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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**

**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100**  
**COLUMBUS, OH 43215**  
**TOWN HALL**

Thursday, June 8, 2023  
1:30 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

- 1:30 p.m.
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 2. Welcome and Introductions** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
    - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
  - 3. Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
  - 4. Proposed Resolution 06-23: “Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2024”** – Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Erik J. Janas**  
Chair

**Chris Amorose Grooms**  
Vice Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Secretary

**Committees**

5. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County),  
Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster),  
Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
  - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter
7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley),  
Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
8. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas (Franklin County),  
MORPC Chair
  - a. **Call to Order** – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair
  - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report**
    - **Programing** – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation &  
Interim Economic Development Officer
  - c. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Maria  
Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic  
Development Officer
  - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
    - 1) Approval of **May 11, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee  
Meeting Minutes**
  - e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Erik Janas  
(Franklin County), MORPC Chair
9. **Commission Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of **May 11, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes**
  - b. **Proposed Resolution 07-23**: “Authorizing the executive director to  
enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development  
(ODOD) for the 2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program  
(HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts”
  - c. **Proposed Resolution 08-23**: “Authorizing the executive director to  
approve a grant agreement between the Ohio Department of  
Transportation and MORPC for the Mobility Management Program”
  - d. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

2:45 p.m.

**10. Other Business**

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CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING OR IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL  
ASSISTANCE.**

**The next Commission Meeting is**  
**Thursday, August 10, 2023, 1:30 p.m.**  
*111 Liberty Street, Suite 100*  
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## MORPC Monthly Agency Report

May 2023

### Senior Directors

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### CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

#### Advocacy

MORPC submitted interested party testimony on the State Operating Budget and opponent testimony on Ohio House Bill 64 (Eminent Domain). Team Members engaged with members of the Ohio General Assembly to urge support for the new Growth Planning Grant program.

MORPC hosted the Columbus Region Coalition monthly meeting.

#### MORPC Planner Pool

Team Members continue to develop a proposed MORPC Planner Pool Program.

#### Gohio Commute

MORPC welcomed Bridges Community Action Partnership to the Gohio Commute platform. They will promote rideshare to employees in their six offices in Delaware, Champaign, Logan, Madison, Shelby, and Union Counties.

MORPC hosted a Bike to Work Challenge on the Gohio Commute platform May 8-19 to promote biking to work. The challenge was cross promoted with the Ride Your Bike Work event organized by MORPC staff and partners in the region. Over 50 participants attended the ride.

The Gohio Commute program is running a marketing campaign on social media that focuses on vanpooling and carpooling with the goal of increasing awareness of the program. Team Members also promoted the program by sending a direct mail advertisement to human resource departments of businesses located in MORPC's 15-county region.

#### Active Transportation

The next MORPC Active Transportation Committee meeting is June 13. Contact Lauren Cardoni at [lcardoni@morpc.org](mailto:lcardoni@morpc.org) if interested in attending.

MORPC hosted a virtual group viewing of the May APBP monthly webinar. The next webinar is June 21. The topic is: *"More than a cycle lane: How investment in better walking and cycling networks improves accessibility for people with disabilities."* The webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov at [jpetrov@morpc.org](mailto:jpetrov@morpc.org) if interested in attending any of the MORPC group viewings.

Team Members continue to work with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to provide active transportation planning assistance to Franklin Township and help the City of Reynoldsburg develop a Complete Streets Policy.

#### Transportation Safety

MORPC participated in the following safety committee meetings and safety-related events:

- Monthly Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting, May 4

- Vulnerable Road Users Meeting, hosted by the Injury Biomechanics Research Center at Ohio State, May 24
- ODOT Speed Zoning Committee 2.0 Meeting, May 30

#### Technical Assistance Program

MORPC and Violet Township hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop on May 8 to review existing plans, current active transportation conditions, as well as opportunities for infrastructure improvements throughout the township. Stakeholders included staff from Violet Township, the City of Reynoldsburg, the City of Pickerington, ODOT District 5, and other important local partners.

MORPC and Brown Township hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop on May 12 to discuss opportunities for connecting the township into the Central Ohio Greenways trail network. Stakeholders included staff and trustees from Brown Township, as well as staff from the City of Hilliard, the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and other key local partners.

MORPC and Berlin Township hosted a collaborative stakeholder workshop on May 17 to review existing conditions, current plans, and opportunities for connections into the Central Ohio Greenways trail network. Stakeholders included staff and trustees from Berlin Township, Brown Township, and Orange Township, as well as staff from ODNR, the Delaware County Engineer's Office, and other key local partners.

MORPC and the City of Grove City hosted a second stakeholder workshop on May 23 that focused on opportunities to enhance bicycle facility connections between the community and Scioto Grove Metro Park.

#### Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The COG Board met May 17 to discuss the Draft Strategic plan action item updates and to hear staff reports about the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Bike Month plans, the Central Ohio Blueways Panel, Riverfest, and other topics. The next COG Board meeting is July 19 to approve an update to the COG Strategic Plan.

- The Marketing/Communications Working Group is advising on website upgrades, social media calendar development, the Wayfinding Project, and the Trail Town Framework Development. The next Working Group meeting is June 14.

MORPC submitted a proposal to The Columbus Foundation to conduct a Natural Asset Inventory in Franklin County. If funded, MORPC will develop a database of watershed-related natural resources in Franklin County to support prioritization of development. The database will help inform strategies to limit impacts to our natural resources and protect water quality.

MORPC hosted the triannual COG Forum on April 19. Presenters from City of Columbus, City of Hilliard, Franklin County Engineers Office, City of Whitehall, and Franklin County Metro Parks presented on the MORPC-funded Trail/Bike projects. Attendees also heard general updates from Franklin County Metro Parks staff, and LinkUS updates from COTA staff. The next COG Forum is August 16.

#### Central Ohio Blueways

The Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel met May 10 to review the key themes of a series of one-on-one meetings with the Panel Members. Highlights included common concerns over the management of litter, increased interest in Blueways leading to development, and safety issues related to a lack of awareness of the dangers of high and low flow conditions. Relatedly, opportunities discussed included educational outreach and resources on how to read and interpret flow rates, the potential for an application which can centralize requests for litter cleanups, and guidance on best practices for access point designs to minimize impact to the waterways. The meeting also included rotating breakout groups on issues related to Maintenance & Operations, Usage & Experience, and Environment & Water Quality. The breakout groups confirmed the findings of the one-on-one meetings and helped cement a foundation for moving forward with these issues in mind. The next Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel meeting is June 7.

#### RAPID 5

MORPC is engaging with RAPID 5 on its Central Ohio Greenways and Blueways programming. Team Members continue to provide transitional support to RAPID 5, which includes assisting with processing speaker requests and presentation needs. MORPC Team Members are also helping with developing a resource library of data, resources, insights, and information about pertinent topics, including land use, multi-modal transportation systems, sustainability, economic development, etc. Stay up to date with RAPID 5 news and events at [rapid5.org](http://rapid5.org). MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative is Chief Regional Strategy Officer Kerstin Carr who can be reached at [KCarr@morpc.org](mailto:KCarr@morpc.org).

### Regional Housing Strategy

Team Members were invited to discuss regional housing and growth trends with various audiences in meetings and events hosted by several MORPC member communities and partner organizations. Regional Housing Coalition task force leaders, including MORPC, met in late April to debrief outcomes and recommendations. Draft recommendations were shared with the Coalition convening partners. MORPC and other task force leads expect to receive guidance on next steps by early summer.

For those interested in a housing/growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders, MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jennifer Noll for more information ([JNoll@morpc.org](mailto:JNoll@morpc.org)).

### Sustainable2050

Membership and tier status certification is open to MORPC members. Please contact MORPC's Sustainability Officer Brandi Whetstone for more information at [bwhetstone@morpc.org](mailto:bwhetstone@morpc.org). The next Sustainable2050 meeting is June 22.

### Sustaining Scioto Board

The next Sustaining Scioto Board meeting is June 14. The Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team met May 18 to discuss priority areas of establishing relationships and deepening partnerships between utilities and the agricultural and rural communities. The next team meeting is July 20.

### Energy & Air Quality

The Energy & Air Quality Working Group met March 28. Members heard from Ohio EPA on PM2.5 proposed revisions, as well as updates on air quality and energy programming and grant opportunities. The next meeting is July 25.

National Air Quality Awareness Week was May 1-5. This year's theme was "Working Together for Clean Air". MORPC's daily social media posts highlighted information and resources that increase air quality awareness and encourage people to act.

### Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project

The data collection for the current Neighborhood Air Monitoring project was completed at the end of April and a final report will be released this summer. Team Members are preparing to kick off the U.S. EPA Air Monitoring grant in June and is focused on developing the required Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for data management and processes.

### Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

RDAC met May 9 to review and provide input on the draft Regional Data Agenda. The agenda was well received, with a few areas for improvement identified. RDAC will vote on the new Agenda at their June 6 meeting.

- The Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group met May 16 to incorporate feedback from the May 9 RDAC meeting into the draft Agenda.
- The next Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group meeting is May 24 to discuss evaluation criteria and merits of each option.
- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee met May 16. Members discussed content for the June 28 general RIDG meeting and for other future meetings. The next Steering Committee meeting is August 22.
- The next Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) meeting is June 28 and will focus on AI and its uses, problems, and functions in the workplace.
- The Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met May 17. An ad hoc group is informally exploring the potential utility of WAZE for local municipalities as well as assessing the costs and benefits of utilizing ESRI cloud storage. The group is also exploring the potential for a persistent chat tool which would be easily accessible to most members, in the aim of enhancing learning and information sharing between meetings. The next COGUG meeting is August 23.

### Data & Research Activities

Team Members are developing county-level forecasts of households by type and housing by type for the primary purpose of predicting future housing needs. This would be an extension to our existing county forecasts for households and housing generally. Household types may include people living alone, two or

more working-age adults with no kids, families with kids, and adults of retirement age. Housing types may include attached housing, single-family small lot, and single-family large lot.

Team Members are working on an “Actionable Insights” report, based upon the findings of the “Leaders Listen” American Population Panel (APP) public opinion poll. The poll, which ended March 17, addressed the region’s transportation needs and experiences. The report provides more depth than the well-received initial insights shared during MORPC’s State of the Region. As part of this burgeoning partnership, MORPC is collaborating with its partners at the Center for Human Resource Research (aka CHRR) and The Columbus Dispatch to expand the survey series into additional topical domains and sustain these activities into the future.

#### Data & Mapping Activities

Team Members worked on various projects including the final draft of Household and Employment forecasts out to 2050 for the ten-county area. This data, which is part of the MTP process, will be available for community review via a web map by the end of May.

MORPC worked with a consultant to create a process and methodology for a bike and ped network, which will allow us to analyze various active transportation scenarios.

#### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Team Members attended The Ohio State University’s National Conference on Diversity, Race and Learning, on May 1-2. This purpose of this annual conference is to strengthen and make new strides toward the goal of meaningful change by helping attendees learn about how to bridge the economic, political, and socio-educational divides that continue to be pertinent in the American social landscape and beyond. This year’s theme was “Leading the Charge: Creating Meaningful and Sustainable DEIB Change Now”.

MORPC received the “Lotus Sponsor Award,” at the 29th Annual Asian Festival Gala on May 17 in recognition of its sponsorship of the 2023 Asian Festival sponsor.

MORPC hosted a third *Undesign the Redline* DEI training for staff. This workshop was facilitated by the Columbus YWCA and focuses on the history of redlining and how it has affected and shaped our community not only in the past, but also in the current day.

MORPC commemorated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month with an employee Lunch and Learn, featuring guest speaker Dr. Yung-Chen Lu. Dr. Lu is the founder of the Asian Festival and a former mathematics professor at The Ohio State University.

Team Members continue to take part in digital inclusion efforts, specifically the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition and the Regional Digital Inclusion Alliance for the Central Ohio region in support of a statewide digital inclusion initiative.

MORPC participated in the Franklin County Faith Leaders Forum and Resource Fair, hosted by the Franklin County Commissioners on May 24. Team Members engaged with attendees to share information about MORPC’s direct service programs and promote opportunities for public input, including the Regional Mobility Survey.

## **DRIVE INVESTMENT**

#### Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Team Members prepared and reviewed review maps for the traffic analysis zone level 2050 population and employment forecasts. Staff is developing a web map to share with technical staff in each jurisdiction to review the zonal level forecasts.

Team Members added candidate projects to the MTP database. Staff is developing a public interactive web map for reviewing and commenting on candidate projects. The public and stakeholders can also make new project suggestions on the web map.

#### Mobility Management



MORPC launched the yearly survey for the Regional Mobility Plan update and is collecting responses until August 31. Copies of the survey are available in Spanish, Somali, or Arabic. Contact Emma Strange at [estrangle@morpc.org](mailto:estrangle@morpc.org) for copies or if you need assistance with the survey.

Team Members submitted an Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTPP) application for ODOT Region 6 Regional Mobility Plan administration.

#### US 23 Connect Study

The ODOT Team is developing public engagement materials in preparation for public and stakeholder engagement events this summer. Click [here](#) for exact times and locations as they become available.

#### LinkUS Mobility Initiative

MORPC and COTA drafted two interagency agreements as part of the development and administration of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Committee and program. Both the COTA and MORPC Boards will be asked to take action in the coming months to execute these agreements. MORPC is working with LinkUS partners to continue the development of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committee by preparing for a regional workshop on June 9.

Team Members assisted COTA and LinkUS partners with a TRAC submission for the West Broad Street corridor for construction funding.

#### Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The CORPO Committee met May 1. Team Members developed benchmark data for the performance measures to share with members and to inform the identification of project priorities for the CORPO Transportation Plan.

#### Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Team Members submitted the SFY 2024-2027 TIP to ODOT and U.S. DOT on May 1.

#### MORPC-Attributable Funding

ODOT is programming new and updated MORPC funding commitments. Project sponsors should expect to receive instructions from ODOT District staff for programming new projects.

#### Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

Applications for District 3 (Franklin County) SCIP and LTIP funding for SFY 2025 are open. Applications are due September 1.

#### Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

The 2023 TRAC application cycle is May 1-31. The next regularly scheduled TRAC meeting is June 28.

#### Federal Competitive Programs

Team Members continued to learn about the 2023 Safe Streets for All opportunities and support application efforts in the region. The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board is supporting an application that includes a Safety Action Plan Update, a Vulnerable Roadway Users Supplemental Action plan to include a Trail Count Program action item, and COG Trail Access Demonstration Project(s).

Staff coordinated with regional partners in response to the US EDA's Regional Tech Hubs NOFO release.

The City of Columbus and MORPC are co-leading an application to secure formula funding through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Fourteen Sustainable2050 members submitted letters of support.

MORPC is co-leading on an application for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant (due June 12). MORPC is seeking letters of support and can provide a template. For more information, please contact Brian Filiatraut, MORPC's Energy & Sustainability Program Manager, at [bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

#### Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Team Members are finalizing projects of regional significance. This includes the creation of three new CAPs to highlight these regional efforts. More information is available on MORPC's website.

#### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)



MORPC had a quarterly check-in with US EDA project officers regarding the status of the EDD designation and anticipate more information in the coming months.

#### Brownfield Assessments

Team members are preparing for the upcoming FY24 brownfield assessment funding opportunities with federal training resources and discussion with contractors and US EPA contacts.

#### Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Three applications in Franklin County were approved and recommended for funding in Round 17 of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Preliminary Screeners for Fiscal Year 2024 are due June 2. Applicants will be invited to a project presentation on June 26 during which the NRAC will provide feedback and eligibility comments on proposed project applications. Preliminary screeners are strongly encouraged. Final applications for funding are due September 1. For more information, contact Edwina Teye at [eteye@morpc.org](mailto:eteye@morpc.org). For more information, visit: <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/clean-ohio-conservation-fund/>.

#### Money Mondays

Every Monday, MORPC hosts Money Mondays, 1-1:30 p.m. Our Regional Investment Officer, Dr. Todd Bradley leads the virtual sessions that are an opportunity for members to ask questions and learn more about key funding opportunities.

### **PAY IT FORWARD**

#### Summer Intern Program

MORPC hosted 39 Summer Interns for the first intern orientation on May 9. The interns began working at their host locations this month. Over 30 MORPC Team Members are serving as mentors to the interns.

#### Member Services

Team Members hosted new member orientations with incoming board members. Staff went on eight member visits.

#### Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- Regional Planning Update Breakfast for the Central Area
- Pre-Commission Luncheon featuring Dr. Hugh Sherman, President of Ohio University

#### Upcoming Events

- June 7 – MORPC Night at the Clippers
- June 10-11 – Riverfest, Columbus Arts Festival
- June 15 – Library Benefits that Enhance Your Community, Gahanna Branch
- June 21 – Rural Housing Forum
- August 1 – MORPC Social Media Summit, MORPC
- September 21 – Regional Transportation Safety Forum, MORPC
- October 26 – Summit on Sustainability, Hilton Columbus Downtown
- March 15, 2024 – State of the Region, Hilton Columbus Downtown

#### Public Involvement & Engagement

MORPC promoted the following requests for public input through social media and on our website:

- \$3.2 Million In Funding Available to Preserve Land and Streams in Franklin County
- Zone In Columbus
- What Do Our Waterways Mean to You? Survey
- MORPC Messaging Survey
- Summit On Sustainability Award Nominations
- Electric Vehicle Charging Siting Study and Sustainable Energy Support RFP
- CMC Forum: Regional Mayors Prepare for Intel
- Bike to Work Day
- Weatherization Day
- Riverfest

### **BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS**

### Financial Reporting

The auditors from Plante Moran completed their audit and review of the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report prepared by MORPC. Plante Moran presented the draft audit results and Annual Report at the June Executive Committee meeting. There were no findings noted, and an unmodified (clean) opinion will be issued on the financial statements.

### Residential Services

Team Members submitted documentation for the state audit of NEAT. The new Inspection Coordinator begins June 6.

Team Members sent a new wave of direct mail to targeted homeowners encouraging weatherization program applications. The postcard campaign helped increase applications. Staff is considering additional outreach/marketing plans for weatherization.

Team Members are finalizing the universal contractor application to present to partners. The goal is to launch the application next month. Team Members are meeting with banks next month to discuss fund commitments for expedited contractor payment proposal. Staff is on the path to meeting HWAP production goals.

### MORPC in the News

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at [www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews](http://www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews)

### HBCU Connect

MORPC continues to advertise the Member opportunity to post job openings on HBCU Connect's Career Portal. Members may submit a request to post their positions [here](#).

### Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Transportation & Infrastructure Intern Shubh Thakkar began May 9
- Easton Future Vision Fellow Mara Villaseca began May 23
- Commute Coordinator Emily Brown began May 30
- Strategic Director of Technology Cory Tressler began May 30

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
- Associate Planner or Engineer
- Programming Intern

The requirements for the posted positions are available for review on the website at <http://www.morpc.org/careers/>.

### RFP/RFQ Postings

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

- Electric Vehicle Charging Siting Study and Sustainable Energy Support (closed May 15)
- HVAC Contractor for Residential Energy Programs 2022
- Insulation Contractor for Residential Energy Programs 2022

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



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## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Shawn Hufstedler  
Chief Operating Officer

**DATE:** May 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 06-23: **“Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2024”**

This resolution adopts the 2024 membership fee schedule. Regularly increasing the dues by relatively small amounts in order to carry on the efforts of the Commission has been preferred over more infrequent but larger increases. This year’s resolution follows this past practice but makes a small deviation as there is a need to slightly increase the dues above the previously approved schedule (by \$0.01/capita for the MPO rate and \$0.005/capita for the RPC and CORPO rates). This is due to a relatively high inflationary environment and the need to provide greater than anticipated local match moving forward due to expected increases in ODOT funding.

The current (2023) rate of \$0.615 includes \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.205 for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) federal matching fund and reserve needs, and \$0.34 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. Members located outside the MPO boundaries pay dues at the reduced rate of \$0.41, which excludes the MPO portion of the dues.

The 2023 Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) rate totals \$0.515 per capita, including \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.105 for CORPO matching fund requirements, and \$0.34 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. This CORPO rate applies only to member counties in areas that are outside the MPO and in the 7-County CORPO area.

The 2024 rate recommendation is \$0.64 including \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.21 for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) federal matching fund and reserve needs, and \$0.36 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency. Members located outside of the MPO boundaries would pay dues at the reduced rate of \$0.43, which excludes the MPO portion of the dues.

The 2024 Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) rate recommendation totals \$0.535 per capita, including \$0.07 restricted to building costs, \$0.105 for CORPO matching fund requirements, and \$0.36 for MORPC services to members, development, and other local activities of the agency.

This total CORPO rate applies only to member counties in areas that are outside the MPO and in the 7-County CORPO area.

Per MORPC's Bylaws:

- Each year the COMMISSION shall **adopt a fee schedule by July 31** to be used in assessing members for the upcoming calendar year.
- Every five years the COMMISSION shall establish a five-year fee schedule which it shall not exceed when adopting fees for each upcoming year (i.e. maximum dues schedule).
- Each year the Commission shall provide a non-binding estimate of fees for the next five (5) years for members to use in their financial planning.

This last bullet indicating an estimated or planned dues schedule will be presented with the annual fee schedule each year, with any updated planned rates if applicable. Note that the planned rates are not approved via resolution each year, but instead included via memo only for reference and planning purposes.

The planned five-year dues rates schedule for 2024-2028 is presented below, represented in cents per capita.

Planned Rates	MPO Area Planned Rate	CORPO Area Planned Rate	RPC-Only Area Planned Rate
2024	64.00	53.50	43.00
2025	66.50	56.00	45.00
2026	69.00	58.00	47.00
2027	71.50	60.50	49.00
2028	74.00	62.50	51.00

The above is further detailed as follows to show the expected increase area in each year with actual 2023 rates included for comparison purposes:

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Building	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents	7 cents
RPC	<u>34 cents</u>	<u>36 cents</u>	<u>38 cents</u>	<u>40 cents</u>	<u>42 cents</u>	<u>44 cents</u>
<b>Total RPC</b>	<b>41 cents</b>	<b>43 cents</b>	<b>45 cents</b>	<b>47 cents</b>	<b>49 cents</b>	<b>51 cents</b>
CORPO	<u>10.5 cents</u>	<u>10.5 cents</u>	<u>11 cents</u>	<u>11 cents</u>	<u>11.5 cents</u>	<u>11.5 cents</u>
<b>Total CORPO</b>	<b>51.5 cents</b>	<b>53.5 cents</b>	<b>56 cents</b>	<b>58 cents</b>	<b>60.5 cents</b>	<b>62.5 cents</b>
MPO	<u>20.5 cents</u>	<u>21 cents</u>	<u>21.5 cents</u>	<u>22 cents</u>	<u>22.5 cents</u>	<u>23 cents</u>
<b>Total MPO</b>	<b>61.5 cents</b>	<b>64 cents</b>	<b>66.5 cents</b>	<b>69 cents</b>	<b>71.5 cents</b>	<b>74 cents</b>

NOTE: The Total CORPO amount equals the Total RPC plus the CORPO rates for each year. The Total MPO amount equals to the Total RPC plus the MPO rates for each year. The Total MPO amounts exclude the CORPO amounts.

The population estimates for members will be completed in Autumn 2023 and will show each members' dues amount for 2024. The 2024 projection will be presented as part of the process to establish and adopt the 2024 budget and will be presented for formal adoption by the Commission in December of this year.

Attachment: Resolution 06-23



## RESOLUTION 06-23

### **“Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2024”**

WHEREAS, the financial provisions of the MORPC Bylaws require that the Commission adopt a fee schedule by July of each year to be used in assessing members for the upcoming calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the below rates include a small deviation from the five-year plan proposed in Resolution 08-22 on June 9, 2022, and are below the “maximum per-capita membership fee” approved by the Commission in Resolution 09-21 on June 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a planned dues schedule has been established that shows the expected rates for 2024 through 2028 to help with long-term planning for both MORPC members and MORPC staff; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 projection for member dues and related uses will be presented as part of the process to establish and adopt the 2024 budget and will be presented for formal adoption by the Commission in December; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That a 2024 per-capita fee of \$0.64 with a minimum of \$1,250 is hereby adopted for members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for areas in the MPO boundaries, a 2024 per-capita fee of \$0.535 is hereby adopted for county members of the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) for areas within the CORPO boundaries, and a reduced 2024 per-capita fee of \$0.43 with a minimum of \$1,250 is hereby adopted for members of the Regional Planning Commission that are not in the MPO or CORPO.
- Section 2. The \$0.07 per-capita portion (included within the \$0.64, \$0.535, and \$0.43 rates) of the dues for the building for 2024 is included to pay a portion of building lease payments and improvements is hereby adopted.
- 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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Effective date: June 8, 2023  
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer  
Prepared by: Anthony Perry, Finance Director  
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21  
For action date: June 8, 2023  
Attachment: Commission Membership as of June 23



**Commission Membership as of June 2023  
MPO vs CORPO vs RPC**

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) & Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Members		
2024 dues rate per-capita: \$0.64		
County Members:		
Delaware County		Franklin County
Municipal Members (Cities):		
Bexley	Grove City	Powell
Canal Winchester	Groveport	Reynoldsburg
Columbus	Hilliard	Sunbury
Delaware	New Albany	Upper Arlington
Dublin	Obetz	Westerville
Gahanna	Pataskala	Whitehall
Grandview Heights	Pickerington	Worthington
Municipal Members (Villages):		
Galena	Marble Cliff	Shawnee Hills
Lithopolis	Minerva Park	Urbancrest
Lockbourne	Riverlea	
Township Members:		
Blendon Township (Franklin)	Mifflin Township (Franklin)	
Bloom Township (Fairfield)	Perry Township (Franklin)	
Clinton Township (Franklin)	Plain Township (Franklin)	
Etna Township (Licking)	Prairie Township (Franklin)	
Franklin Township (Franklin)	Truro Township (Franklin)	
Jackson Township (Franklin)	Violet Township (Fairfield)	
Jefferson Township (Franklin)	Washington Township (Delaware, Franklin, Union)	
Jerome Township (Union)		
Madison Township (Franklin)		
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) & Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Members		
2024 dues rate per-capita: \$0.535		
County Members:		
Fairfield County*	Marion County	
Knox County	Morrow County	
Licking County	Union County*	
Madison County		
Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Only Members		
2024 dues rate per-capita: \$0.43		
County Members:		
Hocking County	Logan County	
Licking County	Perry County	
Municipal Members (Cities):		
Bellefontaine	Johnstown	Mount Vernon
Chillicothe	Lancaster	Newark
Circleville	London	
Heath	Marysville	
Municipal Members (Villages):		
Ashville	Granville	Plain City
Buckeye Lake	Hebron	Somerset
Gambier	New Lexington	South Bloomfield
Township Members:		
Granville Township (Licking)		
*For Fairfield and Union Counties, a small portion of the County is in the MPO and therefore the County pays the MPO rate for that portion. Fairfield and Union Counties will pay the CORPO rate for the remainder of the County.		



## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2023  
Time: 2:19 p.m.  
Location: MORPC Town Hall

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### **Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person**

Chris Amorose Groomes	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Jim Schimmer
Karen Angelou	Erik Janas	Steve Schoeny
Lee Bodnar	James Jewell	Kent Shafer
Ron Bullard	Ben Kessler	Thom Slack
Karl Craven	Bill LaFayette	Ike Stage
Brad Ebersole	Greg Lestini	Brandon Standley
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rory McGuinness	Joe Stefanov
Jennifer Gallagher	Rozland McKee	Robyn Stewart
Dave Gulden	Bonnie Michael	Christie Ward
Christine Houk	Megan O'Callaghan	Tim Wilson
Matt Huffman	Eric Richter	

### **Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely**

LaGrieta Acheampong	Chris Harkness	Alana Shockey
Stacey Boumis	Monica Ireland	Andy Volenik
Ben Collins	Laurie Jadwin	Brent Welch for Cornell
Tina Cottone	Jason Nicodemus	Robertson
Kristen Easterday	Ryan Rivers	Kenneth Wright
Jeff Gottke	Lauren Rummel	

### **Commission Members Present in Person**

Joe Antram	Jeff Hall	Ben Stahler
Stephanie Bosco	Don McDaniel	Matt Starr
Jamie Brucker	Tom Ramsay	Evelyn Warr-Omness
Franklin Christman	Brent Russell	RC Wise
Bill Habig	David Scheffler	

### **Commission Members Attending Remotely**

Terry Emery	Haley Jupton	Eric Phillips
Sam Filkins	Mark Mauter	Sean Stanheart
Mark Johns	Bill Narducci	

### **Associate Members Attending Remotely**

Kristin Sutton

### **MORPC Staff Present in Person**

Todd Bradley	Niel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Kerstin Carr	Eileen Leuby	Maria Schaper
Dave Dixon	Kelsey Matson	Brandi Whetstone
Preston Frick	William Murdock	Robert Williams
Joe Garrity	Anthony Perry	
Shawn Hufstedler	Kyle Probert	

### **MORPC Staff Attending Remotely**

Andrea Doolittle	Ralonda Hampton
Brian Filiatraut	Jen Noll

**Guests Present in Person**

Ann Aquillo, The Columbus Partnership  
Sheila Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter  
Allison Bunce, Summer Intern  
Cassidy Dummit, Summer Intern

Madeline Gardner, Summer Intern  
Bridget Hodgson, Summer Intern  
Kenny McDonald, The Columbus Partnership  
Gideon Oduro, Summer Intern

**Guests Attending Remotely**

Nita Hanson, Etna Township  
Ethan Koch, Summer Intern

Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter  
Nick Soulas, FCEO

**Meeting Called to Order – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair**

Chair Erik Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization(MPO) Report**

- **Programming – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer**

Maria Schaper presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#) focusing on MORPC's three core products we deliver as the MPO. The Planning Work Program (PWP) outlines the work MORPC will complete as a recipient of U.S. DOT and ODOT funds. It totals over \$8 million including carry-over from the previous year and defines the work elements and the associated budgets for Fiscal Year 2024. Resolutions T-6-23 and T-7-23 on the consent agenda relate to the PWP.

The 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is complete. It includes nearly \$2.7 billion committed funds for transportation improvements throughout the region for the next four years. The TIP lists all projects and programs and specific funding sources for each. MORPC held a public comment period March 10-April 10 which included an Open House on March 28. No comments were received on projects included in the TIP.

**2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Maria Schaper, Associate Director of Transportation & Interim Economic Development Officer**

Maria Schaper presented the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#). The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the third core product and is a long-range vision that identifies priority transportation strategies and projects that we work together as a region to implement. We submit this every four years. It lays the groundwork for federal funding for transportation projects in our region.

The MTP can only include projects that we expect to be able to fund by 2050. The fiscal analysis is a key determinant of what projects can be included in the MTP. We develop a funding forecast that considers federal, state, and local developer funds.

Ms. Schaper shared two opportunities for members to provide input. MORPC worked on the zonal level population and employment forecasts for 2050. Members will receive an email with a direct link to a web map where you can provide input.

The second opportunity is an upcoming public web map showing all the candidate projects for inclusion in the MTP. You can comment directly on the map, suggest new projects, etc. We will send word when the map is available.

**Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**

Ben Kessler made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Steve Schoeny; motion passed.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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Michelle Crandall, Secretary  
**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**



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## Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

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Time: 1:30 p.m.  
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Nick Soulas, FCEO

**Meeting Called to Order – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair**

Chair Erik Janas called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests and, New Members – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer**

Eileen Leuby welcomed guests Ann Aquillo from The Columbus Partnership and new City of Delaware Commission representative Tim Wilson. Ms. Leuby welcomed Summer Interns: Allison Bunce, Cassidy Dummit, Madeline Gardner, Bridget Hodgson, Ethan Koch, Gideon Oduro, and Kjersti Wendlandt.

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

William Murdock thanked those who were able to attend the pre-Commission luncheon with Ohio University President Sherman. We try to bring in an important community leader occasionally so you have a chance to hear their thoughts and ask questions in a small group setting.

Mr. Murdock announced last week was Air Quality Awareness Week. This week is Public Service Recognition Week. Next week is Infrastructure Week. This month is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

MORPC's new Strategic Director of Technology begins May 30. He is coming from Apple. Interviews are ongoing for the Chief Mobility Officer.

MORPC continues to build on the Regional Housing Strategy. Team Members speak at events around the region. MORPC is one of the leads with the City of Columbus, The Columbus Partnership and the Affordable Housing Alliance on taking the applications of the Regional Housing Strategy and moving them into action.

The new distracted driving law is already having an impact. Last week the state released a report by Cambridge Mobile Telematics indicating a nine percent reduction in distracted driving, which may have prevented 540 crashes, one fatality, and \$13 million in losses/damages in the first month. This is before citations are issued.

Commission Members will hear from The Columbus Partnership today who is helping us on our drive investment. The region is growing and we are honing in on moving projects forward.

Mr. Murdock gave an update on RAPID 5. Dr. Amy Acton will no longer be serving as President & CEO of the organization as RAPID 5 is moving to its next phase of planning and implementation. Mr. Murdock expressed his gratitude to Dr. Acton's leadership over the past year and recognized her many accomplishments, including creating a strong brand and much goodwill in the community for moving towards and implementing the vision. Dr. Acton continues to be incredibly supportive of the



initiative and the Board's efforts as they move into the next phase. Dr. Kerstin Carr represents MORPC on the RAPID 5 Board.

We continue to work on the passenger rail opportunity behind the scenes. We are looking at how to get community and business leaders connected. We are also looking at other communities around the country. We won't hear about the applications until September/October. We keep working as if the applications are approved.

MORPC works with vulnerable families in repairing homes and making the homes safer and more efficient. We need help getting the word out about our weatherization program. We have the capacity to do much more. MORPC is hosting a Weatherization Day on May 19. The event is designed to be a comfortable space to bring the family and learn about the program.

MORPC is closely aligned with Ohio University. Last week, MORPC renewed our MOU with Ohio University's Voinovich School extending our partnership for five years. That includes elected officials training, economic development sustainability, sponsoring four interns a year, and the scholarship program for MORPC members and staff.

Smart Columbus is hosting Digital Equity Planning Forums around the region:

- May 22 – Licking-Knox Counties, John Gilbert Reese Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- May 23 – Marion-Morrow Counties, Marion Technical College, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- May 25 – Pickaway-Fairfield Counties, Pickaway County Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- May 30 – Logan-Union-Madison Counties, Transportation Research Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mr. Murdock encouraged members to take the MORPC Messaging Survey. He also encouraged members to visit the Holovisn display from the State of the Region as they leave today.

Mr. Murdock congratulated Shawn Hufstedler, Anthony Perry and the Finance Team for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. Only five percent of local governments receive this recognition. This is the 34<sup>th</sup> year in a row MORPC received the award.

**The Columbus Region Federal Funds Initiative – Kenny McDonald, The Columbus Partnership President & CEO and Ann Aquillo, Director of Federal Funding Initiatives**

Kenny McDonald and Ann Aquillo presented [The Columbus Region Federal Funds Initiative](#). Mr. McDonald asked three questions:

1. Who thinks this is an exceptional region?
2. How many think we can do even better?
3. How many have enough resources and partnerships to get that done?

Because of the close to \$1.6 trillion investments the federal government is making, there are foreign companies from all around the world wanting to take part in that. These companies want to know where they should invest in our country. Earlier this year, our business community decided to band together to try to get some of that investment. What we've learned from our partnerships in Washington is that none of the competitive grants are going to be possible without partnerships between the public and private sectors and best case, include the academic sector. That hasn't been a strength of our region.

Doing better requires that we recognize what it takes to win. It also requires that we build a different structure to deal with it. The new structure is called the war room because it's sort of a live action activity. And we're in close partnership with MORPC's Team. The rules for the grants come out daily. Keeping up is hard. The region is going after over 40 competitive grants.

Ann Aquillo, as the "Control Tower", vets what we are going after as a region and starts pulling them together. This opens opportunities for partnerships. It is nice to collaborate sometimes and sometimes it's necessary. This is one of those times. This may be one of the largest opportunities we've had. The Federal Funding War Room tries to understand what is going on, what everyone is doing, and how we can provide resources.

The Ohio Grants Alliance Tool is a statewide database updated monthly. The tool will be sent out in the MORPC Monthly Member Newsletter in the Drive Investment Section. Mr. McDonald and Ms. Aquillo asked members to keep them updated on their federal grants efforts so they can track pending applications. They also asked members to let them know how they can be helpful as you pursue grant opportunities.

#### **MORPC Website Update – Niel Jurist, MORPC Senior Director of Communications & Engagement**

Niel Jurist gave members a sneak peek of [MORPC's website refresh](#). It will be more data driven to enhance user experience with a modern and fresh look. The updated site launches in June.

#### **Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer**

Eileen Leuby presented the [Membership Services Report](#) highlighting:

- Rural Service Strategy
- Regional Area Update Breakfast
- MORPC Night at the Clippers – June 7
- Library Benefits that Enhance Your Community
- Membership Visits
- Distracted Driving & Rural Mobility
- Membership Events
- Summer Intern Program – 51 interns this year

#### **Committees**

##### **Transportation Policy Committee – Erik Janas (Franklin County), MORPC Chair**

Chair Janas called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:19 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:27 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

##### **Regional Data Advisory Committee – Brad Ebersole (Delaware County) Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair**

Brad Ebersole presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) met May 9 to review the proposed Regional Data Agenda for 2023 to 2025. The Regional Data Agenda Update working group will incorporate feedback and submit the new agenda for approval in the coming weeks.

RDAC working groups continue to build upon their prior efforts. The Capacity Working Group is exploring efficient, community-centered options for how that group might facilitate directory and coaching assistance, especially to aid local stakeholders with minimal data expertise or staffing. The

Local Government Resources Working Group is evaluating feedback on the Data Policy Library and is also exploring the potential value of adopting a "library of libraries" approach, which would connect users to existing (vetted) repositories of data policy and governance documentation. Rob Moore of Scioto Analytics is the new chair of the RIDG Steering Committee.

MORPC's Data & Mapping Team will reach out this spring/summer on a streamlined process for the collection of local building permit data. The goals of the new process are to improve process efficiency, while also facilitating value-added outputs which can be shared with communities. They will reach out for local input on the land use model forecasts for the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MORPC is looking for ways to expand metrics and insights available through self-service on their website. While this will be a lengthy process, it will start with the most critical frequently requested types of data closely related to existing data products. In late spring/early summer, expect to see the addition of regional and county-level household type and housing type projections to the 2050 Population Forecast dashboard. Mr. Ebersol encouraged communities to provide input at [dataandmaps@morpc.org](mailto:dataandmaps@morpc.org) as new features are added.

**Regional Policy Roundtable – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair**

David Scheffler presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Mayor Scheffler and Chair Janas congratulated Joe Garrity on earning his master's degree in public administration. The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is May 16 with Ohio House Minority Leader Alison Russo. Other speakers include Ann Aquillo and Zach Woodruff.

In the House budget, the competitive bidding threshold increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000. That provision includes an annual three percent increase starting in 2024.

- **Legislative Update – Sheila Willamowski Boehner, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations**

Joe Garrity and Sheila Willamowski Boehner gave the legislative update highlighting the following:

- HB 33 – State Operating Budget
- Central Ohio Defense Group
- Planning Growth Grants
- HB 64 – Imminent Domain
- New Delaware County Representative Brian Lorenz
- August 8 Election

**Sustainability Advisory Committee – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair**

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Nominations for the 2023 Regional Sustainability Awards are due June 2. The awards are presented at the October 26 Summit on Sustainability. Award categories are Leadership in Sustainability, Collaborative Achievement, and Leadership in Mobility.

Riverfest is June 10-11 during the Columbus Arts Festival located along the Scioto Mile in downtown Columbus. Riverfest celebrates Central Ohio's water resources, provides opportunities for the public

to experience our waterways, and educates on the importance of protecting and conserving our waterways. Event partners and sponsors include:

- The Greater Columbus Arts Council
- City of Columbus
- Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
- Metro Parks
- OBLSK
- The Priscilla R. Tyson Cultural Arts Center

Preliminary screener applications for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund are due June 2. The screeners allow applicants to receive feedback from the Natural Resources Assistance Council prior to submitting final applications. Final applications are due September 1. Contact Edwina Teye with questions.

MORPC is collaborating with members and partners to apply for the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant. MORPC is leading a regional approach to strategize and build out electric vehicle (EV) charging throughout Central Ohio with our members and partners. The application deadline is May 30. Contact Brian Filiatraut for more information.

Concept papers for the competitive funding Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) program are due July 31. Full applications are due August 7. While government entities must be the lead applicants, they can partner with other regional and community-based organizations. MORPC is available to discuss projects, provide letters of support, or convene collaborative projects.

#### **Commission Consent Agenda**

Joe Antram made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Pam Hykes O'Grady; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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Michelle Crandall, Secretary

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**



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## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Robert Williams, Senior Director  
Residential Services

**DATE:** May 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 07-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the 2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts”**

For many years MORPC has contracted with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to implement the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) in portions of Franklin County. The source of funds is federal from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services including the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The program includes work by MORPC to provide client intake, home inspections, installation of energy efficiency measures such as heating and weatherization materials, and quality control over all client cases. MORPC will provide inspection services and quality control to verify work performed adheres to industry and program standards. The installation of weatherization materials, heating and electrical work will be subcontracted to businesses in MORPC’s service area.

The amount reflected in this resolution also takes into consideration estimated funds to be received by MORPC as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). MORPC will also serve new geographical areas previously served by GLS, another HWAP provider. The funds required to support this commitment are also included as part of this resolution.

The grant agreement for PY2024, effective July 1, 2023, is estimated to be up to \$3,715,000 for work performed through June 30, 2024.

Attachment: Resolution 07-23

## RESOLUTION 07-23

### **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the 2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and to enter into related subcontracts”**

WHEREAS, ODOD implements the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, pursuant to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Title IV, Part A (P.L. 94-385); and

WHEREAS, ODOD seeks to contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to implement this program inside portions of Franklin County for eligible low-income customers and improve the energy efficiency of their household; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the 2024 program year is estimated to be up to \$3,715,000 and will be leveraged with other funds from local utilities and other non-federal sources; and that these funds represent a combined amount that includes funds for territories previously serviced by the provider GLS, as well as anticipated BIL funds to be distributed in late 2023; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are subcontracted in MORPC's service area; 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 ODOD for the PY2024 Home Weatherization Assistance Program in the amount up to \$3,715,000 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 20 percent of the total agreement price 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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Effective date: June 8, 2023  
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## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** John Gardocki, Transit & Mobility Manager  
Programming

**DATE:** May 31, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution 08-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to approve a grant agreement between the Ohio Department of Transportation and MORPC for the Mobility Management Program”**

The Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Transit reached out to MORPC to fill a lapsing fund need in their general revenue fund for FY24. The Mobility Management program will receive a one-time \$300,000 award to administer and oversee the Region 6 Human Service Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Regional Mobility Plan and the Franklin County Mobility Management Program. Staff involved in Mobility Management activities includes Emma Strange, Mobility Coordinator and John Gardocki, Transit & Mobility Manager.

Attachment: Resolution 08-23

## RESOLUTION 08-23

### **“Authorizing the executive director to approve a grant agreement between the Ohio Department of Transportation and MORPC for the Mobility Management Program”**

WHEREAS, the Mobility Management Program covers the ODOT Human Services Transportation Coordination (HSTC) Region 6; and

WHEREAS, MORPC oversees and administers coordination between the nine (9) county region providing the Regional Mobility Plan that covers regional and county goals and strategies; and

WHEREAS, MORPC administers the Franklin County Mobility Management Program through the Mobility Coordinator on the Mobility Team and is the Region 6 Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, MORPC received a \$300,000 award from the Office of Transit for Mobility Management; therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for \$300,000 for the administration of the Mobility Management Program.
- Section 2. 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 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.

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Erik J. Janas, Chair  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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