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NOTICE OF A MEETING

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions** – Robert Priestas, Chair
- II. 9:03 a.m. **Approval of December 5, 2018 Minutes** (enclosed)
- III. 9:05 a.m. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Walsh, MORPC
 - Monthly Report - Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
- IV. 9:15 a.m. **Funding Programs**
 - Attributable Funds Project Status Update (handout) – Ronni Nimps, MORPC
- V. 9:20 a.m. **Proposed Resolutions**
 - **Proposed Resolution T-1-19:** "Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Amend a Work Element" (enclosed) - Mary Ann Frantz, MORPC
- VI. 9:25 a.m. **2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
 - Status Update - Maria Schaper, MORPC
- VII. 9:30 a.m. **Informational Items**
 - 2018 in Review and Preview of 2019 – Bernice Cage, MORPC
 - End of Year Air Quality Report - Brooke White, MORPC
- VIII. 9:55 a.m. **Other Business**
- IX. 10:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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Attributable Funds Committee Meeting to Follow this Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

The next TAC Meeting is
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.
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Meeting Minutes

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



Date: December 3, 2018
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC

Members Present

William (Bill) Curlis	Catherine Girves	LaGrieta Holloway
Bob Roehm	Warren King	Ira Weiss
William (Bill) Allman	Larry Robertson	Len Fisher
David Paul		

MORPC Staff Present

Bernice Cage	Mary Ann Frantz	Thea Walsh
Christina Tatum	Maria Schaper	Aaron Schill
Ronni Nimps	Bevan Schneck	Nathaniel Vogt
Dina Lopez		

Guests Present

Lauren Cardoni, MKSK Consulting Firm
Doug Hammon, OSU Airport
David Wall, Rickenbacker Airport
Kim Moss, OSU
Arin Blair, MKSK
Diana Pollock

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Catherine Girves called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., welcomed committee members and guests, and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of October 29, 2018 Minutes

- Chair Catherine Girves asked for a motion for the approval of the October 29, 2018 minutes and asked the committee if they had any questions or comments. Bill Curlis asked that staff change *accept* to *select* the nominations in section VII. of the Nominating Committee Report of the meeting minutes. After staff agreed to make the change, Ira Weiss moved; LaGrieta Holloway seconded; Len Fisher abstained; and the motion was carried.

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

- Thea provided the committee the following information:
 - **DATABus**
 - DATABus wrapped up its Express Bus connecting to the COTA Buckeye Bus. Although ridership through the season was not significant, staff believes that it was successful in providing awareness to the community.
 - DATABus will be providing shuttle service to Downtown Delaware for their annual Tree Lighting event.

- The Delaware County Transit Board will begin working on its strategic plan as staff moves into the New Year.
- Staff will begin expanding their fleet with sedans and smaller handicap accessible vehicles during the 2019 calendar year.

- **insight2050 Corridor Study**
 - At the November meeting, Jennifer Noll presented on this subject and informed the committee that staff is anticipating the release of the final report and findings of the corridor study on November 29th and will present them to the committee. However, since that time, it has been determined that the results for the insight2050 Corridor Concepts are going to be delayed. Staff will update the committee when the results are available.

- **Air Quality Update**
 - Air Quality End of Season Report – MORPC’s Air Quality staff and forecasters are working together to produce the annual end of season report on air quality conditions for 2017-2018. This report will be released to the public and press in Mid-December and will be available on MORPC’s air quality webpage.
 - Air Quality Campaign – The 2018 air quality awareness marketing campaign concluded in October. The campaign aims to increase understanding of the health impacts of air quality and simple solutions we can all embrace. The campaign used advertising and videos on social media as well as a Green Weekend Getaway competition. This year’s campaign results saw a 130% increase in the number of confirmed subscribers to air quality alerts compared to 2017.

- **MORPC Attributable Funding Process**
 - The Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) met on October 31st to review revised scores for the 39 applications in the current funding cycle and to begin discussions of scenarios for funding projects in accordance with program and category target levels.
 - The committee met again on November 15th to further discuss funding scenarios and fiscal balance of existing and potential new awards. On December 5th, the committee will reconvene to consider final adjustments to the draft recommendations of funding commitments and to approve the draft list for the public review and comment period.

- **RSTI Update**
 - Tier I EIS Components Study: The City of Kenton approved a \$4,000 contribution towards this environmental study in support of the passenger rail component. The consultant continues to work on the data collection and analyses task. A meeting with MORPC staff has been scheduled to discuss remaining data needs on December 7th.
 - Hyperloop Feasibility Study: MORPC held a work session with AECOM on November 12th to narrow down corridor alternatives between metro areas. AECOM is refining alternatives for corridors through the major metro areas and is preparing materials to have brief work sessions with corridor partners to refine metro area alternatives.

