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## **Robertson replaces Franklin County Engineer Ringle on MORPC Board**

**(Columbus – June 20, 2017)** Effective July 1, 2017, Cornell Robertson, acting Franklin County Engineer, will replace Dean Ringle, the county engineer for 17 years, on the MORPC Board. Robertson, a licensed professional engineer and professional surveyor, has been with the engineer’s office for 25 years in several roles. His most recent position was chief deputy engineer, second in command at the office. Franklin County Commissioners approved Robertson’s appointment on June 15, 2017. The Franklin County Engineer’s Office is responsible for building, maintaining and repairing the county’s road and transportation system, including inspecting the county’s bridges.

“I welcome this opportunity to serve Franklin County’s citizens as their County Engineer,” states Cornell Robertson, Acting Franklin County Engineer. “My top priority is to maintain Dean’s tradition of excellence including close collaboration with MORPC by sharing my 25 years of experience and knowledge of our growing Central Ohio transportation system.”

“MORPC is honored to continue to have representation from the Franklin County Engineer’s Office on its board. While we will miss Dean, Cornell will bring his unique perspectives to the Commission,” states William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director. “We look forward to working with Cornell.”

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The MORPC Board meets 10 times each year to discuss important regional issues, guide the direction of MORPC’s work, network with local leaders to discuss common problems, create solutions to shared regional challenges and provide input on funding decisions. Additional benefits of serving on MORPC’s Board include grants and funding opportunities, educational forums, training and seminars, technical assistance and data, and policy development.

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