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NOTICE OF A MEETING

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Michelle Crandall, Interim Chair
 - **Nominating Committee** – Ben Kessler, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of **December 7, 2023 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, Executive Director
 - **LinkUS Update**
 - **National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)**
 - **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report** – Ralonda Hampton, DEI & Engagement Officer
 - **Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, Membership Services Officer

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Interim Chair

Michelle Crandall
Interim Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

4. **Quarterly Financial Statements** – Shawn Hufstедler, Chief Operating Officer
5. **Committee Updates**
 - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Parag Agrawal, Chief Mobility & Infrastructure Officer & Senior Director of Programming
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
6. **Proposed Resolution 01-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding recently awarded Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator funding via the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program and enter into related subcontracts and additionally authorizes the executive director to create a competitive application process to distribute funds to MORPC members.” – Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
7. **Proposed Resolution 02-24:** “To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for up to \$1.874 million through 2026 to perform lead test and remediation as part of the Lead Safe Ohio Program” – Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services
8. **Proposed Resolution EC-01-24:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with the City of Columbus for \$167,500 to conduct a regional greenhouse gas inventory and lead regional engagement for the Columbus MSA as part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant” – Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Senior Director of Planning
9. **Draft Commission Agenda**
10. **Other Business**

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The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
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Memorandum

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

FROM: Ben Kessler, Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: January 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Nomination of Executive Committee Members

Background:

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

The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:

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

The Nominating Committee Members:

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

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

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Interim Chair

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Ben Kessler
Interim Secretary

Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:

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

1) Immediate Past Chair: Vacant

2) In second year of current two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2025)

- a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County
 - b) Ben Kessler (2023), Mayor, City of Bexley
 - c) Kristen Atha (2023), Director of Public Utilities, City of Columbus
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Nominating Committee Recommendations:

The Nominating Committee convened on November 2, November 15, 2023, and December 7, 2023, and made the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which was reported at the December 14, 2023, Commission meeting is to be considered at the February 8, 2024 Commission meeting. Two additional openings have occurred and the Nominating Committee reconvened on February 1, 2024 to make the following recommendations:

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

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

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

1) For renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2025)

- a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Benefits & Compensation, City Manager, City of New Albany
- b) Nancy White (2017), Chair of Investment & Reserve, Fiscal Officer Mifflin Township
- c) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), Mayor, City of Dublin

2) For renewal of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2026):


- a) Michelle Crandall (2020), City Manager, City of Hilliard

3) For new two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2026):

- a) Kris Long (2024), Deputy Director, Franklin County
 - b) LaGrieta Acheampong, (2024), Franklin County
 - c) Laurie Jadwin, (2024), Mayor, City of Gahanna
 - d) Matthew Starr, (2024), Mayor, City of Mount Vernon
 - e) Hayley Lupton, (2024), Administrator, Village of Plain City
 - f) VACANT, (2024) forthcoming for consideration later in 2024
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Notes:

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

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



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: MORPC Board Room

Members Attending in Person

Chris Amorose Groomes	Michelle Crandall	Kris Long
Karen Angelou	Jennifer Gallagher	Nancy White
Jeff Benton	Ben Kessler	
Franklin Christman	Greg Lestini	

Members Attending Remotely

David Scheffler	Joe Stefanov
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MORPC Staff Attending in Person

Kerstin Carr	Niel Jurist	Shari Saunders
Andrea Doolittle	Eileen Leuby	Maria Schaper
Joe Garrity	Kelsey Matson	Robert Williams
Nick Gill	Alisa Obukhova	
Shawn Hufstedler	Anthony Perry	

MORPC Staff Attending Remotely

Betsy Hunkar

Welcome – Michelle Crandall

Interim Chair Michelle Crandall called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and welcomed new Executive Committee member Kris Long.

