



MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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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, November 9, 2023
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair
 - **Nominating Committee Report** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Interim Secretary

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Interim Chair

Michelle Crandall
Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

- **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
- 3. **Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
- **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
- 4. **Proposed Resolution 15-23: “Accepting the Village of West Jefferson as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director

Committees

- 5. **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Chair
- 6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – David Scheffler (City of Lancaster), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
 - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
- 7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair
 - **RAPID 5 Update** – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning
- 8. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair
 - a. **Call to Order** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin, MORPC Interim Chair
 - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report** – Nick Gill, Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
 - c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **October 12, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

- d. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Nick Gill,
Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
- e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose
Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

9. Commission Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of **October 12, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

10. Other Business

2:45 p.m.

11. Adjourn – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

**PLEASE NOTIFY KELSEY MATSON AT 614-233-4149 OR kmatson@morpc.org
IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Ben Kessler
Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: November 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Interim Replacement

Background:

Erik Janas, former Executive Committee representative from Franklin County, left in August 2023. Franklin County recommends Kris Long as his replacement on the Executive Committee.

Nominating Committee Members:

On October 12, 2023, Interim Commission Chair Chris Amorose Groomes appointed five members to the Nominating Committee.

- Ben Kessler, Chair, City of Bexley
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township
- Greg Lestini, Franklin County, serving as a volunteer, non-voting advisor

Recommendation:

In consultation with the Nominating Committee members, and the Executive Committee concurred, it is recommended that the Commission fill the Executive Committee vacancy left by Erik Janas with Kris Long on an interim basis. The interim appointment is effective until the Nominating Committee presents a full slate of recommendations for the Executive Committee representation to the Commission for consideration at the annual meeting, scheduled for February 2024.

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MORPC Monthly Agency Report

October 2023

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CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PROSPERITY

Advocacy

Team Members released a Capital Budget call for proposals and guidance to MORPC members. MORPC provided a legislative update document for MORPC members, staff, and legislators.

Team Members met with State Representative Brian Lorenz and State Senator Andrew Brenner regarding traffic and transportation infrastructure in the region.

MORPC submitted proponent testimony on House Bill 257 (Virtual Meetings).

Team Members organized a panel discussion on Transportation Policy and the Environment for the Summit on Sustainability.

Gohio Commute

MORPC launched the first carpool program at a business in Union County. Team Members participated in the City of Delaware's Employer Workforce Resource Expo.

Active Transportation Planning

The next Active Transportation Committee meeting is December 12.

A working group comprised of members from the Attributable Funds Committee and the Active Transportation Committee are reviewing the MORPC Complete Streets Policy to determine if updates are needed.

MORPC is hosting the Trails and Active Transportation quadrant meetings in November to bring together local agencies and other partners interested in collaborating on cross-jurisdictional trail and active transportation projects. The meeting schedule is:

- Southwest Region: Wednesday, November 8, 10 a.m.-Noon, MORPC
- Northeast Region: Tuesday, November 14, 10 a.m.-Noon, MORPC
- Southeast Region: Thursday, November 16, 10 a.m.-Noon, MORPC

The City of Dublin hosted the Northwest Region meeting on October 24. This effort is supplemental to the work being completed through the LinkUS TSI committees and will include additional partners.

MORPC hosted a virtual group viewing of the October APBP monthly professional development webinar. The next webinar is November 15. The title is, *"How to Keep a Statewide Plan off the Shelf, Pedestrian Planning in Minnesota."* These webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov at jpetrov@morpc.org if interested in attending

Transportation Safety

Presentation materials from the 2023 Central Ohio Transportation Safety Forum are available on MORPC's website at www.morpc.org/event/regional-transportation-safety-forum/.

Team Members participated in two walk audits led by the Delaware Public Health District in collaboration with Ohio Wesleyan University and the City of Delaware. The walk audits were conducted in and around downtown Delaware.

MORPC participated in the following safety committee meetings and events:

- Ohio Traffic Safety Council's Safety Belt Task Force
- Franklin County Safe Communities Coalition
- Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review
- Ohio Traffic Safety Office Distracted Driving Media Event

Team Members attended and presented at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference on active transportation and transportation safety topics.

Technical Assistance Program

The application window for the 2024 Technical Assistance Program closed October 13. Two applications were received for active transportation planning services. Award details will be finalized and announced November 3.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The Designing Local consultant team is under contract to complete the COG Wayfinding Strategy. The team met with stakeholders and drafted a recommended signage strategy. They also integrated Trail Towns concepts into the wayfinding strategy. Over the next month, Designing Local will be accepting comments from the project Steering Committee on the Signage and Pavement Marking chapter of their report.

