
- Promote increased state and federal support and recognition of metropolitan and rural planning organizations and their regional approach to transportation planning and funding.
- Advance the logistics industry in Central Ohio and support investments and innovation in intermodal, rail, air, and other freight facilities.
- Support funding and policies that measurably improve transportation safety, advancing Vision Zero efforts and the Safe System Approach.
- Support increased funding for Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs) in Central Ohio, promoting intergovernmental and public-private cooperation to advance transportation projects and leverage state and federal funding.
- Pursue policies and funding to advance the goals of RAPID 5 and the Central Ohio Greenways and Blueways strategies for developing a more interconnected active transportation network for all.
- Advocate for regional policies that prepare Central Ohio communities for additional smart infrastructure and innovative technology investment.
- Support policies, funding, and incentives to expand use of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, allowing for more rapid region-wide adoption of zero-emission vehicles at scale.

Goal 3: Sustainability: Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy and water for our growing region.

- Advance, expand, and support funding for the integration of energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy for a healthier, more resilient, and more cost-effective energy portfolio.
- Advocate for innovative strategies and funding for public and private partners to achieve and maintain attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, while decreasing air pollution exposure and associated health impacts for Central Ohio residents.
- Advocate for funding, policies, and innovative strategies to manage, protect, and enhance the quality and quantity of our water resources, balancing public- and private-sector interests, and supporting existing and emerging economic activity in our growing region.
- Protect locally sourced energy aggregation authority, funding, and innovative financing mechanisms.
- Support and advocate for policies and funding for a timely cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields, historic buildings, and/or vacant, blighted, or abandoned land to revitalize communities.
- Assist in the rapid development of an advanced transportation network, inclusive of electric and alternative fuel vehicles and their infrastructure, to improve air quality and provide connectivity throughout the region's rural and urban communities.
- Pursue funding and policies to help protect existing and secure new parkland, wetlands, trails, prime agricultural land, and green space.

Goal 4: Prosperity and Opportunity: Drive initiatives that enhance community prosperity and create opportunities for every resident in our growing region.

- Improve access to job opportunities, broadband, resources, homeownership, health systems, and connected green space for marginalized communities.
- Advocate for policies that declare racism a public health crisis.
- Support public health and safety systems that protect residents of all backgrounds.
- Encourage the development of universal design policies and walkable communities that support lifelong and inclusive age-friendly communities.
- Encourage development of affordable, accessible, quality housing.
- Support policies that work to eliminate disparities and physical divisions in our growing region.
- Support policies and legislation to ensure fair enforcement of enhanced traffic safety laws.

Collaborate - Opportunities for MORPC to form coalitions with like-minded organizations

Economic Development

- Promote a robust and inclusive regional economy and actively collaborate with economic development and business organizations, non-profits, universities, and local governments.
- Utilize MORPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to better leverage involvement of the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and advocate for funding and policies to advance local economic development interests.
- Support improved national and state policies and new funding to advance economic development.
- Advocate for the Economic Development Reauthorization Act, which will build local economic development capacity, supporting local project predevelopment activities, and increase resources available for planning and technical assistance.
- Be a critical partner to One Columbus' vision to make Central Ohio the most prosperous region in the country.
- Advance job-attraction and retention incentives, new tools, and strategies to encourage new jobs and investment that benefit the region.
- Collaborate with partners in education, labor, and the private sector to develop a more skilled and diverse workforce to readily meet the needs of Central Ohio businesses, reduce workforce shortages, and expand upward mobility into quality careers.

Sustainable Growth

- Promote efficient and effective use and management of waste streams through diversion, reuse, and recycling programs.
- Advocate for innovative land-use regulations and planning tools as a way to: promote sustainable development; maintain and reuse existing housing and commercial buildings; conserve environmentally sensitive areas; encourage farmland preservation; reduce energy consumption; provide transportation alternatives; and promote effective material management.
- Advocate for policies and funding that support a broad spectrum of housing options – in alignment with the Regional Housing Strategy and LinkUS– to meet the region's growing residential and workforce needs.
- Support policies and incentives that leverage existing infrastructure and encourage redevelopment and reinvestment in Central Ohio's neighborhoods and commercial districts.

Drive Investment

- Support federal funding for defense installations, missions, research, and other initiatives that benefit Central Ohio.
- Participate in coalitions and partnerships for MORPC local government members to understand, engage, and better position themselves for federal and state funding through appropriations, authorizations, bills, grants, and other opportunities.

- Advocate for retaining Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding in the federal appropriations process.
- Assist MORPC local governments in seeking and attracting historic federal investment opportunities that will help advance regional infrastructure, plan for growth, and cultivate job-creating projects in our region.



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Jessica Kuenzli
Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 21-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to serve as the liaison for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) currently administers the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for District 3, covering Franklin County. The program’s goal is to acquire open space, protect and enhance riparian corridors and protect conservation properties in perpetuity. In this capacity, MORPC staff serves as the official liaison to the Ohio Public Works Commission, working under the guidance of the Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC).

MORPC has been asked to consider expanding its role to serve as the liaison for District 17, which encompasses Fairfield, Licking, Knox, Morrow, Pickaway, and Delaware Counties. There is currently a vacancy for the liaison role for this district. Should MORPC assume this responsibility, the role would begin in January 2025 with a total budget of \$17,500 through March of 2026 allocated for administrative costs. MORPC also reserves the right to assess applicants a voluntary fee of up to one percent per approved project. Key responsibilities would include planning and hosting NRAC meetings, ensuring compliance with program requirements, processing applications, and facilitating the selection of projects for awards.

