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NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
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December 4, 2023
5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions – LaGrieta Acheampong, Chair**
- 5:32 p.m. Approval of October 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
- 5:33 p.m. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report – Nick Gill, MORPC, Dave Dixon, MORPC**
- Transit Agency Reports
 - Delaware County Transit – Nick Gill, MORPC
 - COTA - Nick Gill, MORPC
- 5:45 p.m. Resolutions**
- Resolution T-16-23 Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program – Thomas Graham, MORPC

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- 5:50 p.m. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
- 2024 - 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Maria Schaper, MORPC
- 6:00 p.m. Informational Items**
- Adjusted Urban Boundary and Functional Class Update – Jon Heider, MORPC
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Update – Brian Filiatraut, MORPC
- 6:30 p.m. Other Business**
- Member Application Update
 - Roundtable Discussion
- 7:00 p.m. Adjourn**

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January 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



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Date: **October 30, 2023**
Time: **5:30 p.m.**
Location: **MORPC**

Members Present

Acheampong, LaGrieta
Beltran, Hugo
Bohnert, Eli
Dorsey, Dana
Girves, Catherine (online)

Ilmi, Naima
Needleman, William
Onuba, Stokley (online)
Paul, David (online)
Rist, John

Roehm, Bob (online)
Rollins, Helen
Weiss, Ira

Guests

Easterday, Kristen

Ellingsen, Kelsey

McCarthy, Tom

MORPC Staff

Dixon, Dave
Frick, Preston
Gardocki, John
Gill, Nick

Hampton, Ralonda
Jurist, Niel
Ratliff, Chuck
Roy-Dixon, Padmini

Schaper, Maria
Strange, Emma
Vonstein, Melinda

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Chair Acheampong called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. There was not a quorum present.

II. Approval of August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Since there was not a quorum present, the agenda was advanced to the MPO report.
- Once a quorum was present, Chair Acheampong asked for a motion to approve the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Weiss moved; Mr. Rist seconded; and the motion passed.

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report

- Mr. Gill began the report, informing the committee of the following:
 - MORPC received two applications for the 2024 Technical Assistance Program. The applications were for active transportation related planning services from Jefferson Township and Franklin Township. The awards will be formally announced on Friday, November 3, 2023.
 - A working group has been convened to review the MORPC Complete Streets Policy in alignment with the review of the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds. If anyone is interested in participating in that working group, reach out to Lauren Cardoni at lcardon@morpc.org. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m.

- Mr. Gardocki informed the committee that he has accepted a position as the Project Manager of Partnership at the Regional Transportation District in Denver, Colorado.
- Mr. Gill continued, giving the Delaware County Transit (DCT) update, stating that:
 - DCT provided 86,316 trips through September and 7,674 since October 19th with a year-to-date ridership of 93,990.
 - They launched their new Via dispatch software in September and have had 117 app downloads. DCT will be holding an in-house app training session for riders on November 16, 2023 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - DCT is in the next round of the public participation phase of its Strategic Plan with the Steering Committee Meeting 2, which was held on October 24, 2023. A public presentation is planned for November 15, 2023.
- Ms. Ellingsen expressed their gratitude to Mr. Gardocki for the service and partnership he has provided during his time at MORPC. Ms. Ellingsen continued, providing the COTA update:
 - COTA had the groundbreaking for the Mobility Center at Rickenbacker on October 4, 2023. The Rickenbacker economic hub facilitates 38,000 jobs and 900 work sites. This groundbreaking represents a \$24 million dollar project. COTA is partnering with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective to provide a food pantry. In addition, there is going to be a community garden, space for a food truck, and a better connection with the GREAT shuttle.
 - The triennial service changes have been publicized and feedback has been received. These will be announced on December 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. and December 12, 2023 at noon. COTA is maintaining service in January, so no service cuts will occur.
 - COTA hosted a hiring event where they have extended 99 offers for operators. It's important that they expand their workforce to be able to expand their services.
- Mr. Dixon concluded the report, informing the committee of the following:
 - The Leaders Listen: Sustainability survey is now closed. MORPC is pleased to have heard from over 2,000 area residents across 140 different ZIP codes. Survey results were shared with attendees at the Summit on Sustainability held on October 26, 2023.
 - MORPC welcomed the City of Mount Vernon as the newest Sustainable2050 member. The City of Columbus also recently recertified under the program as a Platinum Plus Equity Champion. There are 38 local governments and regional organizations participating in Sustainable2050, and 20 of those members have earned their certification at the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels.
 - To bring investment and funding to the region, MORPC is working with Columbus area partners on the Climate Pollution Reduction grant. Our next steps include forming a subcommittee that will assist the project team with informing this regional planning effort, as well as position Central Ohio for implementation funding with \$4.6 billion available through the competitive US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The

competitive grant applications are due April 1, 2024 and we will be engaging members to identify shared priorities. This CPRG Strategy Subcommittee (CSS) will play a crucial role in advancing regional priorities. Initial meetings will take place November 1 and December 7, 2023. Please contact Brian Filiatraut at bfiliatraut@morpc.org for more information.

