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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Scioto Conference Room

Monday, October 1, 2018
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. 5:30 p.m. **Welcome & Introductions** – Catherine Girves, Chair
- II. 5:33 p.m. Approval of September 5, 2018 **Minutes** (enclosed)
- III. 5:35 p.m. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report (enclosed)** – Thea Walsh, MORPC
 - Transit Agency Reports
 - DATABus
 - COTA Update – Doug Arseneault, COTA
- IV. 6:00 p.m. **Informational Items:**
 - Short North Pilot Project – Thea Walsh, MORPC
 - Population Estimates – Aaron Schill, MORPC
 - 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – Maria Schaper, MORPC
 - Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) Round 2 Update - Nathaniel Kaelin, MORPC
- V. 6:50 p.m. **Committee Business** – Bernice Cage, MORPC
 - Appoint Nominating Committee
- VI. 7:00 p.m. **Other Business**
 - Adjourn

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Monday, October 29 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
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Meeting Minutes



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 5, 2018
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC

Members Present

Bill Curlis	Len Fisher	Catherine Girves
LaGrieta Holloway	Grant Huling	David Paul
Larry Robertson	Bob Roehm	

MORPC Staff Present

Bernice Cage	Aaron Schill	Brooke White
Mary Ann Frantz	Bryan Townley	Bevan Schneck
Thea Walsh	Christina Tatum	Maria Schaper
Stephen Patchan		

Guests Present

Doug Arseneault, COTA

I. **Welcome & Introductions**

- Chair Catherine Girves called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. **Approval of June 25, 2018 Minutes**

- Chair Catherine Girves asked for a motion for the approval of the June 25, 2018 minutes; Bill Curlis moved, Len Fisher seconded, and the motion was carried.

III. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Thea Walsh, MORPC**

- **DATABus Update**
 - Thea informed the committee that the Delaware County Transit Board has just completed its updated Mission and Visioning project with the help of MORPC and our consultants Measurement Resources. The board will now move forward with strategic planning. She also stated that the DATABus express bus to the Buckeyes began with the first home OSU football game on September 1, 2018. She informed the committee that DATABus has established park and ride locations throughout Delaware County to get Buckeye Fans to COTA's Buckeye Bus at Crosswoods.
- **C-pass**
 - Thea gave the committee an update on the C-pass Program, which consists of the following:
 - o Participating Organizations: 334 – *Franklin County being the largest with 2,963 members*
 - o Enabled Memberships (*active credentials*): 9,765
 - o Approved Memberships: 11,412
 - o Credentials Being Used:
 - COTA Mobile App: 4,230
 - Magnetic Stripe: 2,960
 - COTA Photo ID: 2,417
 - Sticker: 1,292

- Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)
 - Thea informed the committee that ODOT announced in May 2018 that TRAC would not be granting funding for capital projects in 2018. Since there will be no funding issued this year, MPOs will not be formally involved in this year's TRAC activities, as there will be no local project prioritization component. She stated that this year's TRAC activities will be limited to public hearings to provide existing TRAC project proponents an opportunity to debrief TRAC on the progress of all projects. The public hearing for Central Ohio projects will take place at ODOT's central office on October 11, 2018.

- Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) Update
 - The RSTI is the Hyperloop and Passenger Rail Initiative that staff kicked off this month. Thea stated that MORPC has consultants for the feasibility study, which is AECOM, and have WSP for the components of an environmental study. Both consultants were at the RSTI Kick-off Meeting that was held on August 20th at MORPC. She stated that AECOM will be completed with their work in approximately nine (9) months, and WSP will be complete in about a year.

- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)
 - Thea stated that at the last TAC meeting, staff discussed a potential resolution to support BUILD applications in the region. At that time, it was not known what applications would be pursued; therefore, staff was unable to prepare a resolution until just before last month's Commission meeting. She reported to the committee the applications supported in the resolution and ultimately submitted included:
 - City of Columbus, in partnership with ODOT and MORPC: Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads (I-70/71 Innerbelt) project.
 - Franklin County Engineer's Office, in partnership with MORPC and local jurisdictions: workforce access improvements in the Rickenbacker Inland Port area, including widening Alum Creek Drive and trail construction.
 - Delaware County, in partnership with ODOT and the Village of Sunbury: I-71 and US 36/SR 37/Sunbury Parkway interchange.

Thea stated that all three projects were supported by MORPC. She mentioned that there was one project in the CORPO area on I-71 at SR 29 interchange in Madison County that was supported and voted on by CORPO. She stated that the project was not in MORPC's MTP nor the Competitive Advantage program; therefore, staff did not request that it be supported through the Commission.

- Smart Region Task Force
 - Thea informed the committee that over the past six (6) months, staff is working on this task force by pulling together regional leaders who may be associated with a smart project, such as Smart Columbus, COTA, 33 Corridor, and other smaller digitizing entities like Broadband or Battelle. Staff has been gathering around the table with these entities to discuss key things that could change about policies in order to support and encourage smart projects in the future, including funding. Staff is working on the second draft of a smart streets policy, which is very similar to a regional complete streets policy. She stated that although it's not a requirement that the locals adopt it, it encourages a smart streets policy at a local level. She stated that it also contemplates the idea of supporting it as part of the attributable funding process at MORPC, which is something staff would recommend later to the Attributable Funding Committee. She stated that although this is not happening at this time, it's something that staff may be discussing the next time they consider their scoring criteria. She also stated that the policy would be something any local entity can look at as a model.

- Summit on Sustainability
 - Thea reminded the committee that this summit will be held on Thursday, October 25th, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Hilton Columbus Downtown, 401 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215. She welcomed the committee to come and be a guest at MORPC’s table. She stated that there will also be a Smart Regions Conference at the Columbus Convention Center on October 25th and that the Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative will be presented at this conference.

- COTA Update - Doug Arseneault, Public Affairs Administrator for COTA
 - Doug announced that the American Public Transit Association (APTA) awarded COTA the #1 *Mid-size Transit Agency in the Country!* He stated that this was a combination of the comprehensive TranSystem redesign, COTA’s first foray into high-capacity rapid transit with the C-max, as well as the technology initiatives such as mobile ticketing, which will be the first in the county to have true mobile ticketing integrating with their fare boxes, and with the work they are doing with Smart Columbus to build on the projects, and taking a leading role around multimodal trip planning and common payment system, known as the app.
 - Doug mentioned that at COTA’s annual luncheon, Joanna Pinkerton, COTA’s new President & CEO, outlined her vision for COTA, which fed into a *Business First* feature, highlighting not only the APTA award, but also Joanna’s vision for COTA.
 - Doug stated that COTA is looking at embracing what is known as the “Columbus Way” in leveraging public knowledge into creating solutions that serves the private community, but also means that the private sector is contributing into providing solutions rather than simply coming to COTA and asking them to solve challenges that are created.
 - Doug also mentioned that COTA is excited about Huntington and Nationwide coming on board of the C-pass program, which almost doubles the number of companies participating in the program.
 - Doug shared that COTA’s First Mile/Last Mile study is wrapping up and feeding immediately into a working group known as “Mobility as a Service”, which is a broad umbrella for how COTA leverages being an advisor, partner, and provider to solve the First Mile/Last Mile service through partnerships.
 - Doug updated the committee on the applications COTA submitted to the U.S. DOT and MORPC and provided a legislative update on future transit funding.

- Monthly Report - Data & Mapping - Aaron Schill, MORPC
 - Aaron presented to the committee the initiatives and programs underway in the Data & Mapping department, which included information regarding Paving the Way System Redesign; MORPC’s Draft Regional Population Projections 2020-2050; and the Regional Data Advisory Committee. The presentation can be found [here](#).