Attachment: Resolution 21-24

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RESOLUTION 21-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to serve as the liaison for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) currently administers the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for District 3, covering Franklin County, and serves as the official liaison to the Ohio Public Works Commission under the guidance of the Natural Resources Assistance Council; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to acquire open space, protect and enhance riparian corridors and protect conservation properties in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been asked to consider expanding its role to serve as the liaison for District 17 beginning in January 2025, which encompasses Fairfield, Licking, Knox, Morrow, Pickaway, and Delaware Counties; and

WHEREAS, key responsibilities would include planning and hosting NRAC meetings, ensuring compliance with program requirements, processing applications, and facilitating the selection of projects for award; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with District 17 through March 2026 with \$17,500 allocated for administrative costs. MORPC also reserves the right to assess applicants a voluntary fee of up to one percent per approved project.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: December 12, 2024
Submitted by: Jessica Kuenzli, Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning
Prepared by: Brandi Whetstone, Director of Sustainability
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: December 12, 2024



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2024
Time: 2:23 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Kelly Scocco
Chris Amorose Grooms	James Jewell	Alana Shockey
Lourdes Barroso De Padilla	Emily Keeler	Brandon Standley
Paul Brake	Ben Kessler	Joe Steager
Gary Burkholder	Bill LaFayette	Christie Ward
Ben Collins	Rory McGuiness	Trenton Weaver
Michelle Crandall	Eric Meyer	Andrew Williams
Brad Foster	Megan O'Callaghan	Kenneth Wright
Jeremiah Gracia	Eric Richter	
Dave Gulden	Elissa Schneider	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Matt Allison	Laurie Jadwin	Joe Stefanov
Tracie Davies	Jamie Leesberg	Robyn Stewart
Joy Evangelista	Joe Long	Andy Volenik
Daryl Hennessy	Glenn Marzluf	Tim Wilson
Rebecca Hermann	Kimberly Sharp	
Christine Houk	Chloe Siens-Núñez	

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Ben Carpenter	RC Wise
Jamie Brucker	Jeff Hall	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Joe Allen	Mark Johns	Nick Shultz
Joy Evangelista	Mark Mauter	
Bill Habig	Bill Narducci	

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Parag Agrawal	Jessica Keunzli	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Todd Bradley	Eileen Leuby	Shari Saunders
Lauren Cardoni	Kelsey Matson	Maria Schaper
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Robert Williams
Ralonda Hampton	Kyle Probert	
Shawn Hufstedler	Raj Roy	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Karina Peggau	Mary Turner
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Guests Present in Person

Grace Byler, Morrow County	Anthony Sgro
David Clark, Clinton Township	Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Tom Homan	

Guests Attending Remotely

Rohn Benedetti	Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Gabriel Kelvin, GROW Licking County	Brent Welch, FCEO

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

Chair Chris Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:23 p.m.

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

Parag Agrawal presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). Mr. Agrawal provided an update on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) leadership. The CAC is comprised of volunteers representing a broad segment of Central Ohio. The new CAC Chair is Erin Synk from the Southside Area Commission and the new Vice Chair is Eric May from Bold Penguin. The TAC includes representation from federal, state, and local transportation officials as well as from environmental agencies. The new TAC Chair is Fritz Crosier from the Franklin County Engineer's Office and the new Vice Chair is Tom Komlanc from the City of Gahanna. The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) President serves on the CAC. Mr. Agrawal thanked the City of Columbus for passing a resolution celebrating COMTO's 10-year anniversary.

Mr. Agrawal gave an update on the infrastructure funding and technical assistance programs.

- MORPC has approximately \$50 million from various federal programs to help members create a multi-modal transportation system in Central Ohio. This year we received 20 applications seeking \$167 million. The Attributable Funds Committee is evaluating applications and developing draft funding recommendations that will go out for public comment in January 2025.
- MORPC manages the FTA Section 5310 funding program that enhances the mobility of senior citizens and people with disabilities. We received 21 applications seeking approximately \$3.1 million for the \$1.7 million available this round. The evaluation committee meets later this month and will send their recommendations through the various advisory committees and to the Transportation Policy Committee for approval.
- MORPC provides technical assistance to enhance active transportation to MPO member communities. We received four applications for 2025. The review committee met yesterday to identify the communities receiving assistance in 2025. MORPC will notify the winning communities tomorrow.
- MORPC administers the funds for Ohio Public Works Commission District 3 (Franklin County). Applications totaling \$49 million were received for the \$32 million available.

MORPC's Emma Strange is the Mobility Coordinator for Franklin County. She is responsible for providing education for transportation options for residents. The Franklin County Getting Around Guide is meant to empower people of all ages and abilities to find transportation options that work for their specific needs. It promotes accessible transportation options and includes information on biking, walking, and rolling. Copies were available for members.

MORPC continues to work with partners to bring passenger rail to Central Ohio. The Passenger Rail Committee met November 12 with presentations from Amtrak and the Ohio Rail Development Commission. On October 31, Central Ohio leaders went to Fort Wayne to meet with Mayor Tucker. Fort Wayne is the primary applicant for the Midwest Connect project.

MORPC is working with various member communities and COTA to manage the LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) program. MORPC is proposing 83 projects in the next five years with a combined investment of more than \$260 million.

Safe Streets – Safer Communities: A Comprehensive Overview of MORPC’s Roadway Safety Program – Maria Schaper, MORPC Transportation Study Director and Lauren Cardoni, MORPC Active Transportation & Safety Program Manager

Maria Schaper and Lauren Cardoni presented [Safe Streets – Safer Communities](#). One of the goals of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is to provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people. Targets adopted for that goal include reducing crashes by at least two percent annually, one hundred percent sidewalk coverage for arterials and collectors within the urban area, and over 1,000 miles of low stress bikeways by 2050.

While the region is making great strides in improving accommodation for people walking and bicycling, the same is not true for reducing fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. The latest crash data shows that 2023 was the deadliest year on record for the MORPC MPO area. Traffic safety continues to be a challenge in our region. Over the past year, we grew our team of transportation safety experts and leveraged federal dollars to create new local partnerships to improve safety on our regional transportation system.

MORPC has been a partner in transportation safety efforts throughout the region since 2005 when MORPC first established the regional safety program. Through this program, we conduct crash data analyses to understand trends throughout the region and provide technical assistance to local agency partners to address safety challenges. In the nearly 20 years this program has existed, the needs of our communities regarding transportation safety have grown and changed. MORPC is working to not only expand our service area but also to evolve the program to better align with national best practices.