- Applications are now open for two MORPC programs that provide planning and consulting services to central Ohio communities:
 - The Consultant Services Program assists communities with hiring consultants for major planning projects. If your community is considering a project that requires extensive consultant engagement, such as a comprehensive plan update, MORPC can facilitate the RFP process from start to finish. This includes meeting with you to develop the RFP scope based on your project needs, publishing the RFP on our website, reviewing initial proposals, and coordinating finalist presentations.
 - The Planner Pool Program connects communities with on-call planning expertise for smaller scale or interim projects. This program can fill staffing gaps, assist with preparatory work, or provide targeted support across a wide range of planning needs.
 - If your community could benefit from consultant or planning support, please contact Jonathan Miller at jmiller@morpc.org to discuss how these programs can help meet your needs.

IV. 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Ms. Schaper thanked those that attended the October 26, 2023 special session, where the evaluation criteria and process for the MTP was presented. Ms. Schaper continued, providing the committee with the following information:
 - The MTP is the guiding document that identifies regional transportation priorities in our region out to the year 2050. It is fiscally constrained and guides the work of MORPC and our local planning partners and established eligibility for federal transportation dollars.
 - It is based on six broad goals that touch on the areas of sustainable neighborhoods, positioning Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunities while protecting natural resources, and increasing regional collaboration and providing transportation and mobility options for all people. Everything that is planned points back to these goals.
 - Candidate projects have been identified and it is being considered which of those projects will best help the region move forward. These have been identified through local, regional, and state planning documents in addition to those captured through the web map during the public comment period.
 - Later this year, a list of draft strategies and projects will be brought forth for review. These strategies focus on two main categories; System Management, how we are preserving and maintaining existing systems and System Development, where the focus is on infrastructure projects such as bike/ped, transit, freight, roadways, and multimodal connections & hubs.
 - Over one thousand candidate projects are being looked at with bike/pedestrian projects at the top totaling 613.
 - For the remainder of 2023, strategy and project evaluation, fiscal analysis, draft strategy, and projects work will continue. In 2024, the impact analysis and a full draft document will be shared with the community, and a public

comment period will commence. In May, the MTP will be brought forth for adoption.

V. Informational Items

- John Glenn Columbus International Airport Terminal Update
 - Mr. McCarthy, the Chief Planning & Engineering Officer, introduced himself and Kristen Easterday, the Director of Public Affairs and Communication.
 - The existing terminal was built in 1958. Multiple assets and systems are nearing the end of useful life and are operationally and environmentally inefficient.
 - Global architecture, design and planning firm Gensler, along with Columbus-based Moody Nolan are providing professional design services for the new terminal. In addition, Hensel Phelps Construction, and local firm Elford is serving as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR).
 - The 30% design phase was reached in July, and they are now proceeding to the next phase. It is anticipated that the 60% design documents will be completed by the end of 2023.
 - In January of 2024, the overall schedule and a high-level overall guaranteed maximum price will be presented to the board.
 - There are no plans to expand any runways or taxiways. Anything on the perimeter of the airport will not change. As they have plenty of lanes for vehicular access, the roadway into the new terminal will be split in two, with upper and grade level access.
 - At the site, a 5000-space parking deck and a roadway between that parking and the rental car center is being proposed. This roadway will be the ground transportation center where all public transit will come in. These roads are being designed to allow for future bus rapid transit lanes. In addition, to the north side of the ground transportation center, right of way is being reserved for any potential light rail.
 - The new terminal is being designed with one terminal and one concourse. When entering the terminal, one will go across a bridge into a single checkpoint and will have access to all the passenger gates, concessions, and amenities that are being designed.
 - With 36 full services gates being designed for, this will allow the airport to grow into 2039 which by that point, up to 13 million passengers per year can be serviced. This is a 51% increase from the number of passengers that are serviced today. All gates will be sized to handle mainline aircraft and one gate will be sized for up to a wide body 747 for any future international travel.
 - Mr. Rist asked for clarification on the international travel gates. Mr. McCarthy responded that there will be two gates for international inbound traffic, with one of them able to service up to a 747.
 - Mr. Rist asked if it is Intel's intent to start shipping more items due to their location. Mr. McCarthy responded that they don't have any indication of any specific increases. Most of the shipping would likely go through Rickenbacker. However, any additional traffic that they have can be easily accommodated.
 - Mr. McCarthy continued, showing how the design reduces the distance that passengers need to walk. The Y shape in the middle, which is referred to as

the marketplace, is a large area after security that will contain most of the concessions, with close access to most gates.