IV. Proposed Resolutions

- Proposed Resolution: T-11-18: “Accepting the PWP Completion Report for State Fiscal Year 2018” – Thea Walsh, MORPC
 - Thea gave a thorough overview of this resolution and asked for the committee’s approval. Chair Girves entertained a motion for approval of the resolution; Bill Curlis moved, Len Fisher seconded, and the motion was carried.
- Proposed Resolution: T-12-18: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program” – Thea Walsh, MORPC
 - Thea gave a thorough overview of this resolution and described the four projects in the amendment: Columbus, Delaware, ODOT, and Pickerington. She ended her presentation by asking the committee for their approval of the resolution. Chair Girves entertained a motion for approval of this resolution; Bill Curlis moved, LaGrieta Holloway seconded, and the motion was carried.

V. Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Proposed Resolution: T-13-18: “Adopting Goals for the 2020-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan” – Maria Schaper
 - Maria gave the committee an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and discussed the 2020-2050 Proposed Goals (postcards with the goals were distributed to the committee for their reference) and asked for the committee’s approval of proposed resolution to adopt the goals. Chair Girves entertained a motion for approval of the resolution; Dave Paul moved, Bill Curlis seconded, and the motion was carried. The presentation can be found [here](#).

VI. Informational Items

- High-Crash Location Lists - Bryan Townley, MORPC
 - Bryan presented on this subject and provided handouts listing the high-crash locations. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts - Bryan Townley, MORPC
 - Bryan presented on this subject and provided a handout listing the Fall 2018 Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts that will take place September 12th and encouraged the members and attendees to sign-up. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- Air Quality & Commuter Challenge Update – Brooke White, MORPC
 - Brooke presented on these subjects and informed the committee that the next Commuter Challenge is scheduled for October 15-26, 2018, which is a challenge to help incentivize individuals to access the Gohio online tools to select alternative modes of transportation. The presentation can be found [here](#).

VII. Committee Business – Bernice Cage, MORPC

- Bernice reminded the committee of MORPC’s Certification Open House that will take place on September 18th from 4-6 p.m. Postcards with information regarding the Certification were distributed to the committee for their reference.

VIII. Other Business

- With no further business, Chair Girves entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting; David Paul moved, Len Fisher seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report



MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

September 2018

Transportation Systems & Funding

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Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification

- On September 18th and 19th, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) visited MORPC to conduct the quadrennial MPO certification process. This included discussion with MORPC staff, COTA, DATABus, and ODOT on the transportation planning process. A public open house was also held from 4 to 6 pm on September 18th, which had great turnout. Initial conclusions from FHWA and FTA was that MORPC continues to do a good job in conducting the transportation planning process. They will issue a formal certification report later this fall.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- The goals for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was adopted in September. Work has been ongoing to develop measureable objectives and targets to track the region in advancing the goals. The draft objectives and targets will be available the first week of October for a public comment period. Many of the objectives will be the same as in the 2016-2040 MTP. The new required national performance measures will be incorporated into the new objectives. These will be adopted in November.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services

➤ Gohio

- MORPC Gohio Commute staff has been consulting several companies over the past 60 days to start their rideshare program on the Gohio Commute platform as subnetwork managers. Currently, MORPC has partnered with The Columbus Zoo, Alliance Data, State Auto, Cardinal Health, Battelle, CAS, and White Castle. These companies will be using the platform features to encourage their employees to explore sustainable modes of transportation.
- MORPC Gohio Commute staff is working with OSU to promote Student Mobility Week on October 15th -19th. OSU's student group will be holding a sustainable commute challenge with the help of the Gohio Commute platform. Students will have the chance to win prizes by choosing sustainable modes of transportation over driving alone and will be entered to win prizes by logging these trips in the Gohio Commute platform.