The first big change for our program came with the release of the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan in 2019. This plan was the first regional comprehensive safety action plan in the State of Ohio. It represents the first time we took a deep dive into the fatal and serious injury crashes in our region to better understand why they occurred.

We have also been successful in expanding our safety programming to include our CORPO communities. Through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program, MORPC was awarded \$200,000 to develop a similar comprehensive safety action plan for the CORPO planning area. Since the adoption of the CORPO Safety Action Plan in May 2024, Team Members created the CORPO Safety Action Plan Dashboard. The dashboard provides valuable data and insights regarding crashes that are reported in the CORPO planning area and is a new resource available to anyone in the CORPO area.

Through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program, MORPC was awarded additional funding to update the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan, to do supplemental work with local community partners, and to work with the Ohio State University Injury Biomechanics Research Center to do in-depth investigations into fatal crashes occurring on our roadways. The Safe Streets and Roads for All program has now awarded more than \$18 million to Central Ohio communities.

MORPC is working across the agency and with external partners to figure out how we can better integrate safety into all our policies and programs.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Emily Keeler made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Gary Burkholder; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Director

DATE: November 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-13-24: “**Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**”

Proposed Resolution T-13-24 will add or modify four (4) projects to the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$96 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In January, 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:

- OP 5: Improve connections and coordination among transit system operators
- OP 7: Improve demand response transit service
- OP 8: Manage, improve and coordinate human service, private and public transportation, to better meet the needs and fill the gaps
- PRES 1: Repair or replace bridges in poor physical condition
- PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life
- TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeway and at interchanges

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

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

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Delaware County Transit: The following modification to the TIP is being made for a DCT project:

- PID 118103: DCT 2025 Vehicle Replace. Adjusting funding to allocate for related activities in later years. Total of \$713,167 removed in SFY2025.

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

- PID 115792: Alum Creek Dr from SR 317 to Groveport Rd. Moving \$2.5 million from detailed design to preliminary engineering in SFY 2025.

MORPC: The following addition to the TIP is being made for MORPC's FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program:

- PID Unassigned: This program is funded via FFY2024 Section 5310 funding. Fifteen (15) subrecipients are receiving funding through this program. Attachment 2 to this resolution provides additional detail regarding the awards. Total of \$2,410,943 added in SFY2025.

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

- PID 105435: I-71 & I-270 (North Outerbelt), Interchange Modification/Bridge Deck Replace. Adjusting funding to reflect updated construction cost estimates. Total of \$13,859,254 added in SFY2025 and SFY2026.

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 funding modifications as part of this TIP amendment:

Funding Source	Funding Change
FTA Section 5310	\$1,760,329
ODOT Transit (STBG)	(\$534,831)
ODOT Labor	\$1,972,950
ODOT Preservation	(\$14,621,530)
ODOT Safety	(\$5,111,001)
ODOT – State	\$1,988,630
ODOT Major Programs (TRAC)	\$29,630,205
Local	\$472,278
Total	\$15,557,030

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Attachment: Resolution T-13-24

RESOLUTION T-13-24

“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 Delaware County Transit (DCT) project as shown in Attachment 1; and

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

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, MORPC completed a solicitation and selection process for FTA Section 5310 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2024 funds, with projects selected shown in Attachment 2; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has requested the addition of the SFY 2025 Section 5310 program to the 2024-2027 TIP 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 Community Advisory Committee at its meeting December 2, 2024, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 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 the three projects are exempt from conformity requirements and one non-exempt project was already included in the most recent approved air quality conformity, dated May of 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 this resolution will be transmitted to FTA and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 2 for appropriate action.
- Section 7. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2024-2027 TIP
Attachment 2: FTA Section 5310 SFY 2025 Program of Projects

Resolution T-13-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: DCT

PID: 118103

TIP ID: 332

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-DCT-2025 Vehicle Replace

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: DCT 2025 Vehicle Replace, Transit

Bike Components: Bicycle racks.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2025	Transit	CRP-S	\$142,810	11.12.04
2025	Transit	Local	\$35,703	11.12.04
Total:			\$178,513	

Agency: Franklin County TID

PID: 115792

TIP ID: 341

MTP ID: 1182

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-CR122-0.00

Length (mi.): 2.7

Project Type(s): Major Widening/Major Rehabilitation

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

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

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

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

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Detailed Design	State	\$78,133
2024	Detailed Design	Federal	\$312,531
2025	Preliminary Engineering	State	\$490,214
2025	Preliminary Engineering	Federal	\$1,960,858
2025	Right-of-Way	State	\$858,462
2025	Right-of-Way	STBG-M	\$341,538
2025	Right-of-Way	Local	\$300,000
LR	Construction	Local	\$34,008,767
LR	Construction	STBG-M	\$10,158,463
Total:			\$48,508,967

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-13-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: MORPC

PID: NP

TIP ID: 495

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-MORPC 5310 FFY 2024-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality:

Description: MORPC 5310 FFY 2024, Transit Activity

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	Local	\$57,131	11.7A.00
2025	Transit	Sec 5310	\$115,575	11.13.15
2025	Transit	Local	\$89,702	11.7L.00
2025	Transit	Local	\$28,894	11.13.15
2025	Transit	Local	\$474,887	11.71.13
2025	Transit	Sec 5310	\$881,387	11.71.13
2025	Transit	Sec 5310	\$358,809	11.7L.00
2025	Transit	Sec 5310	\$228,526	11.7A.00
2025	Transit	Sec 5310	\$176,033	11.79.00
			Total:	\$2,410,944

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Resolution T-13-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 105435

TIP ID: 68

MTP ID: 1582

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-IR071/270-28.27/25.99A

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Interchange Modification/Bridge Deck Replac **Air Quality:** Exempt

Description: I-71 & I-270 (North Outerbelt), Interchange Modification & Bridge Deck Replace

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	Detailed Design	State	\$274,680
2025	Construction	Federal	\$2,800,080
2025	Construction	State	\$360,000
2025	Construction	Federal	\$500,000
2025	Construction	State	\$500,000
2025	Construction	State	\$326,250
2025	Construction	Federal	\$2,936,250
2025	Construction	HSIP	\$3,240,000
2025	Construction	Federal	\$29,630,205
2025	Construction	State	\$311,120
2025	Construction	State	\$3,292,245
2026	Construction	Federal	\$500,000
2026	Construction	State	\$500,000
Total:			\$45,170,830

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G* indicates a grouped project.

