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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

01-06-2019
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – CORPO Chair Commissioner Mark Forest
(Roster Enclosed)
2. **Approval of May 2019 CORPO Meeting Minutes** *(Enclosed)*
3. **2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)** – Nick Gill / Maria Schaper
 - a. Overview and Status Update
 - b. Amendment Process
4. **2021 CORPO Planning Work Program** *(Enclosed)* – Nick Gill
5. **Special Activities Update** – Mike Borger
 - a. Union County US 33 Corridor Plan (ODOT)
 - b. Union County Health Dept. Mobility Feasibility Study / Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2)
 - c. Mohican Valley Corridor Plan & Preliminary Engineering
 - d. Knox / Morrow Freeway Access Study Proposal
6. **CORPO Administrative Items** – Mike Borger
 - a. Officer Changes
 - b. CORPO Committee Meeting Schedule *(Enclosed)*
 - c. CORPO Committee / Subcommittee Membership
7. **CORPO Member Roundtable Discussion** – Mike Borger

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Rory McGuinness
Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Vice Chair

Erik J. Janas
Secretary

8. **Other Business – Mike Borger**
 - a. Newsletter Ideas
 - b. Agency Updates (MORPC)
 - c. Comments / Questions

9. **Adjourn**

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TBD day in May 2020

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CORPO Meeting Roster

1-6-2020

CORPO Officers

Mark Forest , Madison County Commissioner and CORPO Chair

Vacant - Vice Chair

Loudan Klein, President, Executive Director, Fairfield County Regional Planning

Confirmed CORPO Committee Members

Terry Emery, City of Marysville City Manager

Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer

Teresa Bemiller, Knox County Commissioner

Cameron Keaton, Knox County Engineer

Brian Ball, City of Mount Vernon Engineer

Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer

Mark Forest, Madison County Commissioner

Joe Mosier, Madison County Safety Service Director

Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer

Brian Stewart, Pickaway County Commissioner

Andy Ware, Morrow County Development Director

Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer

Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner

Steve Davis, Fairfield County Commissioner

Dave Levacy, Fairfield County Commissioner

Ira Weiss, Fairfield Heritage Trail Association and Fairfield County Planning Commission

Brad Irons, Marion County Engineer

Scott Schertzer, Mayor, City of Marion

Jim Bishoff, Director, Marion County Public Works

Identified Alternates

Bill Narducci, Union County Assistant Engineer

Roger Reed, Knox County Commissioner

Pat Closser, Mayor, City of London

Jay Wippel, Pickaway County Commissioner

Anthony Neff, Pickaway County Deputy County Engineer

Phil Wright, Marion County Deputy Engineer

Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director

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**Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)
Committee Meeting
May 13th, 2019
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Summary**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio

Attendance

Mark Forrest, Madison Co.
Loudan Klein, Fairfield Co.
Brian Stewart, Pickaway Co.
Steve Stolte, Union Co.
Jeff Harris, Knox County
Eddie King, ODOT

Tom Whiston, Morrow Co.
Chris Mullins, Pickaway Co.
Chris Mullins, Pickaway Co.
Ira Weiss, FCRPC

MORPC Staff

Mike Borger
Thea Walsh

Nick Gill

Nathaniel Kaelin

Welcome & Introductions - Steve Stolte, *Union County Commissioner & CORPO Chair*, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Commissioner Stolte confirmed that there were enough members present for a quorum.

December 2019 Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Stolte asked the CORPO Committee to vote on the minutes from the previous CORPO meeting (held December 3rd, 2019). Madison Co. Commissioner Mark Forrest moved, and Ira Weiss seconded the motion.

Election of CORPO Officers – Commissioner Stolte informed the committee that he did not have an interest in serving as CORPO chair for a second term. He stated that he would happily serve again but suggested another committee member serve as chair going forward. Commissioner Stolte moved to nominate Madison Co. Commissioner Mark Forrest for CORPO Chair and it was seconded by Morrow County Commissioner Tom Whiston and carried unanimously. Newly elected CORPO Chair Mark Forest moved to nominate CORPO Secretary Jeff Harris as CORPO Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Loudan Klein of Fairfield Co. and carried unanimously. Engineer Bryan Dhume of Madison Co. had previously shown interest in becoming CORPO Secretary, but it was suggested by Thea Walsh of MORPC that the committee leadership “diversify” among the member counties. Thea Walsh asked Loudan Klein of Fairfield Co. if he would like to act as Secretary to which he agreed. The Commissioner moved to nominate Loudan as Secretary, which was seconded by Jeff Harris of Knox Co. then carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 1-19: “Adopting the CORPO 2020 Planning Work Program (PWP)” - Commissioner Forrest moved to approve CORPO Resolution 1-19, Adopting the 2020 PWP. Thea Walsh discussed the contents of the PWP, CORPO budget, and member dues structure. Commissioner Forrest asked if any revisions needed to be made to the resolution before the