➤ **Short North Late Night Shuttle Pilot Program**

- MORPC continues to work with the Short North Alliance to implement the new parking shuttle pilot in support of the Short North Parking Plan.
- This new mobility option will provide employers and employees with an additional transportation option to leave work safely and use underutilized parking in Downtown Columbus from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. nightly.
- An RFP was posted on MORPC's website for operation of the service. Proposals are due December 13th, and staff has prepared a resolution for authority to enter into a contract for such services. The targeted date to launch the service is January 22, 2019, timed with the implementation of the parking plan.

➤ **Commuter Challenge**

- The October Commuter Challenge was from October 15-26. It was the second Commuter Challenge in 2018, with the first being on July 16-27.
 - Staff will return to one Commuter Challenge in June of 2019.
- Survey responses from participants were received with many helpful suggestions to be reviewed for next year. The Gohio team has reached out to a few individuals to elaborate on their ideas to have more participants and momentum for next year's commuter challenge.

- **2018 Challenge Collective Data**

- Participants: 547
 - 104 of these participated in both the July and October 2018 Challenges making the number 651
- Trips Logged: 3,322
- Distance Traveled: 35,584 miles
- Money Saved: \$10,500
- CO2 Emissions Reduced: 18,918 lbs.
- Calories Burned: 0.3 million

- **October Specific Data**

- Participants: 262
- Trips Logged: 1,353
- Distance Traveled: 13,853 miles
- Money Saved: \$4,100
- CO2 Emissions Reduced: 7,117 lbs.
- Calories Burned: 0.1 million

➤ **COTA Update – Thea Walsh, MORPC (on behalf of Doug Arseneault, Public Affairs Administrator for COTA)**

- Thea provided the following update on behalf of Doug:
 - The 14th Annual Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks is on Monday, December 3rd. Sponsored by COTA, OSU, and Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, this year's Community Leader Forum features Hasan Jeffries, Associate Professor of History at The Ohio State University; Ginette Rhodes, President – NAACP College Chapter, The Ohio State University; and Andrea Davis Pinkney, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author.
 - A children's assembly will held on December 4th for Kindergarten through 3rd grade students from across Central Ohio and will feature Columbus Children's Theatres' rendition of The Ruby Bridges Story.

- The January 2019 Service Change meetings will be held on Thursday, December 5th and next Tuesday, December 12th.
 - The most significant improvements are the opening of the Canal Winchester Park & Ride and extension of Line 25 Brice to connect to the new park & ride and the Winchester Square Shopping Center.
 - COTA is also simplifying the Line 4 route in Merion Village by turning directly between Parsons and Frebis Avenues, as a result of street improvements on Parsons.
 - COTA is also adjusting trip times on several Rush Hour lines, as a result of feedback from C-pass customers.
 - Construction in the Short North and Livingston Avenue west of Downtown are likely to continue causing delays and intermittent stop closures.
- COTA is wrapping up their First/Last Mile study and preparing to launch microtransit pilots by July 2019. A resolution to create mobility hubs will also go to the Board in January. More details will be shared at the next meeting.
- COTA participated in the THRIVE Columbus Transportation Innovation Lab on November 16-18th. The event brought together more than 80 community members to recommend policy platforms, community programs, and technology solutions to increase access to transit, particularly among historically disadvantaged communities.
 - The winner of the challenge recommended employer-provided mobility benefit packages, offset by tax incentives from municipalities.
 - The second and third place winners developed concepts for a Broad Street tactical urbanism project and policies to require transportation officials to experience shared use mobility on a regular basis.

➤ **Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC**

- Aaron shared that staff kicked off the Paving the Way project last week. Staff met with their consultant, JMT Technology, who is going to be rebuilding the Paving the Way system. At this time, it's a manual process where contractors will either e-mail or call and leave voicemail messages and staff will update the information regarding construction activity and road closers in the region. The new system will have a user interface for communities and contractors to enter their data directly and maintain/update their project information on a daily basis. From a public sector standpoint, this will also allow staff to track and make sure contractors are updating their information. He also reported that staff held a User Requirements meeting last week with their consulting team and stakeholders from communities across the region to discuss how communities and the public would want to use his project. He stated that a second meeting will be held tomorrow, December 4th, to review the initial user requirements and provide feedback. He stated that staff look to have the project completed by spring. He also stated that a resolution will be discussed later on in the meeting regarding this project.
- Aaron reported on the work being done around the Regional Fiber Connectivity across our communities. He stated that staff hosted a group that meets every quarter called COSMOS, which are the CIO's from cities across the region to discuss the coordination of IT and other technology issues. He stated that one on-going theme and focus is on building municipal fiber networks in creating connectivity. The ultimate goal is to create an interconnected network of fiber

optic cable to support municipal purposes, insuring the emergency services, schools, libraries, and other public purposes are well served by high-speed internet on a regional scale connecting between cities. MORPC staff will support this effort by working to map as much of the fiber that currently exists and owned by communities, making it available to both communities and the public more broadly.