Resolution T-13-24

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Federal	Labor - Federal	\$2,800,080
State	Labor - State	\$311,120
Local	Local Public Agency	\$34,995,084
Federal	Major/New Program - Federal	\$31,903,594
State	Major/New Program - State	\$4,135,272
STBG-M	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$10,500,001
State	Multi-Lane Major Rehab	\$858,462
CRP-S	Carbon Reduction Program, Attributable to the State	\$142,810
Federal	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - Federal	\$3,936,250
State	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - State	\$1,326,250
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$3,240,000
State	State Safety	\$360,000
Sec 5310	Enhanced Mobility - Seniors and Disabilities - Urban	\$1,760,330
Grand Total:		\$96,269,254

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Attachment 2 Resolution T-13-24

5310 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

State/Urbanized Area:

Columbus, Ohio UZA

5310: FFY 2024 (DS, DM, DL):

\$1,760,329

(DS = Rural Areas (under 50,000); DM -Small Urbanized Areas (50,000-200,000); DL = Large Urbanized Areas (200,000 or more))

Carryover:

\$0

Transfer Funds (plus or minus):

\$0

Total Funds Available:

\$1,760,329

Number of subrecipients funded in this Program:

15

LIST OF PROJECTS Required subrecipient information includes: name of entity receiving the award, amount of award, location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city and/or

CAPITAL, OPERATING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(Projects may include reasonable contingencies)

(Subrecipient Types may include: a non-profit organization or a local governmental authority).

Program of Projects & Subrecipients	Direct and Sub-recipients	City	Service Area Urban / Rural	Sub Type Private Public	Project Description/ALI	Quantity	FTA Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	Coordination Plan Date & Page	Eligible Project Type*	Capital/ Operating	Description
FY 2024 5310													
Sub A	Canal Winchester Human Services Inc	Canal Winchester, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub B	City of Dublin	Dublin, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	\$120,000	\$30,000	\$150,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(A)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub C	City of Groveport	Groveport, OH	Urban	Public	11.13.15	1	\$60,811	\$15,203	\$76,014	June 2024 / Page 39	(A)	Capital	Vehicle Purchase (expansion, vans)
Sub D	City of Hilliard	Hilliard, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	\$72,000	\$18,000	\$90,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(A)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub E	City of Reynoldsburg	Reynoldsburg, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	\$115,200	\$28,800	\$144,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(A)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub F	Clintonville-Beechwood CRC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.71.13	1	\$50,800	\$12,700	\$63,500	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub F	Clintonville-Beechwood CRC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non-Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub G	COTA	Columbus, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	\$339,387	\$339,387	\$678,774	June 2024 / Page 39	(B)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub H	DCTB	Delaware, OH	Urban	Public	11.7L.00	1	\$198,809	\$49,702	\$248,511	June 2024 / Page 12	(A)	Capital	Mobility Management
Sub H	DCTB	Delaware, OH	Urban	Public	11.7A.00	1	\$148,690	\$37,172	\$185,862	June 2024 / Page 12	(A)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub I	LifeCare Alliance	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non-Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$19,280	\$4,820	\$24,100	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub J	MORPC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit - Public	11.7L.00	1	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$200,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(A)	Capital	Mobility Management
Sub K	Netcare Corporation	Columbus, OH	Urban	Private For Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$20,236	\$5,059	\$25,295	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub L	Open Door Columbus	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$4,320	\$1,080	\$5,400	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Capital	Preventive Maintenance
Sub M	SourcePoint	Delaware, OH	Urban	Non-Profit	11.71.13	1	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$200,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub N	St. Vincent Family Services	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.71.13	1	\$24,000	\$6,000	\$30,000	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Operating	Contracted Transportation
Sub O	Tristar Transportation	Columbus, OH	Urban	Private For Profit	11.13.15	1	\$54,764	\$13,691	\$68,455	June 2024 / Page 39	(D)	Capital	Vehicle Purchase (expansion, vans)
<i>Subtotal</i>						<i>17</i>	<i>\$1,584,296</i>	<i>\$650,614</i>	<i>\$2,234,910</i>				
Program Admin	MORPC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit - Public	11.79.00	1	\$176,033	\$0	\$176,033				Program Administration
Grand Total						18	\$1,760,329	\$650,614	\$2,410,943				

Total Traditional 5310 Capital Amount (at least 55%) **\$1,760,329**
 Total Other Capital Amount (up to 45%) **\$0**

* Eligibility Project Type refers to 49 U.S.C. 5310 (b)(1) criteria

STATE ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Not to exceed 10 percent of Section 5310 apportionment and any flex funds transferred to the Section 5310 account may be used to provide a 100 percent Federal share.

Subtotal State or Designated Recipient Administration (funded at 100 percent) **\$176,033**

SUBTOTAL DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ADMINISTRATION **\$176,033**



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Maria Schaper, Transportation Director

DATE: November 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-14-24: "**Support the 2025 Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measure Targets**"

The 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes strategies specifically related to enhancing the safety of the transportation system, with many of the strategies and projects included in the MTP advancing this objective in some way. Furthermore, the MTP includes specific performance measures as required by the federal Transportation Performance Management Program. The program is defined by a series of rulemakings that delineate a process in which MPO's and State Departments of Transportation coordinate on target-setting and reporting for a series of federal transportation performance measures.