resolution was voted upon. Commissioner Stolte asked if the CORPO PWP mirrors the MPO's PWP. Commissioner Stolte asked if the project prioritization process which CORPO completed was a product of the previous PWPs. Thea confirmed it was and stated that the 2020 PWP outlined future products. Thea Walsh went on to explain how this will lead to the development of the TIP, or, Transportation Improvement Program. Jeff Harris motioned to approve Resolution-1-19, Ira Wiess seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

CORPO / RTPO Status Update – Mike Borger updated the committee on a Peer Review Workshop hosted by ODOT. Mike explained that the purpose of the workshop was to determine how RTPOs will function going forward. ODOT asked RTPOs in the state to fill out a spreadsheet with projects based on certain metrics which MORPC's data and mapping team was working. Mike also explained that CORPO would be hosting the Rural Consultation Process on behalf of ODOT which CORPO's subcommittee meetings would be the location of the rural consultation meetings. Thea Walsh mentioned that Mike Borger presented at the ODOT Peer Exchange and MORPC's resources and experience benefited CORPO's planning work. Nick Gill mentioned that ODOT asked if the RTPOs needed additional operating funds. Mike Borger mentioned that ODOT said to not be afraid to ask for additional funds. Thea Walsh used this as a lead-in for discussing a potential Technical Assistance Program (TAP), which may open CORPO to additional planning funds. The Morrow Co. Commissioner asked if multiple counties could request additional funds jointly, to which Thea answered yes.

Transportation Budget Update - Thea Walsh began by mentioning the recently passed gas tax in Ohio and mentioned that municipalities and townships will have access to additional revenues. She also mentioned that the transit budget was increased but she was not yet sure if that would increase transit dollars in rural areas. She informed the committee of an existing organization for rural areas which MORPC had testified in favor of for an additional \$6 million for RTPOs in the state. It did not pass but it "resurrected" the conversation. MORPC staff will continue to advocate for these initiatives. Thea Walsh asked if Commissioner Stolte would be willing to testify in the future. Jeff Harris of Knox asked how likely this would come to pass and Thea Walsh suggested that it is "slim to none at this point"; she was not sure who sponsored it in the state.

Thea informed the committee that the TRAC program is back in place and that this is a very important development for CORPO, especially for economic development purposes. She also mentioned that BUILD applications are out and that "rural, is a hot topic" right now and if any of our members have projects with key words like "jobs, active transportation, etc." they should seriously consider applying.

Census Boundary Meetings - Cheri Mansperger of MORPC updated the committee on upcoming Census Boundary Meetings that had been scheduled in their communities.

Other Business - Thea Walsh mentioned that Knox and Morrow counties have asked MORPC staff to come up quarterly to discuss needs within the counties. Thea stated that if other members would like us to do that we would be willing, and if we could possibly do multiple counties at once. Various members of the committee discussed needs in their communities. Mike Borger then updated the committee on ODOT's US 33 Corridor Study under way in Union County and that he would be making that one of the topics at the upcoming Union Co. Subcommittee / Rural Consultation meeting. Mike Borger also updated the committee on the upcoming CORPO newsletter as well as updated events.

Commissioner Forrest thanked MOPRC staff for all the good work on putting everything together and thanked the committee/counties represented at the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Michael Borger
CORPO Committee

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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization
CORPO Committee
Officers and Committee Members

FROM: Mike Borger, Principal Planner
Transportation & Infrastructure Development

DATE: 12/20/2019

SUBJECT: 2021 Planning Work Program (PWP)

Planning Work Programs document the RTPOs' SFY transportation planning programs, products, and budgets. Drafts of the SFY 2021 Planning Work Programs (PWP) for RTPOs are due to ODOT by March 6th. In a December 10th letter, ODOT suggested that RTPO 2021 planning work coordinate and collaborate with the implementation of the state's transportation plan, Access 2045 (AO45), set to be completed in Spring of 2020.

Suggested SFY 2021 AO45 implementation work efforts may include:

- Alignment of AO45 strategies with RTPO Transportation Plan development
- Safety initiatives collaboration
- Establishing new and expanding existing transportation partnerships
- Transportation data sharing
- Multi-modal corridor studies and collaboration

Additionally, ODOT included other potential work efforts in their PWP request letter.

To ensure CORPO's planned work will address the needs and goals of our members as well as ODOT's, we would like to spend some time during our January 6th, CORPO meeting discussing potential work efforts and developing a PWP that addresses these needs.

Please see the copy of ODOT's 2021 PWP request letter, as well a copy of our previously adopted 2020 PWP attached. This document will aid in our group discussion.

Attachment: 2020 PWP, ODOT Letter Regarding 2021 PWP

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To: RTPO Executive Directors and RTPO Transportation Directors
From: Scott Phinney, Administrator, Office of Statewide Planning and Research
Date: December 10, 2019
Subject: Ohio RTPO SFY 2021 Work Programs

This memorandum will initiate development of the SFY 2021 Ohio RTPO Work Programs (July 2020 - June 2021). The work programs will document the RTPOs' SFY 2021 transportation planning programs, products, and budgets.

One emphasis area for the SFY21 RTPO Work Programs is Access Ohio 2045 Implementation. The update to Ohio's Statewide Transportation Plan, Access Ohio 2045, will be completed in Spring 2020. ODOT intends to then transition to working with our planning partners on implementing AO45's themes, strategies, and actions. AO45 is advancing five themes to guide Ohio's transportation future - Safe, Smart, Connected, Collaborative, and Community Oriented. Each theme will include a series of implementation strategies and action steps. ODOT requests Ohio RTPOs' assistance in implementing these AO45 outcomes.

- SFY 2021 AO45 implementation work efforts may include:
 - Alignment of AO45 strategies with RTPO Transportation Plan development
 - Statewide safety initiatives collaboration
 - Establishing new and expanding existing transportation partnerships
 - Transportation data sharing
 - Multi-modal corridor studies collaboration

Included below are some additional options for work items to include in your SFY21 work program. Please review the below items with your committees to determine which should be included in your work program. It is not expected that you will include all the below items.

- Safety Studies
- Safe Routes to School Plans
- Active Transportation Plans
- Asset Management
- Corridor Studies
- Data Collection
- Transit Planning
- Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans
- Freight Planning
- Traffic Counts
 - Vehicular
 - Bike/Ped

Work Program budget tables will record Federal, State, and local funding for the RTPOs' entire SFY 2021 transportation planning program. The budget tables must be stratified by direct, other direct, indirect, fringe benefit and total costs using the standard Ohio work element categories. A listing and description of the standard categories is included in Section 8.4 in the [Ohio MPO Administration Manual](#).

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Work Program budget table fringe and indirect rates must reflect RTPO Agency Indirect Cost Allocation Plans (CAP) established consistent with provisions of 2 CFR 200 Appendix VIII, State and Local Government. ODOT will not reimburse SFY 2021 RTPO Work Program expenditures until a fully executed CAP agreement is in place.

Table 1, below, details the SFY21 RTPO Planning Program budget for your agency. These budgets are the same as SFY20.

Table 1: SFY21 RTPO Program Budget

Agency	Federal	State	Local	Total
Buckeye Hills	\$132,856.64	\$ 16,607.08	\$ 16,607.08	\$ 166,070.80
LUC	\$ 78,714.13	\$ 9,839.27	\$ 9,839.27	\$ 98,392.67
MVPO	\$106,707.95	\$ 13,338.49	\$ 13,338.49	\$ 133,384.93
OMEGA	\$176,814.38	\$ 22,101.80	\$ 22,101.80	\$ 221,017.98
OVRDC	\$189,351.32	\$ 23,668.91	\$ 23,668.91	\$ 236,689.14
CORPO	\$142,887.49	\$ 17,860.94	\$ 17,860.94	\$ 178,609.36
Total	\$827,331.91	\$ 103,416.49	\$ 103,416.49	\$ 1,034,164.88

Draft Work Programs are due to the Office of Statewide Planning and Research on March 6, 2020. Final Work Programs will be due on May 1, 2020. Work Program documentation is to be submitted electronically via the ODOT STIP extranet site at <https://extranet.dot.state.oh.us/divisions/Planning/plan/STIP/default.aspx>. A folder for the 2021 Work Program has already been created and this folder should be used for all 2021 Work Program submissions.

In addition, ODOT will require RTPO agencies to produce a year end completion report to document the transportation planning work that was accomplished over the previous year. This completion report will be due in ODOT Central Office September 30th. These completion reports will be the same as MPOs are required to submit to ODOT. More information on completion reports is included in Section 8.6 of the MPO Manual.

Respectfully,



Scott Phinney, P.E.
 Administrator
 ODOT Office of Statewide Planning and Research

**PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

**PROSPECTUS
WORK ELEMENTS
APPENDICES**

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PROSPECTUS FOR SFY 2020

DESCRIPTION OF CORPO

Following the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) two-year pilot program to establish Regional Transportation Planning Organizations around the state, local governments in Central Ohio began discussing the opportunity to form a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) around the Columbus area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). MORPC's role as a mentor in the pilot program encouraged its member governments outside the MPO to consider forming an RTPO. In response, MORPC began to work with the interested Central Ohio counties to form a Regional Planning Organization (RPO) area. The seven counties of interest included Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union (see Figure 1). MORPC organized the counties to engage as an RPO in preparation to become a state-designated RTPO.

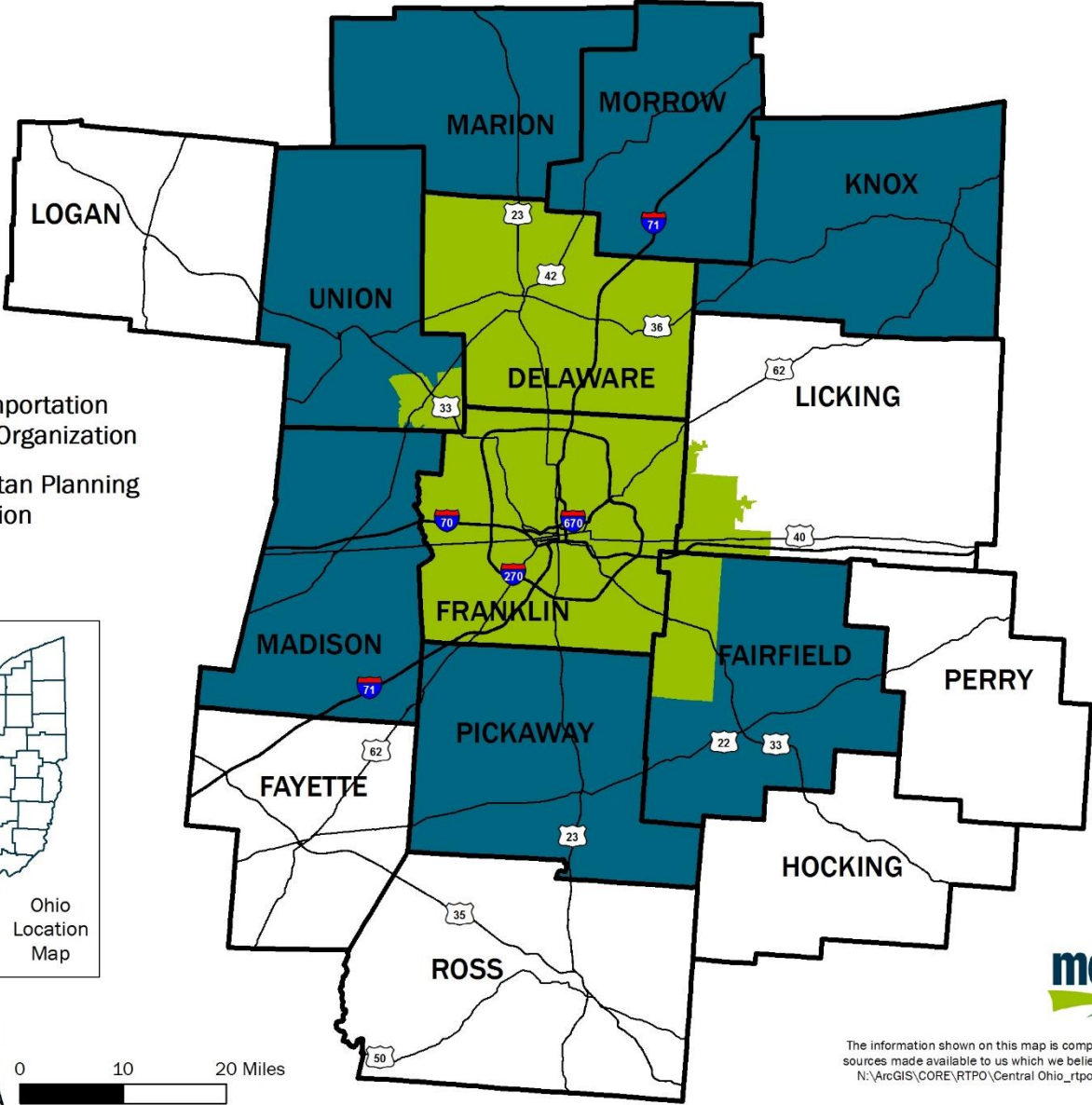
By July 1, 2016, all seven counties of the proposed RPO had executed a Memorandum of Understanding with MORPC to organize and develop the structure for establishing a Long Range Transportation Plan for the RPO. Each county also passed a resolution to join the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO). The first focus of CORPO was to develop a Long-Range Transportation Plan with a list of prioritized projects to be adopted by the CORPO Committee and then submitted to both ODOT and the Governor's office to request that CORPO be designated as an official RTPO. Since the summer of 2016, member counties have formed RPO Subcommittees as well as an overarching CORPO Committee, to oversee planning activities for CORPO.

CORPO is a committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), a public planning agency operating under state and federal law and governed by an independent commission composed of appointed officials from member jurisdictions. CORPO conducts the "3-C" (continuing, cooperative and comprehensive) transportation planning activities for its member counties. MORPC provides the staff for CORPO.

CORPO focus for FY 2020 will be working with members to complete the following objectives:

- Develop a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Maintain the 2018 - 2040 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Amend as needed.
- Data & Analyses as needed to support short-range planning activities

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization
Transportation
Planning Area



The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources made available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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THE 3-C PLANNING PROCESS

COORDINATED PLANNING

Numerous public and private agencies and citizens representing varied interests participate in the transportation planning process. CORPO must integrate the work and views of each participant into the planning process. In some cases, formal agreements may be executed between CORPO and major participant agencies. Described below are the primary responsibilities of the major participants:

1. Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is the major implementing agency for transportation projects in Ohio and the CORPO region. Districts 5 and 6 cover the CORPO planning area. ODOT assigns staff liaisons to CORPO and other RTPOs and MPOs to oversee their planning and programming activities and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal regulations. ODOT provides oversight, approval and technical assistance for the travel demand modeling processes. ODOT also has a significant role in the planning studies that are done prior to major transportation investments.

2. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

FHWA and FTA are the major funding agencies for highway and transit planning activities, respectively. Close coordination is maintained among FHWA, FTA, ODOT, MORPC and CORPO

3. Local Governments in CORPO Member Counties

To varying degrees, local governments participate in technical activities, development of the rural transportation plan, the transportation improvement program, and major development issues associated with transportation. Representatives of these jurisdictions can communicate with ODOT and FHWA through CORPO.

4. Ohio Rail Development Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

These entities may participate in the rail-related technical activities of the transportation program to coordinate their plans and programs with those under development by CORPO.

5. Agreements

CORPO (via MORPC) has used intergovernmental reviews to obtain comments from interested parties and to provide information and recommendations concerning proposed projects. The complexity of coordination done necessitates defined roles and responsibilities for the various participants. The following agreements have been established to guide MORPC's interactions with other major players in transportation planning:

MORPC /ODOT Contract - This contract between MORPC and ODOT identifies the statement of work and authorizes regional transportation planning organization processes.

Two-Party RTPO Agreements - Seven counties have signed agreements to participate in CORPO, which is hosted by MORPC. These counties are: Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway and Union.

Planning Work Program - This document (also referred to as a Unified Planning Work Program) is an annual statement to FHWA, FTA and ODOT of CORPO's use of planning funds for member counties.

CONTINUING PLANNING

Transportation planning is an ongoing process. CORPO's main transportation planning activities will be completed and updated on a repeating cycle. The long range transportation plan will be completed or updated

at least every five years, and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be developed on a two-year cycle. As soon as one of these documents is completed, work begins on the next one in a continuing cycle.

One standing committee for each county provides ongoing assistance and advice on transportation planning matters to CORPO.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Rural transportation planning is intended to examine and integrate a variety of issues related to transportation. One of CORPOS's roles is to better understand these issues and their inter-relationships and to try to avoid or reduce potential negative consequences of transportation plans and decisions.

Older Adults and People with Disabilities Special Planning

CORPO maintains a list of public transit-human services transportation coordination plans for its member counties. CORPO may offer assistance with Coordinated Plan Development in the future.

Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy

On April 15, 2004 the U.S. EPA designated Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, and Madison counties in Central Ohio as being in basic non-attainment of the 8-hour standard for ozone. These counties were re-designated to attainment on June 12, 2009. The U.S. EPA promulgated a new 8-hour ozone standard in 2008 and on July 20, 2012, the 6-county region was redesignated marginal non-attainment. On December 21, 2016, U.S. EPA approved of redesignating the Columbus area to attainment of the 2008 ozone NAAQS (National Ambient Air Quality Standard). On October 26, 2015, U.S. EPA promulgated a new 8-hour standard for ozone. On June 4, 2018, USEPA designated Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin and Licking County as non-attainment for the 2015 ozone standard effective August 3, 2018. MORPC, ODOT, and LCATS play a role through the interagency consultation process with regard to future changes.

On April 14, 2005 the U.S. EPA designated Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, and Licking and a portion of Coshocton counties as non-attainment of the PM 2.5 standard. On November 7, 2013, these areas were redesignated as in attainment for the PM 2.5 standard. A new annual PM 2.5 standard was promulgated by U.S. EPA in 2012. Regional attainment statuses were established in 2014 and Central Ohio was in attainment..

Development Patterns

As of 2015 there were approximately 468,000 people and 150,500 jobs within the CORPO Transportation Study Area. Year 2040 forecasts for this same area show 511,000 people and 184,500 jobs.

Transportation Funding

Many transportation improvements are identified as being needed throughout the area, but funding is insufficient to address all the needs. While funds may not be available for many major improvements, small-scale improvements, such as coordination of traffic signals and construction of turn lanes can provide much-needed temporary relief and improve operations. Part of the solution may be in helping to raise awareness of the transportation needs in the region and the lack of funds. Also, alternative techniques and/or revenue sources for financing local transportation improvements need to continue to be explored, along with innovative uses of the local and federal shares of project funding to speed construction of parts of some projects. With pressures for cutbacks for federal funding, highlighting the needs across all modes will continue to be important.

Planning Data Technology

Planning data technology includes equipment and systems for collecting, analyzing and reporting data necessary for transportation planning, predicting travel demand, and providing information for policy development. Data include demographic, land use, environmental, economic, and physical conditions of the transportation system. CORPO will continue to use tools such as Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to share information, as well as perform analyses. This will make it easier for its member counties to share data with them. This collaborative data collection and sharing process not only produces better data, but also allows communities to provide more current and accurate information. This system also allows the potential for expanding the collection of other attributes associated with transportation infrastructure.

MORPC maintains a state-of-the-art activity-based travel demand model that covers the Columbus and Newark

urbanized areas and portions of the CORPO area. In addition, the statewide model is used in areas not covered by the MORPC area model. These are used as the basis for Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program development. It also can be used for small- and large-scale special studies and ODOT's development of certified traffic for its project development needs.

Transit

CORPO may play a role in seeking funds for new transit services, and in addition, CORPO may have a role in helping to coordinate transit services. In addition to traditional transit activities, public transit-human services transportation coordination plans have been developed for Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Madison, and Pickaway and Union counties. CORPO may continue to play a role in updating and implementing these plans.

Also, CORPO, through the transportation planning process, intends to work with transit providers in the counties to identify and coordinate inter-county transportation needs and strategies.

Freight

Intermodal freight is continually touted as the fastest growing market for the freight industry and a critical component of the Central Ohio economy. Currently, over 1 in 20 private sector jobs in Central Ohio is attributed to the freight industry. However, challenges exist to maintain the region's competitive advantage. Correcting the bottlenecks that threaten the efficiency and productivity of this sector of the economy, new rail structures, special consideration of truck traffic needs, and coordination with air cargo facilities are all needed to ensure that the region continues to play an important role in national and international goods movement.

MORPC, CORPO and other stakeholders are currently involved in a number of important regional projects to address these challenges.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

In order to foster transportation system integration and agency cooperation, ITS is incorporated into CORPO planning through coordination with the MORPC Central Ohio ITS architecture and the state ITS architecture.

The US 33 Smart Mobility corridor project is underway in Union County from Dublin to the Transportation Research Center in East Liberty. This will be a testing area for Connected Vehicle (CV) and Autonomous Vehicle (AV) technology. The also includes all traffic signals in Marysville having vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) technology to test these applications in a small city environment. In 2016 the City of Columbus won the U.S DOT Smart City Challenge and is working to implement 15 different strategies in different parts of the region. CORPO is monitoring the development of both of these activities for applicability throughout the CORPO region.

Safety

Safety is a critical aspect in transportation planning. Building upon information included in the transportation plan, CORPO will assist its members in addressing high-crash locations. Crash data will continue to be analyzed to identify safety needs. In the future, CORPO anticipates working with MORPC, stakeholders and member governments to continue to provide needed education to the public and local governments about the rules of the road, such as safely navigating modern roundabouts, driving without distractions, or yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

CATEGORY 600: TRANSPORTATION

A. Key Issues

The CORPO Prospectus identifies the following key issues in transportation planning:

- Special planning for the elderly and people with disabilities
- Consideration of existing private transportation services and their role in public transportation
- Air quality, climate change and energy
- Water quality/greenways
- Development patterns
- Transportation funding
- Planning data technology
- Transit
- Freight
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Safety
- Active Transportation Systems

B. Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives for the 2018-2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan were adopted in January 2017. These guided the development of the 2018-2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was adopted in May 2018 with an executive summary completed and adopted in December 2018.

Goals and Objectives:

- Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System in a State of Good Repair
 - Minimize the number of bridges structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
 - Maximize the miles of pavement in acceptable condition
 - Maximize resources dedicated to maintain and improve the condition of the transportation system
- A Safe Transportation System for All Users
 - Minimize crashes including pedestrian- and bicycle-related crashes
 - Promote system user education to minimize unsafe driving behaviors such as a lack of seatbelt use, distracted driving, impaired driving and others
- Accessibility and Mobility Options for all Users
 - Build facilities that accommodate all users such as those using transit, walking and bicycling
 - Expand public transportation within and between communities
 - Expand the bicycle and pedestrian networks
 - Expand options that assist those living in poverty or in areas with lower accessibility in reaching employment, healthcare or services
- An Integrated, Connected and Coordinated Transportation System

- Increase outreach to advocacy and community groups including area residents, local governments, agencies and organizations
- Improve connections between regions by utilizing various modes of transportation, including passenger rail
- Increase local community collaboration and coordination efforts to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes

- A Transportation System that Promotes a Collaborative and Focused Approach to support Economic Vitality
 - Improve strategic freight-related facilities (e.g., highway, rail, intermodal, etc.)
 - Develop priority multipurpose corridors (e.g., utilities, water, broadband, fiber, etc.)
 - Maximize return on investment to position the region to compete globally and efficiently
 - Provide transportation facilities that enhance the transition between rural and urban areas
 - Enhance engagement with regional partners and voices

- Preserve and Enhance Environmental Resources and Sustainability through the Transportation System
 - Increase use of non-single-occupant vehicles (local transit, intercity transit, ridesharing, biking, walking)
 - Provide transportation facilities consistent with local land use, environmental and sustainability plans

The status and proposed future actions for the work expressed in these key issues and goals are outlined in the following work element descriptions.

FY 2020 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WORK ELEMENTS

No. 60190-3000

Short Range Planning

Short-range planning services help members make progress on the objectives established in the Rural Transportation Plan. The FAST Act encourages areas to be innovative in the way they manage and operate the system to ensure people and goods move efficiently, safely, and in the most secure way possible. CORPO will support the management and operation of the transportation system by reporting on its conditions and identifying resources to meet established performance measures.

MAP-21 established a core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities. This law requires state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and to address safety issues in their regions. CORPO's safety planning work will help the state meet this requirement.

Active transportation planning ensures that non-motorized transportation facilities are constructed as part of a multi-modal transportation system and that performance measures are in place to guide engineering, education, and enforcement practices that enhance their usage and the safety of non-motorists.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Condition report of highway system and resources: Assess current condition of highway system by collecting pavement condition summaries from ODOT and local agencies. Identify resources needed to bring it to an acceptable standard. Coordinate effort with the ODOT Asset Management System	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>May 2020</i>
Safety planning: Encourage members to address safety concerns through engineering and enforcement measures. Assist them with their applications for safety funding. Conduct special studies and projects related to transportation safety, as requested by members or ODOT.	<i>CORPO/Others</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Active transportation planning: Assist local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing active transportation infrastructure.	<i>CORPO/ODOT/Local Governments</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element Budget: \$25,000 \$20,000 FHWA, \$2,500 ODOT, \$2,500 MORPC

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Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

This element is to prepare and continue to maintain an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through this element. CORPO will identify federal, state and other resources to make local improvements and coordinate them with traditional federal resources.

This element also involves the monitoring and coordination of progress for projects in the TIP. As-needed amendments to the TIP are completed. Periodic reports concerning the status of federal funds are made to the CORPO committees. CORPO also participates in public involvement opportunities conducted as part of the development of regionally significant transportation improvements including transit projects.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
2021-2024 TIP: Coordinate with ODOT Districts 5 and 6, MORPC, transit providers and local agencies on project information for the TIP. Coordinate with ODOT Central Office on TIP update and amendment schedules.	CORPO	May 2020
Collaboration on project delivery and financing options for projects: As needed, work with local jurisdictions to identify project funding mechanisms and coordinate them with the use of federal, state and other locally available resources, including coordination with OPWC's SCIP-/LTIP-funded projects. Assist with special funding opportunities such as TIGER and INFRA. Work with our public and private partners to bring projects that are extremely time-sensitive online as quickly as possible.	CORPO & local agencies	Ongoing

Budget:

Total Work Element Budget: \$75,000 \$60,000 FHWA, \$7,500 ODOT, \$7,500 MORPC

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Data and Analysis

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. In addition, CORPO intends to function as a resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs: Coordinate with the modeling team to be responsive to new data needs associated with the travel demand model. Prepare land use forecasts for traffic studies. Provide demographic and economic data for studies as needed.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making: Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the region.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Respond to and document requests: Answer questions from government, residents, academia and businesses for transportation and demographic data.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>As Needed</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element Budget: \$28,609 \$22,887 FHWA, \$2,861 ODOT, \$2,861 MORPC

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Long Range Transportation Planning

This work element is the creation and maintenance of the Long-Range Rural Transportation Plan and related activities. The plan examines the region's transportation needs at least 20 years into the future and proposes a multimodal network to meet the region's needs. Work includes maintenance activities for the current 2018-2040 long-range rural transportation plan completed in 2018. This activity also includes coordination with local governments and other transportation agencies, participating in special long-range planning efforts, monitoring and reporting on federal and state transportation legislation, regulations, and policies, and integrating transportation into other regional planning efforts.

Product: Method	Agency/ies	Schedule
Develop, monitor and report plan performance measures: Comply with ODOT measures and federal rules on the Performance-Based Planning Process requirements (as appropriate).	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Maintain the 2018 - 2040 Long- Range Transportation Plan: Amend as needed.	<i>CORPO</i>	<i>As Needed</i>
Coordinate with ODOT planning activities: Identify and coordinate with special studies; projects that are in the early steps of development and the update to the statewide transportation plan.	<i>CORPO/MORPC</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
Complete long-range system studies: Use regional data and resources and technical expertise in highway, thoroughfare, transit, pedestrian and bikeway planning to analyze specific long-range transportation needs to assist local governments.	<i>CORPO, Local Governments</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Budget:

Total Work Element Budget: \$50,000 \$40,000 FHWA, \$5,000 ODOT, \$5,000 MORPC

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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization
CORPO Committee
Officers and Committee Members

FROM: Mike Borger, Principal Planner
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DATE: 12/20/2019

SUBJECT: CORPO Committee Meeting Schedule

For consistency and better meeting-planning practices going forward, CORPO should discuss a standardized meeting schedule. This practice is common among bodies such as CORPO but has not yet been adopted by this committee.

The bylaws state that CORPO will meet a minimum of once per year. Currently CORPO meets twice a year as do the subcommittees. Although the Committee currently meets in early January and mid-May and our subcommittees meet in March - April and September – October, it may be a good idea to select a recurring day and week for these meetings going forward.

The following annual schedule of meetings is proposed by staff:

CORPO Committee Meetings

First Monday in May

This timeframe is proposed because Planning Work Programs (PWP) and TIP amendments are generally adopted in May.

First Monday in November

This timeframe is proposed because it is six months after the May meeting and not too close to the holiday season.

Staff also proposes that county level subcommittee meetings be held in between the CORPO Committee meetings. (August and February are suggested.)

The above schedules are merely suggestions based on our previous meeting history and will be further explored during our January 6th CORPO Committee Meeting.

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