➤ **DATABus**

- Delaware County Transit Board completed its updated Mission and Visioning project with the help of MORPC and our consultants Measurement Resources. The board will now move forward with strategic planning. DATABus' express bus to the Buckeyes began with the first home OSU football game on September 1, 2018. DATABus has established park and ride locations throughout Delaware County to get Buckeye Fans to COTA's Buckeye Bus at Crosswoods.
- MORPC staff assisted DATABus with their Transit Asset Management Plan that MORPC will incorporate into area planning work.

➤ **COTA**

- Staff worked with COTA on First-Mile/Last-Mile and Transit Asset Management Plan information.

➤ **Other**

- MORPC staff completed the Section 5310 Group Transit Asset Management Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration. This plan includes an inventory of capital vehicles assets as procured through the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program for open door agencies. It also assesses the condition of those vehicles, describes the analytical processes the Subrecipients go through in maintaining these assets, and the prioritization process of those investments.
- Staff began updating MORPC's three year Federal Transit Administration Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program for 2018.

Transportation Planning Studies

➤ **Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)**

- The RSTI seeks to find better, faster freight and passenger connections between Chicago, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. There are two studies currently in progress under the RSTI: The Hyperloop Feasibility Study, and the Tier I EIS Components study.
 - Hyperloop Feasibility Study: On September 19, a technology visioning and data workshop was held at MORPC. This was a one-day working session between AECOM, MORPC, and Virgin Hyperloop One. The purpose for this workshop was to identify necessary information from Virgin Hyperloop One to create a Basis of Design document, which will outline the right-of-way needs such as curvature, minimum right-of-way widths, etc.
 - Tier I EIS Components Study: MORPC has been working with the City of Fort Wayne to get information resulting from the Chicago to Lima Tier I EIS components study. MORPC is working with WSP (consultant under contract to do the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh Tier I EIS components study) and HNTB (consultant completing the Chicago to Lima Tier I EIS Components study) to facilitate the transfer of information. This will allow MORPC and WSP to ensure recent work along the corridor is seamlessly incorporated in MORPC's broader corridor study.

➤ **Rickenbacker Study**

- MORPC staff continues to work on the study documentation. MORPC staff is working with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) to form a strategy for release of the study in late 2018/early 2019. MORPC and CRAA will share the final findings and recommendations with stakeholders and study funders in November/December. A broader public release will occur in January.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

- CORPO held subcommittee meetings in Knox County on 9/13, Union County on 9/19, Fairfield County on 9/12, Pickaway County on 9/27 and Marion County on 9/28. Madison and Morrow County's subcommittee meetings will be held in October 2018. At the subcommittee meetings, staff discussed ODOT's comments regarding the CORPO Transportation Plan, which included a request for a prioritized list of projects and an executive summary for the CORPO plan. Updated maps and excel spreadsheets of projects were provided by staff to CORPO member counties to aid in their project prioritization process. This is to be completed and approved by at the next CORPO meeting.
- MORPC staff will be traveling to each CORPO member's county in October to visit County Commissioners to discuss MORPC / CORPO membership options, with the exception of Fairfield County, who will be hosting a conference call with MORPC staff on 10/10 to discuss membership. MORPC staff met with Knox County Commissioners on 9/13, the same day as the CORPO subcommittee meeting.

Infrastructure Funding

➤ **Transportation Improvement Program**

- In September ODOT announced that the normal biennial TIP update will be delayed one year. The SFY 18-21 TIP will remain in place for another year. Amendments will continue be made quarterly or as needed to ensure projects can continue. Work will begin in fall 2019 for a new SFY 21-24 TIP.

➤ **MORPC Attributable Funding**

- The Transportation Systems & Funding team is conducting the scoring process with preliminary scores for 39 applications to be presented at the Attributable Funds Committee meeting on Thursday, October 4th. Despite the announcement from ODOT to delay the development of a new TIP, MORPC will continue on it schedule to select projects to use attributable funding. After adoption in March, MORPC will amend the SFY 18-21 TIP as needed to reflect the updated and new funding commitments.