- Ms. Girves asked about improved bike access. Mr. McCarthy stated that they can take that into account and do everything they can on their property to accommodate any bike travel.
- Ms. Roy-Dixon asked if the new terminal would add flights to international destinations, including direct flights to Europe. Mr. McCarthy answered that the terminal itself does not drive any additional flights. Those are driven by the local economy, businesses, and the airlines. The terminal will provide access to any airline that determines they can be successful and have a non-stop flight to Europe.
- Ms. Rollins asked if there are people on the board or committee that helps with follow-up on topics such as the need for improved bike access as expressed by Ms. Girves. Mr. McCarthy stated that they have the real estate to accommodate, and it can be put on the list of things to consider.
- Mr. Beltran asked how congestion would be handled. Mr. McCarthy answered that the current design has double the length of the existing curbside, with the goal of serving 13 million passengers. To aid this, the ground transportation center has been given a dedicated area so that private traffic can be separated.
- Mr. Beltran asked about accommodations for Uber & Lyft. Mr. McCarthy stated that these services will drop off on the private lanes and pick up at the ground transportation center.
- Mr. Beltran asked about space for additional lounges. Mr. McCarthy answered that the current plan allow for up to three lounges.
- Mr. Beltran asked if there is a target number for the time it takes from the flight landing to the passenger receiving their luggage. Mr. McCarthy stated that this is not a function of infrastructure but instead is a labor issue. However, they are designing to make this activity more efficient.
- Mr. Roehm asked if there are discussions with COTA about increasing transit access to the airport. Mr. McCarthy answer yes. They are always in communication with COTA to make sure they are providing the best service they can. Ms. Ellingsen from COTA concurred.
- Mr. Weiss asked if we are building big enough given Intel and other tech companies are coming into the region. Mr. McCarthy answered yes. Part of the restraints they have today is that about ¼ of the current gates cannot accommodate larger aircraft. They are eliminating small 50 seat aircraft and having fewer daily flights using aircraft that holds 110 to 200 passengers.
- Mr. Dixon asked if the proposed design takes Amtrak into consideration. Mr. McCarthy answered that with the terminal in the center of the airfield, it would be difficult to accommodate heavy rail right of way because the grades go under the taxiway and then back up. It would take too much distance. However, it would work well with light rail. There is a railroad right of way not far off of the campus that can accommodate Amtrak. Mr. Dixon commented that the considerations may be along the lines of how you connect those two locations. Mr. McCarthy replied that the ground transportation center would be designed to do this, whether it be a bus rapid transit shuttle or light rail.
- Mr. Rist asked what the timeframe to construct if everything goes as planned. Mr. McCarthy answered that some early utility roadway work would

begin in the summer of 2024. Heavy construction for the terminal itself would begin around January 2025, with a proposed opening in late 2028.

- Mr. Rist asked if this project is in the MTP. Mr. Gill replied that the airport facilities are not required to be part of the MTP because they are governed by FAA regulations. The MTP portion concerns the ground transportation to the terminal. Mr. Rist clarified, asking if a transit component is in the MTP. Mr. Gill replied that the plan accounts for the bus service that currently travels there. There's no bus rapid transit or any other service connection to the airport in the current MTP but it is planned to be included in the upcoming plan. Mr. Rist replied that it would make more sense to do it all at once instead of building the transit system later. Mr. McCarthy agreed, but stated that due to the timing, it would probably not work out. However, they are allowing a right of way so future transit could come in without disrupting the existing terminal. In the future, if it's bus rapid transit, it could go on the roadways being designed. For light rail, the proposal would be to come in on the left side where there's no development today. It would tie into the end of the bridge, but not into the building itself. Mr. Rist expressed a concern that if this project is moving at the proposed timeline, it is a high priority to get it into the MTP so there is funding to get it built. Ms. Acheampong replied that they are in the process of looking into all of this and that the committee will see when the projects are brought forth.
- Mr. McCarthy continued, showing what the curbside would look like. A canopy will come out and over four lanes, with two for stopping and unloading, and two for through lanes. There is a pedestrian bridge that comes across and ties into the terminal. The design of the concourse is 100 feet wide versus the 55 feet width of the concourse that exists today. There will not be any columns in the middle. They are planning for a full free span structure.
- Mr. Weiss asked if there will be moving walkways. Mr. McCarthy replied that there are no plans for moving walkways due to liability, cost, and maintenance considerations.
- Mr. McCarthy continued, stating that with regards to how this will be funded, the airport does not accept taxpayer dollars other than the funds that the FAA has set aside for their AIP program. The rest is paid for with user fees from airlines, passengers, parking, concessions, and non-airline revenue. The current budget is \$2 billion all in with design soft costs and construction. This includes \$240 million of funds saved during the last five years and between \$100 and \$140 million from FAA. The rest will be covered by bonds that will be paid back through airline use, lease fees, and non-airline revenue.
- Mr. Beltran asked that since the gates that we have today are narrow, will wheelchair accessibility be taken into consideration. Mr. McCarthy replied that the boarding bridges will be the most modern available today and will be the widest available.
- Mr. Rist asked if the airport owns property that could be developed by the private sector which could contribute to the overall cost of the project. Mr. McCarthy answered that there is no private sector involvement because of the strict FAA rules.

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding Opportunities Update
 - Mr. Frick presented the following:
 - The BIL was signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021 and authorized \$1.2 trillion dollars in overall funding to over 350 programs.
 - Just under half of this funding went to create new programs and just over half of this amount went to funding existing programs.
 - Eleven organizations received this funding but five are not applicable to the MORPC area.
 - MORPC is focusing on the Department of Transportation, Department of Interior, Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency as these agencies have priorities that are consistent with MORPC's responsibilities for the region.
 - All funded programs fall within thirteen program types, with roads, bridges, and major projects receiving the most at 38.80% percent.
 - MORPC is interested in the following programs that fall under the categories of public transportation, passenger and freight, rail safety, and electric vehicles, where the U.S. DOT is focusing their investments.
 - Of the U.S. DOT agencies, the Transit Administration is taking on a third of these programs, followed by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Highway Administration, and Railroad Administration.
 - This shows that there is a lot of investment in public transportation, which is consistent with Central Ohio needs.
 - There are six programs that Central Ohio has been submitting applications and we are continuing the analysis by following releases from the U.S. DOT and other federal administrations when they announce awards or unsuccessful applications.
 - MORPC recently submitted a regional application to expand EV infrastructure throughout Central Ohio. We are still waiting to receive the results.
 - MORPC works with our members to understand what their projects are and how they correspond to the BIL program and how the funding can help advance these projects.
 - MORPC's approach in formulated funds enables our Attributable Funding program, where three of the four were continued from the FAST Act.
 - To mitigate regional competition for funding, we try to understand what those projects are and how they correspond with the 350 programs available in the BIL and strategically pair these projects to those programs. We've provided some application assistance by providing data and modeling for benefit cost analysis and providing safety data with safety action plans. In addition, we can help to get the projects on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Central Ohio Greenways Updates - Strategic Plan & Trail Communities
 - Ms. Vonstein informed the committee of the following:
 - The second phase of the Trail Town Framework has concluded. This initiative was started because we know trails are important to the region. Surveys convey that residents want more opportunities to get outdoors and experience nature.

