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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, January 3, 2018**  
**9:00 a.m.**

### AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. **1. Welcome** – Holly Mattei, Chair
- 9:03 a.m. **2.** Approval of December 6, 2017 **Minutes** (enclosed)
- 9:05 a.m. **3. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report** (enclosed) – Thea Walsh
- Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill
- 9:40 a.m. **4. Funding Programs**
- Attributable Funds Project Status Update – Ronni Nimps
- 9:45 a.m. **5. Proposed Resolution T-1-18: “Supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Performance Measures’ Targets”** (enclosed) – Maria Schaper
- 9:53 a.m. **6. Informational Items:**
- 2017 Year In Review – Bernice Cage
- 10:00 a.m. **7. Other Business**
- Adjourn

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**Attributable Funds Committee follows TAC**

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**Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2017  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Location: MORPC - Scioto

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**Members Present**

Ted Beidler	Adrian Burns	Greg Butcher
William Ferrigno	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Morgan Kauffman
Ryan Lowe	Michael Meeks	Rob Priestas
Maria Ruppe	Denny Schooley	Mark Sherman
Jeff Stauch	Jacolyn Thiel	Casey Thomas
Scott Tourville	Anthony Turowski	Dan Wayton
Kevin Weaver		

**MORPC Staff Present**

Bernice Cage	Kerstin Carr	Nick Gill
Claire Jennings	Amanda McEldowney	Ronni Nimps
Jennifer Noll	Chuck Ratliff	Aaron Schill
Nathaniel Vogt	Thea Walsh	Brandi Whetstone
Brooke White	Wilma Yoder	

**Guests Present**

Alex Beres, MS Consultants  
Michael Ciotola, Mead Hunt  
Alexandra Ehrett, McCaulley & Co.  
Steve Farst, Groveport  
Joey Gallagher, GPI  
Jayson Gardner, O.R. Colan  
James Hise, Strand Associates  
Tiffany Jenkins, County of Delaware  
Mark Kelby, CRAA  
Andrea Lossick, Franklin County Engineer's Office  
Chantil Milam, Lawhon & Associates  
Jerry Mills, Dynotec  
Jay Meuther, Arcadis  
Tim Nittle, City of Columbus  
Eric Plapper, HDR  
Tom Porter, Michael Baker  
Andrew Schneider, TranSystems  
Clyde Seidle, Hilliard  
Matt Selhorst, HDR  
Kristin Studabaker, Carpenter Marty  
Fonda Welker, AECOM

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Acting Chair Rob Priestas. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of November 1, 2017 Minutes**

A motion was made by Michael Meeks to approve the November 1, 2017 minutes, seconded by Jacolyn Thiel; the 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 traffics counts costing \$160,000 over that time period. If certain areas should be counted that are not in the normal cycle, contact Nick Gill.

Wilma Yoder will be retiring at the end of 2017. Nathaniel Vogt and Ronni Nimps will be covering matters concerning the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). Contact Nate Vogt with any questions.

### **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](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 [here](#).

### **Data & Mapping: Aaron Schill**

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

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](#).

#### Project Status Update

Ronni Nimps gave the Attributable Funds Project Status update. Her report is attached at the end of this meeting summary.

#### Resolution

Nathaniel Vogt 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.

Ted Beidler moved to accept Resolution T-15-17 and Scott Tourville 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. Her PowerPoint presentation is [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](#). Information for the Round 32 SCIP/LTIP Applications can be found [here](#).

##### Women, Infants & Children (WIC): Claire Jennings

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, 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](#).

##### Hyperloop: Thea Walsh

Background information was given concerning the proposal submitted to Virgin Hyperloop One which resulted in Mid-West Connect being chosen as one of ten global challenge winners. More information can be found [here](#).