Safety is one area in which states and MPOs are required to set targets. The rule requires state DOTs to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31 each year. The five measures are:

- number of fatalities
- number of serious injuries
- fatality rate
- serious injury rate
- number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

In July 2024, ODOT reestablished their annual statewide safety targets as a 2% annual reduction for each of the five measures. This was based on many factors, including a review of recent trends in safety statistics and an ongoing record level of safety investments statewide.


Each MPO across the state is subsequently required to establish safety targets for their respective planning areas by February 26 each year. Resolution T-14-24 is necessary to explicitly meet these federal planning regulations to establish safety performance measures for the MPO area.

William Murdock, AICP
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MORPC was a leader in the U.S. when performance measures were first incorporated into the 2012-2035 MTP in 2012. As part of the 2024-2050 MTP that was adopted in May 2024, these performance measures were reestablished via resolution T-3-24, and the 2025 ODOT targets are consistent with these adopted regional targets.

RESOLUTION T-14-24

“SUPPORTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S 2025 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) by the governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply including performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has established transportation performance management rules and processes to be incorporated into metropolitan transportation planning, which includes state and MPO adoption of certain performance measures; and

WHEREAS, MORPC adopted the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which includes strategies with regard to enhancing the safety of the transportation system along with safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT rules require the states to set targets for five safety performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) annually by August 31 each year, and that MPOs set targets for the five measures annually by February 26 each year; and

WHEREAS, in August 2024 ODOT, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, established a 2% annual reduction as the statewide target for each of the five safety performance measures for calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, these targets established by ODOT are consistent with the targets for the five safety performance measures included in the 2024-2050 MTP, adopted via Resolution T-3-24; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 2, 2024, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 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 it supports ODOT's safety targets established in August 2024 as described above.
- Section 2. That it will plan and program projects that contribute toward the achievement of the ODOT targets.
- Section 3: That it directs staff to establish safety targets in the 2024-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan that are consistent with the ODOT targets.
- 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: Programming Department Staff



**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 14, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

LaGrieta Acheampong	Jeremiah Gracia	Eric Richter
Chris Amorose Grooms	Dave Gulden	Elissa Schneider
Joe Antram	Jeff Hall	Kelly Scocco
Lourdes Barroso De Padilla	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Alana Shockey
Paul Brake	James Jewell	Brandon Standley
Jamie Brucker	Emily Keeler	Joe Steager
Gary Burkholder	Ben Kessler	Christie Ward
Ben Carpenter	Bill LaFayette	Trenton Weaver
Ben Collins	Rory McGuinness	Andrew Williams
Michelle Crandall	Eric Meyer	RC Wise
Brad Foster	Megan O'Callaghan	Kenneth Wright

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Joe Allen	Christine Houk	Bill Narducci
Tracie Davies	Laurie Jadwin	Nick Shultz
Joy Evangelista	Mark Johns	Chloe Siens-Núñez
Alexis Fitzsimmons	Jamie Leesberg	Joe Stefanov
Bill Habig	Joe Long	Robyn Stewart
Daryl Hennessy	Glenn Marzluf	Andy Volenik
Rebecca Hermann	Mark Mauter	Tim Wilson

Transportation Policy Committee Members Remotely

Matt Allison	Kimberly Sharp
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Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristin Sutton

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Parag Agrawal	Jessica Keunzli	Padmini Roy-Dixon
Todd Bradley	Eileen Leuby	Shari Saunders
Lauren Cardoni	Kelsey Matson	Maria Schaper
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	Robert Williams
Ralonda Hampton	Kyle Probert	
Shawn Hufstedler	Raj Roy	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Karina Peggau	Mary Turner
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Guests Present in Person

Grace Byler, Morrow County	Anthony Sgro
David Clark, Clinton Township	Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Tom Homan	

Guests Attending Remotely

Rohn Benedetti	Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
Gabriel Kelvin, GROW Licking County	Brent Welch, FCEO

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

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

Chair Amorose Groomes led the Commission in a moment of silence for Village of Somerset Mayor and MORPC member Tom Johnson who passed away.

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

Eileen Leuby welcomed consultant and transportation engineer Anthony Srgo.

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

William Murdock gave the [Executive's Director Report](#). Mr. Murdock shared the pre-Commission luncheon included Steve Steinour, CEO of Huntington Bank and the head of the Columbus Partnership. The Columbus Foundation shared their Benchmarking Report.

Mr. Murdock thanked those who ran for office, or work for those in office, and/or had initiatives on their ballots. No matter how it went, MORPC appreciates your service to your community. Mr. Murdock also thanked the veterans for their service.

Mr. Murdock gave a preview of upcoming agenda items. Ms. Leuby will share new benefits this morning. The Return on Investment statements are ready to go. Copies of the summary were provided at each seat and will be available [online](#). The Regional Policy Roundtable report includes an election update. With a new president, a new congress, and new members of the state legislature, MORPC is here to work with you in navigating the new landscape.

The regional housing effort is taking an important step on November 19 at Reynoldsburg's City Hall. The City of Columbus is investing in the next step of how to create a regional housing coalition effort to help local governments make housing happen.

Mr. Murdock congratulated the Commission and local leaders on the passage of the LinkUS ballot issue. MORPC began working on this about ten years ago with a committee aimed at making the region grow better. Mr. Murdock is proud of the MORPC Team's involvement and thinking about how this impacts the whole region.

Nearly 700 people attended the October 29 Summit on Sustainability. The morning plenary session featured regional council leaders from across the country. The keynote session with Jeff Speck was great and the four Pecha Kucha presenters brought down the house. Fifteen breakout sessions were offered throughout the day-long event.

The 208 Process Review Committee met yesterday. Former Delaware City Manager Tom Homan chairs the committee that is looking at sewer facility planning that is so important to growth. We are able to learn from other regions around the state who have done this for 40-50 years. The committee will bring their recommendations to the Commission.

