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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, April 6, 2017
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Rory McGuinness, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of [March 2, 2017 minutes](#)
3. **Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock
4. **Committee Updates**
 - **Building Committee** – Derrick Clay, Chair
 - **Nominating Committee** – Karen Angelou, Chair
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Bernice Cage
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Nick Gill
5. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Kerstin Carr
6. **Proposed Resolution 05-17**: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$250,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation to develop a transportation safety assistance program for local governments" – Kerstin Carr
7. **Proposed Resolution 06-17**: "To authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with American Electric Power Ohio for approximately \$400,000 for a Community Assistance Program" – Brandi Whetstone
8. **Proposed Resolution 07-17**: "Accepting Perry County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)" – Shawn Hufstedler
9. **Quarterly Membership Report** – Eileen Leuby
10. **Draft Commission Agenda**
11. **Other Business**

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Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2017
1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Karen Angelou	Michael Ebert	Gary Merrell
Marilyn Brown	Matt Greeson	Eric Phillips
Derrick Clay	Kim Maggard	Joe Stefanov
Tracie Davies	Rory McGuinness	

MORPC Staff Present

Bernice Cage	Laura Koprowski	Nancy Reger
Kerstin Carr	Cheri Mansperger	Shari Saunders
Shawn Hufstedler	William Murdock	Susan Tsen
Ciel Klein	Christina O'Keeffe	Thea Walsh

Welcome – Rory McGuinness

Chair Rory McGuinness called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Chair McGuinness reminded Executive Committee members that Nancy Reger is retiring March 3 and this is her last meeting. He thanked Ms. Reger for her service. Chair McGuinness announced that Laura Koprowski is leaving MORPC for a position at COTA as Vice President of Public Affairs and External Communications. Her last day with MORPC is March 9. William Murdock announced the search for their replacements is underway. Mr. Murdock introduced Interim Regional Data & Mapping Director Cheri Mansperger and Interim Public & Government Affairs Director Bernice Cage.

Chair McGuinness reported that in February MORPC officers and other MORPC members and staff attended the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) National Conference of Regions and also made Capitol Hill visits. Conference attendees shared highlights from the trip. Legislators in Washington share many of the same visions and concerns as MORPC.

Consent Agenda

Marilyn Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Gary Merrell; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock reported that the Columbus Partnership and a number of private companies are helping with the next step in the Hyperloop Global One Challenge. In early April, two days of presentations will be given in Washington, DC by the eleven finalists. As a result, Mr. Murdock will miss the next Executive Committee meeting.

The 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Open House is Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at MORPC.

At Ohio EPA's request, MORPC will be provided funding for water resources planning and outreach for the seven counties surrounding and including Franklin County. These activities will assist Ohio EPA with its 208 statewide planning efforts and are similar to activities performed by MORPC as part of ARRA-funded efforts in 2010. The scope of MORPC's work will not involve dispute resolution.

The insight2050 Academy begins March 3, 2017. Almost 25 participants from Franklin and Delaware County communities have registered.

The Purpose Region Workshop is March 16, 2017 at the Reeb Avenue Center. The day-long forum will explore how to bring added meaning and purpose to Central Ohio. NBBJ is the lead partner on the event.

The Age-Friendly Columbus Findings Report was released February 1, 2017. The report forms the basis of the age-friendly work with Columbus over the next year. Kerstin Carr will present the key findings at the March Commission meeting. The results can be applied regionally.

Almost 500 have registered for the April 20, 2017 State of the Region Luncheon at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The venue can accommodate up to 1,000. MORPC is partnering with the OSU Office of Outreach and Engagement, the Center for Ethics and Human Values, the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis on an April 19, 2017 roundtable with Richard Florida, author of *The New Urban Crisis*.

MORPC received the 2016 Harrison W. Smith Award from the Columbus Downtown Commission for the Scioto Greenways Project, in recognition of substantial and positive impact on the urban environment of Downtown Columbus, and for completing projects which embody the vision and farsightedness of Harrison W. Smith, founding chairman of the Downtown Commission.

Nominating Committee Report – Karen Angelou

Karen Angelou presented the Nominating Committee recommendations. Ms. Angelou thanked 2017 Nominating Committee members: Karen Angelou (Chair), Ferzan Ahmed, Marilyn Brown, John Eisel and Rory McGuiness.

Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2018):

Matt Greeson, Chair, City Manager, City of Worthington

Rory McGuiness, Vice Chair, Deputy Director of Administration, City of Columbus

Karen Angelou, Secretary, Council Member, City of Gahanna

Nominees for renewal of one year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2018):

Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany

Derrick Clay (2007), Chair of Building Committee, President/CEO-New Visions Group, Franklin County Representative

Eric Phillips (2007), Past Chair, Executive Director/Chamber CEO, Union County/Marysville Economic Development Partnership

Matt Greeson (2009), Chair, City Manager, City of Worthington

Nominee for remainder of a vacant two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2018):

Nancy White (2017), Fiscal Officer, Mifflin Township

Nominees for renewal of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2019)

Gary Merrell (2015), County Commissioner, Delaware County

Kim Maggard (2015), Mayor, City of Whitehall

Nominees for new two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2019):

Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Director, Department of Public Service, City of Columbus

Erik Janas (2017), Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County

Note: The year in parentheses after each name refers to the first year of the member's current service on the Executive Committee.

The nominations will be presented to the Commission in March and voted on at the April Commission meeting. Executive Committee members serving their second year of a 2-year term include Karen Angelou, Michael Ebert and Rory McGuinness.

Regional Policy Roundtable Update – Laura Koprowski

At the February 24, 2017 Regional Policy Roundtable Rep. Mike Duffey gave an update on the Ohio Legislature and shared concerns about the state budget. Laura Koprowski gave a legislative update that included:

- Transportation budget
 - License plate fees
 - CNG tax
 - Variable speed limits for hard shoulder running. Four million dollars for the study is included in the next TIP. MORPC asked ODOT District 6 to host a meeting with stakeholders to answer questions.
- State budget
 - Local government funds
 - Local income tax collection
 - Karen Angelou asked for a written synopsis that she can share with her City Council.
- Eric Phillips asked Ms. Koprowski to look into the TIF bill.

Joe Garrity and Bevan Schneck will provide the legislative updates going forward.

Regional Data Advisory Committee Update – Nancy Reger

Nancy Reger reported that the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) was asked to investigate SB 331 regarding small cell tower legislation. The bill passed the Ohio legislature. The RDAC then learned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is asking for comments from governments regarding this issue. As a result, the RDAC developed three sets of recommendations for the federal, state and local levels:

- Created and sent template language for cities to submit to the FCC if they want to comment on this. Comments are due March 8.
- Created a list of concerns and solutions regarding the state legislation. The list is now with the Regional Policy Roundtable.
- Need for asset mapping and managing at the local level. RDAC will move forward with this.

Transportation Policy Committee Update – Thea Walsh

Thea Walsh reported that TIP Amendment Resolution T-2-17 on the Commission agenda includes the 670 project mentioned earlier.

The Ohio Conference on Freight is August 2-4, 2017 at the Columbus Hilton Downtown. Team members have raised \$130,000 for the conference and are looking for collaboration opportunities. The call for proposals has been issued with a focus on technology and smart corridor type projects.

MORPC's RideSolutions Team is working with COTA on providing transportation during the May deployment of their transit system redesign.

Proposed Resolution 02-17: "Acceptance of revision to fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2017" – Shawn Hufstедler

Matt Greeson made a motion to approve Resolution 02-17, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

Quarterly Financial Statements – Shawn Hufstedler

Shawn Hufstedler reviewed the [December 2016 Financial Report](#) and highlighted:

- Strong cash position
- Positive fringe and overhead rates
- Operating loss primarily due to weatherization programs
 - Loss was anticipated and resulted in restructuring for long-term viability
 - Weatherization program funding based on units produced
 - Unit production lower due to the new system implementation and changing Home Weatherization Assistance Program regulations
 - Working on process improvement with outside facilitator
 - Strategizing how to address program risks such as a mild winter and staff turnover
 - Meeting first quarter goals this year
- Under-spent member dues
- Net assets were better this year than last year
- Expenses were well within appropriations
- Operating reserve of 67 days
 - No money has been transferred from the reserve in 2016

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft March 9, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Executive Session

Marilyn Brown made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Section 121.22 (G) (2): To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; second by Eric Phillips. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 2:54 p.m. and concluded at 3:24 p.m.

Proposed Resolution 03-17: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into contract to purchase a building and/or related lease agreement which may contain a bargain purchase option”

Proposed Resolution 04-17: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into a building lease for up to 11 years”

Derrick Clay made a motion to approve Resolution 03-17 and Resolution 04-17, second by Gary Merrell; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director
Planning & Environment

DATE: March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 05-17: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$250,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation to develop a transportation safety assistance program for local governments”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into and administer a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) related to a two-year statewide transportation safety planning program that would provide additional technical assistance to local governments.

MORPC currently serves as the representative for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) on two statewide safety committees: the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee and the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC). Through this role, MORPC seeks to develop effective channels of communication among regional planning organizations related to safety planning in order to effectively communicate regional needs to our statewide partners.

In September 2016, MORPC, in partnership with ODOT and FHWA, held a 2-day peer exchange with two primary goals: 1) to establish a baseline understanding of the transportation safety planning process among regional planning organizations and their partners, and 2) to identify shared opportunities and challenges related to the implementation of several aspects of this work.

As a result of this peer exchange, MORPC has proposed a 2-year program to ODOT which aims to develop capacity at regional planning organizations across Ohio, enabling them to provide turn-key transportation safety services to local jurisdictions, and ultimately help better address safety issues across the locally-maintained roadway system. Specifically, this program will promote the use of three practices that have shown effective in reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the locally maintained system: 1) Providing Safety Study Assistance, 2) Coordinating Road Safety Audits, and 3) Implementing regionally-based Systematic Safety Improvements.

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Furthermore, MORPC, in partnership with ODOT, has established a Transportation Safety Planning (TSP) Working Group within OARC to serve as a dedicated forum to discuss regional safety issues, share best practices, and guide the implementation of this program.

Attachment: Resolution 05-17

RESOLUTION 05-17

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$250,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation to develop a transportation safety assistance program for local governments”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Ohio region with responsibilities to plan for the safety of Central Ohio’s roadways; and

WHEREAS, MORPC serves as the representative for the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) on statewide transportation safety committees; and

WHEREAS, MORPC, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), held a peer exchange with OARC members in 2016 to identify ways where MPOs, Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), and ODOT can partner to reduce crashes on the locally maintained system; and

WHEREAS, MORPC, as a result of the peer exchange, proposed a two year program that would provide additional technical assistance to local governments to address transportation safety issues; and

WHEREAS, MORPC established an OARC transportation safety planning working group to share knowledge with other Ohio regional planning organizations and to encourage statewide implementation of the program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program aligns with the strategies of ODOT’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has allocated up to \$250,000 to cover staff time associated with administering this program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into and administer a two-year contract for up to \$250,000 with the Ohio Department of Transportation to develop a transportation safety assistance program for local governments and administer any related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Matt Greeson, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: April 13, 2017
Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Director, Planning & Environment
Prepared by: Jordan Whisler, Principal Planner
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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FROM: Christina O’Keeffe, Director
Energy & Air Quality

DATE: March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 06-17: "To authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with American Electric Power Ohio for approximately \$400,000 for a Community Assistance Program"

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into an agreement with American Electric Power Ohio (AEP Ohio) for approximately \$400,000 annually to continue operating the American Electric Power Community Assistance Program (AEP-CAP) from 2017-2020.

MORPC has been operating the AEP-CAP in Franklin County since 2012. Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAЕ) is serving as the program administrator on behalf of AEP Ohio.

The AEP CAP provides energy efficiency and weatherization services to income eligible clients. This agreement is for MORPC to provide client intake, home energy audits, and installation of energy efficiency measures including light bulbs and appliances, air sealing and insulation, and quality control over client projects. MORPC staff and approved subcontractors that perform work for MORPC under existing contractor agreements will provide the services. All work will be effectively integrated into the Energy & Air Quality Department at MORPC.

Attachment: Resolution 06-17

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RESOLUTION 06-17

“To authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with American Electric Power Ohio for approximately \$400,000 for a Community Assistance Program”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has been operating the American Electric Power Ohio (AEP Ohio)'s Community Assistance Program (CAP) in Franklin County since April 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the amount of MORPC funding will be up to approximately \$400,000 annually beginning 2017 through calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, AEP Ohio wants to continue implementing this program in Franklin County through MORPC; and

WHEREAS, AEP CAP services will be provided directly from MORPC through existing in-house employees and through qualified local businesses that perform work for MORPC under existing contractor agreements; and

WHEREAS, AEP Ohio's CAP services will be effectively integrated into MORPC's ongoing agency weatherization operations in the Energy & Air Quality Department; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with American Electric Power Ohio, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) or its program administrator for up to approximately \$400,000 annually to provide services in Franklin County for the American Electric Power Ohio's Community Assistance Program and to enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into agreement(s) and related subcontracts to administer up to \$400,000 per annum for 2017 through 2020.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 5. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Matt Greeson, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: April 13, 2017
Submitted by: Christina O’Keeffe, Director, Energy & Air Quality
Prepared by: Rebecca Garrett, Executive Assistant, Energy & Air Quality
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TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 07-17: "Accepting Perry County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)"

On March 30, 2017, the Perry County Commissioners approved a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). The attached resolution accepts Perry County as a member of MORPC, which will help meet the desire of MORPC's membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

Attachment: Resolution 07-17

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RESOLUTION 07-17

“Accepting Perry County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, Perry County recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s mission is to be the regional voice and a catalyst for sustainability and economic prosperity in order to secure a competitive advantage for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Perry County has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of MORPC’s members to continue to grow for the benefit of strong collaboration on regional issues; and

WHEREAS, Perry County will be assessed dues based on the 2017 population projection; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2017, the Perry County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That Perry County is accepted as a member of MORPC effective April 13, 2017.
- Section 2. That the Articles of Agreement provide that two (2) members of the Perry County Board of Commissioners are eligible to serve as voting members or that the Commissioners may appoint up to two (2) members to serve on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net 2017 dues of \$9,376 will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (April 13, 2017) and assessed to Perry County for one year.
- Section 4. That Perry County shall be entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the County based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Matt Greeson, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: April 13, 2017
Submitted by: William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by: Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Coordinator
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