➤ **Competitive Advantage Projects**

- The second round of the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) process is underway. In preparation for new legislative members in 2019, the list of project priorities is being updated. MORPC is currently reengaging county working groups to ask them to revisit their project lists this fall to confirm or edit priority projects. County working groups are also being asked to consider ways to increase business engagement during project prioritization and to identify which selected projects are shovel-ready, and therefore most prepared for funding.

➤ **Ohio Public Works Commission**

- Franklin County (District 3) received 24 applications requesting \$50.1 million in SCIP/LTIP funding available after July 1, 2019. Approximately \$26.8 million is available for projects in District 3. There are 19 road project applications, two waterline applications, one culvert application, and one water application. The Public Works Integrating Committee's next meeting will be on November 16th to review and discuss the applications.
- Applications for District 17 (includes Delaware, Licking, and Fairfield counties) are due on October 5th.
- Applications for District 11 (includes Union County) are due on October 26th.

Data and Mapping

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

- At the September 21st RDAC meeting, committee members voted to approve MORPC's first Regional Data Agenda and forwarded it on to the Executive Committee and to the Commission. The Agenda will be presented to the Commission on October 11, 2018. Committee members also discussed how to prioritize the action items in the draft Regional Data Agenda, which will be used to guide MORPC's data and mapping work in 2019.

Transportation

- JMT Technology Group was selected as the consultant for the Paving the Way System Redesign project. MORPC and JMT are currently in contract negotiations, and work on the project is slated to begin this fall with project completion coming in February 2019.
- Data & Mapping staff are in the process of calculating population and employment projections for the upcoming (2020-2050) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Data & Mapping staff are currently designing the final deliverable for the Rickenbacker Area Comprehensive Study, which will be in the form of a digital story map. The story map will present the results in a concise, interactive, and information-rich format.
- MORPC's funding proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy for the development of a Transportation Energy Analytics Dashboard (TEAD) has been approved, in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory. TEAD will be a first-of-its-kind resource that allows for real-time, detailed monitoring and analysis of the energy consumption and emissions of the regional transportation network.

Data & Mapping Support to MORPC Members, Programs and Projects

- The Data & Mapping team is on schedule to complete the Regional Sustainability Agenda metrics project. The metrics will be presented as an interactive report card, which will be released at the Summit on Sustainability.
- 2019 population and dues estimates were distributed to members for review on September 19. Staff plans to present the final 2019 population estimates and annual participation fees to be assessed to members of the Commission on October 11.
- The Smart Region Task Force held its monthly meeting on September 20. The educational focus topic was electric vehicles, and Sam Spofforth and Brendan Kelley of Clean Fuels Ohio presented their work to the Task Force. The Task Force also continued the development of two deliverables: the Smart Streets Policy and the Smart Region Playbook.
- Data & Mapping staff continue to provide data collection and analysis support for the Insight 2050 Corridor Concepts project and for the Insight2050 Technical Assistance program.

Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration

- MORPC is wrapping-up the current phase of its work supporting the Smart Columbus Operating System (SCOS) by analyzing key performance indicators (KPIs) for the eight smart mobility projects. Following the completion of this phase of work, the Smart Columbus team will assess the ongoing need and role for the Technical Working Group.

- MORPC is partnering with TeraData, Hands On Central Ohio, the Battelle Center at Ohio State, COTA, and Share to identify food access needs and challenges for clients of Hands On Central Ohio and to identify First-Mile/Last-Mile solutions to those challenges.
- Aaron Schill, Regional Data & Mapping Director, will be a featured speaker at the Public CIO Technology Summit on September 27, discussing the increasing importance of data in the delivery of public services in Central Ohio.
- Data and Mapping Staff continues to work with the CRM Technical Team to develop criteria for MORPC's future CRM system.
- Aaron Schill, Regional Data & Mapping Director, will speak at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference on October 2, presenting "Jump into the Crystal Ball – Scenarios for Moving 3 Million People by 2050" with Jennifer Noll.
- Data & Mapping staff will attend the Ohio GIS Conference September 24 – 26. Annie McCabe, GIS Specialist III and Daniel Eisenberg, Senior Planner will present "Forget About the 'Final Final' PDF: Story Mapping a Plan Deliverable", and Jason Kaper, GIS Specialist, will present the Interactive Blueways Webmap.