The Regional Water Study is looking at how the region can be prepared to have the water we need going forward. The study is slightly delayed. The consultants need more time because of modeling efforts. Recommendations are anticipated early next year. Because of the growth issues and pressures from Intel, the study results for Licking County should be available by the end of this year.

The STEPZ (Strategic Training on Effective Planning and Zoning) Workshop focuses on elected and appointed planning officials and what their responsibilities are, how their role fits into larger-scale community planning, what some of the legalities are to be aware of, and how to read site plans and interact with engaged members of the public. The November 19 workshop at MORPC also features an interactive session in partnership with the Urban Land Institute.

The Grant Opportunity of the Month is the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. The grant's focus is on plans and projects that help with cybersecurity.

Mr. Murdock congratulated MORPC's Senior Director of Communications & Engagement Ralonda Hampton for being named a Who's Who in Black Columbus.

Tom Homan shared information on the Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials program which begins February 28, 2025. The program is a hands-on opportunity to learn the essentials of local government using a number of facilitators. While it is geared toward newly elected officials, they also encourage folks who have been in office for a number of years to consider it as well as appointed officials. Learn more about the program at [Voinovich Academy Upcoming Training | Ohio University](#).

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

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

- Upcoming members
- Monthly Membership Newsletter
- Completed events
- Member visits
- Upcoming events
- Member Benefits
- New member benefits
- Summer Intern program
- Return on Investments

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Jessica Kuenzli, MORPC Chief Regional Planning Officer & Senior Director of Planning

Jessica Kuenzli presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). MORPC and the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) at The Ohio State University are hosting the third session in the fall webinar series "Responding to the Housing Crisis." *Escaping the Housing Trap* is Friday, November 15 at noon and features author and Strong Towns Founder, Charles Marohn. Over 800 people are registered for the webinar.

Registration is now open for Data Day 2025, February 5, 2025, at Columbus State Community College's Workforce Development Center. The theme is *Making Impacts through Trust in Data*. The call for proposals closes November 30. Learn more at [Data Day 2025 – MORPC.org](#). Contact Jordan Inskip at jinskeep@morpc.org with questions.

Ms. Kuenzli thanked presenters for the Cybersecurity for Local Leaders session held at MORPC. Presenters included Kirk Herath (CyberOhio), Lexie Meade (CyberOhio), Mark Bell (Ohio Cyber Reserve), Gene Oliver (City of Worthington), and Matika Garrison (MORPC). Ms. Kuenzli asked those who were unable to attend the event to submit a [Cybersecurity Working Group Interest Form](#). The survey will highlight some of the resources shared at the event and provide additional information about cybersecurity that you can utilize in your own communities. For questions contact Dave Dixon at ddixon@morpc.org.

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

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). The Regional Policy Roundtable will officially adopt the 2025-2026 Public Policy Agenda at their November 21 meeting. Councilmember Barroso de Padilla thanked those who participated in the Public Policy Agenda working group and Sloan Spalding for leading the group and Kyle Probert for keeping them on task.

The Roundtable will also be joined by Jo Ingles from the Ohio Public Radio State House News Bureau for a post-election update at the November 21 meeting.

With the passage of Issue 47, Central Ohio has a transportation system that matches what our residents need today and what our residents will need tomorrow with a forty-five percent increase in existing fixed route transit throughout the COTA service area. Councilmember Barroso de Padilla thanked the Public Service Team for their work. Issue 47 also means safe and expanded bike and pedestrian paths. It will bring in about \$60 million annually toward transit supportive infrastructure. Over 360 miles and \$5 million of bike and pedestrian projects are already identified and prioritized.

- **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:
 - Local, state, and federal election results
 - Federal & state lame duck priorities
 - HB 315
 - Passenger rail advocacy
 - Ohio Public Works Commission
 - Ohio House Speaker race
 - Central Ohio Defense Group

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Mayor Kessler thanked the MORPC Staff for their work on the Summit on Sustainability. The fantastic event is a gift to the region. Mayor Kessler is excited to see what happens next year.

The Sustaining Scioto Board met in October and discussed 2025 priorities including transitioning from a board focused on the Scioto Watershed to a broader regional focus under the proposed Regional Water Advisory Council. The transition expands the group's focus to all of MORPC's 15 counties. The board is repositioning itself to be a convening body focused on advancing broader regional priorities, including 208 planning, and the outcomes of the Regional Water Study. If you are interested in being considered for a board appointment, reach out to Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org. Mayor Kessler thanked Glenn Marzluf for his continued leadership and support as the board chair.

The next Sustainable2050 member meeting is December 5 and includes a presentation on the Columbus/Franklin County tree canopy assessment.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is December 18 at the Jeffrey Mansion. Contact Brandi Whetstone at bwhetstone@morpc.org for more information.

Mayor Kessler noted Proposed Resolution 16-24 on the consent agenda regards the \$15 million grant MORPC recently received for the charging and fueling infrastructure.

Transportation Policy Committee – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
Chair Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:23 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:43 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Joe Antram made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Kenneth Wilson; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 22-24: **“Authorizing the executive to enter into agreements for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program”**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has continued its work with the Franklin County Commissioners for CDBG funding for the Home Repair Program, as agreements are approved by the Franklin County Commissioners and the Economic Development and Planning Department (EDP).

MORPC anticipates funding from Franklin County to continue the administration of a home repair program for an amount up to \$1.9 million to complete urgent home repairs after additional funds are made available. This resolution authorizes MORPC to enter into agreements, including anticipated amendment(s) up to that amount. These units consist of urgent and emergency health-and-safety related home repairs, handicapped accessible modifications, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, nuisance abatement, and major rehabilitation for homes in Franklin County outside the City of Columbus. Where possible, MORPC will leverage funds through its residential energy efficiency programs and from other agencies.

Attachment: Resolution 22-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Secretary

RESOLUTION 22-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements for July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for a home repair program”

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners administers the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement community authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has continued its work with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and was awarded a contract, and anticipates receiving an amendment for additional funding, to administer a Home Repair Program for home safety improvements, emergency repairs, home sewage disposal and/or private water system repairs, and major rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to the contracts for Home Repair will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are subcontracted in MORPC's service area; now therefore,

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the work described in the contracts awarded for the Home Repair Program in the amount up to \$1.9 million.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: December 12, 2024
Submitted by: Robert Williams, Senior Director, Residential Services
Prepared by: Robert Williams, Senior Director, Residential Services
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: December 12, 2024



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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: December 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 23-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and procure consulting services to execute the 2024 Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Funding Award”**

In December 2024, MORPC was awarded a federal discretionary Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) grant in the amount of \$1,400,000. No matching funds are required for this award. The activity will be included in the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program via amendment in February of 2025.

Resolution 23-24 authorizes the executive director to enter into agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive the funds. A portion of the work will also include consulting services and Resolution 23-24 authorizes the executive director to enter into agreement(s) with consultant(s).

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Attachment: Resolution 23-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 23-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and procure consulting services to execute the 2024 Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Funding Award”

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

WHEREAS, in 2024 MORPC applied for Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) funding; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024 U.S. DOT announced an award of \$1,400,000 in federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) will be amended to include the Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Activities in February of 2025; and

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

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to accept funding and execute the grant agreement with the U.S. DOT for the 2024 Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) funding award.
- Section 2. That staff is directed to prepare an amendment to the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) to include the Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) activities.
- Section 3. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements with the funding agencies and with any consultants, subcontractors, or vendors necessary to undertake the activities in connection with the Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) funding award.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) funding award.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 7. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: December 12, 2024

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

Prepared by: Maria Schaper, Transportation Study Director

Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21

For action date: December 12, 2024



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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: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 24-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio State University (OSU) Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) to execute the FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award”**

In May 2024, MORPC was awarded a federal discretionary Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning and demonstration project award in the amount of \$2,120,000.00. The OSU IBRC and American Honda Motor Co., Inc. are providing \$530,000.00 in matching funds or in-kind services for the award. The activity will be included in the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program via amendment in February of 2025.

Resolution 24-24 authorizes the executive director to enter into agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive the funds and enter into necessary agreements with the partner organizations and agencies for their contributions. Resolution 24-24 also authorizes the executive director to enter into an agreement with the OSU IBRC as an official subrecipient of the SS4A grant to conduct the project.

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Attachment: Resolution 24-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 24-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with, and receive funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio State University (OSU) Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) to execute the FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Award”

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

WHEREAS, in 2024 MORPC applied for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration funding; and

WHEREAS, in May 2024 U.S. DOT announced an award of \$2,120,000.00 in federal funds with \$530,000 in matching funds or in-kind services for the award provided by the OSU IBRC and American Honda Motor Co., Inc; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) will be amended to include the FY24 SS4A planning activities in February of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the activities will primarily be led and completed by the research team at the IBRC, in collaboration with MORPC and partnering local agencies; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to accept funding and execute the grant agreement with the U.S. DOT for the FY24 SS4A funding award.
- Section 2. That staff is directed to prepare an amendment to the MORPC Metropolitan Planning Organization State Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Work Program (PWP) to include the FY24 SS4A planning activities.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to enter into any agreements with the partner organizations and agencies and with any consultants, subcontractors, or vendors necessary to undertake the activities in connection with the FY24 SS4A funding award.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with the OSU IBRC as an official subrecipient of the SS4A grant.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the FY24 SS4A funding award.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.

Section 6. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: December 12, 2024
Submitted by: Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
Prepared by: Lauren Cardoni, Active Transportation and Safety Program Manager
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 25-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program funding and enter into related subcontracts”**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) recently applied for \$17,161,384 via the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program, a competitive grant program created by the Inflation Reduction Act.

MORPC’s project, Central Ohio’s Safe and Energy Efficient Homes (COSEE Homes), aims to bolster resiliency and improve indoor air quality by weatherizing homes and providing energy efficient upgrades for vulnerable residents in Franklin, Pickaway Fairfield, and Fayette Counties. The primary target audiences are residents who are at or below 80 percent Area Median Income, but also includes veterans and single-parent families in subsidized housing and residents who require energy efficiency upgrades that are not currently available through existing federal and state programs. This program has a three-year project period.

MORPC is the lead applicant on this project with the following partners: IMPACT Community Action (Statutory Partner), Nationwide Children’s Healthy Homes, Pickaway County Community Action, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action, and Community Action Commission of Fayette County.

Attachment: Resolution 25-24

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RESOLUTION 25-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program funding and enter into related subcontracts”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) applied for funding via the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program, a competitive grant program created by the Inflation Reduction Act; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the EPA will seek to contract with MORPC to implement a competitive grant application to weatherize homes and provide energy efficiency upgrades for vulnerable residents in Franklin, Pickaway, Fairfield, and Fayette Counties; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and subcontracted organizations and local businesses; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with U.S. EPA for up to three years to utilize Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change grant funds totaling \$17,161,384 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Jessica Kuenzli
Chief Regional Planning Officer and Senior Director of Planning

DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 26-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) round 2 funding and enter into related subcontracts”**

MORPC recently applied for \$55,579,557 via the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) round 2. The CFI Program is a competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). MORPC’s proposed project, EV ECO, will focus on Corridor Charging.

If funded, MORPC will lead an effort to build two DC Fast Charging (DCFC) hubs serving medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), as well as continuing to build out a network of publicly accessible DCFC hubs serving light-duty passenger ZEVs in safe, accessible locations in Central Ohio’s urban and rural underserved communities. The combined 13 sites will provide at least 144 additional 150-kW charging ports in locations critical to transit corridors that are within 5 miles of an AFC. The project will be further enhanced by education and engagement opportunities that will garner support from key workforce development partners. This is a collaborative effort with 13 site hosts and partners including Prologis Mobility, Smart Columbus, National Center for Urban Solutions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Electrification Coalition, Tolles Career & Technical Center, the Rickenbacker Energy Consortium, 11 local governments, public agencies, non-profits, and the private sector.

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RESOLUTION 26-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) round 2 funding and enter into related subcontracts”

WHEREAS, pending award selection, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) may contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to implement a competitive grant application to build two publicly accessible DC Fast Charging (DCFC) hubs serving medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), as well as adding 11 publicly accessible DCFC hubs serving light-duty passenger ZEVs in safe, accessible locations in Central Ohio’s urban and rural underserved communities within five miles of an Alternative Fuel Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the project will be enhanced by education and outreach activities to increase the awareness of EV charging infrastructure, and will involve workforce development partners to promote the training necessary for addressing an emerging workforce demand; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA grant award of up to \$55,579,557, which requires an additional minimum 20 percent match requirement, will be utilized to cover MORPC staff time and hire subcontractors to implement the program; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and subcontracted organizations and local businesses; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with FHWA for up to eight years to utilize Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant funds totaling \$55,579,557 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
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FROM: Robert Williams
Senior Director, Residential Services

DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 27-24: **“To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$2,000,000 to be utilized over a time period of 42 months to perform the remediation of health and safety hazards in homes”**

MORPC applied for a Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Program grant. The HHP addresses safety issues in the homes of eligible residents. The program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards. The HHP Program Grant was originally instituted in 1999. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) would administer all production elements of the HHP grant.

MORPC has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds. MORPC will coordinate with our other in-house Housing and Weatherization programs to maximize the number of housing units identified with and to perform remediation of health and safety hazards within our targeted areas.

If awarded, MORPC will identify and prioritize units for remediation of health and safety hazards that are privately owned, low-income rental or owner-occupied housing, especially in units and/or buildings where families with children, older adults sixty-two (62) years and older, or families with persons with disabilities reside. MORPC will leverage funding from the Franklin County Home Repair program to maximize all funding sources.

MORPC will work with our staff and the staff of Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to distribute information and educate program clients and the general public through media and events, on Health and Safety including but not limited to, asthma triggers, radon, lead poisoning, trip and fall

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WHEREAS, MORPC applied for a Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Program grant. The HHP addresses safety issues in the homes of eligible residents. The program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injury in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards. The HHP Program Grant was originally instituted in 1999. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) would administer all production elements of the HHP grant; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will coordinate with our other in-house Housing and Weatherization programs to maximize the number of housing units identified with and to perform remediation of health and safety hazards within our targeted areas; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will identify and prioritize units for remediation of health and safety hazards that are privately owned, low-income rental or owner-occupied housing, especially in units and/or buildings where families with children, older adults sixty-two (62) years and older, or families with persons with disabilities reside. MORPC will leverage funding from the Franklin County Home Repair program to maximize all funding sources; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will work with our staff and the staff of Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to distribute information and educate program clients and the general public through media and events, on Health and Safety including but not limited to, asthma triggers, radon, lead poisoning, trip and fall hazards, indoor air quality, and many others. Our staff and FCPH staff are committed to education of Health and Safety in the home; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with HUD for work described in the forthcoming contracts, if awarded for health and safety assessment and remediation repairs in the amount up to \$2,000,000 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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FROM: Robert Williams,
Senior Director of Residential Services

DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 28-24: **“To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for \$2,000,000 to be utilized over a time period of 36 months to perform the testing and remediation of mold and radon”**

MORPC applied for a Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement Innovation grant. The grant will allow MORPC to provide additional health and safety measures to HWAP clients. These additional measures will include mold and radon testing and remediation. The remediation of mold will also enable MORPC to complete weatherization measures on properties that we deferred from service due to the presence of mold.

MORPC has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds. MORPC will coordinate with our other in-house Housing and Weatherization programs to maximize the number of housing units identified with and to perform remediation of mold and radon.

If awarded, MORPC will identify units for mold and radon remediation through its existing HWAP Program. These units will be privately owned, low-income rental or owner-occupied units. All potential HWAP clients will have their homes evaluated for mold and tested for radon as part of the HWAP inspection process.

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RESOLUTION 28-24

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WHEREAS, MORPC applied for a Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement Innovation grant. The grant will allow MORPC to provide additional health and safety measures to HWAP clients. These additional measures will include mold and radon testing and remediation. The remediation of mold will also enable MORPC to complete weatherization measures on properties that we deferred from service due to the presence of mold; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will coordinate with our other in-house Housing and Weatherization programs to maximize the number of housing units identified with and to perform remediation of mold and radon; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, MORPC will identify units for mold and radon remediation through its existing HWAP Program. These units will be privately owned, low-income rental or owner-occupied units. All potential HWAP clients will have their homes evaluated for mold and tested for radon as part of the HWAP inspection process; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development for work described in the forthcoming contracts, if awarded for health and safety assessment and remediation repairs in the amount up to \$2,000,000 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming

DATE: December 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 29-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to file applications, execute agreements with, and receive funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Administration (FTA) and the State of Ohio, as authorized under the Federal Transit Laws and the State of Ohio laws executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval”**

MORPC is submitting an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for funds to continue the planning and administration of the Regional Mobility Plan. The Regional Mobility Plan is the Coordinated Plan for ODOT's Human Services Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6, including Delaware, Franklin, Fairfield, Fayette, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026, which begins July 1, 2025, MORPC is requesting \$200,000 of ODOT Transit funding. The MORPC local share for these grants is \$40,000.

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WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, MORPC currently oversees the planning and administration of The Regional Mobility Plan which serves as the Coordinated Plan for ODOT’s Human Services Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6 including Delaware, Franklin, Fairfield, Fayette, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, MORPC intends to apply for \$200,000 of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transit funding for SFY 2026 to continue the planning and administration of the Regional Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, MORPC would provide matching funds in the amount of \$40,000 in SFY 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to execute and file: proposals to aid in the financing of capital, operating, and planning assistance projects; grant agreements with ODOT for the financing of capital, operating, and planning assistance projects; an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and set forth affirmative disadvantage business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to furnish such additional information as U.S. DOT or ODOT may require in connection with the proposal for the program of projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration and the State of Ohio.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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