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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, August 3, 2023
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of **June 1, 2023 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
5. **Committee Updates**
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
 - **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Nick Gill, Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Nick Gill, Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

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- **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning
 - **Proposed Resolution 09-23: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda”**
- 6. **Community Based Planning Assistance** – Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning
- 7. **Drive Investment Update** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
- 8. **Proposed Resolution 10-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority for Transit Supportive Infrastructure”** – Nick Gill, Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
- 9. **Proposed Resolution 11-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and enter into related subcontracts”** – Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services
- 10. **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
- 11. **Draft Commission Agenda**
- 12. **Other Business**

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 1, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Attending in Person

Karen Angelou
Jeff Benton
Franklin Christman

Michelle Crandall
Jennifer Gallagher
Erik Janas

Greg Lestini
David Scheffler

Members Attending Remotely

Nancy White

MORPC Staff Attending in Person

Kerstin Carr
Joe Garrity
Shawn Hufstedler
Niel Jurist
Eileen Leuby

Kelsey Matson
William Murdock
Alisa Obukhova
Anthony Perry
Shari Saunders

Maria Schaper
Cory Tressler
Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Andrea Doolittle

Betsy Hunkar

Guests Attending in Person

Joshua Louge, Plante Moran

Guests Attending Remotely

Kristin Hunt, Plante Moran

Daniel Van Epps

Welcome – Michelle Crandall

Acting Chair Michelle Crandall called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Audited Financial Statements – Shawn Hufstedler, Joshua Louge, Kristin Hunt

Shawn Hufstedler provided background on the 2022 financial audit. This was the first full year for Account Manager Alisa Obukhova who led the process. This was Finance Director Anthony Perry's second year. Mr. Hufstedler thanked Mr. Perry, Ms. Obukhova, Betsy Hunkar, and the Finance Team for their excellent work on this year's audit. The 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) is a product of the whole agency; all programs are reflected. Mr. Hufstedler thanked the Residential Services Team especially as their programs were the federal programs audited this year. Mr. Hufstedler introduced Kristin Hunt and Joshua Louge from Plante Moran and thanked them for their collaboration. Ms. Hunt and Mr. Louge gave an overview of the 2022 ACFR.

Plante Moran performed two audits. The ACFR and the federal single audit (required when an agency spends more than \$750,000 in federal grant money). Both audits are presented in draft form but are ready to go final. Presenting them to the Executive Committee is part of the process. A clean opinion is the highest that can be provided. There are no findings which is excellent.

Two immaterial adjustments were noted: net pension asset related to OPERS combined plan and the increased liability/decreased revenue for building lease related to GASB 87. Neither rise to the significant level nor materially affect the financial statements. The Federal Compliance Audit was on the CDBG and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs.

Greg Lestini made a motion to accept and submit MORPC's 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report in substantially the form presented today to the Auditor of State for approval, second by Jeff Benton; motion passed. David Scheffler abstained.

Consent Agenda

Erik Janas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Franklin Christman; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock and Kerstin Carr shared highlights of their trip to the ULI Conference in Toronto. They saw great examples of development including affordable housing, multi-use space, greenspace, and transit. The private sector is involved in affordable housing.

Mr. Murdock, Shawn Hufstedler and Joe Garrity are attending the National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference in Detroit next week.

MORPC is close to being able to announce the new Chief Mobility Officer. We posted a job position for an Economic Development Director & Regional Innovation Officer. We elevated the Economic Development Director position based on the work going on with the EDA, and on the work we are doing with The Columbus Partnership on regional tech hubs. MORPC is the lead applicant for a regional tech hub designation. Part of that includes creating a consortium of interest. The new position will lead the consortium. MORPC is meeting weekly with The Columbus Partnership and Ernst & Young on the application which is due August 15.

Mr. Murdock announced he was appointed to The Ohio State University Medical Center Health Equity Advisory Board. They have partnerships all over Central Ohio.

Niel Jurist reported MORPC will unveil our new messaging the third week of June. We will share it with the Board before it goes out to the general public. Printed materials will be available at the August Commission meeting.

Mr. Murdock shared that Maria Schaper will be giving an update later about upcoming resolutions in August with LinkUS after the COTA board approves them, which is expected in July. They will set in motion a transformative process for us.

Mr. Murdock announced Paving the Way is sunsetting. Dr. Carr shared that the program usage is extremely low as other resources such as Google Maps have filled the community need. Team Members will determine who has been using it and notify them later this summer and then work to identify potential tools to better connect community project plans into new and existing systems.

Invitations to participate in MORPC's Annual Salary Survey will be sent soon. Last year, 100 percent of Executive Committee member communities participated. The survey is a useful tool on member visits.

Mr. Murdock began an in-depth discussion of the Residential Services program. The [Weatherization Analysis & Next Steps](#) provided background, potential scenarios and recommended actions on a possible positive expansion of the program. MORPC's weatherization program is funded by Columbia Gas (WarmChoice) and the Ohio Department of Development (home weatherization or HWAP). The WarmChoice service area is all of Franklin County. The HWAP service area is serviced by three providers: MORPC, IMPACT, and Ground Level Solutions (GLS). The current program structure creates a gap necessitating a subsidy impacting MORPC's reserves. On the other hand, the community

impact has outweighed the cost of the MORPC subsidy due to large economic and environmental benefits as well as being an important housing stabilization tool. After reviewing Residential Services' 2023 priority items and potential scenarios for eliminating the subsidy, Mr. Murdock shared recommended actions that will allow MORPC to move forward with expanding weatherization which should improve the financial performance and also allow MORPC an option to monitor progress next year to determine if this is a long-term option for sustainability. Mr. Murdock shared budget projections for the expansion. This is reflected in Resolution 07-23.

