

**Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
Committee Meeting
May 15, 2017
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Summary**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio

Attendance

Brian Ball, City of Mount Vernon
Bryan Dhume, Madison County
Mark Forrest, Madison County
Loudan Klein, Fairfield County
Brad Irons, Marion County
Steve Stolte, Union County
Jim Bischoff, City of Marion (alternate)

Teresa Bemiller, Knox County
Ira Weiss, Fairfield County
Jeffry Harris, Knox County
Jeff Stauch, Union County
Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County
Terry Emery, City of Marysville

MORPC Staff

Mike Borger
Nathaniel Vogt
Mary Ann Frantz

Nick Gill
Thea Walsh

Maria Schaper
Nathaniel Kaelin

1. **Welcome & Introductions** *Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner & CORPO Chair*, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. *Thea Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems and Funding* welcomed and introduced the group to the second CORPO Committee meeting. Thea reiterated the purpose of the RPO process and how it works in conjunction with other MORPC programs.
2. **January CORPO Meetings Minutes** *Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner & CORPO Chair*, asked the CORPO Committee to vote on the minutes from the previous CORPO meeting (January 6, 2017) and they were adopted.
3. **Timeline & Subcommittee Status** *Mike Borger, Senior Planner*, updated the CORPO Committee on the status of each CORPO member county's subcommittee and subsequent meetings. Six of the seven member counties have held a RPO subcommittee meeting or a stakeholder meeting. All CORPO member counties have formed or are in the process of forming their RPO subcommittee. Some member counties have opted to consolidate existing groups for RPO purposes. The timeline of events that have taken place since the formation of the RPO was recapped. The committee was then reminded of the next steps in the RPO planning process and asked to prepare for additional subcommittee meetings in the fall of 2017. The purpose of these meetings will be to review existing conditions data and other plan elements produced by MORPC.
4. **Rural Transportation Plan** *Mike Borger, Senior Planner*, walked through the elements of a recently completed public involvement document as well as goals and objectives section of the plan. The committee voted and adopted both documents. The committee was shown

examples of data collected for the existing conditions segment of the document. These examples featured crash data and bridge / pavement conditions.

5. **Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)** *Nathaniel Kaelin, Program Manager*, reminded the CORPO Committee that MORPC has partnered with Columbus 2020 to develop the CAP program. CORPO member counties have been made aware of this program in the past and were asked to prepare a short prioritized list of projects based on the program parameters. Nathaniel offered to assist the counties in any way that he can and reiterated program deadlines. Nathaniel mentioned that some counties, such as Fairfield and Knox have combined their RPO subcommittee with CAP, as well as with other established groups that conduct planning work, such as land use.

6. **News / Funding / ODOT Updates** *Mary Ann Frantz, Alternative Transportation Manager, and Nate Vogt, TIP & Funding Manager*, both shared important, potential funding options and events, related to transit and infrastructure grants with the Committee. Staff will be following up with the committee on regarding the transit funding opportunity.