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Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, April 13, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1:30 p.m. 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 1:31 p.m. 2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Acting Chair
- 1:35 p.m. 3. **Election of Officers and Executive Committee** – Karen Angelou (City of Gahanna), Nominating Committee Chair
- 1:40 p.m. 4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of **March 9, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **Proposed Resolution 06-17: “To authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with American Electric Power for approximately \$400,000 for a Community Assistance Program”**
- 1:41 p.m. 5. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
 - **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Member Services Coordinator
- 1:55 p.m. 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 assisting program for local governments”** – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Planning & Environment Director
- 2:00 p.m. 7. **Proposed Resolution 07-17: “Accepting Perry County as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, Executive Director

Committees

- 2:05 p.m. 8. **Building Committee** – Derrick Clay (Franklin County), Building Committee Chair
- 2:10 p.m. 9. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Steve Campbell (City of Columbus),

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Matt Greeson
Chair

Rory McGuiness
Vice Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Secretary

Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

a. **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Hill Brown & Ritter
and Joe Garrity, MORPC Sr. Public Affairs Coordinator

- 2:20 p.m. **10. Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Jim Schimmer (Franklin County), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
- 11. Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Acting Chair
- 2:25 p.m. a. **Call to Order** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Acting Chair
- 2:26 p.m. b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
- **Transportation Systems & Funding** – Thea Walsh, Director
- 2:30 p.m. c. **Consent Agenda**
- Approval of **March 9, 2017 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - **Proposed Resolution T-3-17: “Amending the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program to add a new work element”**
- 2:31 p.m. d. **Draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program** – Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director and Cheri Mansperger, MORPC Interim Regional Data & Mapping Director
- 2:40 p.m. e. **COTA NextGen** – Curtis Stitt, Central Ohio Transit Authority President & Chief Executive Officer
- 2:57 p.m. f. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Acting Chair
- 2:58 p.m. **12. Motion to Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee**
- 2:59 p.m. **13. Other Business**
- 3:00 p.m. **14. Adjourn** – Rory McGuiness (City of Columbus), MORPC Acting Chair

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Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Karen Angelou, Committee Chair

DATE: February 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Nomination of Executive Committee Members

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement, the Commission will be notified at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting as to the nominees for MORPC's Officers and Executive Committee Team members. The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:

"At least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee. Said Nominating Committee having been duly appointed and confirmed shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the COMMISSION, report the names of the candidates so nominated to the secretary. The secretary shall advise each member of the COMMISSION, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the annual meeting as to the nominees so selected. At the annual meeting, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall report the names so nominated. After this report is presented, nominations from the floor shall be invited. Such nominations must be seconded. The secretary then shall prepare ballots properly identifying the nominees, said ballots shall be distributed and tallied during the annual meeting by a temporary committee appointed for that purpose."

The Five Nominating Committee Members are:

Karen Angelou, Committee Chair, City of Gahanna
Ferzan Ahmed, Delaware County
Rory McGuiness, City of Columbus
Marilyn Brown, Franklin County
John Eisel, Violet Township

Nominating Committee Recommendations:

The Nominating Committee convened on February 22, 2017 and made the following recommendations:

The 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

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Matt Greeson
Chair

Rory McGuiness
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Karen J. Angelou
Secretary

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

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

For the remainder of a vacant two-year Executive Committee term (expires 2018):

Nancy White (2017), Fiscal Officer, Mifflin Township

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

Gary Merrell (2015), County Commissioner, Delaware County

Kim Maggard (2015), Mayor, City of Whitehall

For a 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 Executive Committee positions below do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee:

For second year of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2018):

Karen Angelou (2014), Council Member, City of Gahanna

Michael Ebert (2014), Mayor, City of Canal Winchester

Rory McGuinness (2014), Deputy Director of Administration, City of Columbus

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

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017
1:30 p.m.

Commission Members

Karen Angelou	John Eisel	Bonnie Michael
Jeff Benton	Terry Emery	Robert Myers
Pat Blayney	Jennifer Gallagher	Megan O'Callaghan
Stacey Boumis	Matt Greeson	Eric Richter
Kevin Boyce	Shannon Hardin	Cornell Robertson for Dean Ringle
Susan Brobst	Tracy Hatmaker	Allen Rothermel
Marilyn Brown	Dan Havener	Mike Schadek
Ron Bullard	Tom Homan	Jim Schimmer
Greg Butcher	Matt Huffman	Roby Schottke
Steve Campbell	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Kent Shafer
Franklin Christman	Erik Janas	Ike Stage
Derrick Clay	Larry Jenkins	Joe Stefanov
Ben Collins	Steve Kennedy	Scott Tourville
Mike Compton	Ben Kessler	Bill Vance
Karl Craven	Tim Lecklider	Christie Ward
Tracie Davies	Christopher Manegold	Nancy White
William Dorman	Rory McGuiness	
Michael Ebert	Gary Merrell	

Policy Committee Members

Holly Mattei	Thom Slack	Curtis Stitt
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Associate Members

Nikki Scarpitti	David Varda
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Staff

Bernice Cage	Shawn Hufstedler	Christina O'Keeffe
Kerstin Carr	Ciel Klein	Shari Saunders
Amelia Costanzo	Laura Koprowski	Bevan Schneck
Mark Crosten	Eileen Leuby	Thea Walsh
Mary Ann Frantz	Cheri Mansperger	Katie White
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	
Nick Gill	Jennifer Noll	

Guests

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Chair Matt Greeson called the Commission Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Karen Angelou presented the recommendations from the Nominating Committee. The 2017 Nominating Committee Members are (Chair) Karen Angelou, City of Gahanna; Ferzan Ahmed, Delaware County; Marilyn Brown, Franklin County; John Eisel, Violet Township; and Rory McGuiness, City of Columbus. The Committee met February 9 and 22 and makes the following recommendations:

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

Matt Greeson, Chair, City Manager, City of Worthington
Rory McGuinness, 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 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.

Chair Greeson presented Certificates of Appreciation to Marilyn Brown and Tracie Davies for their service on the Executive Committee.

Consent Agenda

Gary Merrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

William Murdock announced that this is MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director Laura Koprowski's last day with MORPC. Mr. Murdock congratulated Ms. Koprowski on her new position at COTA as Vice President of Public Affairs and External Communications. Chair Greeson thanked Ms. Koprowski for her service at MORPC.

The Regional Data & Mapping Director and Public & Government Affairs Director positions have been posted. Send referrals to Mr. Murdock. Mr. Murdock introduced Interim Regional Data & Mapping Director Cheri Mansperger and Interim Public & Government Affairs Director Bernice Cage.

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.

Mr. Murdock congratulated Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) 2017 Award Winners:

- Woman of the Year – Jennifer Gallagher – recognizing her extraordinary leadership of the City of Columbus and support of women in transportation
- Employer of the Year Award – City of Columbus, Department of Public Service
- Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award – Sonja Simpson – recognizing her extraordinary passion for advancing women and minorities through her work at ODOT on Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion

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. MORPC's delegation advocated for Central Ohio. Topics included infrastructure dollars, the small wireless tower issue, and the region's competitive advantage work. Legislators in Washington share many of the same visions and concerns as MORPC. MORPC also represents Central Ohio on a number of NARC Subcommittees: scenario planning, energy and smart mobility.