Planning & Environment

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Active Transportation Planning

➤ Non-Motorized System Monitoring

- Team members collected short-duration count data on two segments of the Central Ohio Greenways trails (Big Walnut Trail and Ohio-to-Erie Trail) as part of the annual regional trail count effort.
- Team members loaned count equipment from the Complete Streets Library to the City of Delaware for the purpose of collecting count data along several segments of a multi-use path within their jurisdiction. Additionally, count equipment was loaned to the Short North Alliance for the collection of pedestrian counts along High St. during the monthly Gallery Hop event.
- The twice-annual volunteer pedestrian and bicycle count event took place on September 12th at approximately 30 locations across Central Ohio and included both morning and afternoon data collection.

➤ Complete Streets Outreach & Implementation

- Staff reviewed Delaware County's transportation project to resurface Africa Road from Cheshire Road to Lewis Center Road. Staff is providing feedback regarding possible pedestrian and bicycle access as well as storm water management.

insight2050

➤ Outreach

- MORPC hosted the Consortium for Scenario Planning annual conference, which attracted around 55 participants from around the country. The sessions on the first day were organized by MORPC and included a session on insight2050 Corridor Concepts, a session on integrating social equity into scenario planning processes, and a guided tour of the City of Columbus led by members of the Columbus Department of Development.

➤ insight2050 Corridor Concepts Study

- A combined meeting of the Project Working Group and Corridor Working Groups took place this month. Working Group members were presented with the results of the scenario analyses. At the September Steering Committee meeting, discussion was initiated on the development of an implementation framework. The Communications Committee has begun monthly meetings to create messaging and tools to assist with delivering the findings/results when they are complete.

➤ Technical Assistance (TA) Program

- Staff meetings were held with each of the TA Program communities this month to collaborate on remaining tasks/deliverables. Projects will wrap-up in October and November 2018.

Transportation Safety

➤ **Assistance to Members**

- Coinciding with September Safety Month, team members publicly released several regional crash data analysis products, including the Top 100 High Crash Intersections list, the Top 5 High Crash Intersections by Jurisdictions list, and the Top Pedestrian and Bicycle High Crash Clusters lists. Overviews of this information were presented to CAC, TAC, and the Commission/Transportation Policy Committee meetings.

➤ **Participation in Local and State Safety Committees**

- Team members attended the regularly scheduled Traffic Records Coordinating Committee meeting as a representative for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC).
- Team members also convened the regional Transportation Safety Planning working group, which will provide guidance and direction to the Central Ohio Strategic Road Safety Plan, which MORPC is currently developing.

➤ **Sustainable2050**

- At the September Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting, the first Sustainable2050 members to receive their Tier Status certification were recognized with a certificate of achievement. Congratulations to the Cities of Dublin, Gahanna, and Upper Arlington, Genoa Township, and the Village of Lockbourne!

Greenways & Water Resources Program

➤ **Participation in Local and State Committees**

- Team members attended the kick off meeting of the Central Ohio Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, where attendees provided feedback on the goals and objectives of the initiative. Team members have been participating in the steering committee, and the group will come together again in November to prioritize activities through the first quarter of 2019.

➤ **Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board Update**

- The COG Board selected a consultant to conduct a planning study for the regional trail vision to assist with the review of funding capacity in Central Ohio and the development of fundraising strategies. Staff and working team members have also created a social media strategy for the remainder of 2018.

➤ **Sustaining Scioto**

- The Sustaining Scioto subcommittee has been meeting monthly in an effort to create an implementation plan and identify key performance indicators for the short term strategies outlined in the Adaptive Management Plan. At the September meeting, the group provided feedback on the goals identified in previous meetings, the associated target dates, and other details.