Cycle Forward is under contract to complete the COG Trail Town Framework Urban Expansion project. The team met with select communities in Franklin County along the Ohio to Erie Trail to learn more about their interests, needs, and concerns with a Trail Town Program. The final project report is out for project Steering Committee comments and was finalized at the end of October.

COG hosted a Trail Forum in Westerville on October 12. The results of the Trail Towns Project, updates to the Wayfinding work, community trail spotlights, and other tourism-related topics were shared.

Central Ohio Blueways

One of the breakout sessions at the Summit on Sustainability featured three Blueways Advisory Panel members focusing on issues related to the overlaps between the promotion of outdoor recreation on Central Ohio's waterways with considerations for sustainability and water quality. The Advisory Panel will meet again later this year to continue discussions and considerations regarding a more permanent Steering Committee structure.

MORPC continues to work with an OSU capstone class in the Environment, Economic Development, and Sustainability Program to develop a Sustainable Access Point Design Guideline. The students met with Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed to visit access point sites along the Olentangy and to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of those existing designs.

RAPID 5

At their September board meeting, the RAPID 5 board unanimously voted to establish RAPID 5 as a land trust for Central Ohio. The board also hired Broadview Talent to assist with the search for a new Executive Director. MORPC is working with RAPID 5 to develop a strategy on how to best support local governments and agencies interested in advancing RAPID 5. Team Members continue to provide transitional support to RAPID 5, which includes assisting with processing speaker requests and presentation needs. Stay up to date with RAPID 5 news and events at rapid5.org. MORPC's main contact for the RAPID 5 initiative is Chief Regional Strategy Officer, Kerstin Carr at KCarr@morpc.org.

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

The next Sustainable Advisory Committee meeting is December 13 at the Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley.

Sustainable2050

Congratulations to the City of Mount Vernon for joining as a Sustainable2050 member. Sustainable2050 met September 28 and received program updates and a presentation on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). The group also discussed priority actions and projects that may be considered for a regional funding application, with the announcement of the CPRG competitive implementation grants.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met October 25 with presentations on the status of the Sustainable Columbus One Water Plan and on current water projects and planning efforts in the region. The Farming for Clean Water project continues to move forward with some additional outreach efforts to secure engagement for a focus group and survey.

With the Commission's approval, Team Members are preparing for the next steps to advance a regional water study with funding from the state. This includes early planning for a regional water council that will expand the scope of our water work beyond the Upper Scioto watershed.

Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work

MORPC continues to verify and update facility planning area (FPA) boundaries for wastewater treatment and water quality management plans. Team Members, in collaboration with Ohio EPA, will schedule more focused meetings with interested parties in Licking and Delaware Counties around the topics of water quality, wastewater service areas, and wastewater service provision.

Energy & Air Quality

The next Energy & Air Quality Working Group meeting is November 29. The working group is recruiting candidates who are interested in serving as either Chair or Vice-Chair. Email recommendations to Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

Team Members are developing the report of major findings for the City of Columbus 2022 Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

MORPC collaborated with RMI and Sustainable Columbus on the October 10 Cash in on Clean Energy event at COSI. The event featured an opening panel moderated by former U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, Columbus City Council Member Emmanuel Remy, the OSU Sustainability Institute Associate Director Mike Shelton, and MORPC Executive Director William Murdock.

MORPC has issued no air quality alerts for the Columbus region since July.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

Team Members to work with Franklin County Public Health to produce a final report from the pilot air monitoring study, with the goal of reviewing and finalizing the report in early November. MORPC is also moving forward with the U.S. EPA air monitoring project. The Team submitted the quarterly grant report and draft Quality Assurance Project Plan to U.S. EPA for review and is in process of confirming members for the project advisory committee (PAC). The goal is to host the first advisory committee meeting in November and continue meetings on a quarterly basis.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

The next Regional Data Advisory Committee meeting is January 23, 2024. RDAC will review working group proposals for their SMART goals. The working groups will be working on Workforce & Job Quality; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Cyber Security; Data Day; and Regional Data Coaches projects and initiatives.

- Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group: Due to a reorganization of the working group classifications, the two projects the Working Group was focusing on, Data Day 2024 and Data Coaches Resource, have been split into two groups. Planning for Data Day 2024 continues. In response to the Call for Proposals, which was sent out last month, Staff met with several interested individuals regarding potential sessions and sponsorships for the event. The Regional Data Coaches Working Group will host its first meeting to review and finalize its Impact Statement. Guided by this statement, the working group will then discuss and finalize the Regional Data Coaching Tool's key features, audience, and contributors.