- The Central Ohio Greenways mission is to build more trails and encourage their use. The interest in connecting to trails is not unique to Central Ohio, it's a trend being seen across the entire nation.
- The Rails to Trails Conservancy recently did an impact of trail study to measure the impact of the Great American Rail Trail, which is a trail that extends from Washington, DC to Seattle, WA. In Ohio alone, it is estimated that close to \$13 million annual visitor spending occurs, exemplifying the economic potential.
- Development of the Trail Town Framework was started in 2022. Amy Camp, author of the book *Deciding on Trails*, was hired to assist in developing this framework. The focus is encouraging outside trail users to use our trails, how it affects quality of life, and how the program can encourage Active Transportation and connections for local residents. MORPC worked with four rural communities along the Ohio to Erie Trail to start to develop the program, specifically Mount Vernon, Centerburg, Sunbury, and London.
- Traditionally, trail town programs across the nation are more focused on rural spaces. Amy Camp was engaged again to help imagine the program and develop criteria that meets the needs of people that live in urban and suburban areas. The focus should be on a flexible program to ensure all diverse communities can participate, not just communities that have thriving commercial districts. A large regional metropolitan trail town program is a new frontier.
- Unlike rural areas, it is more difficult to determine where neighborhoods begin and end in urban areas and who we should work with when asking these communities to be a part of the program. So, it was important to determine how we can define geographic areas so all neighborhoods and communities can participate.
- Another determination discovered is making marketing and communications more holistic and thinking about art and culture.
- The next step for this program is to identify funding to launch the program and host annual Trail Town forums where we can engage communities that are already thinking about trail towns.
- A new offering was added to the Technical Assistance Program to complete placemaking projects within the communities so that we can help them think about how the trail helps to develop a sense of place and identity within the community.
- We plan to continue working with Experience Columbus and Rails to Trails Conservancy on ideas like Outdoor Trail Passes and the annual celebration of On the Trail on Earth Day.
- A wayfinding strategy is being developed with Designing Local, a firm that has a holistic view of what wayfinding is.
- A working group is being formed to implement this program. If you are interested in participating in this working group, reach out to Melinda Vonstein at mvonstein@morpc.org.
- The Central Ohio Greenways Board worked to update the strategic plan and focus on updating the action items. Previously, there were 54 actions items identified in 2015. Due to the many changes happening in the region, the focus has been redirected. Twenty six new action items were identified.

- There will be a project steering committee that will have a clear start and end date. This committee will guide the work of specific projects such as wayfinding or the Trails Towns project.
- There will be a series of annual collaboration meetings and events such as the forums, with a possible summit in the future.
- Ms. Rollins commented that when the trail ends in the Reynoldsburg Blacklick area and stops there. It's almost a 35 mile ride. Ms. Rollins asked if that is the limit of the scope of the program. Ms. Vonstein answered no. There are plans to extend trails on the east side. These trails are the backbone of the network with the Alum Creek trail extending down to the southern border of Franklin County and then the Rocky Fork Trail just east of the Alum Creek trails. There are plans for more trails in that area. The goal of this vision is to have an interconnected network, so we don't need to turn a 10 mile trip into 38 miles.
- Mr. Beltran commented that they have never ridden a trail because they don't know where to get the information. Being Latino, he knows his community would have an interest. Ms. Vonstein commented that messaging is one area that can be improved upon. She is interested in working with Mr. Beltran on how they can better get the message out to the Latino community.
- Mr. Weiss asked about a timeframe for putting all of this together. Ms. Vonstein responded that a timeframe has not been identified since many of the trails are unfunded. MORPC and our partners are working hard to get these built as quickly as possible.

VI. Other Business

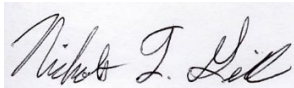
- Membership Updates
 - Mr. Gill informed the committee that some member terms are expiring at the end of this year. The deadline to reapply is mid-November. We have reached out to staff recommended candidates to gauge interest in joining the committee.
- Roundtable Discussion
 - Mr. Gill mentioned that previously there was interest expressed in learning more about the Intel project. MORPC has reached out to an Intel point person and had a discussion but have not followed up yet. We will be reengaging soon to determine the possibility of having this at a future meeting.
 - Mr. Beltran stated that Honda is going to be making hydrogen CRVs and asked how we handle the infrastructure for fueling cells or hydrogen stations. Mr. Gill stated that this is private for the most part. If hydrogen fuel vehicles become more prominent, it's possible that the automakers will look at how fueling will be developed in tandem with making the vehicles.
 - Mr. Rist asked if the committee will see the results of the ODOT alternative revenue survey. Mr. Gill answered that they have finished but have not yet released the full report. Once that comes out, we will follow up.
 - Mr. Needleman asked if there are any additional updates on mass vehicular transit. Mr. Gill replied that with regards to intercity passenger rail there were applications submitted that were brought onto the corridor ID program, specifically, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati which was

submitted by the state. There was also a submission by the Fort Wayne MPO for the Chicago, Fort Wayne, Columbus, Pittsburgh line to get on Amtrak. Our understanding is that those announcements on which to proceed with intercity passenger rail will be in December.