Mr. Murdock welcomed MORPC's new Strategic Director of Technology, Cory Tressler. Mr. Tressler comes from Apple and is excited to meet everyone.

Mr. Murdock congratulated MORPC Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Officer Ralonda Hampton for being recognized by the Columbus Urban League as a Herstory Mover & Shaker.

Mr. Murdock congratulated Michelle Crandall for being named by Columbus Business First as a Woman of Influence.

Upcoming events:

- MORPC Night at the Clippers – June 7, Huntington Park – Michelle Crandall is throwing the first pitch.
- Riverfest activities
 - Accelerating Change for Clean Water panel discussion – June 2, Tyson Cultural Arts Center
 - Columbus Arts Festival – June 10-11 – free canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding
- Rural Service Strategy – Rural Housing – June 21, Plain City

Robert Williams gave an update on a new marketing strategy for weatherization. The strategy focuses on older adults in Franklin County. We are working with community and senior centers across the region to assist the target audience with determining eligibility, completing applications, gathering documentation and answering questions. We will also hold monthly office hours by appointment to help. Mr. Williams asked Executive Committee members for help in identifying locations in their communities.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity

Joe Garrity provided a legislative update highlighting:

- U.S. House voted to increase the debt ceiling.
 - Every Central Ohio Representative voted for it.
 - Cuts government funding by one percent.
 - New work requirements for SNAP and other restrictions for certain social safety net programs.
- The May 16 Regional Policy Roundtable included House Minority Leader Allison Russo.
 - Provided updates on House operating and transportation budgets.
 - Pragmatic and friendly dynamic in the House.
 - Expressed concern that the low-income housing tax credits will not remain in the budget.
- MORPC submitted testimony on the state operating budget.
- HB 64 – Eminent Domain.
- The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is August 15.
- MORPC will provide a letter to the Conference Committee advocating including the brownfield remediation program in the operating budget.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Kerstin Carr

Kerstin Carr reported the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) will review the Regional Data Agenda at its June 6 meeting. If adopted, the RDAC Chair will provide an overview of the agenda at the June 8 Commission meeting. The agenda will be presented for adoption by the Commission in August.

Once the agenda is approved, RDAC leadership will transition to Christina Drummond as the new chair.

MORPC's Data Team is getting ready to request permit data to estimate population counts more accurately. We are testing a new methodology so we can streamline the process and be more accurate.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Kerstin Carr

Kerstin Carr reported the City of Columbus, with MORPC as their key partner, submitted the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application last week. Furthermore, MORPC is moving forward with the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant application. The deadline was extended to the middle of June. We have over 60 sites across the 15-county region willing to install infrastructure. Most of them are committing more than the twenty percent match.

Dr. Carr encouraged members to attend the Riverfest events mentioned earlier. MORPC Senior Planner Edwina Teye is moderating the June 3 water panel discussion.

Dr. Carr shared air quality alerts are issued for June 1 and 2.

Transportation Policy Committee – Maria Schaper

Maria Schaper reported the 2023 Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) application period closed May 31. Ten applications from the MPO were submitted totaling \$358 million in requests. One application was submitted from the CORPO area. Ms. Schaper will share more information on the applications at the Commission meeting. The public comment period and prioritization process will start soon.

MORPC received notice that we should anticipate an annual allocation of just over \$1 million for capital projects in the CORPO area for FY 2024-2025. This is double the amount of the previous cycle. MORPC will begin a solicitation for applications and conduct a selection process similar to that done in FY 2022-2023.

The LinkUS partners shared a final draft of the proposed Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Committee Structure. The draft document was shared with all jurisdictions in COTA's service area. The jurisdictions are invited to a workshop on June 9, where the hope is to confirm regional consensus on the draft and committee structure. The document will also be an exhibit in the Interagency Agreement between MORPC and COTA that outlines the responsibilities of each agency in the administration and management of the TSI Committees. A resolution to authorize this agreement will be brought before the COTA Board of Trustees at their July meeting and before MORPC's Board and Policy Committee in August. MORPC and COTA will enter a separate MOU identifying that 27.5% of the potential new sales tax be apportioned for the Transit Supportive Infrastructure program. A resolution to authorize this agreement will also go before the COTA Board of Trustees in July and MORPC's Board and Policy Committee in August.

ODOT is awarding MORPC \$300,000 in state dollars for our mobility management program. The funds need to be spent in FY 2024. The proposed budget includes outreach and advertising; travel training

materials; annual fees for the Gohio Commute and Gohio Mobility platforms; and professional development/training opportunities for staff.

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” – Maria Schaper

Franklin Christman made a motion to approve Resolution 08-23, second by David Scheffler; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 06-23: “Adopting a fee schedule for use in assessing members in 2024” – Shawn Hufstедler

Although the memo shows a five-year projected schedule, this resolution only authorizes the fee schedule for 2024. The proposed increase is under the inflation rate but recognizes the impact of inflation. There is also a small bump in the minimum fee which hasn't been increased in ten years. Population estimates come in the fall and will provide actual rates for members and incorporated in the 2024 budget voted on in December.

Erik Janas made a motion to approve Resolution 06-23, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

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” – Robert Williams

This resolution accepts the standard agreement with ODOD and includes the expansion reviewed earlier.

Jennifer Gallagher made a motion to approve Resolution 07-23, second by Greg Lestini; motion passed.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft June 8, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Other Business

Mr. Murdock reminded members there is no July Executive Committee meeting.

Acting Chair Crandall congratulated William Murdock on being named to the Columbus Business First Power 100.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Michelle Crandall, Secretary
Executive Committee

A collage of images related to finance and accounting. It features a hand holding a yellow pencil pointing at a spreadsheet with numerical data, a calculator, and various numerical data points. The background is composed of overlapping geometric shapes in shades of green, blue, and white.





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Memorandum

TO: William Murdock, Executive Director
Executive Committee

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: July 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Financial Report – June 2023

Summary

As of June 30, 2023, expenses totaled \$7,498,182 and were well within appropriations. The operating reserve (investment and cash accounts) was \$3,700,397. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date. The actual fringe and indirect rate variances were unfavorable.

Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through quarter ending June 30, 2023, totaled \$7,498,182 or 32% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,231,714.

From a programmatic perspective, expenses differed from the budget for the following reasons:

- Over-spending associated with Weatherization programs of \$279,190 can be attributed to greater spending than budgeted at this point in the year for the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program and the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP), which are respectively over-budget by \$112,353 and \$165,704.
 - For the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program, the budget included another \$435,329 in potential funding and MORPC is exploring various initiatives that could increase funding and/or reduce spending, including receiving increased HWAP funding.

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- For HWAP, over-spending is a result of more expenses occurring in the second half of the state fiscal year compared to the first half, versus the original estimate. The program ended the state fiscal year with expenses remaining within awarded levels. Funding will dramatically increase in the second half of the calendar year as a result of MORPC expanding its service area and receiving new funds established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL).
- Under-spending with Transportation programs of \$1,563,203 can be attributed to:
 - Less spending than budgeted of \$1,071,024 for the FTA Section 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. MORPC funds subgrants related to this program and subgrant payments are highly variable.
 - The Growth and Major Economic Development Planning (related to the Intel Project) started later than originally anticipated and is under-budget by \$265,860.
 - Transportation programs have experienced greater personnel turnover than anticipated.

MORPC also budgeted in the annual budget \$3,472,911 for potential programs/projects that have not been funded at this time.

Operating Cash/Reserve

MORPC's operating reserve consists of operating cash and investment accounts. As of June 30, 2023, the cash account held \$2,087,357, while the investment account had a balance of \$1,613,040. The investment account is held in STAROhio. Combining both accounts equated to \$3,700,397, or 58 days of budgeted expenses, which is very close to the 60-day target threshold identified in the Operating Reserve Policy. Interest earned and allocated to the operating reserve year-to-date through June 30, 2023 was \$38,359.

Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year-to-date through June 30, 2023. The decrease was (\$802,608). The decrease was the result of:

- A (\$578,453) net loss year-to-date for programs funded by COTA in lieu of COVID and NTD (National Transit Database) funding, and TID (Transportation Improvement District) funding. This operating loss is due to the fact that revenue was recognized in prior years.
- A (\$197,577) net loss year-to-date for the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program; and
- A (\$78,003) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements.

The losses were partially offset by a gain of \$41,353 to investment income and other miscellaneous gains of \$10,073.

Member Dues

Member dues revenue was \$633,132 for the year-to-date ending June 30, 2023. Use of member dues was over budget by \$11,635. Use of all current year member dues was as follows:

| <u>Use of Member Dues</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Variance (Over)/Under</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Services to Members | \$438,331 | \$451,192 | (\$12,861) |
| Local Matching Funds/Reserve | \$118,254 | \$117,807 | \$447 |
| Development Fund | \$56,301 | \$59,542 | (\$3,242) |
| Building Lease | \$87,051 | \$87,415 | (\$364) |
| Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion | \$24,915 | \$21,957 | \$2,958 |
| Other | \$4,146 | \$2,719 | \$1,427 |
| Total | \$728,997 | \$740,632 | (\$11,635) |

Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

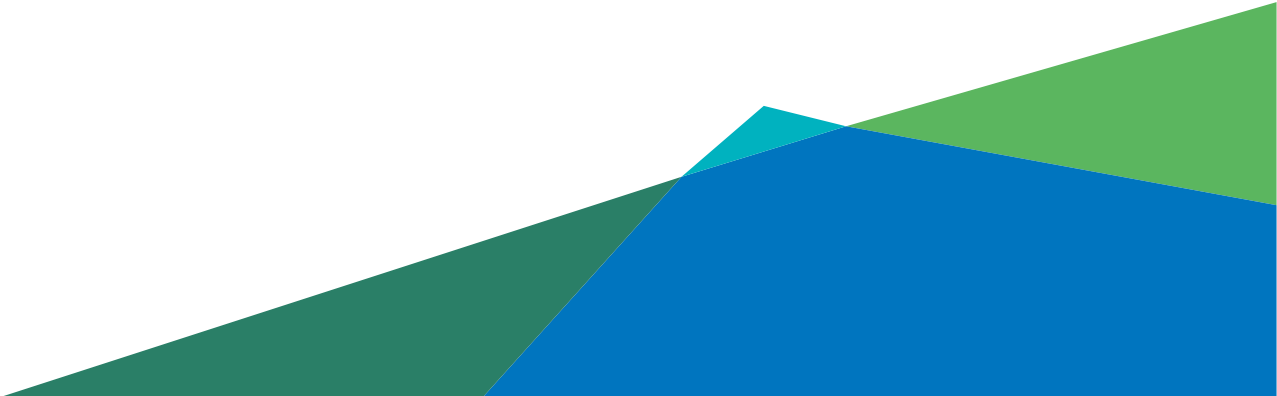
Fringe Benefits

The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 58.82%, which is greater than the budgeted rate of 57.50%, creating an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$26,422.

Indirect (Overhead)

The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 65.79% which is greater than the budgeted rate of 62.50%, resulting in an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$120,907.

Statement of Net Position

- On June 30, 2023, operating cash on hand was \$2,087,357, which was equal to 33 days of budgeted cash flow. The operating reserve investment account was \$1,613,040; and management reserve was \$113,739. The remaining cash balance for the building reserve and essentially all the building improvement/maintenance fund were transferred to the operating cash account in 2022 to cover expenses from that fund associated with the now completed building renovation project. \$71 remains in the building improvement/ maintenance fund as interest income exceeded expectations in the fourth quarter of 2022, resulting in the cash amount being slightly above the transfer authority granted in the 2023 budget. The intention was to reduce the balance to \$0.
 - The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a balance of \$32,714.
 - Accounts Receivable totaled \$1,759,801 compared to \$2,496,432 as of June 30, 2022. The reduction can be attributed to more timely collection of outstanding receivables for grants from our funders.
 - Accounts Payable plus Other Accrued Liabilities totaled \$850,520 compared to \$1,379,725 as of June 30, 2022. The reduction can be attributed to more timely payment by MORPC of vendor invoices as a result of the implementation of electronic workflow for invoice review, and a reduction in accrued payroll and fringe due to the timing of the payment of payroll.
 - The GASB Statement 68 Pension liability and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e. retiree healthcare) asset have a net liability of \$5,469,930 and represent estimates of the Commission's proportional share of the unfunded liabilities/assets of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The Government Accounting Standards Board mandates that these amounts be shown in the financial statements, but such amounts do not represent an actual legal liability of MORPC to OPERS per State of Ohio law. Excluding the impact of GASB Statements 68 and 75, net position would be approximately \$5.5 million greater, or a positive balance of \$5,179,300 as of June 30, 2023.
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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

| | Year-to-Date Budget | Year-to-Date Actual | Variance under / (over) |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Transportation | \$ 3,391,361 | \$ 1,828,158 | \$ 1,563,203 |
| Infrastructure & Econ. Dev. | \$ 598,361 | \$ 160,932 | \$ 437,428 |
| Planning & Sustainability | \$ 1,815,864 | \$ 1,577,290 | \$ 238,574 |
| Weatherization | \$ 1,604,944 | \$ 1,635,422 | \$ (30,479) |
| Housing | \$ 1,422,782 | \$ 801,116 | \$ 621,666 |
| Services to Members & Development | \$ 610,743 | \$ 622,825 | \$ (12,082) |
| Other | \$ 435,348 | \$ 69,832 | \$ 365,516 |
| Potential Funding | \$ 1,736,456 | \$ - | \$ 1,736,456 |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$ 11,615,857 | \$ 6,695,575 | \$ 4,920,282 |
| Expenses by Program Area | | | |
| Transportation | \$ 3,391,361 | \$ 1,828,157 | \$ 1,563,203 |
| Infrastructure & Econ. Dev. | \$ 598,361 | \$ 496,892 | \$ 101,469 |
| Planning & Sustainability | \$ 1,815,864 | \$ 1,577,370 | \$ 238,494 |
| Weatherization | \$ 1,604,944 | \$ 1,884,134 | \$ (279,190) |
| Housing | \$ 1,422,782 | \$ 801,116 | \$ 621,666 |
| Services to Members & Development | \$ 610,743 | \$ 622,825 | \$ (12,082) |
| Other | \$ 435,348 | \$ 287,689 | \$ 147,658 |
| Potential Funding | \$ 1,736,456 | \$ - | \$ 1,736,456 |
| Total Expenses by Program Area | \$ 11,615,857 | \$ 7,498,182 | \$ 4,117,674 |
| Expenses by Account Category | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | \$ 4,959,791 | \$ 4,304,602 | \$ 655,189 |
| Materials and Supplies | \$ 100,989 | \$ 103,519 | \$ (2,531) |
| Services, Charges, & Other | \$ 3,206,913 | \$ 1,165,026 | \$ 2,041,888 |
| Subcontracted Services | \$ 3,254,049 | \$ 1,530,267 | \$ 1,723,782 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | \$ 94,116 | \$ 394,769 | \$ (300,653) |
| Total Expenses by Account Category | \$ 11,615,857 | \$ 7,498,182 | \$ 4,117,675 |
| Operations income (loss) | \$ (0) | \$ (802,608) | \$ 802,608 |
| Increase (decrease) in net position | \$ (0) | \$ (802,608) | \$ 802,608 |

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

| | Balance at 06/30/2023 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75 | GASB 68 & 75 06/30/2023 | Balance at 06/30/2023 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75 | Balance at 06/30/2022 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75 | Yearly Difference |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 2,087,357 | | 2,087,357 | 2,174,560 | (87,203) |
| Cash-Designated for Building Improvement | 71 | | 71 | 194,079 | (194,008) |
| Cash-Operating Reserve | 1,613,040 | | 1,613,040 | 1,328,500 | 284,540 |
| Cash-Building Reserve | - | | - | 450,727 | (450,727) |
| Cash-Management Reserve | 113,739 | | 113,739 | 109,177 | 4,562 |
| Cash-Greenways Fund | 32,714 | | 32,714 | 31,982 | 732 |
| Cash-Rapid 5 Project Fund | - | | - | 70,025 | (70,025) |
| Accounts Receivable | 1,759,801 | | 1,759,801 | 2,496,432 | (736,631) |
| Prepaid Expenses | 205,582 | | 205,582 | 103,413 | 102,170 |
| Total Current Assets | 5,812,304 | | 5,812,304 | 6,958,895 | (1,146,590) |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | | |
| Forgivable Mortgages | - | | - | 3,255 | (3,255) |
| Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation | 1,528,587 | | 1,528,587 | 1,604,534 | (75,947) |
| Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease Net of Accumulated Amortization | 5,276,690 | | 5,276,690 | 5,862,352 | (585,662) |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 6,805,277 | | 6,805,277 | 7,470,141 | (664,864) |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75 | - | 1,451,923 | 1,451,923 | 1,486,580 | (34,657) |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | - | 1,451,923 | 1,451,923 | 1,486,580 | (34,657) |
| Total Assets | 12,617,582 | 1,451,923 | 14,069,505 | 15,915,616 | (1,846,111) |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 143,206 | | 143,206 | 471,968 | (328,762) |
| Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits | 456,545 | | 456,545 | 651,737 | (195,191) |
| Unearned Revenue | 950,104 | | 950,104 | 4,303,492 | (3,353,388) |
| Accrued Building/Equipment Lease | 250,768 | | 250,768 | 256,020 | (5,252) |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,800,624 | | 1,800,624 | 5,683,216 | (3,882,592) |
| Non-Current | | | | | |
| Accrued PTO & Sick Leave | 525,342 | | 525,342 | 554,041 | (28,698) |
| Other Mortgages-Deferred Income | - | | - | 3,255 | (3,255) |
| Accrued Building/Equipment Lease | 5,112,316 | | 5,112,316 | 5,614,005 | (501,689) |
| GASB 68 & 75 | - | 2,000,733 | 2,000,733 | 4,689,161 | (2,688,428) |
| Total Non-Current | 5,637,659 | 2,000,733 | 7,638,392 | 10,860,462 | (3,222,070) |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75 | - | 4,921,120 | 4,538,857 | 4,538,857 | 4,538,857 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | - | 4,921,120 | 4,921,120 | 4,538,857 | 382,263 |
| Total Liabilities | 7,438,282 | 6,921,853 | 14,360,135 | 21,082,535 | (6,722,400) |
| Net Position | | | | | |
| Beginning Net Position | 511,978 | | 511,978 | (1,400,466) | 1,912,444 |
| Current YTD Net Income | (802,608) | | (802,608) | (3,766,454) | 2,963,846 |
| Total Net Position | 5,179,300 | (5,469,930) | (290,630) | (5,166,920) | 4,876,290 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Position | 12,617,582 | 1,451,923 | 14,069,505 | 15,915,616 | (1,846,110) |



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Kerstin Carr
Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning

DATE: July 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 09-23: **“Adoption of MORPC’s 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda”**

This resolution formally adopts the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC's) 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda. The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) collaborated to create an action oriented and well-defined agenda leveraging MORPC, RDAC, and working group strengths. It comprises five overarching areas of activity and 15 objectives that advance the interests of MORPC members and other stakeholders in the Central Ohio region.

The Regional Data Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the final 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda at its June 6, 2023 meeting.

The 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda serves as a framework for MORPC staff, RDAC, and working groups to guide future data-related projects and initiatives. The Regional Data Agenda identifies the actions best suited to achieve specific regionally impactful objectives over the next few years.

The RDAC agreed to a three-year timeframe for the Regional Data Agenda to ensure that the aims and objectives remain relevant, while still allowing enough time to realize measurable outcomes. Prioritization of work within the existing agenda will be reviewed and updated on a continual basis; however, at the end of the three-year timeframe, the full agenda will be reviewed, edited, and re-written as necessary.

Attachment: Resolution 09-23

RESOLUTION 09-23

“Adoption of MORPC's 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda”

WHEREAS, members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Board and the Regional Data Advisory Committee collaborated to create a robust and well-defined 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda was adopted by MORPC Members on May 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Data Agenda was in need of update and revision to support MORPC's ongoing vision of a diverse community of local governments and stakeholders collaborating on data-related practices, opportunities, and tools to support regional growth and vitality in the Central Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda now provides a framework for the goals and objectives that guide MORPC's Regional Data Advisory Committee, working groups, members, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Action Item 1 is “Foster value-added interactions among local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the use of data through robust sharing of best practices, analytics, and research in support of improved data-driven decision making in our region”; and

WHEREAS, Action Item 2 is “Educate & Inspire: Provide and champion learning opportunities to increase technical capacity and appropriate leveraging of data; catalyzing local governments and other stakeholders to adopt improved methods in support of better-informed decision making in our region”; and

WHEREAS, Action Item 3 is “Scale & Support: Help empower local governments and other stakeholders to incubate and fund data-related pilot projects and develop talent, while ensuring existing efforts are sustainably supported in our ever-changing regional landscape”; and

WHEREAS, Action Item 4 is “Expand & Include: Identify barriers and provide solutions to improve inclusive and equitable data access across our region”; and

WHEREAS, Action Item 5 is “Secure & Protect: Promote renewed focus on the security and resilience of systems and data through best practices and policy reviews with local governments and other stakeholders in the region”; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to furthering data initiatives that contribute to the overall health, quality of life and economic prosperity of the region; now therefore

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

Section 1. That it supports and adopts the 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda.

Section 2. 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 3. 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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: August 10, 2023

Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning

Prepared by: Dave Dixon, Director of Data Analytics & Strategy

Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21

For action date: August 10, 2023

Attachment: 2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda

2023-2025 Regional Data Agenda

(1) CONVENE & COLLABORATE

Foster value-added interactions among local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the use of data through robust sharing of best practices, analytics, and research in support of improved data-driven decision making in our region.

Partner Regionally: Create partnerships and collaboration among local governments and other stakeholders to leverage resources and expertise for data-related projects and initiatives.

Share Information: Engage local governments and other stakeholders to develop data-sharing agreements to improve decision-making. Develop and implement data models to support this objective and operationalize analyses that generate insights from the data.

Engage the Community: Increase the number and scope of MORPC member, private sector and community organization participants in the Regional Data & Information Users Group (RIDG), Central Ohio GIS Users Group (COGUG), and annual Data Day event.

(2) EDUCATE & INSPIRE

Provide and champion learning opportunities to increase technical capacity and appropriate leveraging of data; catalyzing local governments and other stakeholders to adopt improved methods in support of better-informed decision making in our region.

Address Bias: Lead the regional conversation on data bias and model bias to improve the use and future development of data and models to empower decision makers in local government and other stakeholders to better serve diverse communities.

Explore & Leverage AI: Develop example artificial intelligence (AI) policies, use cases, and methods for improving employee productivity and service delivery, while aiming to mitigate misinformation and avoid other unintended consequences. Engage the community on appropriate uses of AI to ensure both accuracy and fit of purpose.

Inspire Novel Analytics: Showcase data analytics applications for public service by featuring successful implementations to help local governments and other stakeholders toward realizing improved outcomes.

(3) SCALE & SUPPORT

Help empower local governments and other stakeholders to incubate and fund data-related pilot projects and develop talent, while ensuring existing efforts are sustainably supported in our ever-changing regional landscape.

Track Job Quality & Equity: Support a holistic approach to how the region captures and evaluates job quality data and equity gaps in the workforce system, empowering local governments and workforce boards to pursue coordinated strategies toward better employment outcomes.

Support Pilots: Assist local governments and K-12 schools in securing sustainable funding sources and planning pilot programs or other new data-centric initiatives focused on the critical policy areas of workforce development, education, transportation and housing.

Evaluate & Learn from Pilots: Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of data-related pilots, and use this feedback to continually improve and refine strategies and approaches. Share lessons learned and success stories to aide in replicating success.

(4) EXPAND & INCLUDE

Identify barriers and provide solutions to improve inclusive and equitable data access across our region.

Identify Data Needs: Document and prioritize unmet data-related needs of local governments and other stakeholders to enhance data equity and access.

Partner on Digital Equity: Work with local governments and other stakeholders to develop and host digital equity-centered workshops, and connect individuals to data policy resources which will help Central Ohio to be at the forefront of digital equity and related data governance practices.

Improve Access to MORPC Data: Support decision makers in local government and other stakeholders through more convenient access to publicly available data sets and related documentation, such as methods, reports, and community-level insights.

(5) SECURE & PROTECT

Promote renewed focus on the security and resilience of systems and data through best practices and policy reviews with local governments and other stakeholders in the region.

Build Cybersecurity Capacity: Establish a Regional Data Advisory Committee cybersecurity working group, focused on advising local municipalities cybersecurity matters of elevated importance within the civic sector.

Partner on Cybersecurity: Work with local governments and other stakeholders to assess the feasibility and utility of facilitating local government and community organization cybersecurity self-assessments, aimed at advancing security improvements.

Assess Shared Savings Opportunities: Explore potential MORPC member organization cost savings through joint purchasing or shared cybersecurity services with the aim of lowering the cost burden and/or enabling existing funding for services to afford additional protections.



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director, Interim Senior Director of Programming

DATE: July 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 10-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority for Transit Supportive Infrastructure”**

Resolution 10-23 authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and receive funds to administer the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) program component of the LinkUS initiative.

Launched in 2020, the LinkUS initiative is a collaboration between COTA, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and Franklin County (together, the LinkUS Partners) to implement high capacity, rapid transit and expand integrated mobility solutions across Central Ohio. Much work has been completed over the last three years including a LinkUS Framework (2020), LinkUS state of Mobility report (2021), LINKUS Community Action Plan and significant project development work on the initial three high capacity transit corridors. More information is available at www.linkuscolumbus.com.

A component of the LinkUS initiative is to increase access to transit through transit supportive infrastructure (TSI). TSI can be described as facilities that improve access to transit such as pedestrian, bicyclist, and other safety and accessibility enhancements. Legislative amendments in 2022 to the Ohio Revised Code Section (ORC) 306.354 provide for MORPC to oversee and administer a TSI Program including the Policies, the development of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and Capital Improvement Budget (CIB).

MORPC in partnership with COTA has been leading meetings and workshops over the past year with jurisdictions throughout the COTA service area to develop the structure and process for the TSI program. The work has progressed to the point that MORPC and COTA are ready to formally set up the TSI program per the ORC and have developed an IGA detailing the roles and responsibilities of each organization in the TSI program administration. This agreement includes COTA providing funds to MORPC beginning in 2024 for TSI program administration.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Groomes
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

Attachment: Resolution 10-23



RESOLUTION 10-23

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority for Transit Supportive Infrastructure”

WHEREAS, the LinkUS initiative is a collaboration between the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and Franklin County (together, the LinkUS Partners) to implement high capacity, rapid transit and expand integrated mobility solutions across Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a subset of the LinkUS initiative is to improve transit service and to increase access to transit through transit supportive infrastructure (TSI), which COTA is enabled to fund pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 306.354; and

WHEREAS, Section 306.30 to 306.50 of the ORC vests the COTA Board of Trustees with the power to oversee COTA, including service planning and financial management; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will serve as the program administrator for the TSI Program as defined by ORC Section 306.354; and

WHEREAS, COTA will provide to MORPC as outlined in the attached Intergovernmental Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into an IGA in substantially the form as attached and accept funding from COTA to administer the TSI 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.

Erik Janas, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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| Effective date: | August 10, 2023 |
| Submitted by: | Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director, Interim Senior Director of Programming |
| Prepared by: | Programming Staff |
| Authority: | Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21 |
| For action date: | August 10, 2023 |
| Attachment: | Master Transit Supportive Infrastructure Agreement |

**MASTER TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRAL OHIO
TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (**COTA**) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (**MORPC**) agree to this Master Transit Supportive Infrastructure Agreement (the **Agreement**) as of August 10, 2023.

BACKGROUND

A. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will develop a transit supportive infrastructure program (the **Program**) under the LinkUS Initiative Action Plan in partnership with COTA.

B. Under the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program, COTA will provide funds from the new sales tax initiative to fund the program.

C. MORPC serves as the program administrator for the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 306.354.

D. In consideration of the mutual obligations and duties described in this Agreement, COTA and MORPC agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

Section 1. Definitions.

In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in the body of this Agreement, capitalized terms used in this Agreement where the rules of grammar would not otherwise require capitalization are defined in the attached **Exhibit A**.

Section 2. Term.

The Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program's first term shall commence August 10, 2023 (the **Commencement Date**) and shall end, when terminated by both parties (the **Termination Date**).

This Agreement shall be effective from its date through and including the Termination Date.

Section 3. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program Funding.

(a) *COTA Sales Tax*. The Central Ohio Transit Authority Board of Trustees will be

asking voters to approve a new funding solution to pay for transit resources within their service area boundary at a date to be determined. Current 0.25% permanent and 0.25% ten-year renewal sales tax receipts fund COTA operations. A new request to COTA service area voters would make a full 1.0% sales tax collection permanent. COTA will provide funding for the Transit Supportive Infrastructure program based on revenue received from the new increased levy, if passed.

(b) *Additional Funding Sources.* Eligible entities for program funding will/may utilize other local, state, private, or federal resources to fund their projects above and beyond Transit Supportive Infrastructure funding.

Section 4. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program Administration Costs.

The annual administrative costs of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program are hereby determined to be:

2023 - \$0

2024 - \$100,000

2025 - \$200,000

2026 and subsequent years administrative costs will be subjected to a 3.0% annual increase in rate.

The discounted rate for 2023 and 2024 reflects the limited amount of work due to the sales tax increase not going before COTA service area voters.

COTA will be expending a portion of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure funding for transit authority TSI administration and auditing purposes.

If COTA's service area changes during the term of this agreement, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith the Transit Supportive Infrastructure program administrative costs.

Section 5. Payment of Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program Administrative Costs.

MORPC shall bill installments of the cost of the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program administrative costs to COTA January 1 of each year beginning in 2024 (each a Bill Date). COTA shall remit payment by February 1.

COTA shall utilize local match for administrative costs in 2024. Subsequent bills from MORPC to COTA will only be sent if the COTA Sales Tax Levy passes in the November 2024 General Election. This agreement will automatically terminate if the COTA sales tax ballot initiative or any part of the ballot initiative related to Transit Supportive Infrastructure fails or is subsequently removed and/or terminated unless COTA and MORPC mutually agree in

writing to continue the agreement.

Section 6. COTA Service Plan.

COTA will provide a service plan to be utilized by the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committees to plan the five-year capital improvement plan. The COTA Short Range Transit Plan (**SRTP**) will be provided to the Committees every two years as COTA updates it to be used in the merit criteria for project selection. Exhibit C of the agreement shall include a map of the COTA service area, fixed route system, and the most current SRTP.

Section 7. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Committees.

The Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program will be made up of governing bodies including a Leadership Committee (**LC**), Technical Working Groups (**TWG**), and a Technical Coordinating Committee (**TCC**) to carry out various duties as assigned.

The COTA Board will approve the committee structure guidelines as set forth in Exhibit B. If municipalities outside of COTA's current service area join the COTA service area and subsequent sales tax zone, COTA shall determine how to incorporate them into the Transit Supportive Infrastructure committee structure if at all.

Section 8. Transit Supportive Infrastructure Definition and Guidelines.

The definition and project eligibility guidelines for the program will be decided on by the LinkUS partners and Transit Supportive Infrastructure entities through a collaborative approach. The document shall be included as Exhibit D and updated at least every four years alongside the development of the CIB and CIP.

Should there be a discrepancy about project appropriateness to meet the definition, the ultimate approval shall be up to the COTA.

Section 9. Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Improvement Budget.

A Capital Improvement Plan (**CIP**) and Capital Improvement Budget (**CIB**) shall be maintained by MORPC administrative staff dedicated to the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program.

Section 10. COTA Staff Responsibilities.

COTA shall provide a main point of contact to coordinate administrative efforts

between MORPC and the COTA Board of Trustees.

COTA roles include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Federal compliance with the FTA and FHWA
- Financial structure to coordinate grants/reimbursements
- Compiling grant agreements with each subrecipient
- Providing COTA service area maps and the Short-Range Transit Plan for development to the MORPC liaison
- Subrecipient compliance
- COTA Board coordination
- Participation in all Transit Supportive Infrastructure committees and administrative functions
- Submit annual sales tax revenue collections for development of the CIB

Section 11. MORPC Staff Responsibilities.

MORPC is responsible for overseeing the administration of the program.

MORPC roles include but are not limited to the following:

- Coordination with COTA Transit Supportive Infrastructure liaison
- Administering and overseeing the Transit Supportive Infrastructure program
- Convening all Transit Supportive Infrastructure committees
- Guiding the committees to recommend Transit Supportive Infrastructure policies/guidelines
- Developing and maintaining the CIB and CIP
- Developing the data and evaluation criteria for project selection

MORPC commits to one (1) full-time staff member to administer the program as well as additional staff support from the Programming, Data & Mapping, and Communications & Engagement teams.

Section 12. COTA Board of Trustees Responsibilities.

The COTA Board is responsible for approving the policies and guidelines, the CIP, and the CIB. COTA staff will negotiate individual contracts granting municipalities the funds to implement Transit Supportive Infrastructure projects. The COTA Board will have the power to approve or decline the individual contracts granting municipalities the funds to implement Transit Supportive Infrastructure projects.

Section 13. MORPC Transportation Policy Committee Responsibilities.

The Transportation Policy Committee will review and incorporate the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program into the metropolitan transportation planning process and associated documents, specifically, the Transportation Improvement Program, as appropriate.

[Signature Page Immediately Follows]

THE CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

By: _____

Name: Joanna M. Pinkerton

Title: President/ CEO

THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

By: _____

Name: William Murdock

Title: Executive Director

[Signature Page to Master Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

Definitions

- A. **COTA** means, Central Ohio Transit Authority
- B. **MORPC** means, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- C. **Agreement** means memorandum of understanding between COTA and MORPC for the Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program
- D. **Program** means the agreed upon policies, structure, and guidelines for transit supportive infrastructure
- E. **Commencement Date** means the official start date of the agreement between COTA and MORPC
- F. **Termination Date** means the date COTA and MORPC agree to terminate the agreement together.
- G. **Fund** Those funds provided by COTA, and any other entity for Transit Supportive Infrastructure to MORPC for the purposes listed in this Agreement.
- H. **Bill Date** means the annual date MORPC will bill COTA for administrative costs
- I. **SRTP** means the COTA Short Range Transit Plan
- J. **LC** means the Leadership Committee
- K. **TWG** means the Technical Working Group
- L. **TCC** means the Technical Coordinating Committee
- M. **CIP** means the Capital Improvement Plan
- N. **CIB** means the Capital Improvement Budget
- O. **Notice Address** means:

As to COTA:

Central Ohio Transit Authority
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Attn: Joanna M. Pinkerton

As to MORPC:

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Attn: William Murdock

EXHIBIT B**COTA Transit Service Area Map****EXHIBIT C****COTA Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)****EXHIBIT D****Ohio Revised Code**

HB 338 of the 134th General Assembly

(C) A regional transit authority to which this section applies may do any of the following:

(2) Use the proceeds of a tax levied under section 5739.023 of the Revised Code for the general construction or maintenance of roads, bridges, greenways, pathways, bikeways, or pedestrian underpasses or overpasses related to the provision of service by the regional transit authority that do not otherwise constitute a transit facility;

(D) Prior to funding projects described in division (C)(2) of this section, a regional transit authority shall enter into agreements with the applicable counties, municipal corporations, and townships located within the regional transit authority's territorial boundaries to fund such projects.

(1) The regional transit authority shall submit each agreement for approval to the governing board of the applicable designated metropolitan planning organization.

(2) The metropolitan planning organization shall, on at least an annual basis, review and approve or deny any agreement submitted to it by an affirmative vote of its governing board and shall notify the regional transit authority of the approval or denial.

(3) The regional transit authority shall expend funds only as authorized in an approved agreement



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Robert Williams, Senior Director
Residential Services

DATE: August 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 11-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 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 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant agreements for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, total \$5,902,358. These funds represent a combined amount that includes funds for territories previously serviced by the provider GLS and the traditional MORPC territory zip codes. The BIL funds in this grant agreement are to be spread out over a 4-year period.

Additionally, the previously approved non-BIL HWAP amounts for both MORPC and former GLS territories are larger than originally anticipated. While the agreements are not yet available, these are anticipated to remain one-year agreements for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The award amounts have been provided, and these now total \$3,361,883.

Together, all HWAP funding noted above totals \$9,264,241.

Attachment: Resolution 11-23

RESOLUTION 11-23

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 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 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant agreements for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 total \$5,902,358 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; and

WHEREAS, the previously approved non-BIL HWAP amounts for both MORPC and former GLS territories are larger than originally anticipated and approved by the Commission in June (Resolution 07-23) and now total \$3,361,883; 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 July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 BIL Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) funds for a total of \$5,902,358 and for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 non-BIL HWAP funds for a total of \$3,361,883 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.

Erik J. Janas, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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