- He also informed the committee of two meeting updates: Next week is the next meeting of the Smart Region Task Force (a group looking at smart cities technology and developing a regional shared vision for a smart region), which will be held on Tuesday, December 11th. Staff will be looking to finalize the smart streets policy and will share it with the committee members to get their final feedback and take it to Commission early next year for approval. He stated that the Regional Data Advisory meeting will be held on December 18th, which meets quarterly and is the committee that helps guide staff in their data work. He informed the committee that staff will be welcoming in a number of new members to serve 2-year terms at this meeting.

IV. Proposed Resolutions

- Proposed Resolution: T-15-18: "Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program"- Ronni Nimps, MORPC
 - Ronni provided the committee an overview of this resolution, opened the floor for questions, and requested approval of the resolution. Chair Girves entertained a motion for approval; Warren King moved; Len Fisher seconded; and the motion was carried.
- Proposed Resolution: T-16-18: "Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element" – Aaron Schill, MORPC
 - Aaron provided the committee an overview of this resolution, opened the floor for questions, and requested approval of the resolution. Chair Girves entertained a motion for approval; Bill Curlis moved; Ira Weiss seconded; and the motion was carried.

V. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- 2050 Land Use Data Forecast - Maria Schaper & Aaron Schill, MORPC
 - Maria discussed in detail the importance of the MTP and reviewed the 2020-2050 Columbus Area MTP goals and opened the floor for questions. Aaron provided the committee a thorough update on the 2050 Land Use Data Forecast and opened the floor for questions. The presentation can be found [here](#).

VI. Informational Items

- OSU Airport Master Plan – Doug Hammon, OSU Airport
 - Doug provided the committee an update on this subject and opened the floor for questions. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- Rickenbacker Airport Master Plan Status – David Wall, Rickenbacker Airport
 - David provided the committee an update on this subject and opened the floor for questions. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- Rickenbacker Study Update – Dina Lopez, MORPC
 - Dina provided the committee an update on this subject and opened the floor for questions. The presentation can be found [here](#).

- Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure and Conservation Updates – Nathaniel Vogt, MORPC
 - Nathaniel provided the committee an update on this subject and opened the floor for questions. The presentation can be found [here](#).

VII. Other Business – Bernice Cage, MORPC

- Bernice reminded the committee that today was the last meeting of the year, the committee will recess in January, and informed them that the next meeting will be held in February.

VIII. Adjourn

- With no further business, Chair Girves entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting; LaGrieta Holloway moved; Bill Allman seconded; and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Bernice Cage, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report



MORPC Monthly Metropolitan Transportation Organization Summary

December 2018 – January 2019

Transportation Systems & Funding

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- MORPC staff completed initial population and employment allocations for internal review. Staff also began reviewing local community plans to identify candidate projects to be evaluated for possible inclusion in the MTP. Additionally, the project evaluation criteria to be used is now being reviewed and developed. Both the population and employment allocations and the project evaluation criteria will be presented to CAC, TAC and Policy Committees in the coming months. Candidate projects will be made available for public review and comment in the summer of 2019, along with the opportunity to make new project suggestions.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services

- **Gohio**
 - The MORPC Gohio Team initiated contact with other Central Ohio organizations that plans on having sustainable mobility campaigns in 2019 to create a coalition of representatives with a common goal. The coalition will discuss national, state, and organization-specific campaign events that are on their calendars in order to encourage support of these events across the board. Future meetings will hopefully lead to an increase in partnership so that each marketing campaign can have more support and a better impact towards behavior change in regards to transportation.
- **5310 Designated Recipient**
 - A new round of Section 5310 Funding opened on January 7, 2019. Applications are due February 11, 2019. Two information sessions were held January 16 at DATABus' office and January 17 at MORPC's offices. Due to constraints around the timing of ODOT's renewal of vehicle contracts, vehicles will not be an option for applicants this round of funding.

➤ **Other**

- Short North Late Night Shuttle Pilot - MORPC continues to work with the Short North Alliance to implement the new parking shuttle pilot in support of the Short North Parking Plan. MORPC received two responses to a RFP for operation of the service. A contract with Columbus Yellow Cab, working with subcontractor Empower Bus, was executed and the service launched on January 22, 2019, timed with the implementation of the Short North Parking Plan.

Transportation Planning Studies

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

- Tier I EIS Components Study. In early December 2018, MORPC, the study consultant team, and a staff member from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) held a conference call to discuss the RSTI studies. This conference call marked the beginning of FRA's involvement in the RSTI studies, as regular calls have been agreed upon with FRA to keep them abreast of the studies' progress. Additionally, the study consultant team continues to work on two separate purpose and need statements (a requirement for surface transportation projects seeking environmental approvals). The purpose and need statements includes one for Hyperloop and one for passenger rail. Lastly, a meeting was held on January 17 between the RSTI consultants, MORPC, and ODOT technical staff (which included a member of ODOT's Environmental Services Office). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss freight data sets to be used in the Tier I EIS Components Study, as well as the Hyperloop Feasibility Study.
- Hyperloop Feasibility Study. The consultant team is currently working on route alternatives across the entire corridor. Five conference calls with Virgin Hyperloop One have been held between December 14, 2018 and January 22, 2019, all related to alignment options.

➤ **Western Fairfield and Licking County Thoroughfare Plan**

- MORPC convened a group of Fairfield and Licking County stakeholders for the kick-off meeting on January 17th of the Western Fairfield and Licking County Thoroughfare Plan. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the concept of a Thoroughfare Plan, identify the purpose of the plan, and complete an initial review of existing conditions, as well as discuss the scope and timeline for completion of the plan. Next steps include sharing population and employment forecasts with study area communities and collecting and developing data for analyses. The Thoroughfare Plan is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

- The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) held their final meeting of 2018 on December 3rd. During the meeting, the Committee passed a resolution adopting an Executive Summary which included a prioritized list of transportation projects prioritized by CORPO members.
- As requested, the approved Executive Summary and updated CORPO Transportation Plan (updated to reflect adopted project priorities) were uploaded and submitted to ODOT on December 14, 2018. The CORPO Transportation Plan was then submitted by ODOT to the Governor's Office to be designated as the state's sixth RTPO. At this time, designation has not yet been granted.

- During the December meeting and via numerous discussions with CORPO members, staff outlined membership options and costs. At this time, five of the seven counties, Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Morrow, and Union counties have agreed to join either CORPO or both MORPC and CORPO as paying members. Pickaway and Marion counties have not yet made a decision regarding membership.

Infrastructure Funding

➤ **MORPC Attributable Funding**

- The Attributable Funding Committee (AFC) met on December 5th to consider final adjustments to the draft recommendations of funding commitments. The AFC approved a draft list of projects that was published for public comment between December 18, 2018 and January 18, 2019. The AFC also decided to schedule a caucus of agencies with an attributable funding commitment to coordinate project timing among sponsors to achieve fiscal balance across the portfolio of funded projects. This meeting was held on January 25, 2019.

➤ **Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

- Below is the slate of awards for infrastructure projects approved on December 14th by the Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) for OPWC District 3 comprising Franklin County. The funds were available as grants and loans through Round 33 of the State Capital Improvements Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program.

Agency	Project Name	Estimated Cost of Project	Total Award (Grant/Loan)
Bexley	S Cassingham Rd & S Vernon Rd Improvements	\$4,940,392	\$4,940,392
Columbus	Downtown Traffic Signal Installation	\$2,427,327	\$1,446,557
Columbus	Hilliard Rome Rd at Feder Rd Intersection Improvements	\$11,325,221	\$3,372,601
Columbus	James Rd Arterial Street Rehabilitation	\$7,436,033	\$3,736,188
Dublin	Tuttle Crossing Blvd Extension & Avery Rd Improvements	\$24,509,050	\$239,899
Franklin Co Eng	Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road	\$3,896,000	\$1,675,000
Franklin Co Eng	Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd at Clark State Rd	\$4,606,000	\$866,000
Franklin Co Sanitary Eng	Little Farms Waterline Replacement, Phase II	\$7,693,140	\$4,992,846
Franklin Twp	Franklin Township Road Improvements	\$2,150,000	\$2,040,000
Grove City	Southwest Blvd Roadway Improvement	\$2,677,757	\$1,999,999
Groveport	Toy Road Reconstruction	\$2,869,228	\$1,575,204
Jefferson Twp	Mann Road Culvert Improvement	\$574,060	\$19,968
Minerva Park	Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Phase II	\$525,330	\$525,330
New Albany	US 62 at SR 161 Roadway Improvements	\$2,790,000	\$783,316

GRAND TOTAL \$78,419,538 \$28,213,300

➤ **Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)**

- The NRAC received nine (9) preliminary screener applications from six (6) agencies intending to apply for Round 13 of Clean Ohio Conservation funding. The total amount requested is \$8.6 million, and there is currently \$4.2 million available. These applicants presented their proposals to the NRAC on January 10. Pre-applications are not required to be eligible to submit final applications, which are due by March 15.

➤ **BUILD & INFRA**

- U.S. DOT has announced awards on December 11th for BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development), the successor to US DOT's TIGER discretionary grant program. No applications were funded within Central Ohio, although three applications were funded in the state. Within MORPC's MPO territory, the City of Columbus submitted a \$20 million request for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads/Innerbelt project and Delaware County submitted a \$20 million request for the I-71 and US 36/SR 37/Sunbury Parkway interchange. Within the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization's territory, ODOT submitted an \$8 million request for the I-70 and SR 29 interchange in Madison County. Applicants may request de-brief calls to learn how the projects were evaluated.
- U.S. DOT also released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY2019 cycle of Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) funding. INFRA provides federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance, with an estimated \$850 to \$900 million available this round. MORPC is coordinating with local partners to ensure that quality application(s) are received from the region, which could include re-submission of some of the projects submitted for BUILD funding.