- Mr. Needleman asked if there's anything more that the CAC can do to be more active when deciding on projects. Mr. Gill replied that MORPC is hearing what is being said by the committee and explained that the role of the CAC is to bring its perspective to the constituents that they represent. The CAC's point of view is brought to us, and staff considers that information to understand the priorities. This feedback is used as we are developing project criteria and metrics. The CAC already plays a very active role in the planning process.
- Mr. Gardocki stated that if anyone is interested in getting further involved in the LinkUS project, there is a Community Stakeholder group which is run by COTA. It's open to anyone within the COTA service area. It's an \$8 billion program that is not limited to just the five transit corridors, it also includes increasing service hours. If you are interested, reach out to Aslyne Rodriguez at COTA.

VII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick I. Gill", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Nick Gill, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT

November 2023

PROGRAMMING

Nick Gill, Transportation Director & Interim Sr. Director of Programming – ngill@morpc.org

Transportation

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

- Draft strategies were developed and reviewed by various MORPC teams and experts.
- Candidate projects are being evaluated based on quantitative and qualitative criteria.
- Cost estimates were developed for each project.
- A preliminary funding forecast was developed to estimate the amount of funds that will be available for transportation projects in Central Ohio through the year 2050.

Transit, Mobility & Human Services:

Mobility Management

- Attended the Transportation Advisory Committees in Delaware County, Union County, Logan County, Fayette County, and Licking County. Participated in the reviewing and revising of local goals and strategies in each county.

FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient

- Reviewed applications and held an advisory committee meeting to determine the final selection for the Program of Projects.

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- 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 many businesses in Fairfield and surrounding counties. Mid-West Fabricating's first vanpool will begin on December 1, 2023.

Transportation Planning Activities:

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 into an alternative analysis phase. The LinkUs partners reviewed the information with some additional analysis to occur before section of the corridors and their inclusion into the draft MTP project list.
- The 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 kick off 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 will be seeking stakeholder input regarding local road safety issues and opportunities and to help identify key priorities for the plan. The planning process will include review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users, such as motorists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and emphasize the [Safe System Approach](#).
- The CORPO 2024-2050 Transportation Plan was adopted at their November 6th 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.

Active Transportation Planning:

- A working group comprised of members of the Attributable Funds Committee and the Active Transportation Committee is currently reviewing the MORPC Complete Streets Policy to determine if updates are needed. Two working group meetings have been held, one on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 and a second on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. An overview of discussion items and potential policy changes will be presented to the ATC on December 12, 2023. 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, 2023, on the topic of Beyond Quick-Build Towards Resilient Treatments for High-Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure. These webinars are eligible for 1.0 hour of AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Contact Jordan Petrov at jpetrov@morpc.org if interested in attending.
- The fourth quarter MORPC Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting that can be attended in person at MORPC, or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Transportation Safety:

- MORPC participated in the following safety committee meetings and events:
 - Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting on November 2, 2023.
 - Ohio Traffic Safety Council Pedestrian Safety Working Group meeting on November 2, 2023.
 - ODOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee meeting on November 15, 2023.
 - Ohio Traffic Safety Council Safety Belt Task Force meeting on November 16, 2023.
 - A second Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review meeting on November 16, 2023.

Technical Assistance Program:

- Awards were announced for the 2024 MORPC Technical Assistance Program. The following applicants will be participating in the 2024 program, with services focused on active transportation planning in their respective communities:
 - Franklin Township (Franklin County)
 - Jefferson Township (Franklin County)
- The 2024 Technical Assistance Program will launch these new services in early 2024.

Infrastructure Funding:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- A TIP amendment was prepared 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 AFC was provided draft policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds on November 21, 2023. The committee will be asked to consider approval of these policies for public comment at the December 6, 2023 meeting.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Applicants to District 3 (Franklin County) for FY25 SCIP/LTIP assistance were provided draft scores for their applications in early November. Applicants were then offered the opportunity to meet with MORPC staff, who scored the applications, to discuss their scores and provide clarification to their applications where needed. The District 3 PWIC will review these scores at their December 1, 2023 meeting.

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)

- TRAC continues to evaluate applications for the 2024-2027 program. At the November 15, 2023 TRAC working session, ODOT announced that an additional \$392 million in funding through the Connct4Ohio program has been 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

- The Drive Investment Portal (DIP) has progressed through the internal review process. The Grants team is currently executing the roll out plan for this new resource, which includes a soft release throughout the month of November. MORPC has been visiting this webpage and providing thoughtful comments. 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. These funds will help update data used for MORPC's Regional Housing Strategy, as well as preserve and create affordable housing in Franklin County.
- The Grants, Sustainability, and Government Affairs team worked together to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator program. This application, titled Central Ohio Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator, requested \$2 million in funding. These funds would allow MORPC to administer a program that repairs and replaces damaged electric vehicle charging stations throughout Central Ohio.