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

Mr. Murdock reminded Commission members that MORPC was selected as a semi-finalist in the Hyperloop One Global Challenge. Hyperloop is high speed passenger and freight service rail. The next phase of the competition is to give a presentation in Washington, DC in April. A coalition of private and public partners is working together on the project. If MORPC is selected as a finalist, the next phase will include engineering/technical assistance from Hyperloop on evaluating the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor.

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 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. Results will be shared at the State of the Region Luncheon.

The State of the Region Luncheon is April 20, 2017 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. There will be a small roundtable discussion with Keynote Speaker Anne Schwieger following the luncheon.

Chair Greeson welcomed new Commission Members Roby Schottke from Grove City and David Varda from META Solutions. Chair Greeson announced that Ross County Representative Christopher Manegold is retiring and today is his last Commission meeting.

Committees

Building Committee Report – Derrick Clay, Building Committee Chair

Derrick Clay presented the [Building Committee Report](#). The deadline to exercise the renewal clause in MORPC's current lease, if desired, is April 3, 2017. The Committee is still evaluating a couple options. Through the proposed resolutions the Committee is requesting authority, in consultation with the MORPC Officers, to make a decision before the next Commission meeting. CBRE is MORPC's real estate broker.

- **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"**

The authority for the executive director to agree to a price up to fifteen percent above \$3.1 million provides flexibility with a limited scope. MORPC's current cash balance is approximately \$4 million. That includes \$1 million in the Building Reserve and over \$1 million in the Operating Reserve. The RFP was sent to the current building owner. The bargain purchase option allows the lessee to purchase the property at the end of the lease term at a below fair market value price. It is similar to a rent-to-own situation.

Next steps for a building purchase include sending a letter of intent to the building owner, followed by a purchase contract, a due diligence period (checking finances and structure), and a close period.

Gary Merrell made a motion to approve Resolution 03-17, second by Joe Stefanov; motion passed.

- **Proposed Resolution 04-17: "Authorizing the executive director to enter into a building lease for up to 11 years"**
MORPC's current lease ends October 31, 2017 if not renewed. If renewed, the lease would be for five years.

Marilyn Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 04-17, second by Shannon Hardin; motion passed.

The Building Committee will report as soon as there is information to share.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Steve Campbell, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

At the February 24, 2017 Regional Policy Roundtable meeting, the Roundtable received an update on the transportation and executive budgets; Rep. Mike Duffey shared information on a data collection bill he introduced and gave insights on other legislative issues; and the Small Cell Tower Working Group gave recommendations on how to deal with the issue at the federal, state and local levels.

Steve Campbell, on behalf of the Regional Policy Roundtable, presented Laura Koprowski a gift of appreciation for her service.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Laura Koprowski, MORPC Public & Government Affairs Director**

Steve Tugend and Laura Koprowski gave the legislative update and highlighted the following issues:

- HB 26 – state transportation budget
 - License plate fees
 - Variable speed limits for hard shoulder running
- HB 49 – state operating budget
 - Local government fund
 - Sales tax changes
 - Environmental development
- Federal budget

MORPC Sr. Public Affairs Coordinators Joe Garrity and Bevan Schneck will work with Steve Tugend on the legislative updates.

Member discussion included:

- Ohio Business Gateway is broken
- Renaming municipal corporate tax a state tax

- License plate fees – there was a House amendment requiring the license plate fees be placed on the ballot rather than giving counties authority to raise the fee, it was tabled. There is no such amendment in the Senate.
- Local government fund – the proposed formula is based on local governments' ability to raise funds (capacity). Local governments would need to use their capacity to raise funds before they would receive local government funds. The Ohio Municipal League (OML) is dubious of this approach.
- Central collection – the Ohio Chamber is backing central collection. The OML opposes central collection.

See the [March 2017 Legislative Update](#) for other legislative news.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Jim Schimmer, Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair

Jim Schimmer presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#) and began by recognizing new Committee Vice-Chair Mayor Mike Compton. The Committee met January 18, 2017 and discussed a redesign proposal for the Central Ohio Green Pact. The reorganization places an emphasis on the Regional Sustainability Agenda by tying the member communities' work to the goals and objectives of the agenda. Members' progress will be recognized at the annual Summit on Sustainability.

This is the 10-year anniversary of the Green Pact and is the central theme of the November 14, 2017 Summit on Sustainability.

Fourth Economy, project consultant for the Franklin County Energy Study, has gathered and analyzed feedback from the Franklin County Energy Study Advisory Committee to determine the study scope and measurable outcomes. Energy data from gas and electric utilities will be combined with state and federal energy data. MORPC's Data & Mapping Department is collaborating with Fourth Economy for data collection, analysis and evaluation enabling MORPC to replicate methodology for zip codes in the Rickenbacker Area Study. The final report is expected in October. The purpose of the study is to examine and measure existing energy supply and consumption in Franklin County. The data will be a tool to drive regional energy priorities and investments supporting quality of life and economic growth.

- **Air Quality Update – Christina O'Keeffe, MORPC Energy & Air Quality Director**
Christina O'Keeffe presented the [Air Quality Ozone Kick-Off](#). Ozone season began March 1, 2017. MORPC and The Breathing Association kicked-off the season with a live video feed on Facebook. Air Quality Awareness week is May 1-5, 2017. The Commuter Challenge is June 1-30, 2017. A summer marketing campaign will focus on diverse groups.

Transportation Policy Committee – Matt Greeson, MORPC Chair

Chair Matt Greeson called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:45 p.m. The session adjourned at 3:03 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Approve Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

Christopher Manegold made a motion to approve the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee, second by Marilyn Brown; motion passed.

The Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Christina O’Keeffe, Director
Energy & Air Quality

DATE: April 7, 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

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Matt Greeson
Chair

Rory McGuinness
Vice Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Secretary

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.

Rory McGuinness, Acting Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution 06-17

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Effective date:	April 13, 2017
Submitted by:	Christina O’Keeffe, Director, Energy & Air Quality
Prepared by:	Rebecca Garrett, Executive Assistant, Energy & Air Quality
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	April 13, 2017



MORPC Monthly Agency Report March 2017

Public & Government Affairs

Bernice Cage – bcage@morpc.org

State of the Region 2017

Early bird registration ended March 17 with 720 registrants. Video productions are being developed for award presentations and a membership feature. Following the luncheon, a private conversation with Keynote Speaker Anne Schwieger will be held from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Come prepared to ask questions on how your community can bridge the broadband and digital equity divide to include all residents. Register at www.morpc.org/SOTRevent.

Government Affairs

Executive Director William Murdock testified to the Ohio Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee on HB 26, the state transportation budget, highlighting the need for increased transportation revenue, the importance of safety measures, and the role smart technologies can play in the future of the system. A key takeaway from the legislation is a \$5 increase in motor vehicle license fees that can be enacted by county commissioners.