➤ **Competitive Advantage Projects**

- The second round of the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) process is wrapping up in preparation for new legislative members in 2019. County working groups have coordinated to review their project priorities and identify projects that are shovel-ready. The updated CAP list should be ready in time to share during federal legislative visits in February.

Data and Mapping

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

- The Committee met on December 18 to discuss the prioritization of the goals and objectives of the new Regional Data Agenda, formation of new working groups, and possible new members. The Committee will meet again on March 19.
- The Committee identified four priority projects to focus on in 2019:
 - Creation of a Regional Data Users Group – similar to the Central Ohio GIS Users Group but focused on data users
 - CURA Sustainability Observatory – partnership with CURA at OSU to track MORPC’s sustainability metrics
 - Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy – creating mapping and planning for the development of interconnected municipal fiber optic networks
 - Data Policy Needs Survey & Toolkit – MORPC will be surveying local governments to find out what their greatest data policy/governance challenges are, and developing a toolkit to help provide best practices and guidance
- Aaron Schill and Data & Mapping Staff attended COSMOS Fiber Group meetings in November and December to discuss fiber optic connectivity, mapping, and the group’s proposed relationship with RDAC.

Transportation

- Data & Mapping staff and JMT Technology Group are continuing their work on the Paving the Way System Redesign. Two stakeholder meetings were held in November for information gathering and to review requirements.
- Data & Mapping staff are working on projections and mapping for the upcoming (2020-2050) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- MORPC staff continues to work on the U.S. Department of Energy’s Transportation Energy Analytics Dashboard (TEAD), in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the University of Maryland’s 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. The kick-off is planned for late January.

Data & Mapping Support to MORPC Members, Programs, and Projects

- The Smart Region Task Force held its most recent meeting on December 11. The Task Force moved to adopt the first of their deliverables, the Smart Streets Policy, and to forward the Policy to Commission. The Task Force also heard a presentation by Patrick Harris of COTA.
- 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

- Aaron Schill has met with the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP), the Children’s Defense Fund of Ohio, and the Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition in preparation for the 2020 Census.

- Aaron Schill is working on the COTA Evaluation Committee for COTA's recent Marketing Research Services RFP.
- Aaron Schill continues work with ULI Managing for Growth Task Force.
- Cheri Mansperger gave a presentation to an OSU GIS class in November – "GIS in an MPO". Cheri Mansperger wrote an article on the Collaborative GIS Project in Central Ohio for the Denver Regional Council of Governments - <https://drcog.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/d/B79AC8F571D1076E2540EF23F30FEDED/EE7C02F702427506F1E87EB810D8F10A>

Planning & Sustainability

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➤ Active Transportation Planning

- Complete Streets Review: Team members participated in Complete Streets reviews at Worthington-Galena Road (Stage 3 planning), Refugee Road (Stage 3 planning), and at Sawmill Road (Stage 1/Stage 2 planning). Staff suggested recommendations for these projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian access.
- Member Assistance: Team members provided pedestrian counter equipment to the Short North Alliance for the monthly Gallery Hops in December and January and are currently producing 2018 year-in-review charts for the organization.

➤ insight2050

- Corridor Concepts: Team members continued close coordination with the consultant team to draft a comprehensive findings report and implementation guidance. A final draft was prepared in January and will be reviewed and finalized with project partners in February.
- Technical Assistance
 - City of Delaware Complete Streets Policy and Toolkits: Team members led a Complete Streets workshop on January 9, 2018. Local stakeholders were informed about Complete Streets principles and Complete Streets policy components. MORPC team members worked with Delaware County Health District staff to complete the Outreach Toolkit which is now under review by City of Delaware staff and expected to be finalized in February. Technical design guideline deliverables are expected to be completed by March.
 - Violet Township Community Center Development Project: Team members participated in a final stakeholder meeting. Stakeholders were presented with proposed land use, street network, and traffic impact maps. The final comprehensive report is currently undergoing internal review and is expected to be finalized with Violet Township staff in the first week of February.
 - City of Westerville Brookside Redevelopment Project: Team members have begun compiling information for the final report including state and regional case study materials on infill redevelopment and light industrial development. Team members have made updates to existing conditions transportation maps and will begin formatting the final report in February. The project is expected to conclude by March.
 - City of Worthington Complete Streets Policy and Toolkits: Team members finalized the content and completed the template for a Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit with roadway classifications, land use considerations, and design guidelines. Team members developed cross-sections for the City of Worthington and have begun coordinating with the city's bike/pedestrian consultant team to finalize the cross-sections by late January. Team members finalized a draft of the city's Complete Streets Policy. All remaining deliverables are expected to be finalized with City of Worthington staff by February.
- Academy: The Spring 2019 insight2050 Academy will begin March 1. Applications will be available beginning in February. This program will have a heavy focus on

transportation and mobility, with topics ranging from active transportation and complete streets to emerging technologies.

➤ **Transportation Safety**

- **Meeting Coordination:** MORPC hosted the quarterly meeting of Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Transportation Safety Planning working group. The working group discussed various ways in which MPOs can coordinate on safety planning and brainstormed ideas for project funding proposals to the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC), which provides funding for safety related projects. At least one of the project ideas will be further developed and prepared for presentation in 2019. Team members attended the Q4 meeting of the TRCC on behalf of OARC and will continue in this role in 2019.
- **Regional Safety Plan:** At the working group's December and January meetings, members refined strategies and action items to directly improve travel behaviors and safety conditions along Central Ohio roadways. MORPC team members compiled input from the working group and focus groups to finalize these action items. A comprehensive draft of the plan is now in development and anticipated to be completed by the end of Q1 2019.

➤ **Sustainable2050**

- Three more Sustainable2050 members have completed the Tier Status workbook. Their designated levels were approved by the Sustainability Advisory Committee at its December meeting. All three members will certify their Tier Statuses and be formally recognized by MORPC's Commission in February. Congratulations to Grove City (Gold), Whitehall (Silver), and Metro Parks (Gold) on their outstanding sustainability efforts!
- At the Q4 2018 meeting, attendees heard from the first cohort of certified members, including Dublin, Genoa Township, Lockbourne, and Upper Arlington. Presentations highlighted the communities' efforts and challenges faced in creating sustainability programs and projects and documenting those efforts for the Sustainable2050 program.

➤ **Greenways & Water Resources Program**

- **Central Ohio Greenways Board:** The Central Ohio Greenways Board met on January 23rd. Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard, led the meeting as the new Chair Board Chair. The COG Trail Development working group is primarily focused on implementation of the regional trail vision plan and prioritizing trail segments for funding. Eric Oberg, Rails to Trails Conservancy, provided an overview of a prioritization tool for COG to consider to aid in the trail prioritization process.

The COG Partnership working group is focused on developing and sustaining extensive multidisciplinary partnerships with businesses, political leaders, and potential funder. They are working closely with a consulting team on a fundraising planning study. The fundraising study will provide a "case for support" for COG, an internal operational structure evaluation, and an actionable blueprint for engaging future funding and partners. The results of the study will help guide the working groups' goals for this year.

The COG Marketing & Communications working group is focused on increasing COG awareness through website updates and continued active Facebook presence. The group is working on a new Board member interview series that will be distributed on social media over the next year.

A new working group, Operations & Access, evolved out of the COG Programming working group. This working group is responsible for considering the day to day necessities of a trail system to meet the needs of today's trail users and users of the future. The team is focused on making COG trails accessible to all people through the development of operational best practices.

In the first quarter of 2019, the COG Board expects to review the results of an ongoing planning study funded by a grant from the Columbus Foundation. The fundraising study will provide a "case for support" for COG, and internal operational structure evaluation, and an actionable blueprint for engaging future funding and partners. The results of the study will help guide the working groups' goals this year.

In addition, the COG Board is asked to consider and emphasize social equity within each of their working groups' actions. The Board should focus their goals on ensuring that everyone, especially residents in traditionally underserved communities, is equitably connected to our region's trails.

- Participation in Local and State Committees: Team members attended the quarterly meeting of the Central Ohio Parties for Regional Invasive Species Management where partners continue to refine the objectives and next steps for the group. Team members also participated in the CO PRISM steering committee and sub-group meetings to provide guidance and feedback on regional planning items as related to the initiative.
- Sustaining Scioto: The subcommittee met in December to draft objectives for two components of the Short Term Implementation plan and to continue to refine the previously drafted components. Staff will work internally and with partners to develop the plan by March. Staff continue to work with partners to develop an agricultural partnership program in pursuit of short term objectives of the plan.
- Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group: The Water Resources Working Group met on January 31, where Alana Shockey, with Columbus Department of Public Utilities, presented on the Sustainable Columbus program. Alana provided an overview of the program and the objectives of the Steering Committee and highlighted the water quality and conservation components of the initiative. Jennifer Fish has been confirmed as the Chair for the group for 2019; Kent Halloran has been confirmed as the Vice-Chair of the group for 2019.
- Central Ohio Water Resources Planning: MORPC held its 3rd sub-region meeting for its 208 planning initiative. The meeting was held in Etna Township with about 30 representatives from Licking and Fairfield County. Attendees learned about the project and helped identify missing sewer district lines and pollution points.

➤ Energy & Air Quality

- Air quality: MORPC's air quality program released the Central Ohio End of Year Air Quality Report in December 2018. The major findings of the report include the improvement in the number of days in the Good Air Quality Index range compared to the previous year. The record-breaking amounts of precipitation in 2018 contributed to reduced levels of ozone formation for the year. Central Ohio continues to show improvement in the number of high pollution days in concert with other major metropolitan areas in the region. With the start of ozone season approaching on March 1st, air quality staff is teaming with MORPC's Transportation Demand Management team to produce a joint marketing plan that lays out programming and events that leverages the strengths and efforts of both groups while also laying out the strategies unique to each program. The Idle Free Schools pilot program at Dempsey Middle School, a partnership between MORPC and the American Lung Association (ALA), continues throughout the 2018-2019 school year. The students will finish collecting pledges from parents and bus drivers to be idle free around the school, and the winning class will be celebrated with a pizza party with supplies donated from the community. The students' social media campaign to increase air quality awareness among the school community has generated 118 Facebook page likes, and student created social media posts have reached nearly 2,400 people and produced more than 300 engagements with viewers. Students will present their findings from parking lot idling surveys and accomplishments during the pledge drive and social media campaign with school administration leadership later this school year. Air quality staff is collaborating with OSU staff and professors on two projects. Dr. Joe Campbell is coordinating with MORPC air quality staff to produce a series of educational air quality videos. Dr. Nicole Sintov and graduate students are working with MORPC air quality staff to research the behavior change implications of the modes and content of messaging used to communicate Air Quality Alerts.
- Energy & Air Quality Working Group: The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met on November 27th. Dr. Nicole Sintov presented on the importance of consumer perception and behavior change drivers for consumer engagement and participation in energy efficiency programming. The group finalized its Action Plan and will implement it in 2019 beginning at the January 22nd meeting featuring Jimmy Smith from ChargePoint as speaker. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Working Group were held and the leadership will be acknowledged at the January meeting.
- Alternative Fuels/Electric Vehicles (EV): Staff continues to participate in bi-monthly calls with Smart Columbus, developing standards for EV charging infrastructure and providing support for outreach to local government members. December calls were cancelled due to holidays and will resume in late January. MORPC has contracted with Marysville-Union County Economic Development (M-UCED) to develop an EV infrastructure pre-planning memorandum. This memo will clearly define the opportunities for M-UCED when planning for EV infrastructure on the county-scale. The process and cost will also be defined within the memo. It is expected that this memo will lead to the pursuit and development of an EV infrastructure plan for Marysville-Union County.
- Local Government Energy Partnership: Staff is preparing for the launch of the full Benchmarking Program's roll-out in February. Meetings with JadeTrack to develop necessary documents continues with the expectation that everything will be ready at the beginning of February for review. JadeTrack and staff are also in the process of developing a Regional Roll-Up dashboard to display energy information for the entire MORPC region. EAQ staff is also developing additional components to the LGEP for 2019, which will include an Energy Academy, Energy Consortium, Recognition Program, and a no-cost energy audit and renewable energy assessment for local government buildings.

- City of Columbus Greenhouse Gas Inventory: Team members are advising the City on the development of their current Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory which is part of a broader commitment that includes reporting to the Climate Disclosure Project. The City recently hired an Energy Manager and the MORPC team is providing further guidance and assistance on the methodology they created for the previous GHG inventory.
- Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge: The MORPC Team has been involved with planning to support the City of Columbus in their efforts to meet the goals set by the American Cities Climate Challenge. MORPC staff have been engaged with the energy audits working group to support the goal to significantly increase the number of energy audits using the established Community Energy Savers model in priority neighborhoods that experience a high energy burden. Staff will be in discussions with the utility companies on the potential for greater involvement. In addition, MORPC staff have been involved with the workforce development goal to create pathways to jobs in the energy sector.

➤ **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

- The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) met on December 19, where the next round of tier status certifications were confirmed for Sustainable2050 members. Staff also presented the results of the energy benchmarking pilot and next steps, and the Regional Sustainability Agenda report card. The next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee is February 13, 2:30pm at MORPC. The member appointment process has concluded for the term beginning January 2019. Congratulations to the new members joining the SAC:
 - Letty Schamp, Deputy City Engineer, City of Hilliard
 - Glenn Taylor, Chief Sustainability Officer, COTA
 - Aslyne Rodriguez, Founder and CEO, EmpowerBus
 - Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Violet Township
 - Jennifer Fish, Executive Director, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Public & Government Affairs

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➤ **Press Releases and Social Media**

- MTP One pager and web edits pop estimates
- Staff participated in planning meetings for the Paving the Way system redesign.
- A new Enhanced Mobility webpage was added to MORPC's website to further highlight the 5310 program for Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, as well as the Delaware and Franklin counties coordinated plan.
- Press releases were distributed to the media on the following:
 - Central Ohio population to reach 3 million by 2050
 - MORPC reports air quality continues to improve in 2018
 - MORPC recognized as national leader by FHWA and FTA
 - More than \$28 million awarded to 11 local communities in Franklin County - OPWC
 - MORPC proposes over \$21 million for new transportation projects
 - Funding Available to Enhance Mobility of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities
- The eSource newsletter and social media items included:
 - Air Quality End-of-Season Report
 - MORPC-Attributable Funding comment period
 - Short North Pilot RFP
 - Downtown C-pass
 - Population Estimates
 - MORPC FHWA and FTA Certification
 - Columbus Underground Confluence Podcast featuring COTA and sponsored by MORPC
 - 5310 Funding availability

Proposed Resolutions



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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Thea Walsh, Director
Transportation Systems and Funding

DATE: January 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-1-19: "Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Amend a Work Element"

Resolution T-1-19 amends the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) to amend Work Element 67401-0000 for Ongoing COTA Activities. This work element is for the coordination of COTA and MORPC planning activities to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation or effective transit services in the COTA service area. The amendment adds a Product for COTA to conduct an On Board Survey (OBS) as required by FTA Title VI policy in partnership with MORPC.

In addition to Title VI data, the OBS provides the opportunity to collect additional travel behavior data relevant to MORPC's regional travel demand model, improving model results. The 2018 OBS is critical to the regional travel demand model because of COTA's recent Transit System Redesign, which occurred on May 1, 2017.

The Federal Transit Administration has requested that the OBS activity be specifically identified in the 2019 PWP including the \$375,000 of MORPC attributable Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. The OBS activity is ODOT PID 106546.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-19

William Murdock, AICP
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Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas
Secretary

RESOLUTION T-1-19

"Amending the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program to Amend a Work Element"

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Transportation Policy Committee accepted the MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 2019 by Resolution T-7-18; and

WHEREAS, the current PWP includes Work Element 67401-0000 Ongoing COTA Activities for the coordination with COTA and MORPC planning activities to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation or effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and portions of adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, and COTA is conducting an On-Board Survey (OBS) as required by FTA Title VI policy in partnership with MORPC;

WHEREAS, in addition to Title VI data, the OBS provides the opportunity to collect additional travel behavior data relevant to MORPC's regional travel demand model, improving model results. The 2018 OBS is critical to the regional travel demand model because of COTA's recent Transit System Redesign, which occurred on May 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the FTA has requested that the OBS activity be specifically identified in the 2019 PWP including the \$375,000 of MORPC attributable Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its February 4, 2019 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its February 6, 2019 meeting recommended adoption of this resolution by 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 hereby amends the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) to amend the above work element as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.
- Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT and the Federal Transit Administration as evidence of acceptance of this amendment by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of the committee.

Rory McGuiness, Chair
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Date

Ongoing COTA Activities

This work element is for coordination with COTA and reporting COTA planning activities to ensure adherence to federal and state requirements and for the facilitation of effective transit services in the COTA service area, mainly in Franklin County and in portions of adjacent counties.

Through other work elements MORPC assists COTA in the preparation of a long-range transit plan and helps channel federal money through the TIP process toward its implementation. MORPC incorporates the transit elements into the Regional Transportation Plan. MORPC also supports COTA through coordination with other local, state and federal agencies like ODOT, FTA, etc., in various efforts like National Transit Database reporting, safety planning, asset management, the UZA's coordinated human services plan, and the Bus on Freeway Shoulders project, etc.

MORPC facilitates user feedback through its public involvement process to ensure COTA's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI requirements. MORPC also coordinates with COTA in long-range planning efforts including regional fixed-guideway corridor analysis and Transportation Demand Management.

Product: Method	Agency/ies:	Schedule:
COTA's planning process: MORPC will work with COTA to demonstrate consistency of its operations and planning with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and federal regulations, and to assess COTA's capital and operating needs, including update of the SRTP as needed.	COTA, MORPC, FTA, ODOT	Ongoing
Continued refinement of COTA Long-Range Plan and other planning activities: Continued planning activities regarding COTA long-range plan, including NextGen, ITS activities, Bus on Freeway Shoulder, BRT planning, first-mile/last-mile study, SID Transit Pass (Downtown C-pass), etc.	COTA, MORPC	Ongoing
Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update: COTA is updating its SRTP by inventorying planned development projects and discussing existing and planned routes.	COTA	April 2019
Service change planning: COTA service change planning occurs months before regularly scheduled service changes (typically January and May of each year).	COTA	Ongoing
COTA safety and asset management plans: COTA development of performance measures and targets in relation to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. COTA develops a Transit Access Management Plan (TAMP) which includes capital asset inventories, condition assessments, investment prioritization and reporting requirements. COTA coordinates with MORPC for reporting and other federal requirements.	COTA, MORPC, FTA	Ongoing
Transit On Board Survey: Using \$375,000 of MORPC STBG funds as well as COTA funds, conduct an on board survey as required by FTA Title VI policy in partnership with MORPC and to	COTA and MORPC	June 2019

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Related Activities:

- Active Transportation Planning (see 60119-1000)
- Transit and Human Services Planning (see 60159-3000)
- Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning (see 61019-3000)
- Ongoing DATABus Activities (see 67402-0000)

Budget

Total Work Element Budget:	\$0
Spent Previous Year(s):	\$0
Remaining Work Element Budget:	\$0

These studies are provided only for informational purposes and have no final product or budget within the work program.