Money Mondays

- The following Money Mondays sessions were held:
 - October 23, 2023: Affordable Housing
 - October 30, 2023: Delaware County Housing
 - November 6, 2023: Using AI for Grant Writing
 - November 13, 2023: T-Mobile Hometown Community Grant Program
 - November 20, 2023: Rural Housing Funding

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

- MORPC's semi-annual CEDS report was submitted 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.

Brownfield Assessments:

- MORPC's Economic Development team continued to work with our Brownfield consultant to prepare the final quarterly report for the FY 2019 US EPA Brownfield grant close out.
- The Economic Development team submitted a grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment program. This application requested \$500,000 in funding. These funds will help create a Brownfield inventory along LinkUS corridors to support equitable transit-oriented development. These funds would also enable MORPC to continue doing Brownfield testing throughout Central Ohio.

Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)

- CAP analysis has continued to better understand what projects have the most significant equity component. This will help prioritize what CAPs would score most competitively in a federal grant application. This 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.

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Community Development

Central Ohio Greenways:

- The COG Board met on November 15, 2023 to hear from MORPC about the State Capital Budget request process and a RAPID 5 update. Community members were encouraged to submit State Capital Budget requests to MORPC and the Columbus Partnership by November 17, 2023. Kerstin Carr shared that the RAPID 5 non-profit recently established itself as a land trust and will focus on preserving, conserving, and protecting land for recreational, environmental, and sustainability purposes.
- The Outdoor Trails Pass partnership with Experience Columbus was relaunched in April 2023. Since the relaunch we have seen 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 to see 150 to 200 new check-ins monthly. MORPC will be requesting local government input in a 2024 update. Local governments will be encouraged to submit trail itineraries highlighting destinations accessible by trail in their communities.
- A Trail Alerts page has been 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 is under contract to complete the COG Wayfinding Strategy. The team has met with stakeholders and has drafted a recommended signage strategy. They have also integrated Trail Towns, Public Art, and Placemaking concepts into the wayfinding strategy. The project is expected to conclude in the Spring of 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 the month of November. During these meetings, 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. These 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 will be held in February of 2024.
- MORPC is continuing to work with an OSU Capstone Class in the Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability program towards the development of Sustainable Access Point Design Guidelines. The students will present their final project posters at the Environmental Professional

Network event on December 5, 2023, and their final reports will be available through the OSU Knowledge Bank Archive on December 11, 2023.

- The Community Development team is also working to make much needed updates to 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. The team is also working towards curating predetermined routes that highlight our waterways for different age groups. The curated routes should be available sometime in 2024.

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LinkUS Mobility Initiative

- Together with the Programming department, the team is engaged in ongoing committee and working group meetings for the LinkUS initiative.

RAPID 5

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

Regional Housing Strategy (RHS):

HUD PRO Housing Grant Application

- MORPC submitted a proposal to the HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program.

Outreach

- Team members were invited to discuss regional housing and growth trends with various media outlets and in meetings and events hosted by several MORPC member communities and partner organizations.
- Regional Housing Coalition Task Force recommendations were shared with the Coalition's convening partners this past Spring. MORPC and other Task Force leaders expect to receive guidance on next steps soon and will provide updates as they become available.

Implementation Assistance

- Are you interested in a housing/growth workshop for your community's elected officials, staff, or community leaders? MORPC is accepting requests for presentations and workshops. Our team will work with you to design the agenda, including recommended speakers and learning objectives. Contact Jonathan Miller for more information (JMiller@morpc.org).

Community Based Planning Assistance:

- The Community-Based Planning Assistance Program (CBPA) continues to be available for community assistance requests. Members may learn more about – or request assistance from – CBPA by visiting <https://www.morpc.org/community-based-planning-assistance>. Please contact Jonathan Miller (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. In total, 23 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 has started with MORPC in November, and part of their role will be 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 will start in December to assist with planning-related projects or assisting with gaps created from staff turnover as well.

Sustainability

Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- The next SAC meeting will take place on December 13, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at the Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley. The agenda will include 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 also working to confirm member appointments for the 2024 term.

Sustainable2050:

- The next Sustainable2050 meeting will take place on December 7, 2023 at 9 a.m. The agenda includes MORPC program updates and member discussion about 2024 priorities and themes. In late October, the MORPC team convened a meeting with Sustainable2050 members to inform them about some recent misinformation reported by a local media outlet about Sustainable2050. The team shared their recommendations and next steps and there will be an update at the next meeting in December.

Water Resources Program:

Sustaining Scioto Board

- The Sustaining Scioto Board met on October 25, 2023 and heard a presentation from Amy Holthouse, with The Nature Conservancy on Central Ohio Water Projects and Corporate Investments. The Board also heard a presentation on the status of the One Water Plan by Sustainable Columbus. One Water is an integrated planning approach to water resources management, which has become important because as a region, changes occurring including rising temperatures, increasing precipitation and population growth implies a resilient water supply to meet our growing needs. This integrated water resources management is based on the idea that all water within a watershed is hydrologically interconnected and is most effectively and sustainably managed using an integrated approach. The Board will meet on December 6, 2023.

Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team

- The Outreach Team met on November 16, 2023 and heard a presentation from Brian Brandt, Chair of the working team on the Farms Under Threat report by the American Farmland Trust. The report utilized spatial mapping analyses of agricultural land conversion to provide unprecedented insights into the status and fate of American farmland. 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 team 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 working team will meet on January 18, 2023.

Ohio EPA Water Resources Planning Work

- MORPC has 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 their 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.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund

- The Natural Resources Assistance Council met on November 6, 2023 to approve projects for Clean Ohio funding. About \$1.5 million was awarded to three projects in this cycle (i.e., FY 2024). The Council will meet on 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, please contact Edwina Teye (eteye@morpc.org) or visit our website at <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/clean-ohio-conservation-fund/>.

Energy & Air Quality:

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

- The Energy and Air Quality Working Group (EAQWG) held its final meeting of 2023 on November 29, 2023. The Working Group heard updates on all the activity both on funding opportunities and MORPC programming. Additionally, the Working Group began to discuss topics to home in on in 2024. Lastly, the EAQWG is recruiting candidates who are interested in serving as either the Chair or Vice-Chair. Please email recommendations to Brian Filiatraut, MORPC's Energy and Sustainability Program Manager (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

Air quality specific activities

- Air Quality Alerts:
 - No Air Quality Alerts have been issued for the Columbus region since July. MORPC's annual end of season report is currently under development, and we can expect a release to go out in early 2024.
- Neighborhood Air Monitoring Project/US EPA project:
 - The team continues 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 team will also host the first project advisory committee (PAC) meeting on December 15, 2023.
- Education and Outreach:
 - The New York Times interviewed MORPC's Sustainability Officer about the proposed updates to the federal particle pollution (PM_{2.5}) 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.

Energy specific activities

- *Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG):* MORPC is continuing its collaborative work with 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 will hold its second meeting on December 7, 2023, 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, please reach out to Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

Data, Mapping & Modeling

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Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC):

- RDAC met September 26, 2023 to begin planning the aims and activities of five new working groups intended to focus on different aspects of the newly adopted Regional Data Agenda. RDAC will next convene January 23, 2024, to review working group proposals for their S.M.A.R.T. goals. These groups will be working on Workforce & Job Quality, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Cyber Security, Data Day, and Regional Data Coaches projects and initiatives.

Working Groups

- Data Day Working Group
 - Planning for Data Day 2024, which is scheduled to be held at Ohio University's Dublin Integrated Education Center on February 7, 2024, continues. Registration is now open: <https://www.morpc.org/event/data-day>. In response to the Call for Proposals, which was sent out last month, staff have met with several interested individuals regarding potential sessions and sponsorships for the event. The Regional Data Coaches Working Group will host its first meeting to review and finalize its Impact Statement. Guided by this Impact Statement, the Working Group will then discuss and finalize the Regional Data Coaching Tool's key features, audience, and contributors.
- Local Government Resources Working Group
 - In alignment with the new Regional Data Agenda, members of this working group have decided to wind down this working group. Prior to its dissolution, the Group is documenting and archiving its work products so that they may be used by others in the future. Group members expect that work products related to the Data Policy Resource Library will serve as a resource for the Data Coaches envisioned by Capacity Building & Partnerships Working Group. No further meetings of the Local Government Resources Working Group are planned.
- Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG)
 - The next full RIDG meeting will be on December 6, 2023 which will cover 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 their two consecutive terms as chair. In general, Steering Committee terms and make-up were discussed, including bringing in 1 or 2 additional members for new ideas and fresh perspectives.
- Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG)
 - The group met on November 15, 2023, which was GIS Day, as a part of Geography Awareness week. Dublin, Pickaway County, Licking County, and MORPC participated in the lightning round presentations, with updates from OGRIP and ODOT. It was held as a hybrid meeting with 58 people in attendance.
- Regional Data Coaches Working Group
 - The working group's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. During this meeting, the working group will discuss and finalize its Impact Statement, schedule its 2024 meetings, and outline its first milestone for early 2024.

- Workforce and Job Quality Working Group
 - This new working group will hold its kickoff meeting on December 7, 2023 to craft an impact statement, determine what activities to pursue, and decide on a SMART goal.

Data Management:

- Finished computing zonal socioeconomic variables for the MTP and continue to work to fully document the process and implement select improvements for the next MTP. The team created document templates for workflow descriptions and work instructions and created a formal Corrective and Preventive Action Procedure for addressing data quality issues and process exceptions.

Data Analytics, Mapping, and Research:

- Team members remain focused on preparing inputs for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). 2021-2050 forecast data has been published to the MOOD site for download. Project mapping and evaluation is underway. There are over 1,000 projects to map, code, and evaluate.

Data & Research Activities

- Sustainability, Data, and Communications & Engagement team members collaborated to produce the Leaders Listen: Sustainability survey. Working with Measurement Resources Company (MRC) and The Columbus Dispatch, we have collected responses from over 2,000 area residents across 140 ZIP Codes. Data and Mapping analyzed the survey results in preparation for the October 26, 2023 Summit on Sustainability. An Actionable Insights report, like the recent transportation report, will be produced to share the results with Central Ohio stakeholders in the coming months.
- The 2023 sub-county population estimates have been published on the Population Resource Hub website.
- Team members continue to manage the organization's air quality sensors and develop quality assurance processes and documentation to support the EPA air quality monitoring grant.
- Continuing to develop county-level forecasts of households/housing by type to better predict future housing needs. This would be 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.

Mapping Activities

- GIS team members are working on CORPO maps, OEPA 208 mapping, Capital Budget Projects maps, rideshare vanpool analysis, reviewing proposed development data, and various requests from members and staff.

Modeling Activities

- The Modeling Team is working on various small area studies. Other projects are preparing the travel demand model for MTP project evaluation, coding and evaluating MTP projects maintaining the traffic count program and responding to traffic growth rate and various modeling requests.

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

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News Releases:

- [Columbus Recertified as Platinum Plus Equity Champion Under MORPC's Sustainable2050 Program](#)
- [2023 Summit on Sustainability Connects 600 Community Leaders to Explore, Share Sustainable Solutions](#)

MORPC in the News:

- [Here's when trick or treating will be held in Greater Columbus neighborhoods](#) (10/23/23)
- [Rapid 5 starts search for new leader, establishes land trust](#) (10/23/2023)
- [Group says cutting Central Ohio housing gap could increase life expectancy, add jobs](#) (10/24/2023)
- [Rapid 5 nonprofit moving in new direction with land trust](#) (10/24/2023)
- [Community leaders come together for Columbus sustainability summit](#) (10/26/2023)
- [Trick-or-Treating times on Tuesday](#) (10/30/23)
- [MORPC holds Summit on Sustainability](#) (10/31/2023)
- [Franklin County group establishing a land trust to connect waterways with parks, trails](#) (11/3/23)
- [Polluting industry say the cost of cleaner air is too high](#) (11/13/2023)
- [COTA Targets year-out sales tax for \\$8 billion LinkUs super corridors](#) (11/14/23)
- [New Albany's search for water for Intel goes far beyond Granville - The Reporting Project - Covering Licking County, Ohio](#) (11/14/23)
- [Updated U.S. Route 23 ideas presented](#) (11/15/23)

Digital Content:

- Air Quality Alerts, Careers/Jobs, Central Ohio Greenways, Trails Pass, eSource, Gohio Commute, Gohio Mobility, RFPs/RFQs, Residential Services, News, Summit on Sustainability, Public Comment, LinkUS, Voter Education, Water Quality Month, Data Day, State of the Region Awards, Pedestrian Safety Month, Child Protection Safety Month, Native American Heritage Month, Halloween, Lead Awareness, Burn Wise, eSource, Take a Hike Day, America Recycles Day, World Kindness Day, Diwali, Veteran's Day, and MORPC News

Reach:

- [Facebook & Instagram](#)

Top Posts:

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Diversity & Inclusion:

- 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 we were highlighted in the sponsorship program.

Public Involvement & Engagement:

- MORPC promoted requests for public input through social media and our website for the Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization Draft Transportation Plan on [October 23, 2023](#).
- Participated in the monthly COMTO meeting on November 15, 2023, held at COTA's offices.

Marketing Campaigns:

- The Gohio Commute program ran a marketing campaign on social media that focused on vanpooling and carpooling with the goal to increase awareness of the program.

Events:

- The Summit on Sustainability was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Over 600 people attended the event. The Plenary Session recordings can be found at www.morpc.org/summit.

Upcoming Events

- February 7, 2024 - [Data Day](#)
- March 15, 2024 – [State of the Region, Hilton Columbus Downtown](#)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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Upcoming Activities:

- Member visits included:
 - The City of Lancaster – November 28, 2023
 - The City of New Albany – November 29, 2023
- The MORPC Regional Planning Update Breakfast for Southeast Area of Central Ohio at Southern Ohio Enterprise Center, 1360 Lancaster Pike, Circleville was held on November 28, 2023.
- 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/>.



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Memorandum

TO: 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

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.

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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:

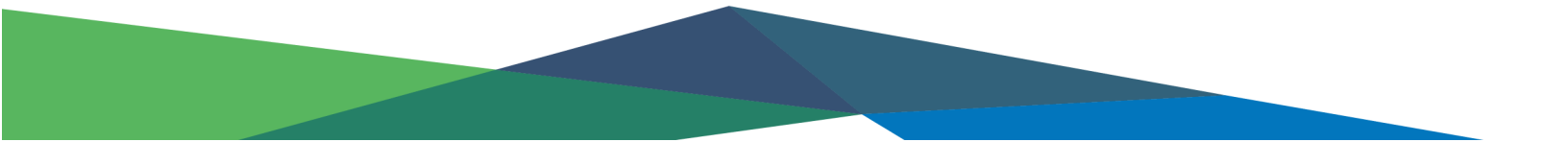
- PID 119746 – S County Line Rd at Fancher Rd, Intersection Modification: Adding the award of State General Revenue Funds to the TIP.
- PID 119744 – SR 37 & County Line Rd, Intersection Modification: Adding the award of State General Revenue Funds to the TIP.
- PID 90200 – Sunbury Pkwy, Phases B & C 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.

| <u>State Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Phase</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| 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.

| <u>State Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Phase</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>ALI</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 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 Beechwold CRC | Columbus, OH | Urban | Non Profit | 11.7A.00 | 1 | \$16,000 | \$4,000 | \$20,000 | Preventive Maintenance |
| Sub I | Clintonville Beechwold 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



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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

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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.