MORPC submitted written comments to the Federal Communications Commission regarding the deployment of small cell infrastructure. The comments were based on feedback from a working group MORPC formed on the issue during January and February.

MORPC submitted written testimony to the Ohio House Transportation and Public Safety Committee in support of House Bill 95. The bill creates an enhanced driving penalty for “distracted driving” that only comes into play when a driver is pulled over for another moving violation. The testimony highlighted how the bill would save lives and make our roads safer for everyone.

Public Involvement

An open house is scheduled on the final draft of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. A presentation is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. An interactive map was developed to assist in providing comments on the TIP projects. For more information on the TIP and to view the interactive map go to www.morpc.org/tip. Comments are due April 21, 2017.

Media Relations and Online Communications Efforts

See attached report of news releases, media coverage, and online communications.

Transportation Systems & Funding

Thea Walsh - twalsh@morpc.org

Transit & Mobility

DATABus continues to work on redeveloping services and routes with a focus on jobs with their partners MORPC, ODOT, local economic development directors and the county commissioners' office. On April 13 DATABus will hold an open house in conjunction with Orange Township to gauge the needs of employers for transportation services. The timing for this appears to be ideal since COTA's Transit Service Redesign (TSR) begins in May. With the TSR DATABus will revise its Route 23 corridor service to ensure that it ties in adequately with COTA and complements the TSR without duplicating it.

MORPC and COTA continue to partner on ways to assist displaced transit riders with other forms of transportation to work. MORPC and COTA met with FedEx employees to discuss alternate options to get to work after the implementation of the TSR. MORPC Team Members are going to pursue the viability of a vanpool for FedEx transit riders.

Section 5310

Team Members attended an ODOT Office of Transit Statewide 5310 Working Group for large urbanized areas that are designated recipients or administer the Section 5310 Program. Agenda items included Coordinated Plans, program requirements, project selection and Transit Asset Management. This working group is a platform to collaborate, troubleshoot and avoid duplication with ODOT and the large urbanized area MPOs.

RideSolutions

RideSolutions gained access to the "Ohio staging" site for the new RideAmigos TDM platform. Team members continue to work with RideAmigos to refine the platform and improve the various features available to users within the system. The platform will likely be launched in April. There appears to be consensus that the new name for the TDM platform will be 'gohio.' Project consultants, Origo Branding, will present final logo and tagline proposals for the project scheduled to conclude at the end of March.

Infrastructure Funding

The Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) District 3 received six final Clean Ohio Conservation Fund applications on March 17, 2017. Project requests totaled \$3.5 million in funding, currently there is \$4.1 million available. NRAC will visit sites on March 28 to review and score the following projects. Final scores and awards will be announced at a public meeting of the NRAC on April 13.

- Columbus Parks & Recreation
 - Alum Creek North Tributary Protection – land acquisition of 12.2 acres along Alum Creek where it crosses Westerville Road and extends west to a vacant railroad corridor (requesting \$75,000).
 - Eastmoor Green Linear Park – land acquisition of 3 miles of abandoned rail corridor to create a 17.5-acre linear park along Mason Run on the east side of Whitehall (requesting \$751,800).
- Franklin County Metro Parks
 - Big Walnut Creek Parkland Preservation II – land acquisition of 52 acres along the Big Walnut Creek in Blendon Township off Lee Road (requesting \$945,000).
 - Scioto River Parkland Preservation – land acquisition of 62 acres of the Marble Cliff Quarry along the Scioto River at Trabue and Dublin roads (requesting \$1,215,500).
- Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

- Big Walnut Wetland & Riparian Corridor Protection – acquire a 2-acre conservation easement to protect the Vernal Pool and Riparian Corridor along the Big Walnut Creek off Sunbury Road (requesting \$190,312).
- City of Gahanna
 - McKenna Creek Dam Removal & Stream Restoration – remove a low-head dam and do restoration work to restore 400 linear feet of stream channel along McKenna Creek (requesting \$272,090).

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

A draft of the CORPO Transportation Plan goals and objectives was sent to the CORPO Committee and the County Subcommittees for review. Data are now being collected for the existing conditions portion of the Rural Transportation Plan.

Three county subcommittees (Knox, Union and Fairfield) held combined RPO and Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) meetings to discuss goals and objectives of the CORPO Transportation Plan.

The MORPC website was updated with CORPO information at:

<http://www.morpc.org/transportation/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization/index>

Data and Mapping

Cheri Mansperger – cmansperger@morpc.org

Regional Data Advisory Committee

At the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) meeting, the City of Columbus gave an update on the Smart Columbus Integrated Data Exchange (IDE). The RDAC team members will be working on use case scenarios for IDE data. Members will communicate and meet via subcommittees prior to the next meeting on July 20, 2017.

Data & Mapping Support to MORPC Members, Programs and Projects

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project maps are being finalized for the April 4 Open House. MORPC will release the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Public Input web map at the end of March. The map opens funded transportation projects to public input by allowing comments to be made on TIP projects.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Benchmark data are being analyzed and calculated for Transportation Systems & Funding.

insight2050 Activity and Vitality Index web map was completed and a link sent to communities for review and comments.

As part of the Location-Based Response System (LBRS) project, a feature service of the regional sidewalk data was created for the Franklin County Engineer's office. This service will allow them to edit/update sidewalks in the township areas as part of a bigger project they are working on. The edits will feed into the regional file.

Team Members worked to create a 3D image representing population across the four states in the proposed Hyperloop corridor as part of the Hyperloop presentation in Washington, DC.

As part of the Central Ohio Greenways expansion, edits are being made to the regional bikeway file to incorporate priority corridors for surrounding counties. So far, Fairfield, Union and Delaware Counties are included.

The GIS Primer is in final draft stage and being reviewed by Prairie Township. Demographic data were provided to Prairie Township's Recreation Director.

A bikeway map was created for Shawnee Hills as part of application they are working on.

The draft Vitality Index maps for Homes on the Hill were completed and distributed for review.

New Albany Company traffic study land use data and Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) splits are underway.

Analysis for regional demographic trends for Public & Government Affairs *Business First* article was completed.

Planning and Environment

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Active Transportation Planning

Team Members finalized 2016 trail count estimation and analysis efforts. This resulted in the calculation of Average Annual Daily Trail Traffic (AADTT) for most of the trail segments that make up the Central Ohio Greenways system and calculation of Trail Miles Traveled (TMT), an important regional performance measure related to overall system usage. These findings were summarized in a one-page report and presented to the Central Ohio Greenways Board.

The ABPB monthly webinar series focused on Active Transportation in rural settings. The webinar screening was attended by City of Columbus staff, private consultants, and MORPC Team Members.

Team Members met with ODOT staff to discuss current initiatives related to increasing the quality of non-motorized data within Ohio. The conversation focused on pursuing several current opportunities to fund data collection equipment, specifically on-street permanent count stations.

MORPC met with ODOT and FHWA staff to discuss Ohio's bicycle and pedestrian volume data collection plans, the Travel Monitoring Analysis System (TMAS) database project at FHWA, and possible connections between the two.

Safety

Team Members, serving as the Ohio Association of Regional Council's (OARC's) representative, participated in the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) meeting. During this meeting Ohio Department of Public Safety staff provided an update on current group funding levels and the committee voted to approve two project proposals: travel funds for TRCC representatives to attend a national conference on safety data and a reorganization of project funds related to developing backend crash module interfaces.

Team members joined ODOT staff to present on increased technical assistance efforts for regional planning organizations and local jurisdictions during the inaugural Safety Talk webinar series. This series is hosted by ODOT and is meant to serve as a forum for safety professionals to discuss current and best safety planning practices.

The OARC Transportation Committee Meeting established a Transportation Safety Planning Working Group within OARC to provide updates on OARC's participation in statewide steering committees.

Team Members attended the public open house for the Hamilton Road Improvements project to answer questions about the minor widening project, which is partly funded by MORPC-attributable funds. This project also includes active transportation amenities, street lighting, and signal upgrades.

insight2050

MORPC shared insight2050 experiences as a best practice in scenario modeling at the FHWA workshop. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff from across the state attended.

MORPC is beta testing Calthorpe Analytics' UrbanFootprint 2.0 software. MORPC is one of a few agencies nationwide to be invited to participate in this process, which allows team members to work directly with staff at Calthorpe to inform the development of this scenario planning software.

The spring 2017 insight2050 Academy began this month. Twenty-three public officials representing local governments and government agencies across Central Ohio are participating in this program, designed to equip public officials with the information and resources they need to guide decision-making in their communities.

Team Members participated in an event called Community Conversations, sponsored by Leadership Upper Arlington. The event was attended by 50+ members of the public and focused on the impact of Central Ohio's growth and development in Upper Arlington.

At the Purpose Region Workshop, NBBJ and MORPC partnered to host over 80 leaders from across Central Ohio focusing on four topics: affordable housing, environment & sustainability, health & wellbeing, and workforce development & education. Each topic discussion was facilitated and documented. The information collected will be used by NBBJ to create a report that will be highlighted at MORPC's State of the Region event in April.

Team Members participated in the Greater Ohio Policy Summit 2017 – Investing in Ohio's Future. The Honorable Tom Murphy, Urban Land Institute Fellow and former Mayor of Pittsburgh, was the keynote speaker, describing both public and private endeavors in Pittsburgh that revitalize brownfields.

Age-Friendly Columbus

The strategic planning phase facilitated by *planningNext* officially began with a meeting of all members of the Advisory Committee, 50+ Resident Council, and subcommittees at LifeCare Alliance. The program included a presentation on the Findings Report, outline of the strategic planning process, and small group discussions on the vision and goal statements and potential strategies.

Greenways & Water Quality Program

Team Members listened to a U.S. Water Alliance webcast, *Thriving Cities Tackle One Water Management*. This is the second in a six-part series focusing on each of the tenets of the One Water Roadmap – a guide to integrated and inclusive management of water resources. The Sustaining Scioto Adaptive Management Plan has been featured as a case study.

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met in March to appoint three new members to its board and to receive an update of the 2016 trail count efforts. Each working team reported out on its achievements. These ranged from photo shoots and videos to developing stickers for COG, status update on the website, and information about county-wide trail development meetings.

Energy & Air Quality

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Local Government Energy Partnership

MORPC met with funders to gather initial ideas on offerings with funding provided by AEP Ohio and Columbia Gas of Ohio. The final scope of services may include energy benchmarking, education, technical assistance and recognition programs. An educational training is being planned for fall

2017. Professional tools for tracking and displaying data that shows progress in energy benchmarking and other sustainability metrics are being explored.

Alternative Fuels Vehicle Conversion Grant Program

MORPC submitted comments to Ohio EPA in response to the public comment period to finalize and release this grant opportunity. With the creation of this program, \$5 million was set aside to be awarded through the end of 2017. As Ohio EPA enters the rule making process for these grants, the agency is seeking early stakeholder input on the process for administering the funds. MORPC's comments focused on maximizing the flexibility of administering the program in order to utilize the funding by end of June 30, 2017 and suggested that projects located in non-attainment or priority areas, such as Central Ohio, receive stronger consideration due to greater benefits in improving air quality in these regions.

Electric Vehicle (EV) & Infrastructure Planning

Ohio EPA reached out to MPOs for planning assistance as part of their plan for administering the state's allocation of \$71.4 million from the Volkswagen settlement funds. Ohio EPA's interest is to work with MPOs identifying the top ten EV charging sites based on projected demand such as number of vehicles per parking location and average time spent at locations to allow for adequate charging to occur. MORPC Team Members are lead on this effort and submitting a scope with budget to provide this planning assistance within the next year. Support from Ohio EPA on this initiative is expected in late 2017/early 2018.

Policy

State HB 114

Team Members are coordinating a conference call with leadership from the Sustainability Advisory Committee and Regional Policy Roundtable to discuss MORPC's position revising the energy efficiency and renewable energy standards to make them voluntary. The legislation has passed through the full House within weeks of it being introduced and now being considered by the Senate.

Franklin County Energy Study

Data collection and analysis is being fully implemented with data received from the electric and gas utilities. The data consultants are also training MORPC Data & Mapping Team Members on the methodology in order to replicate it in the future. The communications plan is being developed to include a public comment period planned for September. Advisory committee meetings have been scheduled in late summer and fall to accommodate the final report and public input period.

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

The final design of the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) is complete and the brochure will be available in April. It will also be available on the SAC website with the short link www.morpc.org/SAC. Team Members are working to document the data sources for each of the RSA objectives and exploring online platforms for tracking and displaying progress in a meaningful way. At the next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting the group will vote on a proposal to restructure the Green Pact.

Air Quality

The Energy & Air Quality Department is seeking a firm to provide educational marketing for the 2017 Ozone Season. MORPC is seeking a firm to provide public service announcements, strong innovative social media strategy, and targeted email outreach to increase Air Quality Alert subscribers and build awareness of sources of regional air pollution and how individuals can take action and protect health. MORPC is working with other RideShare/Air Quality agencies in the state to coordinate social media messaging and promotion for U.S. EPA's Air Quality Awareness Week, May 1-5, 2017.

MORPC Air Quality, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Team Members and Commuter Challenge partners car2go, CoGo and COTA meet biweekly to plan for the 2017 Commuter Challenge and build on the success of the 2016 pilot.

The 2017 Ozone Season kicked off on March 1. MORPC issues daily air quality forecasts for both ozone and PM2.5 through October 31, including Air Quality Alerts as needed. MORPC partnered with The Breathing Association to present a live streaming video on Facebook on March 1 from the Breathing Association's Lung Clinic in north Columbus. Joyce Johnson, Director of Cessation and Outreach Services at the Breathing Association, explained what the organization offers to Central Ohioans with breathing difficulties and explained what citizens can do to protect their health on Air Quality Alert days. The video received 380 views so far on Facebook.

