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Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COTA's Northland Transit Center
5555 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43231

Wednesday, January 3, 2018
2:45 p.m.

AGENDA

- 2:45 p.m. **Arrive Northland Transit Center**
Welcome from COTA – Laura Koprowski & Doug Arseneault
- 3:04 p.m. **Board COTA Bus (CMAX)**
- 3:06 p.m. **1. Welcome – Catherine Girves, Chair**
- 3:07 p.m. **2. Approval of December 4, 2017 [Minutes](#) (enclosed)**
- 3:08 p.m. **3. [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) Report](#) (enclosed) – Thea Walsh**
- Transit Agency Reports
 - DATABus
 - COTA Update – Doug Arseneault
- 3:20 p.m. **4. [Proposed Resolution T-1-18: “Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets”](#) (enclosed) – Maria Schaper**
- 3:24 p.m. **Get off bus at Linden Transit Center**
- 3:32 p.m. **Board bus across Cleveland Avenue to return to Northland Transit Center**
- 3:35 p.m. **5. Informational Items:**
- 2017 Year In Review – Bernice Cage
- 3:45 p.m. **6 Committee Business – Bernice Cage**
- 3:50 p.m. **7. Other Business**
- Adjourn
- 3:51 p.m. **Arrive Northland Transit Center**

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Vice Chair

Karen J. Angelou
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Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
Orientation begins at 5 p.m.
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**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: December 4, 2017
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC – Scioto

Members Present

Bill Allman	Ed Chin	Pauline Edwards
Len Fisher	Catherine Girves	LaGrieta Holloway
Warren King	Jessica Mathews	David Paul
Fred Rea	Larry Robertson	Joel Spokas
Jonathan Stewart	Ira Weiss	

MORPC Staff Present

Bernice Cage	Kerstin Carr	Mary Ann Frantz
Nick Gill	Amanda McEldowney	Brenda Noé
Jennifer Noll	Aaron Schill	Bevan Schneck
Thea Walsh	Brooke White	

Guests Present

Doug Arseneault, COTA
Mary Nordstrom, Citizen

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chair Catherine Girves.

Approval of October 30, 2017 Minutes

A motion was made by Warren King to approve the October 30, 2017 minutes, seconded by Ira Weiss; motion passed.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report

Thea Walsh stated that Resolution 21-17: “*Authorizing the executive director to procure consulting services to count traffic in support of more accurate planning and providing up-to-date traffic counts to member governments and businesses*” will be proposed to the Commission on Thursday, December 7, 2017. This is for the regular three (3) years of traffic counts costing \$160,000 over that time period. If certain areas should be counted that are not in the normal cycle, contact Nick Gill.

Walsh announced that MORPC received an award for its work on Hyperloop. It is an Innovation Leadership Award from a new non-profit that is focused on SmartCity initiatives in the Cincinnati area.

Walsh also announced that Wilma Yoder is retiring at the end of 2017. She added that Nate Vogt will now be the primary contact for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) projects. Ronni Nimps will be assisting him.

- COTA
Doug Arseneault announced that the Rosa Parks celebration was this evening, with the theme “We’re walking in it.”

Arseneault also announced that CMAX will launch on January 1. He said that the CAC is welcome to join COTA for a corridor tour prior to the launch on January 1. There will be a week of free service on the CMAX (January 1 – 7). On January 6 will be Family Fun Day at Linden Stem Academy on Cleveland Avenue. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony followed by a ceremonial ride will be held on January 23, followed by a community luncheon. CAC members are invited.

Interim COTA CEO Emille Williams did not recommend that COTA move forward with any fare adjustments at this time. COTA will continue to review fares looking into next year, once the Transit System Redesign has been in effect for a full year. COTA is optimistic about a 10% to 20% increase in ridership over the next five years.

COTA is excited to be part of MORPC's Regional Corridor Study, as several of the corridors in the study were also a part of NextGen. COTA is looking at how those plans come together in line with insight2050.

Len Fisher asked Arseneault if he knew the actual cost for a ride on a COTA bus.

Arseneault gave the following breakdown:

- COTA's goal is for taxpayers (the sales tax) to pay about 80% of the cost, but as fares have not increased for 6 years, it is currently about 85%. Fifteen percent comes from customers directly, and there is a fractional amount that comes from the federal government. COTA works with MORPC to receive federal grants, and most of that investment goes into capital costs. The average is around \$5 per ride per customer because the system has grown out. The CMAX line will be covered almost entirely by fares because the ridership is so high. Fisher said this should be publicized at COTA's public meetings. Arseneault replied that it was advertised at the last public meetings, but he will make sure it is well publicized.
 - Arseneault added that the January service change public meetings will be held on December 7 and December 12.
- Planning & Environment: Kerstin Carr
After two years of assessing and planning with older adults in Columbus and beyond, the strategic plan for Age-Friendly Columbus was released last week. Age-Friendly Columbus has officially transitioned to the OSU College of Social Work where Katie White will lead a team to facilitate the implementation of the Plan over the next 3 years. The plan is available at: http://agefriendlycolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/AFC_Full-Plan_Final_171130.pdf

Team members attended the kick-off event for the newly formed Consortium for Scenario Planning, led by the National Association of Regional Councils and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. The event took place November 8 – 10 in Denver, CO. MORPC was joined by fellow regional planning agencies, academics, and software developers from around the country, all of whom are leading the way for scenario planning as a tool to assist communities and regions to be readily able to adapt to rapid change. The event featured intensive workshop sessions designed to set the priorities of the Consortium for the year ahead, and culminated in formation of a Board and independent working groups who will carry out the work of the Consortium.

MORPC's Complete Streets Policy and Toolkit are highly regarded for the strong partnerships we forged with our local and state health departments when we were developing our program. Transportation for America is highlighting these efforts in a guidebook: <http://t4america.org/maps-tools/healthy-mpos-guidebook/>

Sustainable2050 was officially launched at the Summit on Sustainability. We honored the 30+ members of the Green Pact and welcomed 31 communities as members of this new sustainability program. Mayor Compton, Vice Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, worked with a Pataskala nursery to provide tree saplings to each of the Sustainable2050 Communities.

MORPC will be working with the Sustainable2050 pilot communities over the next few months to better understand the benefits of the program and the tools and resources needed to support the program.

Carr's PowerPoint presentation is available at:

http://www.morpc.org/Assets/MORPC/files/20171204_CAC_P&E_Monthly.pdf

- Data & Mapping: Aaron Schill

An announcement was made concerning the new chair for Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC), Mayor Thomas R. Kneeland, beginning in 2018.

On December 7, 2017, results for the American Community Survey (ACS) will be released. More information can be found here: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>

MORPC is hosting training for Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) in preparation for the 2020 Census on December 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. This is open to anyone in the region.

- Air Quality Report

Brooke White gave an air quality update showing the how over the past 25 years, the number of high ozone days (>70 ppb) has generally declined, driven mostly by emissions reductions. However, there is some variation from year to year driven by the weather conditions. More information can be found [here](#).

Proposed Resolution

Nick Gill reviewed proposed Resolution T-15-17: "Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program."

This resolution will add or modify four projects on the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$88 million. These changes are necessary to enable these projects to advance using the identified sources of funding and to maintain fiscal constraint. In January, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Weiss moved to accept Resolution T-15-17 and Larry Robertson seconded; the motion carried.

Informational Items:

Report on Summit on Sustainability: Amanda McEldowney

Amanda presented an overview of the summit, later showing a video featuring Julie Walcoff, recipient of the Green Mobility Award for those that were not able to attend. Please see her overview [here](#).

OPWC Infrastructure Update: Wilma Yoder

Wilma presented an overview of state funding for the Ohio Public Works Commission. More information can be found [here](#).

Women, Infants & Children (WIC): Mary Ann Frantz

From October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, MORPC partnered with Columbus Public Health to conduct a transportation needs assessment focusing on maternal and child health priority populations to understand barriers for current and potential WIC clients, what actions could be taken to address existing barriers, and how public transportation trends and options impact future potential WIC clinic sites. More information can be found [here](#).

Regional Corridor Analysis: Jennifer Noll

Beginning in November 2017, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), together with the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Columbus District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI Columbus), and other local jurisdictions, will lead a Regional Corridor Analysis for Central Ohio to study a variety of metrics to assess the impacts of compact development along select regional corridors and the relationship between these corridors and the various types of high-capacity transit technologies. The study is expected to last a year. More information can be found [here](#).

Committee Business

Bernice Cage said she has been talking to Arseneault about taking the CMAX tour. Since our CAC meeting is scheduled for January 3, we could schedule the tour before or during the meeting time. It was decided to do the tour from 3 – 5 p.m. on January 3. There will be a limited agenda. The orientation will probably be moved to March.

Other Business

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Bernice Cage, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee



MORPC Monthly MPO Summary

December 2017

Transportation Systems & Funding

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Transit, Mobility & Human Services

Downtown Transit Pass Program

MORPC, COTA, and the Capital Crossroads Special Improvements District (SID) finalized terms and executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Downtown Transit Pass Program. The MOU outlines the relationships, roles, and responsibilities of each party in association with the program's administration. MORPC's participation in the program was authorized in Resolution 20-17, approved at MORPC's November Commission meeting. The program will run June 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and provide COTA passes at no cost to approximately 45,000 employees in Downtown Columbus.

Gohio

- MORPC launched the public-facing version of the Gohio Commute Mobility Hub, morpc.gohio.com. As TDM and the emerging mobility field continue to evolve at a rapid pace, the Hub will enable MORPC to quickly adapt its programs and services to meet the needs of our member communities. Currently, the RideAmigos platform is accessible through the Hub, along with a variety of smart mobility resources and information on Gohio programs.
- MORPC continues to raise public awareness of sustainable commuting options through Gohio Commute's "Rethink Your Ride" campaign. During November, mobile geo-fenced ads, Facebook ads, CoGo ads, and radio ads generated 1,106,108 impressions. The newly created Facebook page grew to 234 total likes. Spanish ads played on the LaMega radio station.
- Staff are making employers aware of the commute management features available in Gohio Commute. Representatives at Nationwide Children's and Huntington are considering endorsing the product for their staff.
- Gohio Commute Staff continue to work with Multi-modal partners to plan events for 2018. Staff will participate in 50 Smart Columbus drive and rides, will work with SID to introduce downtown C-pass program and are coordinating a Central Ohio Commuter Challenge for July and October 2018

DATABus

As a result of budgetary issues, DATABus will be cutting service that was implemented in 2014. This includes Saturday service as well as the first and last run of the Delaware City routes. In addition, the mid-day Route 23 corridor service will be eliminated due to low ridership.

The Delaware County Transit Board will be working through 2018 to develop new strategies for service and funding and gauge the need of what services are needed most in the Delaware County Community.

COTA

CMAX, COTA's new high-frequency, limited-stop service along Cleveland Avenue, launches on January 1. The 15.6-mile CMAX route runs along Cleveland Avenue between downtown Columbus and the Ohio Health Westerville Medical Campus at Polaris Parkway and Africa Road. To celebrate the launch and invite customers to try the new service, COTA is offering free fares on CMAX from January 1 – January 7.

Also on January 1, COTA's new Line 35 Dublin-Granville launches. Line 35 serves as a crosstown connection in north Columbus, primarily along Dublin-Granville Road between Busch Boulevard and COTA's Easton Transit Center.

Coordinated Plan

Coordinated Plan team members attended an ODOT Office of Transit Public Meeting on Ohio Human Service and Public Transportation Coordination Regions. MORPC will review the entire plan with 10 proposed regions around the state and submit relevant comments.

5310 Designated Recipient

The next cycle of Section 5310 funding to enhance the mobility of older adults and individuals with disabilities was announced. An information session will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at MORPC. To RSVP for the information session, contact Mary Ann Frantz at mafrantz@morpc.org or call 614-233-4156. Applications are due Monday, February 12, 2018.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

Work continues in wrapping up the existing conditions report. Draft future population and employment forecasts through 2040 are being prepared and will be sent to the county sub-committees for review in early January. The next meeting of CORPO is January 8 at MORPC.

Infrastructure Funding

MORPC Attributable Funding

The Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) met on December 6 to review a draft of the policies that staff and the AFC working group have been updating throughout the fall. The AFC was given until December 20 to provide additional comments. The AFC will meet on January 3rd to approve a final draft that will go out for public comment. The public comment period will be from January 12th

through February 9th. Solicitation for projects will begin in late April with screening applications due on June 11.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

On December 14 TRAC released the draft TRAC project list. The draft list included an additional \$10 million for construction at the I-71 interchange at US 36/SR37. \$100,000 for right-of-way was included for the I-270 and Us 23 interchange on the south side. Finally, a new interchange at I-71 and Big Walnut road in Delaware County was included in the Tier II list with no funding as requested. Written public comments will be accepted through January 15, 2018. It is expected that TRAC will finalize the list at their January 24th meeting.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

On December 15 the District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee approved the round 32 slate of projects to receive funding. More than \$28 million was awarded to the following 14 projects:

- Groveport: Hamilton Road at Firehouse Lane - \$436,399
- Westerville: Spring Road Reconstruction - \$1,999,999
- Columbus: North Hamilton Road, Phase A (161 to Morse) - \$5,206,209
- Whitehall: Yearling Road Improvements - \$2,825,432
- Columbus: Lazelle Road - Phase C - \$1,634,303
- Franklin Co Sani: Little Farms Subdivision Waterline Replacement - \$4,878,139
- Jackson Township: Borrer Road Improvements - \$3,567,632
- Blendon: Residential Repaving - \$368,112
- Clinton: Elmore Avenue - Dresden St. to Cleveland Ave. - \$40,583
- Norwich: Thoburn Road - \$189,611
- Madison: 2019 Road Improvements - \$331,215
- Hamilton: Astoria Avenue - Phase 2 - \$224,469
- Columbus: South Hamilton Road, I-70 to Refugee - \$3,493,392
- Worthington: Worthington-Galena/Wilson Bridge/Huntley - \$2,959,520

Data and Mapping

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

- Due to the addition of some new RDAC members, the naming of a new Chair, and holiday travel plans for several members, the December 21 RDAC meeting was postponed until January. A new meeting date in January will be announced soon.
- At the December MORPC Commission meeting on December 14, it was announced that Mayor Tom Kneeland will take over as the new RDAC Chair beginning in January.
- Following the December MORPC Commission meeting, staff met with the RDAC leadership (Tom Kneeland, Chair; Jung Kim, Vice Chair; Shoreh Elhami, Technical Subcommittee Chair; and Lynnette Cook, Communications Subcommittee Chair) for a 2018 strategy planning session. The group agreed that development of a Regional Data Agenda is an important next step for RDAC to

make specific and measurable impacts. Staff will further develop the input from that meeting for presentation at the next RDAC meeting in January.

Transportation

- Data & Mapping team members are continuing to update existing land use information for the region in preparation for the next MTP. Staff is also collecting updated land use plans from Central Ohio jurisdictions to update future land use mapping for the next MTP, and gathering employment data for the region.
- Current and future population, household, and employment estimates and projections are being developed for the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization existing and future conditions report.
- Mapping of crash data was prepared for staff at the City of Grove City and to support Round 32 SCIP/LTIP funding applications.