**Other Business**

Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers

Ted Beidler moved to continue forward with the current officers:

Holly Mattei – Chair  
Rob Priestas – Vice-Chair  
Thea Walsh - Secretary

Bill Ferrigno seconded; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Greg Butcher to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ted Beidler; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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Thea Walsh, Secretary  
Transportation Advisory Committee



**MORPC-Attributable Funding Commitments for SFY 2018**

TIP ID	ODOT PID	Agency	Project Description	Phase	Source	Amount Encumbered	Outstanding	Encumbrance Date	Status
2663	95493	MORPC	Air Quality Awareness, SFY 2018, Air Quality Project	Other	CMAQ	\$550,000	\$0	7/5/2017	Funds encumbered.
2665	99033	MORPC	Gohio Commute, SFY 2018, Ridesharing	Other	CMAQ	\$760,000	\$0	7/5/2017	Funds encumbered.
2667	95504	MORPC	Supplemental Planning, SFY 2018, Planning Activity	Other	STBG	\$250,000	\$0	7/5/2017	Funds encumbered.
2848	95526	MORPC	Paving the Way, SFY 2018, Program Administration	Other	STBG	\$150,000	\$0	7/5/2017	Funds encumbered.
3356	105871	MORPC	insight2050 Technical Assistance, Planning Activity	Other	STBG	\$200,000	\$0	7/5/2017	Funds encumbered.
1965	95233	Pataskala	Mink St from Broad St to bridge N of Havens Corner Rd, Reconstruction	RW	STBG	\$461,346	\$250,654	7/5/2017	More utility encumbrances are expected.
2954	99819	Upper Arlington	Reed Rd from Lane Rd to Henderson Rd, Reconstruction	Con	STBG	\$1,071,896	\$0	7/6/2017	Awarded 6/26/2017. Construction in process and expected to wrap up this season. Under budget by \$52,994.
1428	94931	Westerville	Cleveland Ave at Schrock Rd, Intersection Modification	Con	STBG	\$3,620,424	\$0	7/13/2017	Awarded 6/28/2017. Construction in process. Under budget by \$235,995.
573	85017	Columbus	Alum Creek Dr from Refugee Rd to Frebis Ave, Major Widening	Con	STBG	\$574,343	\$0	7/19/2017	Funds for RR reimbursement. Most CON funds encumbered in FY17.
2651	95606	Columbus	Lazelle Rd Phase A from N High St to Flint Rd, Minor Widening	RW	CMAQ	\$600,000	\$0	7/31/2017	Utility relocation funds only. Acquisition funds encumbered in FY17.
573	85017	Columbus	Alum Creek Dr from Refugee Rd to Frebis Ave, Major Widening	PE	STBG	\$23,882	\$0	8/21/2017	In August, staff approved a request for ongoing design during CON.
2918	98557	Columbus	Hilliard-Rome Rd at Feder Rd/Fisher Rd, Intersection Modification	RW	CMAQ	\$0	\$1,200,000	10/13/2017	Final ROW plans are on hold pending confirmation of a new BMP site. Columbus needs to do borings before revising ROW plans and possibly environmental documentation.
3435	106596	MORPC	Regional Corridor Analysis, Planning Activity	Other	STBG	\$200,000	\$0	10/18/2017	The study began in November.
2940	81766	Pickerington	Refugee Rd from Wheatfield Dr to Woodstock Ave, Major Widening	RW	STBG	\$1,437,068	\$17,423	11/22/2017	RW acquisition in progress. Additional \$1m encumbered in Nov for utility relocation costs, which increased within project caps.
1565	95570	Columbus	S Hamilton Rd from S of Refugee Rd to Groves Rd, Safety Improvement	RW	STBG	\$0	\$1,600,000	12/15/2017	ODOT approved Final RW plans on 11/29/17. ROW auth has been delayed 3 months. Stage 3 plan submittal has also been delayed to 2/12/18 (approximately 3 months). ODOT approved final RW plans on 11/29/17, about a month late. RW authorized on 12/4. The
2942	99852	Columbus	N Hamilton Rd from Morse Rd to Preserve Blvd, Major Widening	RW	STBG	\$0	\$6,318,523	12/15/2017	RW encumbrance will be reduced to the amount needed in FY18 and the remainder will be encumbered in a future fiscal year.