Materials Management Working Group

A planning meeting identified the next working group meeting and potential options allowing the working group members to continue sharing information and networking beyond the conclusion of the working group in July. Tentative plans to have the meeting off site in July to allow for additional networking.

Housing Services

Franklin County Urgent Needs

Production is on track for all rounds of the funding and a ramp-up in the intake of clients on the wait list for the 2016 funding round. Evaluation is underway to anticipate impacts of federal funding cuts of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as initially proposed for fiscal year 2017.

PACT

A meeting was held to discuss the process for MORPC, PACT and Homeport to work together and the process for increasing the production of homes served in the neighborhood through additional funding provided by PACT and Homeport (utilizing UWCO funding).

Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

WarmChoice

MORPC is on track with production goals for WarmChoice through first quarter.

HWAP

MORPC maximized the number of combination jobs in order to stretch program dollars further between all funders and is on track to meet the HWAP production goal for FY16-17. A budget amendment was submitted to Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) to make minor adjustments. A new HWAP approved HVAC contractor was added.

AEP-CAP

MORPC Team Members attended an AEP-CAP program training and presented information on MORPC's effective administration of the program. The contract includes an increase in funding and includes terms and conditions through year 2020.

Administration

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Leadership Development Program

MORPC's new Leadership Development Program began March 23. Team Members from each department are participating in the 5-month program facilitated by leadership development experts.

Facility Updates

The Building Committee continues to evaluate MORPC's building options, as our current lease ends October 31, 2017. More information will be shared at the upcoming Commission meetings.

Accounts Payable Improvement Process

The Accounts Payable Team is reviewing current procedures to determine where process improvements can be implemented. This is a part of the team's continuous improvement efforts to further increase efficiency in the area, with external facilitation assistance funded by a Local Government Innovation Fund grant.

Personnel Updates

Planning & Environment Associate Planner Bryan Townley began March 6, 2017.

RideSolutions Summer Intern Jorge Carrillo began March 6, 2017.

Human Resources Officer on loan from Franklin County, Mary Ann Brooks, began March 2, 2017.

Currently, MORPC is recruiting for four open positions:

- Director of Public & Government Affairs
- Customer Service & Outreach Intern – Energy & Air Quality (2 postings)
- Home Weatherization Inspector

The requirements for these positions are available for review on the website at <http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/overview/job-opportunities/index>.

RFP/RFQ Postings

The following RFP's/RFQ's were posted:

- Gohio Advertising Campaign, Closes April 14
- RFQ for HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Program
- RFQ for Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Program

The full RFP/RFQs are available at <http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/overview/rfps-rfqs/index>.

ATTACHMENT

MORPC team members attended the State of the City for Westerville, Whitehall, Gahanna, the Grow Licking County 5th Annual Investor update and the annual meeting of Experience Columbus. A MORPC update was provided to the joint meeting of the Franklin County Township Association and Franklin County Board of Health.

A new member orientation was conducted for commission members from the City of Columbus, Franklin County and Grove City.

Coordination of host interviews continued with the second round of Summer Local Government intern candidates.

MORPC in the News

Headline	Source
Emergency Ride Home program takes stress out of carpooling in Central Ohio	WCMH - NBC 4
Emergency Ride Home program gives carpoolers peace of mind	The Columbus Dispatch
OH: Emergency Ride Home Program Gives Carpoolers Peace of Mind	MassTransitmag.com
Fatal pedestrian crashes up in Columbus and Ohio	WSYX - ABC6 On Your Side
Leaving No Resident Behind in Columbus	Public Works Magazine Ohio OH - AmericanTowns.com
COTA hires MORPC exec for new government affairs post	AmericanTowns.com
Upper Arlington 'angels' help seniors cope with the snow	The Columbus Dispatch
Zoo traffic gridlock on Presidents Day reveals need for improved roads	The Columbus Dispatch
Zoo traffic gridlock on Presidents Day reveals limits of area roads	The Columbus Dispatch

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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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Officers and Board Members

FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director
Planning & Environment

DATE: April 7, 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.

Rory McGuinness, Acting 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
For action date: April 13, 2017



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: April 7, 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.

Rory McGuinness, Acting Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: April 13, 2017
Submitted by: William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by: Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Coordinator
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: April 13, 2017

SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2018 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Notes on Listing

Total budget of all work elements (including funds spent prior to SFY 2018) **\$6,614,554**

\$5,185,554 is estimated to remain to be expended in SFY 2018 or subsequent years.

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

Total Budget \$3,644,277

\$825,000 spent prior to SFY 2018

Balance for SFY 2018 or later is \$2,819,277

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BUDGET

<p>60117-1000 \$420,000 * \$20,000 remaining</p>	<p>Active Transportation Planning FY17 MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u> Active transportation planning Active Transportation Plan Non-motorized system monitoring Complete Streets Education Member assistance with active transportation projects and studies Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation Safety Education</p>
<p>60118-1000 \$465,000</p>	<p>Active Transportation Planning MORPC assists local agencies and entities in planning for and implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. More specifically, this activity works to maintain the regional active transportation plan, gather pedestrian- and bicycle-related data, review transportation plans and projects to ensure that all users are accommodated, coordinate and assist with safety education, work on specific projects, and provide information and education to local government members to assist them in their local planning efforts.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u> Planning assistance Active Transportation Plan Non-motorized system monitoring Complete Streets Outreach and Implementation Conduct special studies and projects related to active transportation Education</p>
<p>60128-3000 \$192,000</p>	<p>Management & Operations Planning Managing and maintaining the extensive existing transportation system is a priority of transportation agencies. This activity includes education on the benefits of a holistically managed transportation system. Helping members collaborate on M&O, advancing ITS and access management, estimating costs to maintain the condition of the transportation system including pavement management and deficient bridges, etc., and incorporating security and emergency response into the planning process. Monitoring freight rail activities and analyzing for developing trends; meeting one-on-one with communities that are impacted by freight; and providing timely information via the web. Monitoring goods movement-related legislation and other regional freight initiatives.</p> <p><u>Products/Activities</u></p>

* Project was previously authorized. Budget estimated to remain at the end of SFY 2017

^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2018

Condition report of highway system and resources
 Access Management
 Maintain Regional ITS Architecture
 Member assistance with ITS-related projects
 Participation in freight initiatives
 Educate governmental officials and the public about the freight industry
 Mid State Freight Web Tool
 Transportation security assistance

60138-1000
 \$125,000

Safety Planning

Safety continues to be a significant focus for FHWA, ODOT and the entire region. This activity works to gather crash data, conduct crash data analyses to provide regional high-crash location lists, reports on safety meetings, encourages local governments to apply for funding to implement safety countermeasures, conducts pre- and post-crash data analysis for safety projects to evaluate the benefits of each countermeasure, and implements the regional systematic safety improvements.

Products/Activities

Regional crash data analysis
 Regional Safety Education
 Member assistance
 Systematic Safety Improvement Program
 Participation in local and state safety committees
 Project Evaluation
 Special projects and studies

60158-3000
 \$75,000

Transit and Human Services Planning

Coordination, assistance and oversight to improve transit service and work force mobility. Work includes integration of all aspects of transit and mobility to ensure that an adequate level of access is afforded to all populations while improving the range of options for meeting diverse mobility needs.

Products/Activities

Maintain the urbanized area's Coordinated Plan(s)
 Public transit provider coordination
 Transit Service planning assistance
 Monitor agreements and funding in the region
 Workforce Mobility Assistance

60208-3000
 \$270,000

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation

The TIP is one of the two required items to allow for the flow of federal and state transportation funds into the region. This activity includes the development, update and revisions of the TIP, monitoring of federally funded projects, coordination of federally funded infrastructure projects with projects funded from other sources, allocation of STBG, CMAQ, and TAP funding, the TRAC process, environmental studies and engineering source document review, innovative financing, and financing education. Specific activities the year are listed below.

Products/Activities

Maintain the SFY 2018-2021 TIP
 Prioritized list of regional projects for TRAC
 Collaboration on innovative project delivery and financing options for projects
 Reports on the status of federally funded projects & annual obligation report
 Update the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funding

60517-2000
 \$445,000
 \$20,000 remaining

Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data FY17

Significant amounts of data underlie all transportation analyses. This activity involves coordinating with other data providers and maintaining complete and accurate data files for GIS and other applications at MORPC. It also includes developing tools to more efficiently collect information, as well as creating interesting ways to disseminate data.

Products/Activities

Use technology to make transportation data available
 Increase efficiencies of internal data systems

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2018

Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts
Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy

60518-2000
\$445,000

Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data

This element pertains to MORPC's role as a leader in coordinating data providers throughout the region, as well as managing its own internal data and GIS systems. It includes using technology for collecting, maintaining and sharing data sets that support transportation programs. It includes keeping data sets current and organized, and managing and monitoring the GIS system. In addition, it includes advancing collaboration among local data providers to reduce redundancies and improve efficiencies associated with information management.

Products/Activities

Increase efficiencies of internal data systems
Update and maintain data sets to support transportation planning efforts
Promote data sharing among data providers to reduce redundancy
Coordinate with U.S. Census

60528-2000
\$405,000

Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs

Many transportation programs and projects require GIS and database analytical methods. This element includes using information and tools developed through 60518-2000 to develop and prepare final products associated with the various projects and programs of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition, MORPC functions as a regional resource for requests for information regarding transportation, demographic, development, and various other community needs. This element includes aspects of research associated with fulfilling those requests.

Products/Activities

Provide GIS and technical assistance to transportation programs
Prepare annual estimates of population and employment at the TAZ level.
Transform raw data into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making
Update the Transportation Plan Report Card
Respond to and document requests

60558-3000
\$239,000

Transportation Systems Analysis Techniques and Applications

Building upon transportation data, this activity maintains, updates and refines the regional transportation models and continues to refine and implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP) procedures in the 3C planning process, including monitoring congestion, Environmental Justice (social equity) analysis, TIP and Transportation Plan air quality conformity, SIP revisions, and CMAQ justifications. Participation in other regional congestion management and air quality initiatives.

Products/Activities

Up-to-date travel demand model
Up-to-date data sets for SIP development and air quality conformity
Up-to-date CMP and EJ analysis procedures, data and documents
Determination of the emissions changes from proposed CMAQ projects
Up-to-date Land Use Model processes

61018-3000
\$240,000

Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Planning

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the major requirement of the MPO, including coordinating all Transportation Plan-related activities. This includes any follow-up to the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and beginning steps of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This activity is also to coordinate with state and local agencies on transportation studies and plans. Furthermore, the regional thoroughfare plan will be updated as part of this element. Specific activities this year are listed below.

Products/Activities

2016-2040 MTP Follow-up
Goals and Objectives for the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Functional Class, National Highway System, and Regional Thoroughfare Plan
Coordination with ODOT planning activities
Complete long-range system studies
Intercity passenger rail planning

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2018

61028-0400
\$118,277

Transportation Public Involvement

Public involvement is a vital component of the transportation planning process. This activity maintains the public involvement process for transportation consistent with the FAST-Act and federal regulations and local needs. Efforts continue to seek the involvement of low-income and minority populations, handicapped and elderly in the transportation planning process, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, TIP, Active Transportation Plan, Safety Plan, FTA's Section 5307 and other transportation-related studies. The Public Involvement Process (PIP) supports the activities of the Community Advisory Committee, and provides updates on transportation planning activities through presentations, the web, electronic newsletter, social media and other public involvement activities.

Products/Activities

- Transportation Public Involvement Process
- Public Involvement Activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement Activities for the Transportation Improvement Program
- Public Involvement Activities for the Active Transportation Plan
- Public Involvement for Miscellaneous Transportation Activities

62518-1000
\$105,000

Planning Coordination and Support

Coordination of transportation planning efforts among different jurisdictions is a critical element to ensuring regional consistency in the transportation network. This activity includes informational sharing meetings among MORPC and others, regional collaboration meetings, and educational transportation workshops and forums.

Products/Activities

- InfoShare Meetings
- Regional Collaboration Group Meetings
- Member Education

69718-3000
\$100,000

Program Administration

This work element is to facilitate the efficient administration of the transportation planning program. This work element provides for technical and policy direction of activities to fulfill ODOT, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, FHWA, FTA and jointly funded work as described in the Planning Work Program, where such activities are not directly attributable to specific work elements. The specific items are listed below.

Products/Activities

- CAC, TAC, TPC agendas and meeting summaries
- Annual Planning Work Program and Completion Report
- Title VI & DBE Process
- Maintain certification and planning agreements
- Monitor federal and state planning requirements

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^ Project is expected to continue beyond SFY 2018

II. Special Studies

Total Budget \$1,585,277

\$604,000 spent prior to SFY 2018

Balance for SFY 2018 or later is \$981,277

WORK ELEMENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION BUDGET

66504-3000 \$357,189 * \$130,189 remaining 90% ODOT Funded	Rural Transportation Planning Organization Pilot The Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) was established in 2016 to further ODOT's desire for every county in the state to be part of a regional transportation planning process. The counties of Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, Union, Marion, Morrow and Knox comprise CORPO. ODOT approved CORPO's participation in its pilot process for Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs). CORPO will consult with local officials in counties adjacent to the MORPC MPO and guide them through the development of a transportation planning document similar to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan required of MPOs. Upon successful completion of the pilot program and ODOT approval of the plan, CORPO will seek the state's designation as an RTPO. <u>Products/Activities</u> Rural Transportation Plan covering the counties of Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, Union, Marion, Morrow and Knox
66548-0400 \$150,000 100% STBG using toll credit	Paving The Way SFY18 The purpose of this work element is to provide transportation project construction information to the public. Paving the Way acts as a liaison between the government agencies implementing projects and the public, and it is unique in that it provides information on all construction projects affecting traffic regardless of which agency (state, local, or utility) is responsible. Paving the Way addresses construction management and communication on a regional, rather than project, basis. The program regularly provides information and education to the public on roadway construction, traffic management, and work zone safety and alternative transportation options with the goal of ensuring that drivers experience the least possible inconvenience while traveling in and around central Ohio. <u>Products/Activities</u> Project Coordination Communications and Outreach
66554-1000 \$200,000 100% MORPC STP using toll credit	insight2050 Technical Assistance This work element is geared toward providing technical assistance, through MORPC staff and/or external consultants, to member communities. In addition, this work element continues to provide outreach through presentations, workshops, media, and other means about insight2050 findings and its resources. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning Assistance Outreach Maintenance of insight2050 Resources
66555-1000 \$123,402 * \$103,402 remaining 100% ODOT Funding	Regional Transportation Safety Planning Pilot To combat serious injury and fatal crashes, this project seeks to promote widespread adoption of three proven approaches to working with local governments on improving safety: providing safety study assistance, coordinating Road Safety Audits (RSAs), and implementing systematic safety improvements, while creating a statewide MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Working Group to guide project implementation. <u>Products/Activities</u> Safety Study Assistance Road Safety Audits Systematic Safety Improvement Documentation MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Working Group

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<p>66562-1000 \$300,000 * \$30,000 remaining 100% MORPC STP using toll credit</p>	<p>insight2050 Phase 3 This work element is geared toward providing technical assistance, through MORPC staff and/or external consultants, to member communities. In addition, this work element continues to provide outreach through presentations, workshops, media, and other means about insight2050 findings and its resources. <u>Products/Activities</u> Planning Assistance Outreach Maintenance of insight2050 Resources</p>
<p>66568-3000 \$250,000 100% MORPC STBG using toll credit</p>	<p>Supplemental Planning SFY18 This work element supplements the formula funded program and includes research and planning efforts that are required to fulfill MPO planning and project implementation responsibilities. The activity includes elements that supplement project delivery, data collection and data management, long range studies and sustainability. Specific activities this year are listed below. <u>Products/Activities</u> Regular reports to members and MORPC committees on project delivery Traffic counts for approximately 20 locations, including bike and pedestrian counts as identified in active transportation count plan. Develop a Strategic Plan for the Regional Data Advisory Committee Provide special services and conduct special transportation studies Outreach on green infrastructure BMPs Coordination with other regional activities such as the Regional Sustainability Agenda to further the 2016-2040 MTP Goals</p>
<p>67417-3000 \$102,343 * \$15,343 remaining 100% FTA 5310 Administration 10% of Apportionment</p>	<p>5310 Designated Recipient-2017 This work element is to carry out the responsibility and authority for the administration of the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for each federal fiscal year apportionment for the Columbus urbanized area. The program will follow FTA policy and program guidance in the selection of projects and apply for FTA funding using the designated FTA electronic grant management system on behalf of eligible recipients. <u>Products/Activities</u> A Program Management Plan (PMP) according to FTA provisions Comply with other FTA requirements Program of Projects Update and maintain the Coordinated Plan</p>
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III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

Total Budget \$1,385,000

WORK ELEMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
BUDGET	

66718-3000
\$760,000

Transportation Services (Ridesharing) SFY18
Promote Travel Demand Reduction (TDM) in Central Ohio; and market programs and service in a 15-county area. Program services include carpool matching, vanpool formation, transit, bike and pedestrian support and strategies for employers and the general public. MORPC administers an emergency ride home program, vanpool program, and a multiregional rideshare matching vendor contract in coordination with OARC rideshare agencies.

100% MORPC CMAQ

Products/Activities
Promote a culture of sustainable and smart multimodal travel throughout central Ohio. Public education and ridematching services.
Raise public awareness about mobility options in the region. Increase ridesharing and TDM acceptance to improve air quality
National Transit Database reporting
Program evaluation and strategic plan
Promote TDM services in diverse and underserved populations

66738-8000
\$625,000

Air Quality Awareness SFY18
The purpose of this work element is to administer a year-round daily air quality forecast service that tracks and reports air quality to the public and media and increases community and media awareness about air quality and its effects on our environment, health, transportation, energy and economy. This activity also works to reduce mobile source emissions primarily through marketing and coordination with the Energy and Air Quality Working Group, local governments and other agencies to implement mobile source emission-reduction strategies.

\$550,000 CMAQ &
\$75,000 from Ohio EPA

Products/Activities
Operate a year-round daily air quality forecasting and alert system to communicate important air quality information to Central Ohio residents.
Engage local governments, stakeholders and the public to improve Central Ohio's air quality, lower energy use and reduce emissions from mobile sources.
Build and strengthen the coalition of local governments, businesses, and partner organizations committed to clean air and energy use practices
Serve as regional experts on air quality and energy issues by maintaining knowledge of events, trends, rulemaking, and solutions related to transportation and mobile source emissions
Form partnership with COTA and DATABus and other alternate mode providers to incentivize and track emission reduction with alternatives to driving alone to work for nearby employers using innovative TDM platform.

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IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

Total Budget \$0

WORK ELEMENT BUDGET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
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66505-0000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing Local Planning

Other agencies also undertake transportation planning activities. This activity includes identifying local planning efforts and coordinating with them through other projects. No budget.

Products/Activities

Integrate local planning efforts into MORPC's regional transportation planning processes

67401-0000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing COTA Activities

Identify COTA planning efforts and coordinate with them through other projects.

Products/Activities

Review COTA's planning process

Continued refinement of COTA Long-Range Plan and other planning activities

Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update

Service change planning

Assist COTA with developing safety and asset management plans with FTA

67402-0000

\$0

No funding

Ongoing DATABus Activities

Identify DATABus planning efforts and coordinate with them through other projects.

Products/Activities

Review DATABus's planning process and assist with additional requirements needed to receive federal urban area and state funds

Assist in census changes to transit operations

Assist DATABus in implementing recommendations from the DATABus Transit Development Plan (TDP) and Local Funding Study.

Assist DATABus with developing safety and asset management plans with ODOT or FTA. DATABus can opt to be included under ODOT's safety and asset management plans because it has fewer than 100 buses

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017
2:45 p.m.

Transportation Policy Committee Members

Karen Angelou	Jennifer Gallagher	Megan O'Callaghan
Jeff Benton	Matt Greeson	Cornell Robertson for
Pat Blayney	Shannon Hardin	Dean Ringle
Stacey Boumis	Tracy Hatmaker	Allen Rothermel
Kevin Boyce	Dan Havener	Mike Schadek
Susan Brobst	Tom Homan	Jim Schimmer
Marilyn Brown	Matt Huffman	Roby Schottke
Ron Bullard	Pam Hykes O'Grady	Kent Shafer
Greg Butcher	Erik Janas	Thom Slack
Steve Campbell	Larry Jenkins	Ike Stage
Derrick Clay	Steve Kennedy	Joe Stefanov
Ben Collins	Ben Kessler	Curtis Stitt
Mike Compton	Tim Lecklider	Scott Tourville
Karl Craven	Holly Mattei	Bill Vance
Tracie Davies	Rory McGuiness	Christie Ward
William Dorman	Gary Merrell	Nancy White
Michael Ebert	Bonnie Michael	
John Eisel	Robert Myers	

Commission Members

Franklin Christman	Christopher Manegold
Terry Emery	Eric Richter

Associate Members

Nikki Scarpitti	David Varda
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Staff

Bernice Cage	Shawn Hufstedler	Christina O'Keefe
Kerstin Carr	Ciel Klein	Shari Saunders
Amelia Costanzo	Laura Koprowski	Bevan Schneck
Mark Crosten	Eileen Leuby	Thea Walsh
Mary Ann Frantz	Cheri Mansperger	Katie White
Joe Garrity	William Murdock	
Nick Gill	Jennifer Noll	

Guests

Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Chair Matt Greeson called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report

- **Transportation Systems & Funding – Thea Walsh, Director**
Proposed Resolution T-1-17 on the consent agenda includes 49 projects – 35 existing projects and 14 new projects totaling \$254 million in MORPC-attributable funding. Proposed Resolution T-2-17 is the quarterly TIP amendment adding or modifying seven projects.
- **Planning & Environment – Kerstin Carr, Director**
Kerstin Carr gave the [Planning & Environment Report](#). Copies of the [Age-Friendly Columbus Findings Report: Executive Summary](#) were distributed. Ms. Carr shared report findings that focused on transportation and mobility, but the full report contains more information related to all eight domains that were assessed as part of the first phase of the project. The full report is available at www.age-friendlycolumbus.org. Over the next year, the MORPC team and their partners will develop a strategic plan, utilizing the findings of the report and additional stakeholder input. MORPC Age-Friendly Coordinator Katie White is the staff lead.

Ms. Carr previewed the insight2050 Activity/Vitality Indices & Infill Opportunity Map at <http://apps.morpc.org/insight2050>. MORPC GIS Specialist III Annie McCabe did the majority of the work on the map. The indices measured:

- Levels of activity within a neighborhood or area
- Economic strength of an area

Ms. Carr is asking for feedback from member communities: is the data correct, is the display helpful, is additional information needed?

Ms. Carr gave an overview of the insight2050 Technical Assistance Program proposal. The purpose of the program is to provide MORPC staff and consultant technical assistance to local governments in community planning efforts. The program will likely be rolled out in early summer through an online application process. MORPC Senior Planner Jennifer Noll is the staff lead on the project.

Consent Agenda

Tom Homan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Ike Stage; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Angelou, Secretary
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Memorandum

TO: Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director
Planning & Environment

DATE: April 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-3-17: **“Amending the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element”**

Resolution T-3-17 amends the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add a new work element to provide technical assistance to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Rural Transportation Planning Organizations, and local governments for safety planning.

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 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 to better address safety issues across the locally maintained roadway system. Specifically, this program will promote the use of three practices that have shown to be 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.

ODOT accepted MORPC's proposal and has provided \$123,402 for the first year of the program. If successful, ODOT will provide a second year of funding. Resolution T-13-17 adds the activity and \$123,402 of state funding to the SFY 2017 PWP.

Attachment: Resolution T-3-17

KC:JW:bsn

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Matt Greeson
Chair

Rory McGuinness
Vice Chair

Karen J. Angelou
Secretary

RESOLUTION T-3-17

"Amending the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program to Add a New Work Element"

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Transportation Policy Committee accepted the MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 2017 by Resolution T-6-16; and

WHEREAS, PWP Work Element 60137-1000: Safety Planning, is an important and consistent work element as part of MORPC's PWP; and

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

WHEREAS, MORPC, in partnership with ODOT and FHWA, held a peer exchange with OARC members in the fall of 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, the proposed program aligns with the strategies of ODOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan and MORPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has allocated \$123,402 in state funds to cover staff time associated with administering this program for the first year; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its April 3, 2017 meeting and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its April 5, 2017 meeting recommended adoption of this resolution by the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it hereby amends the SFY 2017 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add a new work element.
- Section 2. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work element as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio and U.S. Departments of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of the activity.
- Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT as evidence of acceptance of this amendment by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- Section 4. That this committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of the committee.

Rory McGuinness, Acting Chair
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Date

Prepared by: Kerstin Carr, Director of Planning & Environment

Attachment: New Work Element #66555-1000

Regional Transportation Safety Planning Pilot

In Ohio, the majority of crashes, and in particular fatal crashes, occur on the locally-maintained roadway system. In 2015, a total of 1,110 individuals were fatally injured while traveling on Ohio's roadways, with 53% of these occurring on the locally-maintained system. While many local governments recognize the importance of ensuring the safety of all roadway users, many times they lack the resources to comprehensively address observed issues and develop projects in ways that ensure the safety of all users.

Ohio's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) are in a unique position to impact the safety of the locally-maintained roadway system. Through their relationships with both local jurisdiction staff and state agencies, they can often serve as effective intermediaries. In September 2017, MORPC, together with ODOT, held an MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Peer Exchange that further highlighted the role MPOs and RTPOs can play in assisting local governments in planning for and addressing the safety of their roadways. Many regional planning organizations identified a number of current barriers to fully engaging local governments in project development and implementation. This included: lack of staff time and resources to dedicate to safety planning; follow through and coordination with local jurisdictions to implement safety projects on the local system; and awareness and coordination between MPOs/RTPOs and District staff to advance safety needs on the local system.

Based on the results and its expertise in safety planning, MORPC aims to develop capacity at regional planning organizations across Ohio, which will enable them to provide turn-key transportation safety services to local jurisdictions and ultimately address safety issues across the locally-maintained roadway system. Specifically, this project seeks to promote widespread adoption of three proven approaches to working with local governments on improving safety: providing safety study assistance, coordinating Road Safety Audits (RSAs), and implementing systematic safety improvements, while creating a statewide MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Working Group to guide project implementation.

Product: Method	Agency/ies:	Schedule:
Safety Study Assistance: Develop and pilot a standard process for identifying locations on the locally-maintained roadway system that are eligible to receive safety study assistance	MORPC, ODOT, local governments, OARC	Spring 2018
Road Safety Audits: Conduct best practices research on MPO/RTPO-lead Road Safety Audits (RSAs) in Ohio, test RSA process, and document findings	MORPC, ODOT, local governments, OARC	Spring 2018
Systematic Safety Improvement Documentation: Develop resources on implementing Systematic Safety Improvements on the locally-maintained system within Ohio.	MORPC, ODOT, local governments, OARC	Spring 2018
MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Working Group: Establish and	MORPC,	on going

facilitate an MPO/RTPO Transportation Safety Working Group for safety-related updates and best-practice sharing.	ODOT, local governments, OARC	
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Related Activities:

Active Transportation Planning (see 60118-1000)

Budget

Total Work Element Budget:	\$123,402	\$123,402 ODOT
Spent Previous Year(s):	\$0	
Remaining Work Element Budget:	\$123,402	