- Local Government Resources Working Group: In alignment with the new Regional Data Agenda, members of this working group decided to wind down. Prior to dissolution, the group is documenting and archiving its work products so that they may be used by others in the future. Group members expect that work products related to the Data Policy Resource Library will serve as a resource for the Data Coaches envisioned by Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group.
- The next Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) Steering Committee meeting is November 14. The next full RIDG meeting is December 6.

Data & Research Activities

The Commission approved the 2023 sub-county population estimates and 2024 member dues at the October 12 meeting. MORPC is grateful for the feedback provided by member communities, which often included additional housing permit data. The population estimates were published on the Population Resource Hub website.

Cultivate Geospatial delivered the Active Transportation Network Tool. Team Members are working to refine the data inputs to create a network to show access for bicyclists and pedestrians. This allows for various drop-down travel scenarios and will provide useful information to the casual GIS user, once the network is best available.

Team Members attended the Ohio GIS Conference and the URISA GIS Pro Conference to network with other government agencies and learn about projects in the region and presented on the Active Transportation Network Project at the Pro Conference.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

To celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, MORPC presented a Coffee and Chat on October 15 with guest speaker Lillian Morales from Empowering Latinas Leadership Academy.

Team Members participated in The Ohio State University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion Career Day on October 17.

MORPC is a member of the Columbus Partnership's DE&I Leaders Forum and attended the October 17 quarterly meeting at Smart Columbus on October 17. The diversity working group discussed new ways to retain and recruit diverse talent.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Team Members met with representatives of the U.S. Economic Development Administration to identify key next steps to take after receiving the Central Ohio Economic Development District designation.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

All candidate projects are mapped in GIS. Team Members developed a database to compile project evaluation data. Project evaluation criteria were shared with members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and other interested parties at a special session of the CAC on October 26. Team Members prepared cost estimates for candidate projects. Staff developed a funding forecast to understand the availability of transportation funds in our region through the year 2050.

Mobility Management

The Regional Mobility Plan Steering Committee (RMPSC) met. The RMPSC will vote on changes and updates to the Regional Goals and Strategies relevant to the Mobility Management plan. MORPC participated in the Regional Workforce and Healthcare Transportation Workgroup with rural counties. MORPC hosted the Franklin County Mobility Advisory Committee meeting to present survey results for Franklin County and review progress made on local goals and strategies.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

Team Members supported applicants with their 5310 grant requests and started to review submissions for accuracy. Staff worked with vehicle vendors to secure more accurate information on delivery timelines.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

MORPC participated in the Central Ohio Workforce Transit Plan Steering Committee Workshop #3. Team Members attended COTA's groundbreaking for the Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center.

Staff spoke at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference about Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) and participated in the MORPC Summit on Sustainability with a panel titled LinkUS: Smart Planning for a Sustainable Future. MORPC held Technical Working Group Quadrant meetings and the Technical Coordinating Committee of the TSI Program.

Route 23 Connect Study

Team Members provided support to ODOT and the consultant team in resuming the Community Partners meetings and developing meeting materials.

Intel Area Long Range Planning Support

The Consultant Selection Committee, made up of MORPC, LCATS, and ODOT staff, reviewed proposals and responses to the RFP. The team selected a consultant team and notified all applicants.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

The public comment period for the draft 2023-2050 CORPO Transportation Plan (CTP) ended October 27. CORPO held a virtual public open house on October 19. CORPO identified a steering committee to develop the CORPO Safety Action Plan. The kick-off meeting was November 6. The CORPO Committee met November 6.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

The Attributable Funds Committee met in October to begin discussing potential revisions to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds. Coordination began on considering revisions to MORPC's Complete Streets Policy.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

The District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) met October 20 to hear presentations from applicants for each of the projects requesting FY 25 SCIP/LTIP funding.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

The priority list of applications from the MORPC area was presented to TRAC members at the Central Ohio regional public hearing on October 25.

Federal Competitive Programs

The Drive Investment Portal is in the final stages of development and will be released on MORPC's website before the end of the year.

MORPC is working or assisting on several federal funding applications:

- COTA and City of Columbus on three federal applications that will assist in the development of the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit Corridor
- Supported U.S. DOT SMART grant applications – COTA; NW 33 Innovation Corridor Council of Governments; OSU
- Collaborated with NextNav Consultants and OSU to submit an application for the SMART grant FY 23.

MORPC sought comments on its draft proposal to the HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Through competitive grants, PRO Housing will provide \$85,000,000 in funding for communities across the country to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Applicants may request up to \$10,000,000 in funds for activities that further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. A public comment period was promoted on our website, through social media posts, and a legal ad in the Columbus Dispatch. MORPC Hosted an Open House October 18 to obtain comments. The public comment period closed October 28. The application is available on MORPC's Regional Housing Strategy [webpage](#) and will remain there once submitted. Proposals are due November 6.

MORPC is working with the City of Columbus on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to lead regional elements for the planning process. We are forming a regional working group, the CPRG Strategy Subcommittee, to support regional outreach efforts and provide input into the planning process. Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health, and Alana Shockey, City of Columbus, are co-chairs. The Subcommittee meets November 1 and December 7. Additionally, MORPC will conduct a Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the ten-county planning area and work with our partners to expand our outreach.

MORPC submitted letters of support for the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority's statewide application for the Federal Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund which includes a Solar for All program. The program focuses on solar installations for low-income and disadvantaged households and multifamily properties.

Brownfield Assessments

Team Members worked with consultants to prepare the final quarterly report for the FY 2019 U.S. EPA Brownfield grant close out and began developing the application for the FY 2024 U.S. EPA Brownfield grant.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

Clean Ohio applications were due in September. MORPC is working with the District 3 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) to complete the scoring process. NRAC meets November 6 to vote and recommend projects for funding to OPWC. For more information, contact Edwina Teye at eteye@morpc.org or visit: <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/clean-ohio-conservation-fund/>.

Money Mondays

MORPC hosted the following Money Monday sessions:

- October 2 – Ohio Homeland Security
- October 16 – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- October 23 – Franklin County and Columbus Affordable Housing Funding/Strategies
- October 30 – Delaware County Affordable Housing Funding/Strategies
- November 6 – Impact of A.I. and How it can be a Helpful Tool in Crafting a Grant Application

Upcoming sessions:

- November 13 – T-Mobile Hometown Community Grant Program
- November 20 – Rural Housing Funding
- November 27 – Central Ohio Greenways
- December 4 – State and Federal Budgeting Compliance

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

Team Members prepared and delivered Return On Investment materials to member governments. Packets included a personal letter from the Executive Director, spreadsheet with benefit details for their government, and a summary of MORPC accomplishments in 2023.

Staff completed eight member visits.

Local Government Summer Intern Program

Plans are underway to launch the 2024 intern recruiting season. Enhancements that are under consideration include the addition of an Intern Coordinator to strengthen the program and provide year-round coordination.

Educational Partnerships

Promotion of the educational partnerships provided by several local colleges and universities takes place throughout the year. These are updated on the MORPC website and are listed under the Member Benefits section.

With Ohio University, MORPC will host the kick-off class for the *Essentials in Governing Course* in March of 2024. MORPC continues to promote special forums and master's degree open houses.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- October 17 – Rural Mobility Event: Trails & Tourism Economy
- October 26 – Summit on Sustainability, Hilton Columbus Downtown

Upcoming Events

- November 9 – Pre-commission Luncheon with Tracey Hadden-Loh, Brookings Institution
- November 28 – Regional Planning Southeast, City of Circleville
- February 7, 2024 – Data Day
- 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 our website:

- Leaders Listen: Sustainability Survey
- 5310 Program Funding
- Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization draft Transportation Plan
- Technical Assistance Program
- PRO Housing Grant Application Draft Proposal

Team Members participated in the following public engagement and outreach events:

- September 30 – Franklin County Auditor's Fall Affordable Housing Fair
- October 19 – Franklin County Engineer's Touch-A-Truck (community partner)
- October 19 – YWCA's Activist and Agitators (sponsor)

BUILD VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

Community-Based Planning Assistance

The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program (CBPA) is open and available for community assistance requests. Members may learn more about or request assistance from the CBPA by visiting <https://www.morpc.org/community-based-planning-assistance/>. Contact Jonathan Miller at jmiller@morpc.org with any questions or to discuss potential ways that MORPC may provide assistance.

Consultant Services Program

Team Members held several meetings with consultants in the planning and zoning fields in Central Ohio. The Prequalification and Assistance Request window has been extended to November 10.

Planner Pool Program

Members are invited to submit applications for assistance from the Planner Pool Program. MORPC will begin reviewing and fulfilling requests for assistance this fall, following the onboarding of new staff who will join current team members in providing direct planner assistance to member communities.

MORPC in the News

Links to press releases and news article for the month are available at www.morpc.org/MORPCInTheNews

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Community Development Intern Darcy Maas began October 24
- GIS Intern Abdi Muse began October 24

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Associate Engineer/Planner/Modeler
- Economic Development Planner
- Energy Auditor

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:

- Vehicles for MORPC's Vanpool Program and Vanpool Fleet Support Services (closes November 15)
- Defense and Community Partnership Services, 2024-2026 (closes November 10)
- Government Relations Services, 2024-2026 (closed November 6)
- 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
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FROM: William Murdock, Executive Director

DATE: October 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 15-23: **“Accepting the Village of West Jefferson as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On October 16, 2023, the Village Council of the Village of West Jefferson passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts the Village of West Jefferson as a member of MORPC, which helps meet the desire of MORPC’s membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

The net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership and assessed to the Village of West Jefferson in the amount of \$284.

Attachment: Resolution 15-23

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 15-23

“Accepting the Village of West Jefferson as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the Village of West Jefferson recognizes the need for collaborative, cooperative planning in order to ensure continued growth and prosperity; and

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

WHEREAS, the Village of West Jefferson has petitioned for membership in MORPC; and

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

WHEREAS, the Village of West Jefferson will be assessed dues based on the 2022 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, the Village Council of the Village of West Jefferson passed a resolution accepting the conditions of membership contained in MORPC’s Articles of Agreement; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the Village of West Jefferson is accepted as a member of MORPC effective November 9, 2023.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed by the Village of West Jefferson is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net dues will be pro-rated as of the date of membership (November 9, 2023) and assessed to the Village of West Jefferson for 2023 in the amount of \$284.
- Section 4. That the Village of West Jefferson is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Village based on standard MORPC rates.
- Section 5. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 6. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Interim Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	November 9, 2023
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	November 9, 2023



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12, 2023
Time: 2:37 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rozland McKee
Dick Angelou for Nancy White	Jennifer Gallagher	Eric Meyer
Karen Angelou	Tom Homan	Megan O'Callaghan
Herb Asher	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Cornell Robertson
Kristen Atha	James Jewell	Lauren Rummel
Lee Bodnar	Emily Keeler	Kimberly Sharp
Ben Collins	Ben Kessler	Alana Shockey
Tina Cottone	Benjamin King	Thom Slack
Michelle Crandall	Bill LaFayette	Ike Stage
Karl Craven	Greg Lestini	Christie Ward
Christina Drummond	Kris Long	Andrew Williams
Kristen Easterday	Kim Maggard	Tim Wilson
Brad Ebersole	Steve Mazer	
	Rory McGuinness	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

Jeff Benton	Christine Houk	Lori Sanders
Ron Bullard	Monica Ireland	Jim Schimmer
Jennifer Fening	Laurie Jadwin	Steve Schoeny
Dave Gulden	Haley Lupton	Joe Stefanov
Chris Harkness	Glenn Marzluf	Robyn Stewart
Daryl Hennessy	Eric Richter	Andy Volenik

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Franklin Christman	Ben Stahler
Stephanie Bosco	Bill Habig	
Jamie Brucker	David Scheffler	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Joy Evangelista	Bill Narducci	Evelyn Warr-Omness
Sam Filkins	Nick Shultz	RC Wise
Mark Mauter	Matt Starr	

Associate Members Attending Remotely

Kristy Hawthorne	Kristin Sutton
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Meeting Called to Order – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

Interim Chair Chris Amorose Grooms called the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [Metropolitan Planning Organization Report](#). MORPC adopted the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) priorities last month. MORPC and project sponsors will present the priorities to TRAC on October 25. We are unsure how the Connect 4 money included in the state budget is to be distributed. Connect 4 is \$500 million allocated for large rural projects that may not compete well through the normal TRAC funding process. It is our understanding that the Connect 4 funding goes through the TRAC process. One of MORPC's priority projects is in Fairfield County and qualifies for Connect 4 funding.

MORPC is taking applications for FTA 5310 funding. The deadline for applications is October 23. The deadline for applications for the Technical Assistance program is October 13.

Mr. Gill highlighted a few ODOT funding programs. ODOT is providing funding for communities to develop their own active transportation plan. There is also funding available for safe routes to schools planning. The Ohio Rail Crossing program has \$100 million available to provide for rail crossing safety types of improvements.

MORPC is setting up the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Committees for LinkUS. We are having meetings and getting groups together. We broke the area into four quadrants to bring communities together to identify and evaluate projects. The committees will have a draft program by the end of the year or early next year.

The Attributable Funds process kicked-off last week. The Attributable Funds Committee is reviewing and updating the policies. Members of the committee, along with a subgroup of the Active Transportation Committee, are looking at the Complete Streets Policy to make sure both policies align.

The Active Transportation Committee met September 12. The Cities of Reynoldsburg and Powell recently adopted Complete Streets Policies.

MORPC serves on the Ohio Safety Belt Task Force and the new Pedestrian Safety Working Group. We presented on safety issues at the State Motorcycle Safety Association, the 2023 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Annual Conference and are presenting at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) next week.

MORPC received four proposals in response to the RFP for the Intel area to provide long-range planning support. The selection committee met this morning to review and select the consultants.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

A motion was made to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill presented the [2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#) and reminded members of what the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is and why it is important. People can continue to comment on existing projects on the interactive web map. Team Members are evaluating which projects to include based on the adopted goals. The Community Advisory Committee requested a special session providing more details of how projects are evaluated. The session is October 26.

Next steps include a fiscal analysis, finalizing a draft list of strategies and projects in November, community presentations November through January, and MTP adoption in May 2024.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Interim Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Grooms	Christina Drummond	Steve Mazer
Dick Angelou for Nancy White	Brad Ebersole	Rory McGuiness
Karen Angelou	Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rozland McKee
Joe Antram	Jennifer Gallagher	Eric Meyer
Herb Asher	Bill Habig	Megan O'Callaghan
Kristen Atha	Tom Homan	Cornell Robertson
Lee Bodnar	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Lauren Rummel
Stephanie Bosco	James Jewell	David Scheffler
Jamie Brucker	Emily Keeler	Alana Shockey
Franklin Christman	Ben Kessler	Ike Stage
Ben Collins	Benjamin King	Ben Stahler
Tina Cottone	Bill LaFayette	Christie Ward
Michelle Crandall	Greg Lestini	Andrew Williams
Karl Craven	Kris Long	Tim Wilson
	Kim Maggard	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Jeff Benton	Monica Irelan	Steve Schoeny
Ron Bullard	Laurie Jadwin	Nick Shultz
Joy Evangelista	Haley Lupton	Matt Starr
Jennifer Fening	Glenn Marzluf	Joe Stefanov
Sam Filkins	Mark Mauter	Robyn Stewart
Dave Gulden	Bill Narducci	Andy Volenik
Chris Harkness	Eric Richter	Evelyn Warr-Omness
Daryl Hennessy	Lori Sanders	RC Wise
Christine Houk	Jim Schimmer	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Kristen Easterday	Kimberly Sharp	Thom Slack
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Meeting Called to Order – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

Interim Chair Chris Amorose Groomes called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interim Chair Amorose Groomes appointed the following to the 2024 Nominating Committee:

- Ben Kessler, City of Bexley, Nominating Committee Chair
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township
- Greg Lestini, Franklin County, serving as a volunteer, non-voting advisor

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

Eileen Leuby welcomed new Franklin County member representative Kris Long. Ms. Leuby welcomed guests Henry Deanda, OSU Knowlton Senior; Grayson Hart, Sustainable Columbus; and Roberto Burga, Sustainable Columbus.

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

William Murdock announced that earlier this week MORPC hosted a Housing Forum with the National Association of Realtors. The national group came to Columbus to learn what we are doing. On the same day there was a national forum on clean energy at COSI.

MORPC is close to hiring the Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Sr. Director of Programming.

The passenger rail announcement is expected in November. We continue working behind the scenes to try to make sure one or two routes out of Columbus are selected.

MORPC began work on Justice 40, the new federal initiative that affects a lot of the grants we pursue. The initiative makes sure we are looking at disadvantaged communities in urban and rural areas. We are partnering with COTA, the Columbus Partnership, Smart Columbus and hired a consultant, CityFi, to help our communities know how to tell the story. We are also going to work with the Human Service Chamber to help non-profits partner with local governments on grant opportunities.

Mr. Murdock shared how the media environment is complicated. MORPC recently appeared in several articles on non-regular news sites that appear to be written by artificial intelligence. We are evaluating how to respond. This may be a new reality for our communities. MORPC could be a resource for you or a collaborator as we all try to learn how to navigate this concern.

MORPC issued Return on Investment statements to members this week. Contact Eileen Leuby with questions. We update the information provided every year based on member feedback.

Mr. Murdock introduced MORPC's new Economic Development Director & Regional Innovation Officer Padmini Roy-Dixon. Ms. Roy-Dixon is excited to be a part of MORPC and is looking forward to contributing and creating an environment for prosperity in Central Ohio. Her previous work experience includes international affairs at The Ohio State University, the Ohio Department of Development, and banking.

MORPC is applying for the HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing grant. We are requesting \$10 million over five years to focus on innovative housing proposals (update the Regional Housing Strategy, housing design, zoning code templates, home repair, and weatherization). The public comment period is October 13-28. The application is available at www.morpc.org/RHS. There is a public open house October 18 at MORPC.

Due to events in Washington, the Columbus Region Coalition Washington DC Staff visit is postponed until early next year.

Mr. Murdock gave a RAPID 5 update. They engaged a consultant firm to help find the new executive director. The board approved RAPID 5 to become a land trust for Central Ohio. This allows private property owners to donate land to the trust for conservation purposes. MORPC is working with RAPID 5 to explore the studio side of the project (technical assistance, help with vision on plans, etc.).

Resolution 14-23 on today's agenda is a major new partnership with Ohio EPA on water planning. MORPC is working separately with Ohio EPA on 208 sewer planning. We continue to talk to Ohio EPA about developing a regional mechanism.

The October 26 Summit on Sustainability at the Hilton Columbus Downtown is almost sold out.

Upcoming events:

- Trails & Tourism Economy – October 17, 10 a.m., Hocking Hills Lodge & Conference Center
- Pre-Commission Luncheon – November 9, 12 p.m., MORPC – Guest speaker Tracy Hadden-Loh, Brookings Institution
- Region Update Breakfast Southeast Area – November 28, 9 a.m., City of Circleville

Mr. Murdock congratulated David Scheffler on his selection to be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. The ceremony is November 9 at the Fawcett Center.

MORPC hosted a Big Table Discussion on October 11. Topics included housing, transportation, climate, and economic development. Mr. Murdock thanked MORPC Team leaders Kerstin Carr and Niel Jurist.

Committees

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director

Nick Gill, filling in for Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) Chair Mark Forrest, reported the CORPO draft long-term transportation plan is on CORPO's website for review. The public comment period runs through the end of October. Team Members met with the seven CORPO county subcommittees to get feedback on the projects to include in the plan. The draft plan includes 276 projects totaling \$4.6 billion. The draft plan is proposed for adoption at the November 6 CORPO meeting.

The Safe Streets 4 All Safety Action Plan Kick-off Event is November 6. Creating a safety action plan will make projects in the CORPO area eligible for implementation dollars for future Safe Streets 4 All funding rounds.

There was \$2 million available for CORPO dedicated funds. We received requests totaling \$1 million. The evaluation committee recommended funding all requests. CORPO will adopt funding

commitments at their November 6 meeting. We will go through a second round of solicitations for the remaining \$1 million available.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Christina Drummond (City of Powell) Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair

Christina Drummond presented the [Regional Data Advisory Committee Update](#). The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) is organizing into working groups to address the priority Regional Data Agenda areas (Cybersecurity; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Workforce Tracking; Data Coaches; and Data Day). The new working groups will develop impact statements and propose activities and goals to the committee. If you or your staff are interested in participating in a working group, reach out to the appropriate MORPC staff facilitator.

The second annual Data Day is February 7, 2024, at Ohio University's Dublin campus. The call for proposals for speakers and sessions is open until December 4. Contact Jonathan Miller with speaker or topic recommendations. Event registration opens in November.

The Leaders Listen: Sustainability survey is closed. We heard from over 2,000 area residents across 140 different zip codes. The survey results will be presented at the October 26 Summit on Sustainability.

- **Proposed Resolution 13-23: “Establishing population estimates as a basis for 2024 annual participation fees to be assessed members” – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning**

Kerstin Carr presented the [2023 Population Estimates & 2024 Member Dues](#). No additional feedback was received from members after presenting the 2023 population estimates last month. Dr. Carr thanked members and their staff for working with MORPC to ensure the estimates are reasonable. The per capita rates were adopted previously via Resolution 06-23.

Tom Homan made a motion to approve Resolution 13-23, second by David Scheffler; motion passed.

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

David Scheffler presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Mayor Scheffler thanked Columbus City Council Member Rob Dorans, Gambier Village Administrator RC Wise, and Joe Garrity for joining the Mayor to testify to the Senate Select Committee on Housing a couple weeks ago. They spoke about the importance of zoning reform to encourage housing development. Senator Michele Reynolds from Canal Winchester hosted the session. She is hosting other sessions around the state.

The Congressional Staff visit was postponed due to the expected federal shutdown until early 2024.

The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is November 29.

- **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:

- No government shutdown
- No Speaker of the House

- State Capital Budget
- Strategic Community Investment Fund
- HB 257 – virtual public meetings
- Competitive Bidding Threshold
- Property tax relief
- November Election

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

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Mayor Kessler announced the last day to register for the October 26 Summit on Sustainability is October 13. For more information, visit morpc.org/summit.

MORPC is forming a subcommittee to position Central Ohio for \$4.6 billion available through the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The CPRG Strategy Subcommittee, co-chaired by Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health, and Alana Shockey, Sustainable Columbus, will assist the core grant project team led by MORPC and the City of Columbus. Grant applications are due April 1. Contact Brian Filiatraut for more information or if interested in participating.

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is December 13 in Bexley. The next Sustainable2050 meeting is December 7.

- **Proposed Resolution 14-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into and administer a contract for up to \$500,000 with the State of Ohio or any state affiliated organization to support the development of a 15-county comprehensive study to inform current and future water supply and demand as well as provide recommendations for water infrastructure, management, and innovative reuse” – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning**
Kerstin Carr presented the [Regional Water Study](#). The Ohio EPA is initiating and working with other state agencies to oversee and fund a Comprehensive Water Study for Central Ohio and has asked MORPC to support some of its technical and engagement work. The water study will cover MORPC’s 15-county region and focus on identifying existing and future anticipated water supply and demand. Comparing both water supply and demand gives a better understanding whether we can expect a surplus or deficit of water in the region. Assuming we will likely face a water supply deficit, the study will conduct best practices research and evaluate and prioritize water management, conservation, and protection strategies. The study will produce a regional recommendations report for the region and by geographic area and water provider around new or expanded water-related strategies, regional collaboration, and costs.

It will also help inform current and future demand for irrigation, drinking water, and commercial/industrial process water on Central Ohio’s groundwater, surface water, as well as wastewater capacity and infrastructure needs – and provide Central Ohio utilities with data needed to plan and build infrastructure most efficiently to serve our growing population. Other outcomes include:

- Determine regionalization options to encourage multijurisdictional collaboration, inform state funding and ensure investments are done in a meaningful, sustainable way.
- Inform water storage needs and determine where additional source water protection areas need expanded.
- Provide county Soil and Water Conservation districts data on where expected growth and development will occur to enhance watershed protection efforts.

- Identify and promote integrated flood management projects to protect vulnerable areas.

The goal is to have an RFP out by end of this year, a consultant selected in early next year, and the study completed within ten to twelve months.

Dr. Carr recognized Tiffani Kavalec, Policy Director at the Ohio EPA's Director's Office.

Joe Antram made a motion to approve Resolution 14-23, a second was made; motion passed.

- **Sustainable2050 Member Recognition – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC Sustainability Officer**

Brandi Whetstone presented the [Sustainable2050 Member Recognition](#). Ms. Whetstone welcomed the newest Sustainable2050 member, the City of Mount Vernon. Ms. Whetstone thanked and congratulated Mayor Starr and his team. Sustainable2050 is a voluntary program for MORPC members. Membership is confirmed by passing a resolution committing to the program and the goals of the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

The City of Columbus is recertifying as a Sustainable2050 member. They are a platinum certified community. They are recertifying under the current regional sustainability agenda, which was significantly expanded since their initial certification. Ms. Whetstone thanked and recognized the Sustainable Columbus Team of Bethany Bella, Roberto Burga, Erin Beck, and Alana Shockey.

Ms. Whetstone gave an overview of the certification process. Members certify at the bronze, silver, gold, or platinum level based on the number of points earned. The prior framework included 52 total actions or strategies. The current framework includes 107 actions and includes an Equity Champion designation when they achieve ten diversity, equity, and inclusion points.

Ms. Whetstone highlighted some of the City's accomplishments from each of the four Regional Sustainability Agenda goals. The City of Columbus earned 121 points with 31 diversity, equity and inclusion points certifying them Sustainable2050 Platinum plus Equity Champion.

Transportation Policy Committee – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

Interim Chair Amorose Groomes called the Transportation Policy Committee Session to order at 2:37 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:52 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

David Scheffler made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, a second was made; motion passed.

Other Business

Kim Sharp thanked Commission members. COTA received 145 letters of support for the recently submitted Neighborhood Access and Equity grant application for the West Broad Bus Rapid Transit corridor. COTA also submitted a Federal Transit Administration transit-oriented development grant to look at the 17 stations along West Broad Street to encourage denser mixed-use development including affordable housing. ODOT awarded COTA dollars to analyze corridors four and five in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Interim Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission