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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, December 14, 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 Update](#)** – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), Nominating Committee Chair
 - **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Interim Chair

Michelle Crandall
Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

3. **Executive Director's Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
4. **Proposed Resolution 19-23: “Accepting Brown Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
5. **Proposed Resolution 16-23: “Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2024”** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director and Shawn Hufstedler, MORPC Chief Operating Officer

Committees

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
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, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
 - c. **2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Nick Gill, MORPC Interim Senior Director of Programming & Transportation Study Director
 - d. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
 - 1) Approval of **November 9, 2023 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

2) **Proposed Resolution T-16-23: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**

- e. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Interim Chair

9. **Commission Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of **November 9, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Proposed Resolution 17-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into contract with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vanpool fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program”**
- c. **Proposed Resolution 18-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide state government relations services for the Central Ohio Region”**
- d. **Proposed Resolution 20-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide defense and community partnership services for the Central Ohio region”**
- e. 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 SHARI SAUNDERS AT 614-233-4169 OR ssaunders@morpc.org IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.

The next Commission Meeting is
Thursday, February 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Ben Kessler, Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: December 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Nomination of Executive Committee Members

Background:

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

The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:

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

The Nominating Committee Members:

As announced at the October 12, 2023, Commission meeting, Commission Chair Chris Amorose Groomes appointed the following five members of the Nominating Committee.

- Ben Kessler, Committee Chair, City of Bexley
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Frankin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township

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Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:

Several Executive Committee positions do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee. For information, these are listed below:

- 1) **Immediate Past Chair:** Vacant
 - 2) **In second year of current two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2025)**
 - a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County
 - b) Ben Kessler (2023), Mayor, City of Bexley
 - c) Kristen Atha (2023), Director of Public Utilities, City of Columbus
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Nominating Committee Recommendations:

The Nominating Committee convened on November 2, November 15 and December 7, 2023, and made the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which will be reported at the December 14, 2023, Commission meeting and considered at the February 8, 2024 Commission meeting:

The nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2025)

- **Chair:** Chris Amorose Groomes, Council Member, City of Dublin
- **Vice-Chair:** Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
- **Secretary:** Ben Kessler, Mayor, City of Bexley

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

- 1) **For renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2025)**
 - a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Benefits & Compensation, City Manager, City of New Albany
 - b) Nancy White (2017), Chair of Investment & Reserve, Fiscal Officer Mifflin Township
 - c) Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Chair of Bylaws, Director of Public Service, City of Columbus
 - d) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), City Council, City of Dublin
 - 2) **For renewal of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2026):**
 - a) Michelle Crandall (2020), City Manager, City of Hilliard
 - 3) **For new two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2026):**
 - a) Kris Long (2024), Deputy Director, Franklin County
 - b) TBD XXXXX (2024), Franklin County
 - c) Laurie Jadwin, (2024), Mayor, City of Gahanna
 - d) Matthew Starr, (2024), Mayor, City of Mount Vernon
 - e) Hayley Lupton, (2024), Administrator, Village of Plain City
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Notes:

- 1) The year after each name refers to the first year of the member's current service on the Executive Committee. For example, Pat Smith (2017) means that Pat Smith's first term began in 2017 and they have served continuously since then.

- 2) Per the bylaws, Executive Committee members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms. One-year extensions are available if serving as an officer or committee chair.



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MORPC Monthly Agency Report

November 2023

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Gohio Commute

The Area 20 Workforce Development Board is collaborating with MORPC and Mid-West Fabricating to launch a vanpool program aimed at addressing the transportation barrier to employment in Fairfield County. As one of the largest manufacturers in the area, Mid-West Fabricating aims to attract and retain a skilled workforce by providing additional transportation options for employees and potential hires, thereby supporting their growth. This pilot will demonstrate how vanpooling can serve as a rural solution for transportation issues faced by businesses in Fairfield and surrounding counties. Mid-West Fabricating's first vanpool begins December 1.

Active Transportation Planning

A working group comprised of members of the Attributable Funds Committee and the Active Transportation Committee is reviewing the MORPC Complete Streets Policy to determine if updates are needed. An overview of discussion items and potential policy changes will be presented to the Active Transportation Committee on December 12. An additional working group meeting may be held in January 2024 to finalize any policy changes.

MORPC hosted a virtual group viewing of the November APBP monthly professional development webinar. The next webinar is December 20 on the topic of Beyond Quick-Build Towards Resilient Treatments for High-Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure. The webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov at jpetrov@morpc.org if interested in attending.

The next MORPC Active Transportation Committee (ATC) is Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a hybrid option.

Transportation Safety

MORPC participated in the following safety committee meetings:

- Two Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Meetings
- Ohio Traffic Safety Council Pedestrian Safety Working Group
- ODOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee
- Ohio Traffic Safety Council Safety Belt Task Force

Technical Assistance Program

MORPC announced the 2024 MORPC Technical Assistance Program award winners: Franklin Township (Franklin County) and Jefferson Township (Franklin County). Services are focused on active transportation planning in their respective communities.

Central Ohio Greenways (COG)

The COG Board met November 15 and heard about the State Capital Budget request process and a RAPID 5 update.

Since the April relaunch of the Outdoor Trails Pass partnership with Experience Columbus there has been a significant increase in the number of people interacting with and using the pass. Over 1,000 people have checked into destinations along the COG trails since April. We continue seeing 150 to 200 new check-ins monthly. MORPC will be requesting local government input in a 2024 update by encouraging them to submit trail itineraries highlighting destinations accessible by trail in their communities.

A Trail Alerts page was added to the COG website to communicate trail closures and detours. Partners are encouraged to share their trail closures with MORPC. In 2024, MORPC will support a Trail Closure and Detours Steering Committee to develop guidelines for managing and communicating trail closures and detours.

The Designing Local consultant team met with stakeholders and drafted a recommended signage strategy for the COG Wayfinding Strategy. They also integrated Trail Towns, Public Art, and Placemaking concepts into the wayfinding strategy. The project is expected to conclude Spring 2024.

Cycle Forward completed the COG Trail Town Framework 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 expected to be available on the MORPC website by the end of November.

The Trail Development Working Group is supporting Regional Partnership Meetings during November. Communities were encouraged to share progress on trail project and planning efforts, align their efforts with neighboring communities, and submit proposed changes to the Regional Trail Vision.

COG received partial funding for a Natural Asset Mapping effort from the Columbus Foundation. When fully funded, the project will provide data to support holistic decision-making around how development impacts the sustainability of our region's watersheds.

Central Ohio Blueways

The Central Ohio Blueways Advisory Panel will complete their work on drafting Water Trail Designation templates in December. The templates will be used as a starting point in 2024 when the Central Ohio Blueways Steering Committee convenes with waterway stakeholders to advance efforts towards State Water Trail Designation. The Steering Committee's first meeting is in February of 2024.

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 presented their final project posters at the Environmental Professional Network event on December 5. Their final reports are available through the OSU Knowledge Bank Archive beginning December 11.

Team Members are updating the Central Ohio Blueways webpage. Planned updates include additional information on how to be a good water steward and how to paddle safely on rivers and streams. Team Members are also working towards curating predetermined routes that highlight our waterways for different age groups. The curated routes should be available sometime in 2024.

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

The next Sustainable Advisory Committee meeting is December 13 at the Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley. The agenda includes updates on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and the competitive funding opportunity geared toward implementing pollution reduction strategies captured by the planning process. MORPC is confirm member appointments for 2024.

Sustainable2050

Sustainable2050 met December 7. Agenda items included MORPC program updates and member discussion about 2024 priorities and themes. In late October, MORPC convened a meeting with Sustainable2050 members to inform them about recent misinformation reported by a local media outlet about Sustainable2050. Team Members shared their recommendations and next steps. Staff gave an update at the December 7 meeting.

Sustaining Scioto Board

The Sustaining Scioto Board met December 6.

- Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

The Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team met November 16 and heard a presentation from Brian Brandt on the Farms Under Threat report by the American Farmland Trust. The findings of the analysis which can be accessed at both the state, county, and sub-county levels show that between 2001 and 2016, 11 million acres of farmland and ranchland were converted to urban and highly developed land use (4.1 million acres) or low-density residential land use (nearly 7 million acres). The working group continues to strategize on how to recruit new members to the working group and identify ways to effectively support the broader goals of the larger Sustaining Scioto Board. The next meeting is January 18.

Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work

MORPC held two stakeholder meetings with officials in both Licking and Delaware Counties as part of the water resource planning work on behalf of Ohio EPA. During the meetings, officials shared current and future wastewater plans. The parties also provided comments on facility planning area boundaries and wastewater prescriptions as part of the GIS data layer creation. Additional meetings will be held in December to discuss facility planning area overlaps as part of updating the state's Water Quality Management Plan or 208 plan.

Energy & Air Quality

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met November 29 and heard updates on funding opportunities and MORPC programming. Additionally, the Working Group began to discuss topics to hone in on in 2024. The Working Group is recruiting candidates who are interested in serving as either the Chair or Vice-Chair. Email recommendations to Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org.

The New York Times interviewed MORPC's Sustainability Officer about the proposed updates to the federal particle pollution (PM2.5) standards and the region's steady air quality improvement. The article also mentioned Ohio Air Quality Development Authority and their role in providing assistance and resources to businesses trying to meet clean air requirements.

Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/U.S. EPA Project

Team Members continue to move forward with the US EPA air monitoring project and will be coordinating with Ohio EPA next to test the low-cost PurpleAir sensors used for the projects alongside their regulatory monitors to validate sensor performance. Data collection can only start after the U.S. EPA approves the Quality Assurance Project Plan. The first project advisory committee meeting is December 15.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

MORPC continues its collaborative work with the City of Columbus and the rest of the core project team to lead regional planning and pollution mitigation actions. The regional efforts are being led by the CPRG Strategy Subcommittee (CSS) and its co-chairs Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health, and Alana Shockey, City of Columbus. The CSS met December 7 narrowing potential implementation projects for our regional application, focusing on high greenhouse gas reduction potential, low-income and disadvantaged community benefits, and scalability throughout the 10-county metropolitan statistical area. If you have any potential programming or general interest, reach out to Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

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.

- Data Day Working Group: Planning for Data Day 2024, (February 7, 2024, at Ohio University's Dublin Integrated Education) continues. Registration is now open: <https://www.morpc.org/event/data-day>. In response to the Call for Proposals, staff met with 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 Impact Statement, the Working Group will discuss and finalize the Regional Data Coaching Tool's key features, audience, and contributors.

- The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) met December 6 and covered Census Bureau's surveys and available data, accessing the data, and mapping the data for analysis. Further, the steering committee discussed membership and the chair position for next year with Rob Moore stating his willingness to continue in the position as RIDG Chair for the next year, being the last of two consecutive terms as chair. In general, Steering Committee terms and make-up were discussed, including bringing in one or two additional members for new ideas and fresh perspectives.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) met November 15 (GIS Day). As a part of Geography Awareness Week. The City of Dublin, Pickaway County, Licking County, and MORPC participated in the lightning round presentations, with updates from OGRIP and ODOT.
- The Workforce and Job Quality Working Group met December 7 to craft an impact statement, determine what activities to pursue, and decide on a SMART goal.

Data & Research Activities

Team Members collaborated to produce the Leaders Listen: Sustainability survey. Working with Measurement Resources Company (MRC) and The Columbus Dispatch. We collected responses from over 2,000 area residents across 140 zip codes. Results were shared at the Summit on Sustainability. An Actionable Insights report will be produced to share the results with Central Ohio stakeholders in the coming months.

MORPC published the 2023 sub-county population estimates on the Population Resource Hub website.

Team Members continue to develop county-level forecasts of households/housing by type to better predict future housing needs. This is an extension to existing county forecasts for households and housing in general. Household types may include people living alone, two or more working-age adults with children, families with children, and adults of retirement age. Housing types may include attached housing, single-family small lot, and single-family large lot.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Team Members participated in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce's DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access) Symposium. The topic was "The Future of DE&I," and attendees uncovered cutting-edge trends and transformative innovations shaping the path for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

MORPC served as a community partner in the Franklin County Board of Commissioners Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Inaugural diversity conference. MORPC was featured in the vendor space with a resource table and highlighted in the sponsorship program.

DRIVE INVESTMENT

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Team Members submitted MORPC's semi-annual CEDS report to the Economic Development Administration. Multiple meetings were held between MORPC and the Economic Development Administration to strategize how the Columbus Region Economic Development District (CREDD) can be successful.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Activities include:

- Developed and reviewed draft strategies.
- Evaluated candidate projects based on quantitative and qualitative criteria.
- Developed cost estimates for each project.
- Developed a preliminary funding forecast to estimate the amount of funds available for transportation projects in Central Ohio through 2050.

Mobility Management

Team Members attended the Transportation Advisory Committee meetings in Delaware, Union, Logan, Fayette, and Licking Counties. Staff helped review and revise local goals and strategies in each county.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

MORPC reviewed applications and met with an Advisory Committee to determine final selection for the Program of Projects.

LinkUS Mobility Initiative

The Transit Supportive Infrastructure committees and working groups continued to meet to identify priority projects. In coordination with the MTP process, data for candidate rapid transit corridors were developed to evaluate the next two corridors to enter an alternative analysis phase. The LinkUs partners reviewed the information with additional analysis to occur before section of the corridors and their inclusion into the draft MTP project list.

LinkUS partners, led by Franklin County Engineer's Office, submitted a funding application for a general engineering contract that will ready more projects for the TSI funding pipeline.

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)

In November CORPO held a kickoff meeting with stakeholders to launch an effort to develop a Safety Action Plan for its seven-county area with assistance from MORPC. As part of this effort, CORPO is seeking stakeholder input regarding local road safety issues and opportunities and to help identify key priorities for the plan. The planning process includes review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users, such as motorists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and emphasizes the [Safe System Approach](#).

CORPO adopted the 2024-2050 Transportation Plan at their November 6 meeting. CORPO also adopted three projects to use \$1.1 million of CORPO dedicated Funding and will open an additional solicitation for the \$1 million still available.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Team Members prepared a TIP amendment for consideration by CAC, TAC, and the Transportation Policy Committee in December. Additionally, coordination with ODOT is ongoing for smaller administrative modifications to the TIP.

MORPC-Attributable Funding

The Attributable Funds Committee received draft policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds on November 21. On December 6, the committee will consider approval of the policies for public comment.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

MORPC Team Members provided draft scores to District 3 applications for FY25 SCIP/LTIP assistance. Staff was available to meet with applicants to discuss scores and provide clarification where needed. District 3 PWIC will review the scores at the December 1 meeting.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

TRAC continues to evaluate applications for the 2024-2027 program. At the November 15 TRAC working session, ODOT announced that an additional \$392 million in funding through the Connect4Ohio program was awarded to fill funding gaps in existing TRAC projects. The program is aimed at connecting rural areas with employment centers, build on previous phases or aligned projects, and reduce or eliminate the need for local contributions where appropriate. Four projects from the MPO received a total of \$36.6 million in new support through this program.

Federal Competitive Programs

Team Members are executing the roll out plan for the Drive Investment Portal (DIP), which includes a soft release throughout November. The DIP will be released to be public during December's Commission meeting.

MORPC submitted a grant application to the United States Housing and Urban Development's Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing program. This application is titled FUTURE Program (Finding US Tomorrow's Universal Residential Experience) and requested \$10 million in funding. The funds will help update data used for MORPC's Regional Housing Strategy, as well as preserve and create affordable housing in Franklin County.

Team Members submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator program. The application, titled Central Ohio Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator, requested \$2 million in funding. The funds will allow MORPC to administer a program that repairs and replaces damaged electric vehicle charging stations throughout Central Ohio.

Brownfield Assessments

MORPC submitted a grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment program. This application requested \$500,000 in funding to help create a Brownfield inventory along LinkUS corridors to support equitable transit-oriented development. The funds will also enable MORPC to continue doing Brownfield testing throughout Central Ohio.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

Team Members continue CAP analysis to better understand what projects have the most significant equity. This will help prioritize what CAPs would score most competitively in a federal grant application. The analysis also studies which CAPs are most correlated to emerging technologies. This will be presented to One Columbus to help highlight regional priorities. • CAP was discussed with various Economic Development contacts at the county level.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

The Natural Resources Assistance Council met November 6 to approve projects for Clean Ohio funding. About \$1.5 million was awarded to three projects in this cycle (FY 2024). The Council next meets March 21, 2024, to approve the district's methodology. For fiscal year 2025, there is about \$5 million available for Clean Ohio funding. Preliminary screeners are encouraged and due on June 3, 2024. 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 23 – Affordable Housing
- October 30 – Delaware County Housing
- November 6 – Using AI for Grant Writing
- November 13 – T-Mobile Hometown Community Grant Program
- November 20 – Rural Housing Funding
- November 27 – Central Ohio Greenways

Upcoming sessions:

- December 4 – State and Federal Budgeting Compliance
- December 11 – Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability
- December 18 – Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)

PAY IT FORWARD

Membership Services

Staff completed two member visits.

Local Government Summer Intern Program

MORPC is accepting requests for summer interns. MORPC provides its members with the opportunity to secure talented college students for summer internships. Our members gain a fresh perspective from advanced students to complete tasks and projects while simultaneously providing students with valuable work experience. To become a host, complete one request per intern at https://morpc.formstack.com/forms/summer_intern_request. To learn more about the program visit <https://www.morpc.org/summer-internship-program/>.

Events

MORPC hosted/held the following events:

- November 28 – Regional Planning Update Breakfast for Southeast Area

Upcoming Events

- February 7, 2024 – Data Day
- March 15, 2024 – State of the Region, Hilton Columbus Downtown

Public Involvement & Engagement

MORPC promoted the Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization Draft Transportation Plan for public input through social media and our website.

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

The Consultant Services Program wrapped up the first round of prequalification for the areas of Comprehensive Planning and Zoning. Twenty-three consultants applied for pre-qualification. There are plans to expand upon some of the eligible project types in 2024 to include economic development and strategic planning projects.

Planner Pool Program

Members are invited to submit applications for assistance from the Planner Pool Program. A new Senior Sustainability Planner started with MORPC in November. Part of their role is to assist communities with sustainability-related projects like guidance on including sustainable practices in planning program areas, as well as providing assistance with best practices related to Community Climate Action Plans. A new Senior Planner on the Community Development Team is starting in December to assist with planning-related projects or assisting with gaps created from staff turnover.

MORPC in the News

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

Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) & Agency Budget

The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) for 2024 was submitted and is awaiting ODOT approval. The 2024 agency budget and appropriations are prepared and ready for Commission review and approval.

Personnel Updates

The following new Team Members recently started at MORPC:

- Customer Service Representative temporary employee Bambi Flint began November 7
- Sustainability Senior Planner Karina Peggau began November 14
- Programming Executive Assistant April Bumgardner began November 28
- Air Quality & Sustainability Program Coordinator Mauro Diaz-Hernandez began November 28

MORPC is currently recruiting for open positions:

- Economic Development Planner
- Data Management Intern
- Finance Director
- Strategic Director of Technology

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:

- 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-rfq/>.

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2024 Commission and Committee Meetings



MEETING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Executive Committee (1 st Thursday, 1:30-3:00 pm, Board Room)	-	1	7	4	2	6	-	1	5	3	7	5
Commission/Transportation Policy Committee (2 nd Thursday, 1:30-3:00 pm, Town Hall)	-	8	14	11	9	13	-	8	12	10	14	12
Community Advisory Committee (Monday, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Town Hall)	-	Jan 29	4	-	Apr 29	3	-	Jul 29	4	-	4	2
Transportation Advisory Committee (Wednesday, 9-10 am, Town Hall)	-	Jan 31	6	3	1	5	-	Jul 31	4	2	6	4
Attributable Funds Committee (Wednesday, 10 am-Noon, Town Hall)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	4 & 18
Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) Committee (Monday, 2:00-3:30 pm, Town Hall)	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Regional Data Advisory Committee (Tuesday, 1:00-2:30 pm, Board Room)	23	-	-	2	-	-	9	-	-	1	-	-
Regional Policy Roundtable (4 th Thursday, 11:30am-1 pm, Board Room)	-	29	-	-	23	-	-	22	-	-	21	-
Sustainability Advisory Committee (Wednesday, 2:30--4:00 pm, Board Room)	-	-	20	-	-	5	-	-	18	-	-	18



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Memorandum

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

FROM: William Murdock
Executive Director

DATE: December 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 19-23: **“Accepting Brown Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”**

On November 20, 2023, the Board of Trustees for Brown Township passed a resolution to join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This resolution accepts Brown Township as a member of MORPC, effective January 1, 2024, which helps meet the desire of MORPC's membership to continue to grow the organization for the benefit of a stronger Central Ohio region.

2024 dues will be assessed to Brown Township in the amount of \$1,683.

Attachment: Resolution 19-23

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Interim Secretary

RESOLUTION 19-23

“Accepting Brown Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)”

WHEREAS, the Brown Township 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 Brown Township 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 Brown Township will be assessed dues based on the 2023 population projections; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2023, the Board of Trustees for Brown Township 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 Brown Township is accepted as a member of MORPC effective January 1, 2024.
- Section 2. That the Bylaws provide that one (1) representative appointed Brown Township is eligible to serve as a voting member on their behalf at the MORPC Commission meetings.
- Section 3. That net dues will be assessed to Brown Township for 2024 in the amount of \$1,683.
- Section 4. That Brown Township is entitled to the same regular services of MORPC as are other members and that any special services will be purchased by the Township 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:	January 1, 2024
Submitted by:	William Murdock, Executive Director
Prepared by:	Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer
Authority:	Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date:	December 14, 2023



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Shawn Hufstedler
Chief Operating Officer

DATE: December 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 16-23: **“Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2024”**

This resolution establishes an agency operating budget of \$23,629,418 for calendar year 2024 and sets authorized appropriation levels for the agency operating and capital expenditures budget line items.

The full 2024 operating budget document with comparisons to the 2023 budget and an executive summary highlighting key elements of the 2024 budget is attached.

The proposed transfers are as follows:

- Transfer \$1,000,000 out of the Operating Reserve to the main operating account.
 - This transfer will only occur, if needed, in accordance with the operating reserve policy.
- Transfer \$1,000,000 into the Operating Reserve to transfer (if needed) member dues funding to increase the Operating Reserve and return the funds transferred as noted above, if applicable.
- Transfer \$100,000 out of the Operating Reserve to the main operating account.
 - This transfer authorization is for the management reserve, if needed, to fund new intended revenue-generating activity and/or relatively minor shortages in funding for certain programs.
- Transfer \$100,000 out of the main operating account to the Operating Reserve.
 - This authorization is for the purpose of transferring positive net income from certain program groups to be invested in the Operating and Management Reserves in accordance with the Operating Reserve Policy.

Attachment: Resolution 16-23

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 16-23

“Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2024”

WHEREAS, the Commission annually adopts the agency budget and fund account appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the finance team, working with the executive director and all MORPC departments, has formulated the 2024 Budget and fund account appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the 2024 Budget and fund account appropriations and recommends adoption; now therefore,

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

Section 1. That the operating budget attached as page 6 of the 2024 Budget is adopted.

Section 2. That the finance director is hereby authorized and directed to adopt the 2024 fund appropriations as shown below and transfer funds up to the amounts listed in the transfer appropriation lines below.

Fund No.	Org. No.	Franklin County Object Code	Account Title	2023 Appropriations Budget
9013	13570	510000	Salaries	\$7,932,362
9013	13570	515000	Fringe Benefits	\$3,051,104
9013	13570	520000	Services & Charges and Materials	\$10,835,678
9013	13570	539500	Board Member Reimbursements	\$30,000
9013	13570	554000	Grants to Non-Profit Organizations and Governments	\$1,590,587
9013	13570	540000	Capital outlay – Furniture, Equipment & Leasehold Improvements	\$120,000
			TOTAL	\$23,559,731
			Transfer for Building Maintenance and Improvement	
9043	43570	573300	Transfer Appropriation - Out	\$100
9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation - In	\$100
			Transfer for Operating Reserve	
9042	42570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$1,000,000
9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$1,000,000
9013	13570	573300	Transfer Appropriation - Out	\$1,000,000

9042	42570	473300	Transfer Appropriation - In	\$1,000,000
			Transfer for Management Reserve	
9042	42570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$100,000
9013	13570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$100,000
9013	13570	573300	Transfer Appropriation – Out	\$100,000
9042	42570	473300	Transfer Appropriation – In	\$100,000

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 the finance director is authorized and directed to make any necessary allocation changes within a single fund of the appropriations up to 5 percent of the total appropriations to accommodate operating and accounting requirements of the Commission.

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.

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

Effective date: January 1, 2024
 Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief Operating Officer
 Prepared by: Anthony Perry, Finance Director
 Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
 For action date: December 14, 2023
 Attachment: 2024 Budget



MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2024 BUDGET



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MORPC 2024 operating budget is \$23,629,418, an increase of \$397,704 (1.7%) from 2023's budget of \$23,231,714.

Looking toward 2024, MORPC's finances are strong. The agency will continue to make investments strategically, while also prioritizing the preservation of cash to ensure the long-term sustainability of its operations. With relatively high interest rates persisting, uncertainty continues around the national economy. However, MORPC remains optimistic – economic development projects in the region continue to grow, large amounts of federal funding are available to the region, and nationwide inflation is on the decline. This budget seeks to continue a balanced approach of using resources responsibly, while still targeting investments that will improve services for members and the region.

MORPC will continue to aggressively pursue grants and contracts that will benefit its members. While some increases have been budgeted, a mid-year budget amendment will be completed if needed to adjust for new funding and programs as we move through 2024.

This budget focuses on MORPC's Strategic Framework Goals, which include:

- Drive Investment;
- Pay It Forward;
- Create an Environment for Prosperity; and
- Build Value for Our Members.

MORPC is pursuing a number of initiatives to continue to advance these goals, which include the following:

Drive Investment

- To attract investment to the region and create opportunities for members and all of Central Ohio, MORPC will devote more resources toward efforts in the areas of economic development and regional investment. This includes fully funding the following positions: Economic Development Director, Regional Investment Officer, Economic Development Planner, Grants Coordinator, and Grants Intern. Some positions have been upgraded and funding is being continued for the others.
- MORPC will continue to support planning efforts around major projects, such as the Intel Project in Licking County. MORPC is budgeting funding received from ODOT to support this planning work.

Pay It Forward

- MORPC will continue to enhance public service leadership and build capacity in Central Ohio communities by training local elected officials and appointed leaders; provide extensive member-focused forums, briefings, and special events; and connect young leaders to public service through MORPC's Internship Program (including the addition of an Intern Program Coordinator to help manage this program).

Create an Environment for Prosperity

- MORPC will continue to deliver essential tools for the region to get better as it grows bigger, including expanded research, visual tools, and proactive briefings; continued expertise to tackle the housing challenge; and programs and tools to inform and drive sustainability and mobility efforts.

Build Value for Our Members

- In response to the challenges of growth and staffing in many of the region's local governments, MORPC has developed two new resources for planning assistance. This includes a staffing pool of planners available for short-term assignments with MORPC members to assist with planning and development staffing needs. We have also developed a task order consultant program to streamline the process for local governments to engage pre-negotiated services from a network of planning and development firms and consultants.
- MORPC will be an excellent steward of regional resources. In this budget, MORPC is using \$400,000 in funding to bolster its operating reserve, which will further strengthen MORPC's finances, improve financial resiliency, and support MORPC's 60-day or more operating reserve balance target.
- MORPC will continue to be a strong resource and collaborative forum for Central Ohio communities. MORPC members will continue to have access to the newly renovated space and will benefit from virtual meeting tools.
- MORPC continues to invest in Human Resources and Information Technology to remain a great place to work. To recruit and retain a high-quality workforce, and working with human resources professionals across the region, MORPC in 2024 is changing the income thresholds for the employee portion of its health care rate schedule so that more employees are in the less costly tiers; providing increased PTO to staff as a longevity bonus and through a Spot Award program; and offering free parking, EV charging, COTA passes via C-pass, and COGO membership to all staff. MORPC is also budgeting the addition of an IT intern to increase capacity.
- MORPC will continue to provide a strong return on investment (ROI) for all local government members.

The details below show some changing initiatives and new programs. Here are some notable highlights for 2024:

Residential Services

- An increase in funding for Residential Services (RS) is budgeted due to a dramatic increase in Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) funding. Funding is being increased from \$1,028,446 in 2023 to \$4,382,033 in 2024 due to MORPC's service area being expanded and Ohio Department of Development providing increased funding beyond MORPC's traditional HWAP service area. In addition to other initiatives being undertaken to increase efficiency and maximize revenue generation with MORPC's Weatherization Program, the increase in HWAP funding is helping to sustain the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program. In the 2023 budget, MORPC anticipated the need to subsidize over \$400K for Warm Choice. In part due to the receipt of increased HWAP funding, the actual amount is expected to be much less in 2023. MORPC is anticipating an approximately \$50K subsidy in 2024. MORPC will continue to evaluate all options to limit the budgetary impact from the program to the rest of the agency, while ensuring the continuance of critical services to families in need.

Programming and Planning

- A reduction in Programming funding is primarily the result of budgeting much less potential funding sources (also referred to as “NUC” or “not under contract”) in 2024 compared to 2023. MORPC continues to pursue new federal and other funding sources, but is essentially only budgeting funding sources that are very certain to be received, unlike in the past. MORPC will seek Commission approval and, if necessary, appropriation increases during 2024 if substantial new funding sources are received. Programming funding is also decreasing due to less being budgeted in 2024 compared to 2023 for FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program subgrant funds. The distribution of these funds has been highly variable and vehicle purchases for subrecipients are anticipated to continue to be delayed due to nationwide supply issues. Finally, there is a decrease in “Various Transportation Projects – Local.” This category is supported by, among other funding sources, local COTA funds in lieu of COVID relief funding. MORPC is anticipating using less COTA funds in lieu of COVID relief funding in 2024 compared to 2023.
- Planning is also budgeted for a decrease due to less potential funding sources being budgeted compared to 2023.

The Detailed Revenue by Department schedule, which is in the Appendix, shows additional detail on program fluctuations from year to year.

This budget also makes investments in staffing that will improve services for members, the region, and internal MORPC operations, and shows a relatively high level of turnover/soft funding associated with staffing based on recent turnover trends, which is consistent with the expectations of other organizations due to the current employment climate.

The fringe rate will continue to be 57.5% of wages in 2024, which is the same as in 2023. Additionally, the indirect cost allocation rate will also remain flat at 62.5% of direct labor (i.e., wages and fringe), which is unchanged from 2023.

SOURCES (Funding Sources – Page 11)

Total 2024 sources of \$23,629,418 are greater than the 2023 sources budget of \$23,231,714 with fluctuations in some funding sources and programs as is typical for MORPC.

Revenue from federal sources is budgeted to increase to \$15,210,779 (or by 13%) from \$13,504,800. Federal sources account for 64% of the operating budget. The increase can be attributed to an increase in Home Weatherization Assistance Program funds.

Local and other budgeted revenue is projected to decrease by 23% to \$3,099,673 in 2024 from \$4,051,156 in 2023. Transportation and Infrastructure Local Funds are declining as MORPC is anticipating using less COTA funds in lieu of COVID relief funding in 2024 compared to 2023. In 2024, MORPC’s projections of the receipt of potential local funding is also more modest than in 2023. Local/other funding is approximately 13% of total revenue.

USES (Page 6)

Salaries and fringe benefits are budgeted to increase from \$9,919,582 to \$10,983,466 (or 10.7%) as a result of new positions, merit wage increases, some promotions/wage adjustments, and salary enhancements for eligible Weatherization Program staff. Staff was budgeted at 91.2 FTEs in the 2023 budget and is budgeted at 95.3 FTEs in 2024. Planned new positions are expected to benefit members by helping them better conduct planning work (Senior Planner for Planner Pool), attract highly skilled interns (Intern Program Coordinator), and improve MORPC's data and mapping services (Data and GIS Interns). The hiring of an IT Intern will improve MORPC's internal operations.

MORPC will increase the amount of funding it is setting aside for its operating reserve to \$400,000 to further strengthen MORPC's finances, improve financial resiliency, and support MORPC's 60-day or more operating reserve balance target.

Services & Charges are largely being decreased due to less potential funding sources being budgeted in 2024 compared to 2023 and less being budgeted in 2024 for FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program subgrant funds.

Other uses (Materials and Supplies, Services – Subcontractors, and Depreciation) are expected to remain relatively flat in 2024.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (Page 6)

The capital expenditures budget for 2024 is essentially flat at \$120,000, up from \$115,000 in 2023. However, it is down considerably from 2022 (\$315,500) and 2021 (\$1,278,000). The reduction compared to 2021-22 is a result of the completion of the MORPC space renovation project.

USE OF MEMBER DUES (Page 7)

The total 2024 member dues budget is \$1,576,316 (an 8% increase compared to 2023). Dues funding is provided by MORPC members. Revenue is increasing due to the addition of new members and a Commission-approved increase to member dues. Of the 2024 budgeted amount: \$400,000 of the dues are being set aside to bolster MORPC's operating reserve in support of the Commission-approved 60-day operating reserve target (up from \$215,000 in 2023), \$22,888 is being used to cover CORPO transportation matching requirements (MPO transportation matching requirements are being met using other local funds), and \$183,036 is for building lease expenses.

Services to Members makes up the majority of the dues budget with \$851,805 budgeted for work for members such as executive director services, proactive legislation, public policy work, member services coordination, and other services (including regional investment work). Member



Dues represent approximately 7% of the operating sources budget. Dues are provided by 78 participating local government members (counties, townships, municipalities, and villages) at annual rates set by the Commission. Finally, associate members, which includes eight regionally oriented units of local government, are currently participating as members of MORPC at an annual rate of \$1,250 each.

APPROPRIATIONS (Page 8)

The appropriations are similar to the agency operating expenses, coming in at \$23,559,731 for 2024.

OPERATING BUDGET

SOURCES	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING			
Jointly Funded Projects (MPO & CORPO)	\$4,101,177	\$5,020,149	\$918,972
Programming - Transportation & Infrastructure Development	\$7,991,305	\$5,510,619	(\$2,480,686)
Planning	\$2,203,951	\$1,960,613	(\$243,338)
Planning - Data and Mapping	\$196,019	\$336,457	\$140,438
SUBTOTAL PLANNING, DATA AND TRANSPORTATION	\$14,492,452	\$12,827,838	(\$1,664,614)
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES			
Residential Energy Efficiency	\$3,737,907	\$6,537,783	\$2,799,876
Housing & Rehab Services	\$2,829,973	\$2,102,901	(\$727,072)
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	\$6,567,881	\$8,640,684	\$2,072,803
MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT	\$1,221,486	\$1,153,431	(\$68,055)
OPERATING RESERVE	\$215,000	\$400,000	\$185,000
OTHER	\$734,895	\$607,465	(\$127,430)
TOTAL SOURCES	\$23,231,714	\$23,629,418	\$397,704

Detail Budgets provided on pages 9-10

USES	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$9,919,582	\$10,983,466	\$1,063,884
Materials and Supplies	\$201,977	\$307,517	\$105,540
Services - Subcontractors	\$6,508,098	\$6,996,347	\$488,249
Services & Charges	\$6,198,826	\$4,752,401	(\$1,446,425)
Additions to Operating Reserve	\$215,000	\$400,000	\$185,000
Depreciation	\$188,231	\$189,684	\$1,453
TOTAL USES	\$23,231,714	\$23,629,418	\$397,701
NET CHANGE	\$0	\$0	\$0

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

SOURCES	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Cash *	\$115,000	\$120,000	\$5,000
TOTAL SOURCES	\$115,000	\$120,000	\$5,000
USES	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Equipment, Vehicles & Other Assets	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$30,000
Furniture & Leasehold Improvements	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$115,000	\$120,000	\$5,000

* - Represents cash available and recoverable via grants

DETAIL OF MEMBER DUES

SOURCES:	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
RPC Member Dues (\$.34 - 2023, \$.36 - 2024)	\$855,577	\$948,124	\$92,547
MPO Member Dues (\$.205 - 2023, \$.210 - 2024)	\$399,346	\$410,818	\$11,472
Associate Members	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$2,000
Building (\$.07 - 2023, \$.07 - 2024)	\$174,101	\$183,036	\$8,935
CORPO Local Match (\$.105 - 2023, \$.105 - 2024)	\$20,970	\$24,338	\$3,368
TOTAL SOURCES	\$1,457,992	\$1,576,316	\$118,322
USES:			
Transportation Match / Operating Reserve (MPO & CORPO)	\$236,508	\$422,888	\$186,380
SUBTOTAL LOCAL MATCH	\$236,508	\$422,888	\$186,380
Executive Director Services to Members	\$87,781	\$44,384	(\$43,397)
Proactive Legislative Activity	\$185,604	\$212,698	\$27,094
Public Policy & Multi-jurisdictional	\$284,975	\$265,265	(\$19,710)
Member Service Coordination	\$222,834	\$214,356	(\$8,478)
Annual Salary Survey	\$6,547	\$8,646	\$2,099
Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA)	\$1,894	\$2,020	\$126
Other Services to Members	\$87,026	\$104,436	\$17,410
SUBTOTAL FOR SERVICES TO MEMBERS	\$876,661	\$851,805	(\$24,856)
Executive Director Development	\$86,257	\$43,767	(\$42,490)
Executive Director & Staff Travel & Registration	\$7,400	\$7,400	\$0
Board Travel & Registration	\$16,795	\$10,595	(\$6,200)
Other Development/Business Development	\$2,149	\$2,149	\$0
SUBTOTAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$112,601	\$63,911	(\$48,690)
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	\$49,830	\$ 49,830	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$5,800	\$ 3,300	(\$2,500)
Contingency & Cost Overruns	\$2,492	\$ 1,546	(\$946)
SUBTOTAL OTHER	\$58,122	\$54,676	(\$3,446)
Building Lease Expense	\$174,101	\$183,036	\$8,935
SUBTOTAL BUILDING	\$174,101	\$183,036	\$8,935
TOTAL USES OF MEMBER PER-CAPITA FEES	\$1,457,992	\$1,576,316	\$118,323

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS

ACCT #	ACCOUNT TITLES	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALARIES				
	Salaries - Regular	\$7,243,570	\$7,870,061	\$626,491
	Salaries - PTO and Sick Leave Payout	\$51,112	\$62,301	\$11,189
510000	SUBTOTAL SALARIES	\$7,294,682	\$7,932,362	\$637,680
FRINGE BENEFITS				
	PERS - Regular	\$983,710	\$1,072,532	\$88,822
	PERS - PTO and Sick Leave Payout	\$7,156	\$10,679	\$3,523
	SUBTOTAL PERS	\$990,866	\$1,083,211	\$92,345
	Medicare Tax	\$102,106	\$111,084	\$8,978
	Unemployment Compensation	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$0
	Workers Compensation	\$88,376	\$93,949	\$5,573
	Fringe Benefits Other (includes group medical, dental, vision, life and disability)	\$1,426,452	\$1,745,761	\$319,309
515000	SUBTOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$2,624,900	\$3,051,104	\$426,204
	TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$9,919,581	\$10,983,466	\$1,063,884
MATERIALS, SERVICES & CHARGES				
	Materials & Supplies	\$201,977	\$307,517	\$105,540
	Services & Charges:			
	Subcontractors	\$6,508,098	\$6,996,347	\$488,249
	Services and Charges	\$5,507,989	\$3,976,436	(\$1,531,554)
	Additions to Operation Reserves	\$215,000	\$400,000	\$185,000
	Rent and Utilities	\$621,271	\$704,163	\$82,892
	Travel	\$69,567	\$71,802	\$2,235
	SUBTOTAL SERVICES & CHARGES & MATERIALS	\$13,123,901	\$12,456,265	(\$667,637)
520000	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$23,043,482	\$23,439,731	\$396,247
Capital Expenditures				
	Equipment, Vehicles & Other Assets	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$30,000
	Leasehold Improvements	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)
540000	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$115,000	\$120,000	\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$23,158,482	\$23,559,731	\$401,247



APPENDIX

DETAIL SOURCES BY DEPARTMENT

	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MPO & CORPO (Jointly Funded Projects)			
Federal Highway Administration (MPO & CORPO)	\$3,280,942	\$4,016,119	\$735,177
Ohio Department of Transportation (MPO & CORPO)	\$410,118	\$502,015	\$91,897
MORPC Transportation Match (MPO & CORPO)	\$410,119	\$502,015	\$91,896
SUBTOTAL OF JOINTLY FUNDED PROJECTS	\$4,101,178	\$5,020,149	\$918,970
Programming - Transportation & Infrastructure Development			
Infrastructure Program	\$180,000	\$200,049	\$20,049
Gohio	\$913,240	\$796,360	(\$116,880)
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$299,917	\$174,399	(\$125,518)
FTA 5310 Designated Recipient - Enhanced Mobility Programs	\$2,349,314	\$1,781,286	(\$568,028)
LinkUS	\$135,670	\$0	(\$135,670)
Technical Assistance	\$287,391	\$284,148	(\$3,243)
Competitive and Economic Development & Fr. Co TID	\$555,174	\$587,905	\$32,731
USEDA Grant	\$194,701	\$6,398	(\$188,303)
Major Growth and Economic Development	\$0	\$736,127	\$736,127
CORPO Safe Streets for All	\$0	\$165,061	\$165,061
ODOT Mobility Management Planning	\$0	\$224,702	\$224,702
Local Forecasting/ Modeling (NUC)	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$35,000
Economic Development District	\$0	\$68,301	\$68,301
Various Transportation Projects - Local	\$584,934	\$99,947	(\$484,987)
Various Transportation & Infrastructure Development Projects (NUC)	\$2,475,964	\$335,933	(\$2,140,031)
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	\$7,991,305	\$5,510,618	(\$2,480,686)
Planning			
Clean Ohio	\$29,000	\$21,060	(\$7,940)
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$99,825	\$136,376	\$36,551
Greenways Program	\$203,952	\$217,156	\$13,204
Air Quality Awareness	\$560,817	\$599,520	\$38,703
Insight 2050 Academy	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Ohio EPA	\$118,642	\$119,317	\$675
Sustaining Scioto	\$79,516	\$133,650	\$54,134
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$204,912	\$43,410	(\$161,502)
Franklin County HAB and Issuer fees	\$15,591	\$20,500	\$4,909
USEPA Air Quality Grant	\$100,000	\$181,433	\$81,433
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	\$0	\$70,818	\$70,818
American Farmland Trust	\$0	\$14,086	\$14,086
Various Planning Projects (NUC)	\$787,697	\$399,289	(\$388,408)
SUBTOTAL PLANNING	\$2,203,951	\$1,960,613	(\$243,339)
Planning - Data & Mapping			
Regional Supplemental Planning	\$117,877	\$94,692	(\$23,185)
Various Data & Mapping Projects - Local	\$31,531	\$50,015	\$18,484
Various Data & Mapping Projects (NUC)	\$46,612	\$191,750	\$145,138
SUBTOTAL PLANNING - DATA & MAPPING	\$196,019	\$336,457	\$140,437
TOTAL PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING	\$14,492,452	\$12,827,838	(\$1,664,618)

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DETAIL SOURCES BY DEPARTMENT

	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES			
Energy Efficiency			
Columbia Gas WarmChoice	\$2,257,971	\$2,095,620	(\$162,351)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$581,315	\$1,389,644	\$808,329
Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$250,601	\$455,048	\$204,447
GLS Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$0	\$834,638	\$834,638
GLS Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$0	\$322,449	\$322,449
HWAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$0	\$588,029	\$588,029
GLS HWAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) NUC	\$0	\$792,224	\$792,224
WDBCO Workforce Wx Training NUC	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Potential HWAP (NUC)	\$196,530	\$0	(\$196,530)
Potential Weatherization Funding (NUC)	\$443,490	\$52,130	(\$391,360)
SUBTOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$3,737,907	\$6,537,783	\$2,799,876
Residential Programs			
FC Home Repair Program	\$1,297,381	\$932,661	(\$364,720)
Mortgages Forgiven	\$2,255	\$0	(\$2,255)
Franklin County HAB Applications	\$5,250	\$10,000	\$4,750
COCIC Home Repair	\$100,000	\$100,379	\$379
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$787,787	\$247,365	(\$540,422)
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$576,426	\$600,876	\$24,450
Affordable Housing Trust	\$0	\$33,077	\$33,077
Renew Homes	\$0	\$16,576	\$16,576
Various Rehab Projects (NUC)	\$60,875	\$161,966	\$101,091
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS	\$2,829,973	\$2,102,901	(\$727,073)
TOTAL FOR RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$6,567,881	\$8,640,683	\$2,072,803

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	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT			
Services to Members	\$876,662	\$851,808	(\$24,854)
Development Fund	\$112,601	\$63,911	(\$48,690)
Building Lease Payments	\$174,101	\$183,036	\$8,935
Other	\$58,122	\$54,676	(\$3,446)
TOTAL MEMBER SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT (See Dues Page for Details)	\$1,221,486	\$1,153,432	(\$68,055)

	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
OTHER			
Local Government Internship Program - Administrative	\$38,000	\$25,779	(\$12,221)
State of the Region Luncheon	\$100,159	\$122,463	\$22,304
Summit On Sustainability	\$91,965	\$123,782	\$31,817
Operating Reserve	\$215,000	\$400,000	\$185,000
Other	\$79,200	\$110,467	\$31,267
Interest	\$15,516	\$42,800	\$27,284
Building Depreciation	\$157,684	\$156,006	(\$1,678)
Indirect Costs Variance (carryforward from prior years)	\$140,936	\$46,957	(\$93,979)
Fringe Benefits Variance (carryforward from prior years)	\$111,435	(\$20,789)	(\$132,224)
TOTAL OTHER	\$949,894	\$1,007,465	\$57,570
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,231,714	\$23,629,418	\$397,700

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCES	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
MEMBER DUES	\$1,457,993	\$1,576,319	\$118,326
FEDERAL FUNDING			
Federal Highway Administration (MPO & CORPO)	\$3,285,942	\$4,016,119	\$730,177
FTA/Other FHWA	\$4,708,962	\$4,737,818	\$28,856
HUD - CDBG & Other	\$1,326,222	\$987,797	(\$338,425)
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	\$2,255	\$0	(\$2,255)
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$1,028,446	\$4,382,033	\$3,353,587
Brownfields Grant NUC	\$166,846	\$199,992	\$33,146
USEDA Grant	\$194,700	\$6,398	(\$188,302)
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	\$0	\$70,818	\$70,818
American Farmland Trust	\$0	\$14,086	\$14,086
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$0	\$13,410	\$13,410
USEPA AQ Grant	\$0	\$181,433	\$181,433
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$576,425	\$600,876	\$24,451
Other Federal Funding NUC	\$2,215,000	\$0	(\$2,215,000)
SUBTOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING	\$13,504,800	\$15,210,779	\$1,705,981
STATE FUNDING			
Ohio Department of Transportation (MPO & CORPO funding)	\$410,118	\$502,015	\$91,897
Ohio Public Works Commission (Infrastructure/Clean Ohio)	\$80,000	\$77,549	(\$2,451)
Ohio EPA Funding	\$118,642	\$119,317	\$675
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$787,787	\$247,365	(\$540,422)
Other State Funding	\$250,000	\$545,841	\$295,841
SUBTOTAL STATE FUNDING	\$1,646,546	\$1,492,087	(\$154,460)
UTILITIES	\$2,257,971	\$2,095,620	(\$162,351)
FOUNDATION/CORPORATE FUNDING	\$60,875	\$128,772	\$67,897
LOCAL & OTHER FUNDING			
Infrastructure Program & Clean Ohio	\$129,000	\$143,560	\$14,560
Summit on Sustainability	\$91,965	\$123,782	\$31,817
Housing Local Contracts	\$100,000	\$116,956	\$16,956
Transportation & Infrastructure Local Funds	\$1,824,517	\$1,163,451	(\$661,066)
Planning - Data & Mapping Local Funds	\$178,369	\$346,247	\$167,878
Planning Local Funds	\$689,304	\$428,876	(\$260,428)
Greenways Local Program	\$203,952	\$217,156	\$13,204
State of the Region	\$100,159	\$122,463	\$22,304
Local Government Internship Program	\$38,000	\$25,779	(\$12,221)
Other	\$680,374	\$368,603	(\$311,771)
Interest	\$15,516	\$42,800	\$27,284
SUBTOTAL LOCAL & OTHER FUNDING	\$4,051,156	\$3,099,673	(\$951,483)
Interperiod Indirect Receivable/(Reserve)	\$140,936	\$46,957	(\$93,979)
Interperiod Fringe Benefits Receivable/(Reserve)	\$111,435	(\$20,789)	(\$132,224)
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	\$23,231,714	\$23,629,418	\$397,704

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SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

SUBCONTRACTORS BY DEPARTMENT	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION			
Major Growth and Economic Development	\$0	\$650,000	\$650,000
Technical Assistance	\$35,000	\$0	(\$35,000)
Other/Local Transportation Projects (NUC)	\$2,100,000	\$239,926	(\$1,860,074)
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMMING - TRANSPORTATION	\$2,135,000	\$889,926	(\$1,245,074)
PLANNING & DATA			
Air Quality Awareness	\$77,490	\$80,841	\$3,351
Trail Town	\$35,000	\$0	(\$35,000)
Central Ohio Greenways Wayfinding Strategy	\$145,000	\$13,410	(\$131,590)
USEPA Air Quality Grant (NUC)	\$67,000	\$82,000	\$15,000
Natural Asset Mapping	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
Other Misc./Local Transportation Projects (NUC)	\$250,000	\$226,305	(\$23,695)
SUBTOTAL PLANNING	\$574,490	\$415,056	(\$159,434)
RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES			
Columbia Gas Warmchoice	\$1,356,048	\$1,416,786	\$60,738
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$218,690	\$467,388	\$248,698
Home Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$190,416	\$317,990	\$127,574
GLS Weatherization Assistance Program	\$0	\$529,958	\$529,958
GLS Weatherization Assistance Enhancement Program	\$0	\$241,744	\$241,744
HWAP Readiness	\$0	\$48,741	\$48,741
GLS Readiness	\$0	\$21,122	\$21,122
HWAP BIL	\$0	\$575,901	\$575,901
GLS BIL	\$0	\$792,224	\$792,224
Franklin County Urgent Repair Program	\$826,936	\$626,000	(\$200,936)
COCIC Home Repair for Wx Deferrals NUC	\$79,661	\$80,000	\$339
Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund Contract	\$564,319	\$151,000	(\$413,319)
Healthy Homes Production Program (HHPP) Grant	\$311,114	\$311,114	\$0
Affordable Housing Trust	\$54,894	\$26,397	(\$28,497)
Renew Homes Inspections and Intake Support	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Weatherization & Housing (NUC)	\$196,530	\$75,000	(\$121,530)
SUBTOTAL RESIDENTIAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES	\$3,798,608	\$5,691,365	\$1,892,757
TOTAL SUBCONTRACTOR EXPENSES	\$6,508,098	\$6,996,347	\$488,249

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Indirect Cost Allocation Budget
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

	DIRECT LABOR & FRINGES	TOTAL INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION
Transportation & Infrastructure	\$2,875,184	\$1,796,990
Planning & Sustainability	\$1,728,442	\$1,080,276
Data & Mapping	\$1,129,877	\$706,173
Residential Services	\$1,649,657	\$1,031,036
Member Dues	\$481,652	\$301,033
Other Grants & Programs	\$57,898	\$36,186
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding	(\$574,802)	(\$359,251)
TOTAL GRANTS & PROGRAMS	\$7,347,908	\$4,592,440
Indirect Labor		
Information & Technology Services		\$612,172
Finance		\$702,140
Communications & Engagement		\$588,585
Executive Management		\$600,155
Human Resources & Facility		\$500,216
Contract & Proposal Development, Other Indirect Labor		\$100,792
Agency Administrative		\$26,300
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding		(\$181,415)
TOTAL INDIRECT LABOR		\$2,948,945
General Overhead Expenses		
Materials & Supplies		\$164,130
Services & Charges		\$900,200
Rent & Utilities		\$496,973
Other General Overhead		\$30,234
TOTAL GENERAL OVERHEAD		\$1,591,537
Retention/Severance		\$5,000
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS		\$4,545,482
ACTUAL INDIRECT RATES		61.86%
Carry Forward Balance as of 12/31/22		\$46,957
ALLOCATED INDIRECT COSTS		\$4,592,440
ALLOCATED INDIRECT COSTS RATES		62.50%

	INDIRECT LABOR	GENERAL OVERHEAD	TOTAL
Information & Technology Services	\$612,172	\$394,287	\$1,006,459
Human Resources	\$398,242	\$194,707	\$592,950
Facility	\$101,974	\$572,174	\$674,148
Retention/Severance	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Finance	\$702,140	\$273,926	\$976,066
Communications & Engagement	\$588,585	\$88,413	\$676,998
Executive Management	\$600,155	\$6,340	\$606,495
Contract & Proposal Development, Other Indirect Labor	\$100,792	\$61,490	\$162,282
Agency Administrative	\$26,300	\$200	\$26,500
Less: Estimated Turnover & Soft Funding	(\$181,415)	\$0	(\$181,415)
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	\$2,948,945	\$1,596,537	\$4,545,482



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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: November 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Urban Area Boundary Review

What is Urban Area Boundary Review?


ODOT is reviewing the Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification system for the entire state of Ohio. This statewide review is performed every 10 years following each decennial census. ODOT will be coordinating the review with assistance from MPOs, RTPOs and County Engineers. USDOT will then review ODOT's recommendations before their formal adoption.

Why is this review important?

This review is important because Federal Aid Eligibility for a road is determined by a combination of urban area and functional class designations. Since urban area boundaries change after every census, a review needs to be performed so that federal aid eligibility can be designated appropriately.

How is the Urban Area Boundary completed?

Urban Area Boundaries are established every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau based on population and population density. These boundaries are formula based, and do not necessarily follow jurisdictional or other logical boundaries. They often exclude low density areas which significantly impact the highway system, for example large commercial and industrial tracts, airports, distribution centers and recreation areas. For this reason, federal regulations allow states and local officials to cooperatively adjust or "smooth" the boundaries to be more consistent with transportation planning responsibilities and requirements, establish logical control points for transportation linkages and maintain administrative continuity over peripheral



routes. The adjusted area must be contiguous with or larger than the official urban area boundary designated by the U.S Census Bureau.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) are responsible for revisions within their jurisdictions.

When is the review being conducted?

The overall timeline for the Urban Boundary Review is included below.

- **September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024:** ODOT coordinates with MPOs, RTPOs, County Engineers, and ODOT District Offices to revise Urban Area Boundaries.
- **July 1 to October 31 2024:** FHWA reviews modified boundaries.
- **November 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025:** ODOT coordinates with MPOs, RTPOs, County Engineers and ODOT District Offices to revise Functional Classification and NHS.
- **September 1, 2025 to December 20, 2025:** FHWA Reviews Functional Class and NHS changes.
- **December 31, 2025:** ODOT posts final Functional Class and NHS classifications on ODOT's website.

Where and how do MORPC MPO members provide feedback for the review?

In Q1 2024 MORPC staff will work with county and municipal engineers to review the Urban Area Boundary and recommend adjustments. MORPC staff will share recommended boundary adjustments and solicit feedback. We will reach out via email with additional information on parameters for urban boundaries and key considerations for review.

MORPC staff will then provide the finalized boundary recommendations to ODOT by the June 30, 2024, deadline.

What comes next?

Upon completion of the Urban Area Boundary review, and as laid out in the schedule above, ODOT will initiate a similar review process of the federal functional classifications of the roadway network beginning in November 2024. MORPC staff will follow a similar process in working with county and municipal engineers to conduct the review and recommend changes to the Functional Classification System within the MPO area to ODOT.

MORPC staff will provide updates throughout the process to the Community Advisory, Transportation Advisory, and Transportation Policy Committees.





Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2023
Time: 2:38 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	James Jewell	Bernita Reese
Karen Angelou	Emily Keeler	Cornell Robertson
Herb Asher	Ben Kessler	Lauren Rummel
Lee Bodnar	Joseph Laborie	Elissa Schneider
Ron Bullard	Bill LaFayette	Kimberly Sharp
Ben Collins	Greg Lestini	Alana Shockey
Tina Cottone	Kris Long	Thom Slack
Michelle Crandall	Kim Maggard	Ike Stage
Kristen Easterday	Glenn Marzluf	Andy Volenik
Jennifer Fening	Steve Mazer	Christie Ward
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Rozland McKee	Andrew Williams
Dave Gulden	Eric Meyer	Tim Wilson
Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Jason Nicodemus	
Laurie Jadwin	Rod Pritchard	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

LaGrieta Acheampong	Bonnie Michael	Joe Stefanov
Karl Craven	Linda Nicodemus for Kristy	Robyn Stewart
Chris Harkness	Hawthorne	Andrew White
Christine Houk	Megan O'Callaghan	Kenneth Wright
Monica Irelan	Brandon Standley	

Commission Members Present in Person

Joe Antram	Bill Habig	Mark Mauter
Stephanie Bosco	Thomas Hale	Ben Stahler
Jamie Brucker	Jeff Hall	

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Franklin Christman	Sam Filkins	Nick Shultz
Terry Emery	Tom Johnson	RC Wise
Joy Evangelista	Bill Narducci	

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Kerstin Carr	Shawn Hufstedler	William Murdock
Dave Dixon	Niel Jurist	Kyle Probert
Joe Garrity	Eileen Leuby	Melissa Rupp
Nick Gill	Kelsey Matson	Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Amanda Frey	Anthony Perry
John Gardocki	Emma Strange

Guests Present in Person

Mark Forrest, CORPO Chair	Angela Powell, Morrow County
John Gallagher, Compass Infrastructure	Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Guests Attending Remotely

Nita Hanson, Etna Township	Mendra Hupp, Perry County
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Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Jennifer Townley, ODOT

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 2:38 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 issued an RFP for a vendor to provide vans for the Gohio Commuter program. Submissions are due November 15. The three-year contract will be in place by January 1, 2024.

MORPC received requests from 18 different agencies totaling \$4.2 million for FTA 5310 funding. There is \$1.7 million available for the MPO area. Recommendations will be incorporated in the December TIP amendment.

After reviewing proposals, the Selection Committee chose a consultant to provide long-range planning support in the Intel planning area. We hope to be under contract this month and reaching out to communities by the first of next year. The planning activity is expected to take 18 months.

The Attributable Funds Committee is reviewing their policy. The process should wrap up in December. The updated policy will be out for comment the first of 2024. The Attributable Funds Committee is working in conjunction with the Complete Streets Committee to update the Complete Streets policy.

Mr. Gill gave a LinkUS overview. LinkUS is a major project in partnership with COTA, City of Columbus, Franklin County, MORPC, and many communities in the COTA service area. It is an initiative to look at how growth in our community can translate into better mobility, workforce, and housing options. For almost ten years we've been looking at growth and how transportation, housing and infrastructure fit into that. LinkUS builds on the efforts of the last decade and moves forward.

LinkUS looks at three core items: faster, more reliable public transportation; safe and expanded bike and pedestrian paths; and walkable communities with more access to work, home, and other things. Its initial investments would deliver premium rapid and high-capacity transit. Three corridors in the region are in various design stages: West Broad Street, East Main, and the Northwest Corridor.

LinkUS is a complete mobility initiative with safe pedestrian and bike infrastructure connecting people to transit stops and stations. Combined with the development potential along the transit corridors, it creates the opportunity for increased housing options.

The Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) focuses on bike, pedestrian, and safety projects. 27.5 percent of the additional sales tax is dedicated to TSI projects; estimated at \$60 million annually. MORPC will administer the TSI funding program. MORPC is in the process of forming a multi-layered committee structure to facilitate and develop a TSI program of projects and establish a culture of regionalism. MORPC is also involved in community outreach and engagement. For more information, visit linkuscolumbus.com.

Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda

Karen Angelou made a motion to accept the Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda, a second was made; 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. MORPC Team Members are working on draft performance measures, strategies, and projects revolving around the six adopted goals. More than a thousand projects are being evaluated.

The draft MTP will be out for public comment in early 2024 and presented for adoption in May 2024.

The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Interim Secretary
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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee
Community Advisory Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Transportation Director

DATE: November 29, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-16-23: **“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”**

Proposed Resolution T-16-23 will add or modify 13 projects to the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over \$72 million. These changes are necessary to enable the projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In January, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Continued maintenance of the TIP is a key element of implementing the strategies in the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation (MTP). The projects included in this amendment specifically relate to implementation of these MTP strategies:


- PRES 2: Repave or reconstruct roads in poor physical condition
- PRES 4: Replace transit vehicles that are beyond their useful life
- OP 7: Improve demand response transit service
- SAF 3: Implement countermeasures that address priority safety locations
- TRAN 5: Implement appropriate additional/innovative service to address first/last mile needs
- TRAN 6: Make neighborhoods transit supportive through infrastructure projects
- RDWY 1: Add capacity, where appropriate, to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion along existing freeways and at interchanges
- RDWY 5: Add capacity, where appropriate, at locations such as intersections to alleviate existing or anticipated congestion
- BP 3: Expand high comfort bicycle and pedestrian networks through the implementation of complete streets

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Michelle Crandall
Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary



Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of the projects, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. Three projects include MORPC-attributable funding.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

Columbus: – The following addition to the TIP is being made for a Columbus project:

- PID 119976 – Trabue Rd and Walcutt Road: Adding Construction phase to the TIP. Project has received ODOT Jobs & Commerce funding, as well as ODSA 629 funding.

COTA: – The following additions to the TIP are being made for COTA projects:

- PID 120356 – S2024 OTP2 COTA LinkUS Planning, Transit Activity: Adding the award of OTP2 funds for Preliminary Analysis of LinkUS Corridors 4 and 5 to the TIP
- PID 112199 – COTA Operating Expansion Service, Transit Expansion Capital: Adding the award of state transit operating assistance through OTP2 and state-attributable Carbon Reduction Program funding to the TIP.

Delaware County TID: – The following additions or modifications to the TIP are being made for Delaware County TID projects:


- PID 119746 – S County Line Rd at Fancher Rd, Intersection Modification: Adding the award of State General Revenue Funds to the TIP.
- PID 119744 – SR 37 & County Line Rd, Intersection Modification: Adding the award of State General Revenue Funds to the TIP.
- PID 90200 – Sunbury Pkwy, Phases B & C from Africa Rd to I-71, New Roadway, 4 lanes & Interchange Modification: Adding the PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP. This project includes a commitment of MORPC-attributable funding, though no changes to this commitment are being made.


Franklin County – The engineer's office has submitted an out-of-cycle MORPC Attributable Funding request for \$320,000 for "Preliminary Engineering for Transit Supportive Infrastructure Projects" in SFY 2024. Matching funds in the amount of \$80,000 would be provided by the City of Columbus. This project proposes preliminary engineering for multiple pedestrian and bicycle facility projects that are part of the transit supportive infrastructure program within COTA's service area. It will identify potential utility, environmental, right-of-way, and ADA accessibility issues and develop cost estimates for planning purposes. Staff recommends approval of this request and inclusion in the TIP via ID 447.

Franklin County TID – The following addition to the TIP is being made for a Franklin County TID project:

- PID 119743 – SR 605 & Walnut Street, Intersection Modification: Adding the award of State General Revenue Funds to the TIP.

MORPC has requested the addition of the FTA's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program to the TIP. This program is funded via FFY2023 Sec 5310





funding. 15 subrecipients are receiving funding via this program. Attachment 2 to this resolution provides additional detail regarding funding awards.

ODOT: – The following additions or modifications to the TIP are being made for ODOT projects:

- PID 106959 – I-71 at Sunbury Parkway (Ph A), New Interchange: Adding the RW phase to the TIP.
- PID 110587 – SR 3 at Hudson St, Intersection Modification: Adding the PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP.
- PID 119804 – US 23 at SR 229, New Interchange: Increase PE Environmental Study funding in the TIP.

Whitehall – The following modification to the TIP is being made for a Whitehall project:

- PID 105768 – E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification: Adding the PE Environmental Study phase to the TIP. This project includes a commitment of MORPC-attributable funding, though no changes to this commitment are being made.

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Attachment: Resolution T-16-23



RESOLUTION T-16-23

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-5-23; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a Columbus project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, two project additions to the 2024-2027 TIP have been identified as needed for COTA projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition and two project modifications to the 2024-2027 TIP have been identified as needed for Delaware County TID projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a Franklin County project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a Franklin County TID project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project addition and two project modifications to the 2024-2027 TIP have been identified as needed for Ohio Department of Transportation projects as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, one project modification to the 2024-2027 TIP has been identified as needed for a Whitehall project as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, MORPC completed a solicitation and selection process for FTA Section 5310 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2023 funds, with projects selected shown in Attachment 2; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has requested the addition of the SFY 2024 Section 5310 program to the 2024-2027 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its meeting December 4, 2023, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on December 6, 2023 recommended approval of this resolution 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 the MORPC SFY 2024-2027 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1.

- Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP is maintained.
- Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as eleven projects are exempt from conformity requirements and two non-exempt projects were already included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.
- Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2024-2027 TIP as modified.
- Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
- Section 6. That this resolution will be transmitted to FTA and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 2 for appropriate action.
- Section 7. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2024-2027 TIP

Attachment 2: Sec 5310 Program of Projects

Resolution T-16-23

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: Columbus

PID: 119976

TIP ID: 441

MTP ID: 185

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-Trabue Rd and Walcutt Road-Buckeye Y **Length (mi.):**

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: *Trabue Rd and Walcutt Road at Vulcan Ave, Intersection Modification*

Bike Components: No change to existing conditions.

Ped Components: No change to existing conditions.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2025

Construction

Local

\$3,702,053

2025

Construction

Jobs/Commerce

\$234,319

2025

Construction

Local

\$750,000

Total:

\$4,686,372

Agency: COTA

PID: 112199

TIP ID: 161

MTP ID: 5

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-COTA Plus-Operating Expansion

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Expansion Capital

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: *COTA Plus Operating Expansion, Transit Expansion Capital*

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

ALI

2024

Transit

Local

\$152,500

30.09.01

2024

Transit

Local

\$412,500

30.09.01

2024

Transit

Local

\$140,000

30.09.01

2024

Transit

ODOT CRP

\$560,000

30.09.01

2024

Transit

OTPP-F

\$1,650,000

30.09.01

2024

Transit

ODOT CRP

\$610,000

30.09.01

Total:

\$3,525,000

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Resolution T-16-23

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: COTA

PID: 120356

TIP ID: 446

MTP ID: 5

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-FRAFY24 OTP2-LinkUS

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity/Planning Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: SFY2024 OTP2 COTA LinkUS, Transit Activity & Planning Activity

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

ALI

2025

Transit

Local

\$200,000

11.21.01

2025

Transit

OTPP-F

\$800,000

11.21.01

2026

Transit

Local

\$200,000

11.21.01

2026

Transit

OTPP-F

\$800,000

11.21.01

Total:

\$2,000,000

Agency: Delaware County TID

PID: 119745

TIP ID: 443

MTP ID: 185

G*

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-SR037-County Line

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: SR 37 at County Line Rd, Intersection Modification

Bike Components: No change to existing conditions.

Ped Components: No change to existing conditions.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2024

All Phases

GRF-S

\$4,000,000

Total:

\$4,000,000

Agency: Delaware County TID

PID: 119746

TIP ID: 396

MTP ID: 185

G*

Co-Route-Sec: DEL--S County Line Rd at Fancher Rd

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: S County Line Rd at Fancher Rd, Intersection Modification

Bike Components: No change to existing conditions.

Ped Components: No change to existing conditions.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2027

All Phases

GRF-S

\$4,000,000

Total:

\$4,000,000

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Resolution T-16-23

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: Delaware County TID

PID: 90200

TIP ID: 344

MTP ID: 324

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-IR071-7.91

Length (mi.): 1.3

Project Type(s): New Roadway/Interchange Modification

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: Sunbury Pkwy, Phases B & C from Africa Rd to I-71, New Roadway, 4 lanes & Interchange Modification

Bike Components: Multi-use path. 1.3 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Multi-use path. 1.3 mi. added to ped network.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2024

Environmental Study

Preservation-S

\$260,068

2024

Environmental Study

Major/New-S

\$1,989,294

2027

Construction

Local

\$27,000,000

2027

Construction

MPO STBG

\$3,000,000

Total:

\$32,249,362

Agency: Franklin County

PID: NP

TIP ID: 447

MTP ID: 144

Co-Route-Sec: -Preliminary Engineering for TSI Projects-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Preliminary Development

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: Preliminary Engineering for TSI Projects, Preliminary Development

Bike Components: Not applicable. This project will assist in the development of projects to further provide bicycle connections to transit.

Ped Components: Not applicable. This project will assist in the development of projects to further provide pedestrian connections to transit.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2024

Other

Local

\$80,000

2024

Other

MPO STBG

\$320,000

Total:

\$400,000

Agency: Franklin County TID

PID: 119743

TIP ID: 442

MTP ID: 185

G*

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR605-Walnut St

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: SR 605 at Walnut Street, Intersection Modification

Bike Components: No change to existing conditions.

Ped Components: No change to existing conditions.

State Fiscal Year

Phase

Source

Amount

2024

All Phases

GRF-S

\$5,000,000

Total:

\$5,000,000

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Resolution T-16-23

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: MORPC

PID: NP

TIP ID: 445

MTP ID: 142

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-MORPC 5310 FFY2023-

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Transit Activity

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: MORPC 5310 FFY2023, Transit Activity

Bike Components: Not applicable.

Ped Components: Not applicable.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>ALI</u>
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$173,250	11.79.00
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$90,986	11.13.07
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$218,310	Cost overruns
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$227,444	11.7A.00
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$437,542	11.13.15
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$536,170	11.71.13
2024	Transit	Local	\$12,200	11.93.02
2024	Transit	Local	\$22,746	11.13.07
2024	Transit	Local	\$41,969	11.7A.00
2024	Transit	Local	\$54,578	Cost overruns
2024	Transit	Local	\$109,385	11.13.15
2024	Transit	Local	\$120,874	11.71.13
2024	Transit	Sec 5310	\$48,800	11.93.02
Total:			\$2,094,254	

Agency: ODOT

PID: 106959

TIP ID: 440

MTP ID: 384

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-IR071-8.91 (Ph A)

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): New Interchange

Air Quality: Non-Exempt (Analyzed)

Description: I-71 at Sunbury Parkway south of US 36/SR 37, New Interchange

Bike Components: Multi-use path.

Ped Components: Sidewalk on 1 side.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Right-of-Way	Local	\$2,225,000
Total:			\$2,225,000

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Resolution T-16-23

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 110587

TIP ID: 81

MTP ID: 1414

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR003-19.38

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: SR 3 (Cleveland Ave) at Hudson St, Intersection Modification

Bike Components: Multi-use path. Will replace existing sidewalk on south side of Hudson St.

Ped Components: Replace existing facilities. Existing sidewalk on both sides of Cleveland Ave, and the north side of Hudson St, will be replaced with 7' sidewalk.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Environmental Study	Safety-S	\$39,915
2024	Construction	Local	\$1,230,196
2024	Construction	Local	\$260,000
2024	Construction	Safety-F	\$1,228,884
2024	Construction	Safety-S	\$136,543
Total:			\$2,895,538

Agency: ODOT D6

PID: 119804

TIP ID: 438

MTP ID: 264

Co-Route-Sec: DEL-US023-21.43

Length (mi.):

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: US 23 at SR 229, Intersection Modification

Bike Components: Maybe - To be determined.

Ped Components: Maybe - To be determined.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Environmental Study	Major/New-S	\$700,000
2024	Environmental Study	Major/New-F	\$2,800,000
Total:			\$3,500,000

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Resolution T-16-23

Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: Whitehall

PID: 105768

TIP ID: 6

MTP ID: 185

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-SR016-06.87

Length (mi.): 0.7

Project Type(s): Intersection Modification

Air Quality: Exempt

Description: E Broad St at Hamilton Rd, Intersection Modification

Bike Components: Multi-use path. 10' path along NE corner of intersection. 0.34 mi. added to bike network.

Ped Components: Modify existing facilities. Replace existing sidewalks with 6'-8' sidewalks on all approaches except no change on E side of S Hamilton.

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	Environmental Study	Safety-S	\$34,829
2024	Construction	MPO CMAQ	\$459,598
2024	Construction	Local	\$1,082,000
2024	Construction	Local	\$114,899
2024	Construction	MPO CMAQ	\$4,328,000
Total:			\$6,019,326

Summary of Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
GRF-S	State Road Improvements	\$13,000,000
Jobs/Commerce	State Jobs & Commerce Funds	\$234,319
Local	Local - Other	\$750,000
Local	Local Public Agency	\$33,739,001
Local	Local - General	\$3,421,899
Major/New-F	Major/New Program - Federal	\$2,800,000
Major/New-S	Major/New Program - State	\$2,689,294
MPO CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement, Attributable to MORPC	\$4,787,598
MPO STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant, Attributable to MORPC	\$3,320,000
ODOT CRP	Carbon Reduction Program, Attributable to the State	\$1,170,000
OTPP-F	Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership (OTPP)	\$3,250,000
Preservation-S	District Preservation (Pv & Br) - State	\$260,068
Safety-F	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$1,228,884
Safety-S	State Safety	\$211,287
Sec 5310	Enhanced Mobility - Seniors and Disabilities - Urban	\$1,732,502
Grand Total:		\$72,594,852

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Attachment 2 Resolution T-16-23

5310 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

State: **Columbus, Ohio UZA**

5310: FFY 2023(DS, DM, DL): **\$1,732,502** _; Carryover: **0**

(DS = Rural Areas (under 50,000); DM -Small Urbanized Areas (50,000-200,000); DL = Large Urbanized Areas (200,000 or more))

Transfer Funds (plus or minus): **0**

Total Funds Available: **\$1,732,502**

Total number of subrecipients funded in this Program of Projects:

15

LIST OF PROJECTS Required subrecipient information includes: name of entity receiving the award, amount of award, location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city and/or county

CAPITAL, OPERATING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(Projects may include reasonable contingencies)

(Subrecipient Types may include: a non-profit organization or a local governmental authority).

Program of Projects	Direct and Sub-recipients	City	Service Area Urban / Rural	Sub Type Private Public	Project Description/ALI	Quantity	FTA Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	Capital / Operating
FY 2023 5310										
Sub A	Canal Winchester Human Services Inc	Canal Winchester, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.13.15	1	\$46,942	\$11,735	\$58,677	Vehicle Purchase
Sub A	Canal Winchester Human Services Inc	Canal Winchester, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	Preventive Maintenance
Sub B	Central Ohio Transit Authority	Columbus, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	\$163,370	\$32,674	\$196,044	Contracted Transportation
Sub C	City of Dublin	Dublin, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	100,000	\$20,000	\$120,000	Contracted Transportation
Sub D	City of Groveport	Groveport, OH	Urban	Public	11.13.15	1	\$68,318	\$17,080	\$85,398	Vehicle Purchase
Sub E	City of Hilliard	Hilliard, OH	Urban	Public	11.71.13	1	\$72,000	\$18,000	\$90,000	Contracted Transportation
Sub F	City of Obetz	Obetz, OH	Urban	Public	11.13.07	1	\$90,986	\$22,746	\$113,732	Vehicle Purchase
Sub G	City of Westerville	Westerville, OH	Urban	Public	11.93.02	1	\$48,800	\$12,200	\$61,000	Construction (Signage)
Sub H	Clintonville Beechwood CRC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.7A.00	1	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	Preventive Maintenance
Sub I	Clintonville Beechwood CRC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.71.13	1	\$50,800	\$12,700	\$63,500	Contracted Transportation
Sub J	Delaware County Transit Board	Delaware, OH	Urban	Public	11.7A.00	1	\$186,868	\$32,254	\$219,122	Preventive Maintenance
Sub K	MORPC	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit			\$218,310	\$54,578	\$272,888	Vehicle Cost Overruns
Sub L	Netcare Corporation	Columbus, OH	Urban	Public	11.13.15	1	\$56,794	\$14,199	\$70,993	Vehicle Purchase
Sub L	Netcare Corporation	Columbus, OH	Urban	Public	11.7A.00	1	\$8,576	\$1,715	\$10,291	Preventive Maintenance
Sub M	Open Door	Columbus, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.13.15	1	\$103,005	\$25,751	\$128,756	Vehicle Purchase
Sub N	Sourcepoint	Delaware, OH	Urban	Non Profit	11.71.13	1	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500	Contracted Transportation
Sub O	The Alpha Group	Delaware, OH	Urban	Private For Profit	11.13.15	1	\$113,589	\$28,397	\$141,986	Vehicle Purchase
Sub P	Tristar Transportation	Columbus, OH	Urban	Private For Profit	11.13.15	1	\$48,894	\$12,223	\$61,117	Vehicle Purchase
Total							\$1,732,502	\$361,752	\$2,094,254	

Program

Admin **MORPC** **Columbus, OH** Non Profit - Public **\$173,250**

Grand Total **\$1,732,502**

Total Traditional 5310 55% Capital Amount

\$2,094,254

Total Other Capital Amount

* Eligibility Project Type refers to 49 U.S.C. 5310 (b)(1) criteria

STATE ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Not to exceed 10 percent of Section 5310 apportionment and any flex funds transferred to the Section 5310 account may be used to provide a 100 percent Federal share.

Subtotal State or Designated Recipient Administration (funded at 100 percent)

\$173,250

SUBTOTAL DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ADMINISTRATION

\$173,250



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Town Hall

Commission Members Present in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Thomas Hale	Rozland McKee
Karen Angelou	Jeff Hall	Eric Meyer
Joe Antram	Pamela Hykes O'Grady	Jason Nicodemus
Herb Asher	Laurie Jadwin	Rod Pritchard
Lee Bodnar	James Jewell	Bernita Reese
Stephanie Bosco	Emily Keeler	Cornell Robertson
Jamie Brucker	Ben Kessler	Lauren Rummel
Ron Bullard	Joseph Laborie	Elissa Schneider
Ben Collins	Bill LaFayette	Alana Shockey
Tina Cottone	Greg Lestini	Ike Stage
Michelle Crandall	Kris Long	Ben Stahler
Jennifer Fening	Kim Maggard	Andy Volenik
Cindi Fitzpatrick	Glenn Marzluf	Christie Ward
Dave Gulden	Mark Mauter	Andrew Williams
Bill Habig	Steve Mazer	Tim Wilson

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Franklin Christman	Tom Johnson	Joe Stefanov
Karl Craven	Monica Irelan	Robyn Stewart
Terry Emery	Bonnie Michael	Andrew White
Joy Evangelista	Bill Narducci	RC Wise
Sam Filkins	Megan O'Callaghan	Kenneth Wright
Chris Harkness	Nick Shultz	
Christine Houk	Brandon Standley	

Transportation Policy Committee Members Present in Person

Kristen Easterday	Kimberly Sharp	Thom Slack
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Transportation Policy Committee Members Attending Remotely

LaGrieta Acheampong
Linda Nicodemus for Kristy Hawthorne

MORPC Staff Present in Person

Kerstin Carr	Shawn Hufstedler	William Murdock
Dave Dixon	Niel Jurist	Kyle Probert
Joe Garrity	Eileen Leuby	Melissa Rupp
Nick Gill	Kelsey Matson	Robert Williams

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Amanda Frey	Anthony Perry
John Gardocki	Emma Strange

Guests Present in Person

Mark Forrest, CORPO Chair	Angela Powell, Morrow County
John Gallagher, Compass Infrastructure	Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Guests Attending Remotely

Nita Hanson, Etna Township	Mendra Hupp, Perry County
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Andy Shifflett, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Jennifer Townley, ODOT

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

Interim Chair Chris Amorose Grooms called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and recognition of those who served in the armed forces in honor of Veterans Day.

Nominating Committee Report – Ben Kessler (City of Bexley), MORPC Interim Secretary

Interim Secretary Kessler announced Kris Long (Franklin County) has been nominated to fill the Executive Committee vacancy left by Erik Janas on an interim basis. Interim Secretary Kessler motioned for the board to accept the recommendation, second by Bill LaFayette; motion passed.

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

Eileen Leuby welcomed Thomas Hale (Village of West Jefferson), Joseph LaBorie (Jefferson Township), and John Gallagher (Compass Infrastructure).

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

William Murdock announced the success of MORPC's recent Summit on Sustainability on October 26. The event broke all past records with 631 registered attendees, 30 sponsor organizations, and \$104,890 in sponsorships.

Mr. Murdock shared the updated MORPC Membership map that now includes 85 communities around the Central Ohio area. Mr. Murdock acknowledged the immense growth MORPC has seen as an organization and highlighted the efforts of CORPO, the MPO, and MORPC's newest members leverage MORPC's work and return on investment for the region.

MORPC hired its Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming: Parag Agrawal. Currently, Mr. Agrawal is the Executive Director of the Polk TPO in Florida. He previously worked for the City of Columbus and is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

Mr. Murdock highlighted the additional staff hired for MORPC's Community-Base Planning Assistance Program. MORPC has the capacity to help communities that need assistance in hiring consultants, technical assistance, and short-term planning staffing.

Mr. Murdock gave an update on the SHARES Tech Hub Application, and CHIPS Office Central Ohio Visit. Central Ohio's application for the Regional Tech Hub Grant was not approved. MORPC will continue to work with partners to find ways to support Central Ohio's burgeoning silicon heartland.

The Federal Railroad Administration is expected to make ID Program announcements any day through November. MORPC continues to meet with congressional offices, and partners in Indiana and Lima, Ohio to rally support along Ohio's corridors. The Statewide Passenger Rail Coalition will host their next meeting at MORPC on November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Murdock provided an update on the Regional Water Collaboration water study. Work on the RFP is underway, and opportunities to be engaged will be underway over the next couple of months. Additional questions, and those who want to get involved, can reach out to Kerstin Carr (Kcarr@morpc.org).

Quarterly Membership Update – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer

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

- Membership visits

- The 2023 Rural Forum Series
- Requests for 2024 Summer Interns
- Regional Update Breakfast Southeast Area
- MORPC's December Pre-Commission Holiday Luncheon in honor of board members ending their careers in public service
- MORPC's February Pre-Commission VIP Luncheon
- Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Governing Essentials' workshop
- Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials Program registration for 2024

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

Joe Antram made a motion to approve Resolution 15-23, second by Emily Keeler; motion passed.

Committees

Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization – Mark Forrest (Madison County), Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) Chair

CORPO Chair Mark Forrest reported the CORPO Committee met for their bi-annual meeting on November 6 and adopted the 2023-2050 Transportation Plan. The regional long-term plan identifies multi-modal transportation policies and facilities needed to meet CORPO's anticipated travel plans through 2050. The plan is updated every five years, with the most recent adoption being the first update since the plan was adopted in 2018.

The committee also approved funding commitments for three projects to use approximately \$1.1 million CORPO dedicated funds for SFY24-25. The projects receiving funds are Marysville, Mount Vernon, and Lancaster, and were the only three applications received during the application period. CORPO will reopen another application period for the new year and accept applications for the remaining \$1 million in funds.

CORPO recently held a Stakeholder Kick-off meeting to launch work on the Safe Streets 4 All Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will review crash data and conditions for all roadway users, then identify strategies and projects to improve safety in the CORPO Planning area and is targeted for completion in early Spring 2024.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

Joe Garrity presented the [Regional Policy Roundtable Update](#). Mr. Garrity highlighted his recent trip to the Association of Defense Communities Conference in Orlando, Florida, where he and local leaders discussed the Central Ohio Defense Group and the recent \$8 million military construction project funded through congressionally directed spending.

Mr. Garrity discussed the new Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, and the Continuing Resolution Deadline. The new Speaker of the House indicated he wants a stopgap funding measure to fund the twelve Appropriations Bills in order to finalize the budget either January 15, 2024, or April 15, 2024.

The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting is November 29.

- **Legislative Update – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter**
Steve Tugend gave the legislative update highlighting the following:
 - Capital Budget and Strategic Community Investment Fund

- Virtual Meetings for Public Bodies
- Election Recap

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

Ben Kessler presented the [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report](#). Mayor Kessler highlighted the success of MORPC's recent Summit on Sustainability and acknowledged the Sustainability Award recipients Geno Tucker and Aryeh Alex.

MORPC is launching a new working group to support the implementation of the Central Ohio Trail Town Framework. Those interested in participating can reach out to Melinda Vonstein (Mvonstien@morpc.org). The full framework and expansion are available on the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) [webpage](#).

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting is at the Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley, Ohio on December 13 at 2:30 p.m. SAC will meet quarterly in 2024. Those interested in filling vacancies on SAC can reach out to Brandi Whetstone (bwhetstone@morpc.org).

The next hybrid Sustainable2050 meeting is December 7 at 9:00 a.m.

- **RAPID 5 Update – Kerstin Carr, MORPC Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning**

Kerstin Carr provided a [RAPID 5 Update](#) on their current vision of creating a large interconnected and regional open space system that allows all residents in Central Ohio access to nature and trails, while preserving and protecting greenspace. RAPID 5 is focusing on five pillars: Health & Wellbeing, Recreation, Environmental Stewardship, Equitable Access, and Economic Vitality. In forming their vision, RAPID 5 took inspiration from Cleveland's Emerald Necklace, Atlanta's Beltline, Houston's Bayous, and Toronto's Ravines. One of the strategies is the connection of parcels of land in flood plains through a land trust and conservation easements. As such, the RAPID 5 board voted at its last board meeting to file appropriate documents with the IRS to become a regional land trust for Central Ohio and to join the Land Trust Alliance and Coalition of Ohio Land Trusts. RAPID 5 has also hired an executive search firm to bring on a new executive director in 2024. In the meantime, MORPC will help with developing guidelines and technical assistance to support local governments.

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 2:38 p.m. The session adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Separate minutes are attached.

Commission Consent Agenda

Ike Stage made a motion to approve the Commission Consent Agenda, second by Greg Lestini; motion passed.

Other Business

William Murdock welcomed the board to join MORPC's membership luncheon at MORPC on December 14 at 12:00 p.m. ahead of the next Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Interim Secretary
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



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Memorandum

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

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

DATE: December 1, 2023

SUBJECT: **Proposed Resolution 17-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into contract with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vanpool fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program”**

Resolution 17-23 authorizes the executive director to enter into a three-year contract with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute with Enterprise, for vehicles and vanpool fleet support services for our MORPC's Gohio Commute Vanpool Program.

EAN Holdings, LLC will be responsible for providing commuter highway vehicles to support MORPC Gohio Commute Vanpool Program. After MORPC staff identifies a vanpool group, EAN Holdings staff will provide the commuter highway vehicle, fleet maintenance/management including fleet insurance. They will also provide driver support, hold the contract with the commuters and handle all billing for the service. Additionally, EAN Holdings, LLC will provide Gohio Commute fleet marketing on all vehicles and collect National Transit Database data on a monthly basis.

Attached: Resolution 17-23

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Michelle Crandall
Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

RESOLUTION 17-23

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into contract with EAN Holdings, LLC, DBA Commute With Enterprise, for vanpool fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool Program”

WHEREAS, MORPC offers a vanpool program as part of their rideshare platform in an effort to extend the commute options for residents of Central Ohio and to address workforce transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, MORPC provides a subsidy to each vanpool group and reports their monthly ridership data to the National Transit Database which allows for additional Federal Transit Administration formula funds to come to the region; and

WHEREAS, approximately every three years MORPC solicits for and enters into a contract with a qualified entity to provide fleet services for the Gohio Commute Vanpool program which includes providing commuter highway vehicles, fleet maintenance/management including fleet insurance, provide driver support, hold contract with the commuters and handle all billing for the vanpool service, Gohio Commute fleet marketing on all vehicles and collect National Transit Database data on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, MORPC issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in October 2023 to solicit for qualified entities to provide the fleet services; and

WHEREAS, EAN Holdings, LLC dba Commute with Enterprise was selected to provide the fleet services; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of vanpool subsidies to be provided each year is included in the agency budget; 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 for vanpool fleet services with total subsidies over the life of the contract up to \$750,000.
- 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.

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

Effective date: January 3, 2024

Submitted by: Nick Gill, Transportation Study Director, Interim Senior Director of Programming

Prepared by: Patty Olmsted, Program Manager- Gohio Commute TDM Programs

Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21

For action date: December 14, 2023



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Joe Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations

DATE: December 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 18-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide state government relations services for the Central Ohio region”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to contract with a government relations firm beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. MORPC conducted a fair and open selection process to solicit government relations services proposals to review. Thirteen proposals were received and evaluated.

The contracted firm will provide a variety of services including: maintaining and building MORPC's reputation among the region's leaders; reinforcing MORPC's reputation as a visible advocate of racial and social justice issues; continuing to strengthen connections between MORPC members and staff to state and federal public policy leaders; ensuring public policy leaders are more likely to adopt MORPC's public policy priorities through efficient and effective advocacy efforts; keeping MORPC's members regularly informed about key legislative developments important to them; and protecting and enhancing MORPC's brand as one of Central Ohio's top regional advocacy organizations.

Attachment: Resolution 18-23

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
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Interim Secretary

RESOLUTION 18-23

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide state government relations services for the Central Ohio region.”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has an existing government affairs and public policy program for MORPC members; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s public policy and advocacy efforts have developed a strong voice for the region and local governments’ needs at the Statehouse and in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, MORPC conducted a fair and open selection process upon the request for proposals for professional services for state government relations services; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and evaluating the proposals received, a firm will be selected; and

WHEREAS, the selected firm will provide a variety of services including: maintaining and building MORPC’s reputation among the region’s leaders; establishing MORPC’s reputation as a visible advocate of racial and social justice issues; continuing to strengthen connections between MORPC members and staff to state and federal public policy leaders; ensuring public policy leaders are more likely to adopt MORPC’s public policy priorities through efficient and effective advocacy efforts; keeping MORPC’s members regularly informed about key legislative developments important to them; and protecting and enhancing MORPC’s brand as one of Central Ohio’s top regional advocacy organizations; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreement from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with a firm to provide government relations services for the Central Ohio region.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a financial agreement with the selected firm that includes a monthly fee of \$6,000.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 5. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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

Effective date:	December 14, 2023
Submitted by:	Joe Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
Prepared by:	Kyle Probert, Public Policy Coordinator
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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FROM: Joe Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

DATE: December 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 20-23: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide defense and community partnership services for the Central Ohio region”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to contract with a firm beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. MORPC conducted a fair and open selection process to solicit proposals. One proposal was received and evaluated.

The selected firm will provide a variety of services including: hosting and facilitating meetings of the Central Ohio Defense Group; monitoring relevant legislation; advocating for Central Ohio's defense assets before key state and federal leaders; creating tools to enhance Central Ohio's defense assets; and serving as the primary liaison between the Central Ohio defense community and the Governor's office and JobsOhio.

Additionally, interest has been expressed to provide additional special projects such as legislative affairs and educational efforts around defense center assets and intergovernmental support activities. This is anticipated to be up to \$50,000 annually.

Attachment: Resolution 20-23

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Interim Chair

Michelle Crandall
Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

RESOLUTION 20-23

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide defense and community partnership services for the Central Ohio region.”

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has an existing defense partnership in the Central Ohio Defense Group; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been a member of the Association of Defense Communities since 2021; and

WHEREAS, MORPC’s efforts through the Central Ohio Defense Group have developed a robust advocacy and collaboration apparatus to enhance Central Ohio’s defense assets; and

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed to provide additional special projects such as legislative affairs and educational efforts around defense center assets and intergovernmental support activities; and

WHEREAS, MORPC conducted a fair and open selection process upon the request for proposals for professional services for defense and community partnership services; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and evaluating the proposals received, a firm will be selected; and

WHEREAS, the selected firm will provide a variety of services including: hosting and facilitating meetings of the Central Ohio Defense Group; monitoring relevant legislation; advocating for Central Ohio’s defense assets before key state and federal leaders; creating tools to enhance Central Ohio’s defense assets; and serving as the primary liaison between the Central Ohio defense community and the Governor’s office and JobsOhio; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreement from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with a firm to provide defense and community partnership services for the Central Ohio region.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to enter into a financial agreement with the selected firm that includes a monthly fee of \$3,500 plus up to \$50,000 annually for special projects.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 5. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Interim Chair
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