Data & Mapping Support to MORPC Members, Programs and Projects

- MORPC hosted a training with Census Bureau staff on the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) for local governments in the region.
- Maps identifying proposed projects for State Capital Budget funding in the Central Ohio Region were developed for the Columbus Partnership.
- Data & Mapping staff demonstrated and gathered feedback on a new Central Ohio Blueways online map for project partners.
- As part of the Franklin County Energy Study, team members updated the mapping of residential energy burden in Franklin County by zip code – this is a comparison of energy costs to household income.
- The Regional Corridor Analysis project began in December with a press conference and kick-off meeting. The Data & Mapping Department prepared mapping for these events and participated in four data strategy meetings focused on economic development measures, general modelling data, infrastructure data, and transportation data. The Data & Mapping team will lead the data collection and analysis work on this project in conjunction with the consulting team.
- At the kick-off meeting for the Delaware and Union County phases of the Central Ohio Water Resources Planning project, Data & Mapping staff demonstrated how to use the online maps that were created to show current and future water & sewer service areas, pollution threats, and planned land uses.
- Several maps were generated and other data provided to support annual member visits.

Planning & Environment

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Active Transportation Planning

Non-Motorized System Monitoring

Team members worked with Short North Alliance staff to collect non-motorized volume data during their December Gallery Hop event (12/2). Team members helped process the collected data and provided a multi-year count summary report for the event.

Team members completed work on the Non-motorized Count Database. This internal database houses all of the non-motorized volume data collected within the Central Ohio Region in a format that is consistent with the Traffic Monitoring Guide standards produced by FHWA and provides increased ability to integrate this data into the transportation planning process.

Team members expanded the Complete Streets Equipment Library with the addition of two new Eco-Mobile Multi Counters. These counters provide the ability to collect both on-street and off-street volume data on pedestrian and bicyclists. These counters will play a critical role in monitoring volumes along on-street active transportation facilities.

Complete Streets Outreach & Implementation

Team members met with an ODOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) representative to discuss their efforts to start an equipment loan program for non-motorized count data collection equipment and share lessons learned administering MORPC's Complete Streets Equipment Library.

Team members participated in a conference call on FHWA's Fostering Innovation in Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Pooled Fund Study. Under this fund, 12 states have contributed over \$650,000 towards pedestrian and bicycle related studies. During this call, priorities were established about how to allocate funds towards the various research ideas. Primary research topics will include bicycle & shared street signage, development of additional bicycle & pedestrian related Crash Modification Factors, evaluation of bicycle related intersection improvements, directional indicators, and curb & edge delineation.

Training

Team members participated in a webinar – *Building Healthy & Prosperous Communities* – hosted by Transportation for America. The webinar focused on the launch of a new Guidebook featuring Complete Streets-related work of MPOs across the nation. MORPC is featured in the guidebook, which is available at <http://t4america.org/>.

Team members participated in the Show Me the Money Funding & Resources Workshop hosted by the Ohio LTAP Center with the specific intention of better understanding resources available for development of trail projects and to learn more about innovative project financing techniques being employed across Ohio.

Team members hosted the ABPB Webinar “The modes they are a-changing” related to the changing landscape of transportation and implications for bicycling and walking. Several local government members attended the webinar.

insight2050

Outreach

Team members presented an overview of insight2050 to the City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities (approx. audience of 30). Team members provided updates on the Regional Corridor Analysis to December meetings of the Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, and Transportation Policy Committee.

Programming

The Regional Corridor Analysis kicked off with a press conference, initial discovery meeting, and a series of focused topic meetings. Representatives from all of the funding partners and the consulting team were present at these meetings to establish priority goals for data collection, modeling, and communications.

Team members met with each of the Technical Assistance (TA) Program communities to provide progress reports and discuss next steps. The first deliverable, a synthesis of best practices and case studies tailored to each community's project, was finalized this month.

Coordinated Efforts

Team members attended a presentation of Smart Columbus Live to better understand the efforts currently underway on this project and their relationship to insight2050.

Team members were invited to join the ULI Columbus Growth Task Force. This Task Force is charged with prioritizing the goals and programming of ULI Columbus; insight2050 will be a strong focus.

Age-Friendly Columbus

The Age-Friendly Strategic Plan is available at www.agefriendlycolumbus.com. Age-Friendly Columbus is now housed within The Ohio State University College of Social Work. The Age-Friendly Columbus team will facilitate implementation of the Strategic Plan over the next 3 years, with a focus on research, intergenerational opportunities, and related post-secondary education. MORPC will continue to partner on select initiatives and strategies.

Transportation Safety

Regional Crash Data Analysis

Team members completed the 2012-2016 State of Safety Report. This report provides a compressive picture of the transportation safety issues facing the Central Ohio region. It includes in-depth analyses of various crash types and contributing factors, as well as provides insights into opportunities for reducing serious injuries and fatalities within the region.

Team members worked with the Columbus Police Department and Public Service Department to identify high-crash locations to target with increased enforcement efforts in 2018. Team members provided a breakdown for crashes occurring during enforcement periods, including speed-related crashes, severity, predominant crash type, and primary contributing factors.

Member Assistance

Team members attended a meeting with Columbus Public Service, COTA, and 161-Task Force representatives to discuss pedestrian safety issues along the SR-161 corridor. The group developed short-term solutions to address access and egress issues to transit stops along the corridor and discussed opportunities for increased maintenance of stops.

Participation in Local and State Safety Committees

Team members participated in a follow-up to the Active Transportation Action Institute which occurred in June under Ohio's' State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Active Transportation Emphasis Area. During this meeting the team reviewed progress-to-date on the 9 local action plans and provided additional insight and resources to the local practitioners on active transportation related initiatives.

Team members participated in an end-of-year review meeting for the Active Transportation Action Team under Ohio's' SHSP Active Transportation Emphasis Area. During this meeting the leadership team discussed the status of action items included within the action plan, and outlined strategic focus areas for 2018. These include focusing on increasing active transportation infrastructure & funding, delivering data tools & resources, and providing targeted educational messages to various stakeholder groups.

Team members attended the Safe Communities General Coalition Meeting at Columbus Public Health. During this meeting, the coalition discussed upcoming traffic safety initiatives and outreach events, including safe driving practices during the holidays. Team members provided information on available data and analysis resources.

Team members participated in the December Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) on. During this meeting the committee received updates on committee projects and voted on several new project proposals. The majority of these projects focus on integration between crash, citation, and health datasets, as well as empowering local enforcement agencies to electronically submit crash records to the state.

Transportation Safety Program (TSP) Process Development Pilot

Team members facilitated a webinar for the OARC Transportation Safety Planning Working Group focused on resources that had been developed to assist with the implementation of Road Safety Audits across Ohio. During this webinar, staff received input to further refine guidance and explored ways to develop useful implementation resources.

Sustainable2050

The MORPC Team is working with seven Pilot Communities over the next few months to identify the tools and resources needed to support the Sustainable2050 Communities as they work toward their sustainability-related goals and objectives including, but not limited to, data benchmarking and tracking. The Pilot period will also garner understanding of how best to identify the communities' "tier status" of bronze, silver, gold, or platinum, and most effective and efficient quarterly meetings.

Greenways & Water Resources Program

Water Resources Working Group

Team members facilitated a meeting of the Working Group on November 30. The meeting focused on updates from the Central Ohio Watershed Council and the Central Ohio Blueways project, the

Be the Change for Clean Water initiative of the region's Soil & Water Conservation Districts and partners, and the Central Ohio Cooperative Weed Management Area Program facilitated by The Nature Conservancy.

Central Ohio Blueways

Team members facilitated a meeting of the Central Ohio Blueways partners to review an interactive web map and discuss signage and branding. The interactive web map will feature information for the public on how and where to safely and legally access waterways for paddle sports. It will go live in the spring. The signage and branding conversations will ultimately result in a consistently branded network of trails – water and multi-use paths – throughout Central Ohio. The logo and branding will share similarities with that of Central Ohio Greenways.

Central Ohio Water Resources Plan

MORPC is working on behalf of the Ohio EPA to update the region's Water Quality Management Plan over the next two years. The Plan will identify sewer service boundaries to avoid duplicative investments while accommodating population growth. It will also identify recommendations for improving water quality from point and non-point sources. The MORPC Team held the first stakeholder meeting in Union and Delaware Counties to provide an overview of the project, how to use the interactive web map, and to discuss next steps and how the stakeholders will be involved.

Participation in Local and State Committees

Team members participated in the quarterly meeting of the OARC Water Quality Committee, focusing on coordination with Ohio EPA with regard to water resources planning, and sharing related best practices with peers.

Related Training

Team members attended the third Ohio Environmental Leaders Institute session, which focused on equity related to environmental issues and public engagement.

Central Ohio Greenways

A Central Ohio Greenways Forum was held on December 11. More than 30 attendees heard presentations on the Metro Parks' Quarry Project, dockless bikesharing, and the adopted Delaware County Trail Plan.

OhioNetwork Meeting

Staff attended the December OhioNetwork Trail meeting. The group discussed 2018 being the "Year of the Trails" and what they would like to accomplish in 2018 with the Trail Caucus. In addition, the development of a new statewide trail map was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18 in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Energy & Air Quality

Air Quality

The annual end of season report on ozone and particle pollution in Central Ohio for 2016-2017 was released. In 2017, there were only two days with air pollution levels unhealthy for sensitive groups due to ozone. There were no days with air pollution levels unhealthy for sensitive groups due to particle pollution. Central Ohio achieved a record low number of days per year with pollution levels unhealthy for sensitive groups under the current ozone standards. This continues a trend in improving air quality since records began in the 1990's.

MORPC has received two proposals for an RFP for air quality forecasting services. The review committee met on December 4th to review all submissions. All bidders were to be contacted regarding awards to be made by December 18th and the new contract will commence February 1st after a resolution to approve the award is made by MORPC's Executive Committee and Commission in January.

Air Quality staff completed a review of 2017 marketing campaigns. The analysis showed a correlation between certain marketing activities and outcomes measured by increased air quality website visits or increased Air Quality Alert subscriptions. The analysis also revealed the need to gather more strategic marketing data to assess the effectiveness of different marketing strategies and the need to reduce barriers to public access of air quality information. A 2018 marketing plan is forthcoming based on the 2017 review.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

A meeting of the Energy and Air Quality Working Group was held on November 28th at 2pm. The agenda included presentations from Clean Fuels Ohio on Drive Electric Ohio and other outreach initiatives as well as updates from MORPC staff on Energy and Air Quality department programs. There was discussion on focus themes for 2018 meetings and a review process to reinvigorate the group during 2018.

Alternative Fuels/Electric Vehicles

EAQ staff is participating in a market study on EV adoption in Columbus at the request of the Columbus Partnership. Smart Columbus, Clean Fuels Ohio and MORPC are hosting a workshop informing local governments of the available incentives and procurement options for EVs and infrastructure. The workshop will be held at MORPC on January 25th from 1:00 – 2:30pm. Contact Andrew Conley, Clean Fuels Ohio, for more information. Free registration is available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/smart-columbus-electric-vehicle-workshop-tickets-41278967503>.

Local Government Energy Partnership

EAQ is reviewing data provided by data and mapping team to identify areas and programs needed for other LGEP activities. Through this process, EAQ staff will develop a strategic and focused approach. A proposal for Columbia Gas is being developed in order to leverage additional utility company support and create a comprehensive program.

Franklin County Energy Study

Recommendations are being developed by a sub-group of the Advisory Committee. The sub-group met in early December and EAQ staff will facilitate one more meeting before year end. The initial goal for recommendations is January 31st and most likely the final outcomes will be released in February.

Public & Government Affairs

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Age-Friendly Columbus

A press conference was held announcing the Age-Friendly Columbus Strategic Plan at the Gateway Film Center. A media advisory was distributed on the event. WOSU, NBC4, The Columbus Dispatch and the Columbus Underground reported on the event. The event will also be hosted on CTV3. The announcement of the plan was covered in the December 15 issue of *Regional E-source*.

Regional Corridor Analysis

A press conference was held to kick off the Regional Corridor Analysis at Westgate Community Center, 455 South Westgate Avenue, Columbus. A media advisory was distributed by MORPC, COTA, and the City of Columbus. The event was covered by The Columbus Dispatch, WBNS 10, WCBE 90.5 FM, and Government Technology and will be hosted on CTV 3. The kickoff of the regional corridor analysis was covered in the December 15 issue of *Regional E-source* and posted on social media.

Air Quality

A press release was issued announcing the release of the *Air Quality Monitoring End of Season Report for Central Ohio*. The report, which provides a summary for November 2016 through October 2017 and compares it to the last two years, found that during 2016-17, there were only two days where air pollution levels reached the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups range. To view the report go to <http://www.morpc.org/Sustainability/air-quality/index>. The year-end report was covered in the December 15 issue of *Regional E-source* and posted on social media.

Gohio

A new vanpool flyer was developed.

Hyperloop

Two one-pagers were developed.

Other

Information on complete streets, Central Ohio Greenways and safety were posted on social media.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Officers and Board Members
Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea J. Walsh, Director
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DATE: December 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-1-18: "Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures' Targets"

Performance measures were an important element of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), and continued in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act) the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning process must comply. The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) completed the rulemaking process in 2017 to establish the specific performance measures across three areas and how they would be implemented with targets.

With regard to safety, the final rules established a deadline of August 31, 2017 (and annually thereafter) for the states to set targets for the five safety performance measures. The five measures are:

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

Each MPO is then required to establish targets by February 27, 2018.

Resolution T-1-18 is to explicitly meet the federal planning regulations to establish safety performance measures for the MPO area.

MORPC was a leader in the country when performance measures were incorporated into the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in 2012. The 2016-2040 MTP adopted in 2016 refined and reestablished performance measures and targets across a variety of areas. These included near- and long-term targets for the five safety performance measures above. These targets are approximately a 10% reduction by 2020 and a 39% reduction by 2040 for each of the five measures.

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In August 2017 ODOT established the statewide targets as a 1% annual reduction for each of the five measures. This was based on many factors, including a review of recent trends in safety statistics. Although not as aggressive as the targets included in the MTP, the ODOT targets take into account more recent trend data than were used for the targets included in the 2016-2040 MTP. Thus, these are targets MORPC can support and work with ODOT to accomplish.

Staff is in the beginning stages of development of the next MTP to be adopted in the spring of 2020. Some of the first steps are to review and update, if necessary, the goals for the MTP as well as the measureable objectives (performance measures) and targets. In developing the performance measures and targets staff will be adhering to all of the final performance measure rules and using the most recent available data to benchmark the MPO area and reestablish near- and long-term targets. Staff will be working throughout 2017 on these with adoption of goals and measureable objectives with targets for the next MTP by the end of 2017.

As has been the practice since adoption of the 2012-2035 MTP, advancement toward the plan objectives and measures will be reported upon annually in an MTP report card.

Attachment: Resolution T-1-18

RESOLUTION T-1-18

“Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets”

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

WHEREAS, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act) is the federal transportation legislation with which MORPC's transportation planning must comply, including development of a metropolitan transportation plan including performance measures; and

WHEREAS, MORPC adopted the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) via Resolution T-8-16, which included performance measures and targets, including safety targets, in anticipation of the final rules being developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. DOT completed the rule-making process in 2017 for incorporating performance measures in metropolitan transportation plans, which includes state and MPO adoption of performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the final U.S. DOT rules required the states to set targets for five safety performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) by August 31, 2017 (and annually thereafter), and that MPOs set targets for the five measures by February 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in August 2017 ODOT established a 1% annual reduction as the statewide target for each of the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, targets established by ODOT are within the targets established in the 2016-2040 MTP targets for the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, development of the next MTP to be adopted in 2020 is beginning, which will include a review and update of the MTP goals, performance measures and targets; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its January 3, 2018 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its January 3, 2018 meeting recommended approval of this resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That it supports ODOT's safety targets established in August 2017.
- Section 2. That it will plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the safety targets.
- Section 3: That it directs staff to review safety trend data during the review and update of the goals and performance measures targets for the next MTP.
- 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 this committee.

Matt Greeson, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

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