2658	99506	COTA	COTA 2018 28 35-40' Bus Purchase, Transit Replacement Capital	Other	CMAQ	\$0	\$2,780,955	1/1/2018	Diesel buses to be replaced with compressed natural gas.
3436	106546	COTA	COTA On-Board Survey, Transit Activity	Other	STBG	\$0	\$375,000	1/1/2018	Study for planning purposes.
2653	95549	Columbus	Polaris Pkwy from I-71 to Olde Worthington Rd, Major Widening	RW	STBG	\$0	\$800,000	TBD	Funds for utility relocation. Encumbrance date TBD.
1272	95516	Worthington	Worthington-Galena Rd from Wilson Bridge/Huntley Rds to Sancus Blvd, Major Widening	RW	STBG	\$0	\$2,142,050	1/8/2018	The authorization date has been delayed to 1/8/18 (from 11/2/17) because of issues with the final RW plans. This may affect the necessary time for acquisition.
1946	88310	Dublin/ODOT 6	I-270 at US-33/SR-161, Interchange Modification	Pay	STBG	\$507,801	\$515,418	2/1/2018	First of two annual SIB loan payments was made on 9/6/17.
2951	99744	Columbus	Refugee Road from Winchester Pike to Hamilton Road, Sidewalks	RW	TAP	\$0	\$120,000	2/2/2018	Preliminary RW plans resubmitted on 11/7/17 (following original submittal on 10/19/17).
1965	95233	Pataskala	Mink St from Broad St to bridge N of Havens Corner Rd, Reconstruction	Con	STBG	\$0	\$3,554,578	3/19/2018	RW acquisition completed in Nov. RW certification expected 12/7/17 (delayed from 10/20/17).
3427	105946	Columbus	Smart Columbus Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	Con	STBG	\$0	\$600,000	4/1/2018	RW and environmental clearance obtained in Nov.
2651	95606	Columbus	Lazelle Rd Phase A from N High St to Flint Rd, Minor Widening	Con	CMAQ	\$0	\$2,937,414	5/30/2018	RW acquisition in process. RW cert and bid package due to D6 on 12/22/17 and 2/12/18 respectively.
1732	90406	Columbus	Lazelle Rd Phase B from Flint Rd to Sancus Blvd, Major Widening	Con	STBG	\$0	\$15,071,134	5/30/2018	Same due dates as Phase A above.
2653	95549	Columbus	Polaris Pkwy from I-71 to Olde Worthington Rd, Major Widening	Con	STBG	\$0	\$0	6/15/2018	\$8.5M delayed until FY19 to allow for Lazelle Rd, Phase B. New schedule is being developed following a decision on BMP locations.
2470	87935	Etna Twp/ODOT 5	SR-310 at I-70, Interchange Modification	RW	STBG	\$0	\$0	N/A	Last month's report listed \$37,135 outstanding, but the funds have been eliminated from ODOT's records.
Miscellaneous adjustments to past encumbrances									STBG: \$555,586; CMAQ: \$129,308; TAP: \$48,115

Encumbered  
Overdue

STBG	\$9,052,346	\$31,244,781
CMAQ	\$2,039,308	\$6,918,369
TAP	\$48,115	\$120,000

Funding Program	STBG	TAP
Original Allocation	\$21,515,026	\$2,151,502
Available Budget (Includes Carryover from Previous FYs & Budget Transfers)	\$33,650,839	\$155,738
Encumbered Amount (as of 11/27/17)	\$9,052,346	\$48,115
Current Balance	\$24,598,493	\$107,623
Outstanding Commitments	\$31,244,781	\$120,000
Estimated Balance	(\$6,646,288)	(\$12,377)
Allowed Carryover (25% of Original Allocation)	\$5,378,757	\$537,876
<b>Amount Subject to Recall</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Phases**  
**Con:** Construction  
**Other:** Purchase or Program  
**Pay:** Loan payment for previous construction  
**RW:** Right-of-Way



## MORPC Monthly MPO Summary

December 2017

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# 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](http://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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> to approve a final draft that will go out for public comment. The public comment period will be from January 12<sup>th</sup>

through February 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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  
Transportation Systems & Funding

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Matt Greeson, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff