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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Transportation Policy Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee

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

**DATE:** July 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution T-8-23: "**AMENDING THE SFY 2024  
PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**"

Resolution T-8-23 amends the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add a new work element and remove a work element.

Resolution T-8-23 will add a new work element, Mobility Management ODOT Regional Supplemental 2023 (67433-3000), to the PWP to support Region 6 Human Service Transportation Coordination Mobility Management. MORPC holds the Regional Mobility Coordinator role for the nine (9) county Central Ohio region. Work element 67433-3000, with a budget of \$300,000 from ODOT, will continue the regional accessibility goals and strategies from the Regional Mobility Plan.

T-8-23 also removes the Paving the Way work Element (66544-0400) from the SFY 2024 PWP. Over the past year, MORPC staff analyzed the effectiveness of the site, interviewed several users, and observed the website's stats to determine its usefulness as a service. Our conclusion is that the separate Paving the Way service is no longer a useful or necessary tool for Central Ohio. After July 31st, users and visitors will be redirected to the State of Ohio's OHGO site.

Attachment: Resolution T-8-23

RESOLUTION T-8-23

**"AMENDING THE SFY 2024 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM"**

WHEREAS, following review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the Transportation Policy Committee accepted the MORPC Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 202 by Resolution T-6-23; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is providing MORPC \$300,000 in funding for our mobility management activities with no match required; and

WHEREAS, a new work element as shown in the attachment has been developed to be added to the SFY 2024 PWP; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2024 PWP includes Work Element 66544-0400, Paving the Way with a budget of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, MORPC staff analyzed the effectiveness of the site, interviewed several users, and observed the website's stats to determine its usefulness as a service and concluded that the separate Paving the Way service is no longer a useful or necessary tool for Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its July 31, 2023 meeting, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its August 2, 2023 meeting recommended approval to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That it hereby amends the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) to add the work element as shown in the attachment.
- Section 2. That it hereby amends the SFY 2024 Planning Work Program (PWP) to remove work element 66544-0400, Paving the Way.
- Section 3. That staff is authorized to make such changes to the work elements as are needed to satisfy clarifying comments from the Ohio Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Transportation, but which do not change the intent of an activity.
- Section 4. That this resolution be forwarded to ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration as evidence of acceptance of this amendment by the Transportation Policy Committee.
- Section 5. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

Prepared by: Transportation Staff  
Attachment: State Fiscal Year 2024 Work Element 67423-3000 Budget Adjustment

## Mobility Management ODOT Regional Supplemental 2023

This work element will support mobility management coordinating programs among public, private and human service transportation providers that serve older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes. Mobility management will focus on increasing access to service by increasing awareness, coordinating services and addressing barriers to achieve a more efficient transportation system. MORPC maintains the locally developed Coordinated Plan (Regional Mobility Plan) for the MPO and administers the FTA's Section 5310 funding for the Columbus urbanized area. This element specifically refers to the regional work of the Regional Mobility Plan.

MOPRC works with existing mobility managers in the MORPC MPO area, Licking County, the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) counties, ODOT's Human Service Transportation Coordination Regions (HSTCR) 5 and 6 and ODOT's Office of Transit for a more regional multi-county approach to the Coordinated Plan now called the Regional Mobility Plan. The Regional Mobility Plan is a nine-county partnership of ODOT's HSTC Region 6 including Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Logan, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties.

| Product: Method  | Agency/ies:   | Schedule:                             |
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| Engagement: Work with human service agencies, municipalities, transit agencies, private providers, and the public to address gaps in understanding and awareness of mobility options for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income populations.               | FTA, MORPC, LCATS, COTA, DCT, CORPO in ODOT HSTC Region 6 | <i>Progress through June 30, 2024</i> |
| Increase capacity: Address the gaps and needs identified in the Regional Mobility Plan that impact transportation capacity. Work with current transportation providers and stakeholders to improve coordination and increase capacity                                      | FTA, MORPC, LCATS, COTA, DCT, CORPO in ODOT HSTC Region 6 | Progress through June 30, 2024        |
| Information coordination: Facilitate regional collaboration among transit agencies and private transportation providers to develop operational planning for technology that coordinates the transportation system, mode eligibility, and trip arrangement for users.       | MORPC, COTA, LCATS, LCT, DCT, PICCA, UCATS, KCT, LFCT     | Progress through June 30, 2024        |
| State and local coordination: Convene the Regional Mobility Plan Steering Committee to exchange best practices, provide feedback on urban and rural program progress, to assist in tracking the Regional Mobility Plan Action Plan (Goals and Strategies) providing input. | FTA, MORPC, LCATS, COTA, DCT, CORPO in ODOT HSTC Region 6 | Progress through June 30, 2024        |

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| <p>Awareness and accessibility: Develop a regional inventory (Gohio Mobility) of accessible transportation options, travel training, scheduling/routing software etc. Track barriers to transportation caused by cost, benefit coverage, geography, language, age, ability, infrastructure and accessibility challenges. Incorporate inclusive transportation in to MORPC's Transportation Demand Management and Active Transportation Plans.</p> | <p>FTA, MORPC, LCATS, COTA, DCT, CORPO in ODOT HSTC Region 6</p> | <p>Progress through June 30, 2024</p> |
| <p>Training and Professional Development: Develop a skilled team of mobility professionals to tackle the regional goals of the Regional Mobility Plan. Training will include American Public Transit Association (APTA), Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA), and Easter Seals opportunities among others.</p>   | <p>MOPRC</p>   | <p>Progress through June 30, 2024</p> |

**Related Activities:**

- 5310 Designated Recipient-2023 (see 67413-3000)
- Transit and Human Services Planning (see 60154-3000)
- Transportation Services (Ridesharing) (see 66714-3000)
- Mobility Management (see 67423-3000)

**Budget**

Total Work Element Budget: \$300,000      \$0 FTA \$300,000 ODOT \$0 MORPC  
Spent Previous Year(s): \$0  
Remaining Work Element Budget: \$300,000