Energy & Air Quality

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Air Quality

- Eight Air Quality Alerts have been issued since the beginning of the ozone season in March: June 16th, 17th, and 18th; May 1st, 25th, 28th, and 29th; and August 4th. A variety of media outlets have included coverage of Alerts and air quality issues, including TV news and weather segments across all local TV networks, radio, and social media posts from MORPC as well as multiple regional partners.
- The 2018 annual Air Quality Awareness campaign kicked off in July and continues through the end of September. A Green Weekend Give-away is currently being held to incentivize sign-ups for Air Quality Alerts as part of the Air Quality Awareness campaign. This initiative has already garnered an additional 144 sign-ups. The yearly number of Air Quality Alert subscriptions is currently 165% greater than the number in 2017.
- Air Quality staff has launched an Idle Free Educational Pilot during the 2018-2019 school year in partnership with Jonathan Kelley, a science educator at Dempsey Middle School, and with the American Lung Association of Ohio. This pilot program will educate students about the health impacts of air pollution and how vehicle idling contributes to air quality issues. It will also allow students to engage with the topic of air quality through data gathering and analysis, creation of social marketing tools to drive behavior change, and through environmental policy creation and implementation. Students conducted an initial round of surveys on vehicle idling activity at Dempsey Middle School. Air Quality staff will give an educational presentation to the students on September 24th along with American Lung Association staff.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

- The Energy and Air Quality (E&AQ) Working Group met on September 14th. The focus of the meeting was reviewing elements of an Action Plan for the Working Group that was produced by a Review Committee which is a subset of the working group membership. This included vision and mission statements as well as goals. The next meeting is scheduled for November 27th at 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- The Energy and Air Quality (E&AQ) Working Group Review Committee met on August 15th and September 7th. The Committee worked toward creating overarching goals for the Working Group as well as contributing input towards the creation of a mission and vision statement.

Alternative Fuels/Electric Vehicles

- MORPC Team Members continue to work with Smart Columbus efforts related to siting, codes, and public sector EV deployment. MORPC staff met with ODOT, OEPA, and other MPOs who worked on the Alternative Fuel Corridor nomination.

Local Government Energy Partnership

- The Benchmarking Program beta-group is moving forward. JadeTrack is currently in the process of developing the regional roll-up dashboard. JadeTrack has developed the fleet management system, which will track energy use and emissions for local government fleets. Currently, all of the feedback from participants is positive.

Franklin County Energy Study

- There is one more presentation of the Franklin County Energy Study results and impacts that is currently scheduled (December 2018 – ACEEE Conference on Health, Energy and the Environment). Other presentations/discussions may occur as the opportunities arise.

Public & Government Affairs

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Press Releases and Social Media

- Announcements on the Listening Session with the U.S. Department of Transportation were distributed through MORPC's electronic newsletter, direct mail to over 3,300, social media, and a press release. The Listening Session is an element of the federal metropolitan planning process certification review of MORPC, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA), and Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATABus) on their efforts in regional planning for highways, transit, freight, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- A press release was distributed announcing MORPC's award of approximately \$1.8 million for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 of 5310 Federal Transit funding to Enhance Mobility of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities to 13 projects.
- A press release was distributed announcing the Top 100 Regional High-Crash Intersections list for 2018 in the transportation planning area. MORPC produces the list on an annual basis to help local and regional partners better understand crash patterns that occur and help prioritize transportation safety investments.
- Postcards were printed to advertise the October 2018 Central Ohio Commuter Challenge.
- Social media for the month included the following: Bike and Pedestrian Counts, Air Quality, Summit on Sustainability, insight2050 Corridor Concepts, Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative, insight2050 Fall Academy, High-Crash Locations, COTA CEO Article in Business First, USDOT Certification Listening Session, and Gohio Commute.