Nominating Committee Report – Ben Kessler

Ben Kessler shared the Nominating Committee met multiple times to put together the slate presented today. The Commission will vote in February. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations:

- Nominees for Officers for renewed one-year term (expires 2025)
 - Chair – Chris Amorose Groomes, City Council Member, City of Dublin
 - Vice-Chair – Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
 - Secretary – Ben Kessler, Mayor, City of Bexley
- Nominees for Executive Committee – renewal of one-year term (expires 2025)
 - Joe Stefanov, Chair of Benefits & Compensation Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
 - Nancy White, Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, Fiscal Officer, Mifflin Township
 - Jennifer Gallagher, Chair of Bylaws Committee, Director of Public Service, City of Columbus
 - Chris Amorose Groomes, City Council Member, City of Dublin
- Nominee for Executive Committee – renewal of two-year term (expires 2026)
 - Michelle Crandall, City Manager, City of Hilliard
- Nominees for Executive Committee – new two-year term (expires 2026)
 - Kris Long, Deputy Director, Franklin County
 - Laurie Jadwin, Mayor, City of Gahanna
 - Matthew Starr, Mayor, City of Mount Vernon
 - Hayley Lupton, Administrator, Village of Plain City
 - TBD, Franklin County

Consent Agenda

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

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock announced that earlier this week MORPC received news that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will announce both applications from the region for the corridor ID program for passenger rail are approved to move forward. For the next 18-36 months we will be working to get to the point of being eligible to apply for capital funds for the Midwest Connect and 3C+D corridors. MORPC and the City of Fort Wayne were joint applicants for the Midwest Connect corridor. The FRA is publishing the list of approved corridors tomorrow.

Mr. Murdock reported MORPC Team Members finished the last membership visit this week. We also completed the last of the five regional breakfasts and all the rural forums. Last Thursday MORPC held an all staff in-person training day, the first time everyone was in for training since before COVID. Staff received training on leadership, communication styles, professional personalities, emotional intelligence, and media.

Representative Beatty is hosting a high-level dialogue on LinkUs tomorrow. LinkUS will be on the Executive Committee agenda every month. We kicked-off the LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure Leadership Committee this week. Megan O'Callaghan is chairing the committee.

Next week the national director of Rails to Trails is coming to town. WOSU is hosting a couple of us on a panel with him.

Chief Mobility Officer Parag Agrawal starts in January. Job postings for the Strategic Director of Technology and Finance Director are posted.

The City of Grandview Heights is the first community to use the Planner Pool. They are engaging us for a three-week parking study.

Congratulations to Jennifer Gallagher and the Columbus Public Service Department for being named WTS Employer of the Year.

The Ohio EPA finalized the RFP for consulting services for the regional water study and are releasing it December 15. The Ohio EPA is allowing MORPC to do significant community engagement. We are also working on the 208-sewer process as well as a draft dispute resolution process.

The Drive Investment Portal is open. Drive investment is our initiative to make sure we are going after every source of money available for local governments. The portal focuses on MORPC's core areas.

Mr. Murdock complimented the Residential Services Team for reducing the home repair waiting list from around 300 to below 200. It is expected to be in real time next year. The 300 family wait list is about a three year wait.

Upcoming Events:

- Holiday Luncheon/Open House, December 14, 12 p.m., MORPC
- Data Day, February 7, 9 a.m., Ohio University Dublin Integrated Education Center, registration is open

- VIP Luncheon with Joseph Nardone, February 8, 12 p.m., MORPC
- 2024 State of the Region, March 15, 11:30 a.m., Hilton Columbus Downtown, focus on housing and transportation

Benefits & Compensation Committee – Shawn Hufstedler

Shawn Hufstedler reported the Benefits & Compensation Committee met in October to review the employee guidebook, approved last month, and the annual compensation guidelines. The Committee approved a merit increase between two and four percent depending on the budget.

- **Proposed Resolution EC-05-23: “Setting compensation guidelines and limits for the 2024 compensation year”**

The suggested merit increase is based on responses in MORPC’s annual salary survey, the market, and the consumer price index which is about three percent. Employees hired by September 30 will be considered for a merit increase. The resolution also includes a salary enhancement pilot program for the weatherization team. It is grant funded and based on team production meeting quarterly goals. The enhancement program was authorized in the Employee Guidebook last month.

Franklin Christman made a motion to approve Resolution EC-05-23, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joseph Garrity

Joe Garrity shared the final roundtable meeting of 2023 included a special update from Kaitlin Bliss, Assistant Director of Policy for Governor DeWine. Ms. Bliss is the point person for federal funding and passenger rail. Mr. Garrity thanked Mayor David Scheffler for his leadership and support on the roundtable and for guiding the update of the public policy agenda to help local governments navigate the pandemic. City of Columbus Council Member Lourdes Barroso de Padilla is the new roundtable chair. The next meeting is February 29, 2024.

Mr. Garrity provided a legislative update highlighting:

- HB 257 regarding virtual meetings
- State capital budget
- One-time strategic community investment fund

Interim Chair Crandall also thanked Mayor Scheffler for his leadership.

Transportation Policy Committee – Nick Gill

Nick Gill reported Team Members are in the final steps of project evaluation for the 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MORPC received two applications for the Technical Assistance Program to provide technical assistance around active transportation planning. We are moving forward with both applications.

Fourteen entities received funding from the 5310 program. We received \$4.1 million in requests for \$1.5 million available. This is included in the TIP amendment this month.

The Attributable Funds Committee and the Complete Streets Committee are finalizing draft policies to put out for public comment the first of next year. Both policies will be presented for adoption in May.

After going through the RFP process, the Selection Committee selected Burgess & Niple to provide long-range planning support in the Intel area. We are working through negotiations for the scope of work and will be under contract soon.

One firm submitted a proposal for the vanpool RFP. MORPC is working on a contract with EAN Holdings. The resolution is on today's agenda.

William Murdock thanked Mr. Gill for serving as the interim director this year. He did an incredible job keeping things moving.

Proposed Resolution 19-23: "Accepting Brown Township (Franklin County) as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)" – William Murdock

Nancy White made a motion to approve Resolution 19-23, second by Chris Amorose Groomes; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 16-23: "Acceptance of the fiscal budget and fund account appropriations for the operation of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2024" – William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler

William Murdock and Shawn Hufstedler presented the [2024 Budget](#). The proposed budget is goal-focused and allows us to be good stewards of member resources. It is fiscally conservative while attracting and retaining professionals. Mr. Murdock thanked Shawn Hufstedler, Anthony Perry, and Alisa Obukhova for their work on the budget. Based around MORPC's Strategic Framework, the budget provides opportunities for MORPC to help local governments be assertive in uncertain times, enhance the team, and strengthen the agency's operations.

Mr. Hufstedler thanked Mr. Murdock for his leadership and guidance on the budget. He also thanked Anthony Perry, Alisa Obukhova, and Betsy Hunkar for their work. The 2024 Budget Book is included in the meeting packet. It begins with the Executive Summary followed by the actual budget on page 6.

The 2024 budget is \$23.6 million, about \$400,000 higher than last year. Federal funding is the largest revenue source. The first three years on the 5-year Revenue Comparison are actual amounts, while the two columns on the right are budget figures for 2023 and 2024. The actual figures are noticeably less than the budget columns. That is expected and consistent with our budget approach. We budget for our projected work on the high end of the range of what we might accomplish in the calendar year, and include relevant items that are not under contract, so we can plan for it and not bring you a budget revision every two months. This budget does not include potential funding sources not under contract that we historically included (Amtrak, Charging and Refueling Infrastructure, etc.).

Salaries and Benefits make up approximately 46% of the agency budget. The budget for staff wages and fringe benefits is up this year due to an increase in FTE's, merit increases, a few promotions and wage adjustments, and salary enhancements. The Net Fringe and Indirect combined rates are flat. Member dues is greater than last year due to acceptance of new members, population changes, and dues rate increases.

We are very proud of the efforts by Residential Services and our leadership team this year made incredible strides. We had projected a \$435,000 subsidy this year. Current conservative projections are showing about a \$50,000 subsidy. There are a number of things we have done to fund the weatherization programs including recent contractor recruitment work, software upgrade, and new Home Repair grants to help fund administrative costs. The current amount of underfunding is projected

at \$52,100 for next year. We are focusing on how to sustainably provide these services for vulnerable families.

The appropriations closely mirror the agency operating uses and capital expenditures. Transfers are similar to the transfers authorized last year and consistent with the operating reserve policy.

Greg Lestini made a motion to approve Resolution 16-23, second by Ben Kessler; motion passed.

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

Nancy White made a motion to approve Resolution 17-23, second by Franklin Christman; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution 18-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with a firm to provide state government relations services for the Central Ohio Region” – Joseph Garrity

Joe Garrity reported thirteen proposals were received in response to the RFP. MORPC interviewed three firms and will select a firm shortly.

Kris Long made a motion to approve Resolution 18-23, second by Ben Kessler; motion passed. Greg Lestini abstained.

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

Nancy White made a motion to approve Resolution 20-23, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

Proposed Resolution EC-06-23: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer the Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024” – Kerstin Carr

Nancy White made a motion to approve Resolution EC-06-23, second by Jennifer Gallagher; motion passed.

LinkUS Briefing – William Murdock and Maria Schaper

William Murdock and Maria Schaper presented the [LinkUS Briefing](#). Mr. Murdock reported that LinkUS will be a standing item on the Executive Committee agenda moving forward. MORPC is the lead in setting up the Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) side of LinkUS. The first meeting of the TSI Leadership Committee was this week. They adopted policies and elected officers, so we will be ready when funds are available next year to implement projects.

Ms. Schaper reminded committee members of what LinkUS is and how it transforms us. She then shared program updates. LinkUS already identified three corridors that are now in the design state and is deciding the next two corridors to advance. They are using the same process for project criteria as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) process. They will release a draft list of projects to be included in the MTP that will include five fiscally constrained rapid transit corridors.

Ms. Shaper provided an update on funding for the TSI. Last summer the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) was changed to allow COTA to use tax levied funds for non-transit expenses that specifically support transit supportive infrastructure (bike and pedestrian type of infrastructure projects if they support

transit). ORC also included that the MPO is to administer a separate funding program. MORPC is administering the process and introduced the TSI concept to jurisdictions within the COTA service area. That led to more formalized agreements between MORPC and COTA establishing MORPC as the administrating body. The Commission approved the agreements via Resolutions T-9-23 and T-10-23.

MORPC set up a three-tiered committee structure so that the program is accessible and beneficial to the entire community and includes direct representation for each jurisdiction. There are four Technical Working Groups based on geographic quadrants. Their task is to identify and prioritize TSI projects within their quadrant. The Technical Coordinating Committees are two to three members from each working group and are charged with building consensus and bringing project priorities into one regional program to recommend to the Leadership Committee for final approval. The Leadership Committee officers are Megan O'Callaghan, City of Dublin and James Jewell, Prairie Township.

LinkUS is governed by the Executive Council and then the four top level committees. TSI is one of the committees.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft December 14, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Executive Session

Ben Kessler made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Section 121.22 (G) (1): To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing; second by Jennifer Gallagher. A roll call vote was conducted with all attending committee members in favor. Executive Session began at 3:03 p.m. and concluded at 3:18 p.m.

Franklin Christman made a motion for a 3.5% salary increase for William Murdock, second by Karen Angelou; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Ben Kessler, Interim Secretary
Executive Committee



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Memorandum

TO: William Murdock, Executive Director
Executive Committee

FROM: Shawn Hufstедler, Chief Operating Officer

DATE: January 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Financial Report – December 2023

Summary

As of December 31, 2023, expenses totaled \$15,100,937 or 65% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,231,714. The operating reserve (investment and cash accounts) was \$2,672,778. A net loss from all operations was recorded year-to-date as of December 31, 2023. The actual fringe and indirect rate variances were unfavorable.

Note that these financial statements are not final. Final year-end adjustments have not yet been posted.

Budget vs. Expenses

Expenses through quarter ending December 31, 2023, totaled \$15,100,937 or 65% of the year's total budgeted expenses of \$23,231,714.

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


- HWAP over-spending compared to the original budget can be attributed to dramatic funding increases in the second half of the calendar year as a result of award amounts being greater than anticipated for its typical service area and MORPC receiving additional funding to expand its service area. Over-spending associated with Weatherization programs of \$262,285 can be attributed to greater spending than budgeted at this point in the year for the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP), which is over-budget by \$631,496.
- Services to Members & Development is under-budget by \$11,292 due to greater than anticipated spending at this point in the year from the Services to Members Program. This can be attributed to the timing of payroll expenses for positions funded by multiple funding sources and is expected to be offset by underspending in the fourth quarter.

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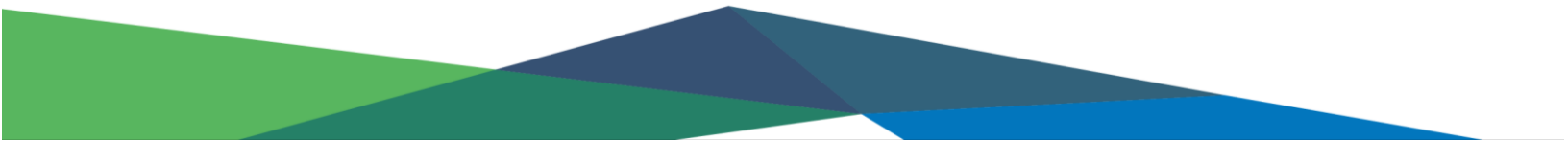
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- Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. MORPC funds subgrants related to this program for vehicle purchases and other expenses. Subgrant payments are highly variable and vehicle purchases have in many cases been delayed due to market supply issues.
 - The Growth and Major Economic Development Planning Program (related to the Intel Project) started later than originally anticipated and is under-budget by \$465,068.
 - Transportation programs have experienced greater personnel turnover than anticipated. Expenses associated with Core and other ODOT funded programs have fallen short of their budget by \$302,630.
 - The Gohio Commute Program has had \$232,175 less in expenses than budgeted. This program equips commuters and companies with resources to help them explore commuting options available in Central Ohio, such as ride-matching, emergency ride home service, and incentive campaigns.
 - Work associated with the newly awarded Safe Streets for All Grant started later than anticipated and is \$147,678 under budget.

Under-spending associated with Housing programs of \$1,079,100 can be attributed to less spending than originally projected for the HUD Healthy Homes Production Program Grant, Ohio Dept. of Health Lead-Safe Home Fund, and the Franklin County Home Repair Program. The respective under-spending amounts compared to the budget at this point in the year are \$374,688, \$499,063, and \$188,659 and \$16,690 total other miscellaneous programs. MORPC budgeted at the higher end of the potential range for housing work in 2023, the start date from HUD for HHPP projects occurred later than anticipated, and ODH Lead-Safe Home Fund and Franklin County Home Repair Program both experienced gaps in funding between previous and current funding rounds.

MORPC also budgeted in the annual budget \$3,372,911 for potential programs/projects that have not been funded at this time (and for which there have not been any expenses).

Operating Cash/Reserve

MORPC's operating reserve consists of operating cash and investment accounts. As of December 31, 2023, the cash account held \$1,014,324, while the investment account had a balance of \$1,658,454. The investment account is held in STAROhio. Combining both accounts equated to \$2,672,778, or 42 days of budgeted expenses, which is less than the 60-day target threshold identified in the Operating Reserve Policy. The combined balance is less than in past quarters due to some funders paying MORPC invoices in a delayed manner. Interest earned and allocated to the operating reserve year-to-date through December 31, 2023, was \$83,773. In December 2023, a transfer of \$100,000 was made from the Management Reserve Account to the Operating Fund. The intention was to cover minor losses incurred in our programs, primarily the Columbia Gas Warm Choice program.



Operating Income (Change in Net Position)

There was a decrease in net position (loss from operations) for the year-to-date through December 31, 2023. The decrease was (\$1,164,787). The decrease was the result of:

- A (\$919,902) net loss year-to-date for programs funded by COTA in lieu of COVID and NTD (National Transit Database) funding, and TID (Transportation Improvement District) funding. As expected, this operating loss is due to the fact that revenue was recognized in prior years.
- A (\$173,879) net loss year-to-date for the Columbia Gas Warm Choice Program; and
- A (\$156,299) net loss year-to-date for depreciation related to leasehold improvements as expected.

The losses were partially offset by a gain of \$83,773 to investment income and other miscellaneous net gains of \$1,520.

Member Dues

Member dues revenue was \$1,446,701 for the year-to-date ending December 31, 2023. Use of member dues was under budget by \$11,292. Use of all current year member dues was as follows:

<u>Use of Member Dues</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance (Over)/Under</u>
Services to Members	\$876,661	\$871,119	\$5,542
Local Matching Funds/Reserve	\$236,508	\$236,762	(\$254)
Development Fund	\$112,601	\$109,825	\$2,776
Building Lease	\$174,101	\$180,425	(\$6,324)
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	\$49,830	\$44,607	\$5,223
Other	\$8,291	\$3,963	\$4,329
Total	\$1,457,993	\$1,446,701	11,292

Fringe Benefit and Indirect (Overhead) Variances

Fringe Benefits

While fringe expenses were underbudget for the year, the direct labor shortage resulted in less fringe benefit funding than budgeted. The actual fringe benefit cost rate for the year-to-date is 60.06%, which is greater than the budgeted rate of 57.50%, creating an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$101,627. The under-collection will be incorporated into the 2025 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) for collection in that year.

Indirect (Overhead)

While indirect expenses were underbudget for the year, the direct labor shortage resulted in less indirect funding than budgeted. The actual indirect cost variance for the year-to-date is 65.42%, which is greater than the budgeted rate of 62.50%, resulting in an unfavorable variance for the year-to-date of \$249,092. The under-collection will be incorporated into the 2025 ICAP for collection in that year.

Statement of Net Position

- On December 31, 2023, operating cash on hand was \$1,014,325 which was equal to 16 days of budgeted cash flow. The operating reserve investment account was \$1,658,453 and management reserve was \$16,213. (The remaining cash balance for the building reserve and essentially all the building improvement/maintenance fund were transferred to the operating cash account in 2022 to cover expenses from that fund associated with the now completed building renovation project. \$73 remains in the building improvement/ maintenance fund as interest income exceeded expectations in the fourth quarter of 2022, resulting in the cash amount being slightly above the transfer authority granted in the 2023 budget. The intention was to reduce the balance to \$0.)
- The Central Ohio Greenways Fund is administered and held by the Columbus Foundation and had a balance of \$32,714.
- Accounts Receivable totaled \$2,619,916 compared to \$3,354,687 as of December 31, 2023. The reduction can be attributed to more timely collection of outstanding receivables for grants from some funders.
- The GASB Statement 68 Pension liability and the GASB Statement 75 OPEB (other postemployment benefits, i.e. retiree healthcare) asset have a net liability of \$5,469,930 and represent estimates of the Commission's proportional share of the unfunded liabilities/assets of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The Government Accounting Standards Board mandates that these amounts be shown in the financial statements, but such amounts do not represent an actual legal liability of MORPC to OPERS per State of Ohio law. Excluding the impact of GASB Statements 68 and 75, net position would be approximately \$5.5 million greater, or a positive balance of \$4,817,120 as of December 31, 2023.

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE ENDING December 31, 2023

	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Variance under / (over)
Revenues			
Transportation	\$ 7,000,423	\$ 3,912,047	\$ 3,088,376
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 1,196,721	\$ 536,622	\$ 660,099
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 3,514,027	\$ 3,080,111	\$ 433,916
Weatherization	\$ 3,209,887	\$ 3,187,057	\$ 22,830
Housing	\$ 2,845,564	\$ 1,748,624	\$ 1,096,940
Services to Members & Development	\$ 1,221,486	\$ 1,210,194	\$ 11,292
Other	\$ 870,695	\$ 261,496	\$ 609,199
Potential Funding	\$ 3,372,911	\$ -	\$ 3,372,911
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 23,231,714	\$ 13,936,150	\$ 9,295,564
Expenses by Program Area			
Transportation	\$ 7,000,423	\$ 3,922,482	\$ 3,077,941
Infrastructure & Econ. Dev.	\$ 1,196,721	\$ 976,556	\$ 220,165
Planning & Sustainability	\$ 3,514,027	\$ 3,081,880	\$ 432,147
Weatherization	\$ 3,209,887	\$ 3,472,172	\$ (262,285)
Housing	\$ 2,845,564	\$ 1,748,618	\$ 1,096,946
Services to Members & Development	\$ 1,221,486	\$ 1,210,194	\$ 11,292
Other	\$ 870,695	\$ 689,035	\$ 181,660
Potential Funding	\$ 3,372,911	\$ -	\$ 3,372,911
Total Expenses by Program Area	\$ 23,231,714	\$ 15,100,937	\$ 8,130,777
Expenses by Account Category			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 9,919,582	\$ 8,763,015	\$ 1,156,567
Materials and Supplies	\$ 201,977	\$ 137,325	\$ 64,652
Services, Charges, & Other	\$ 6,413,826	\$ 2,262,150	\$ 4,151,676
Subcontracted Services	\$ 6,508,098	\$ 2,957,922	\$ 3,550,176
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 188,231	\$ 980,526	\$ (792,295)
Total Expenses by Account Category	\$ 23,231,714	\$ 15,100,937	\$ 8,130,777
Operations income (loss)	\$ 0	\$ (1,164,787)	\$ 1,164,787
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ 0	\$ (1,164,787)	\$ 1,164,787

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Balance at 12/31/2023 excludes impact of GASB 68 & 75	GASB 68 & 75 (Pension & OPEB) 12/31/2023	Balance at 12/31/2023 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Balance at 12/31/2022 includes impact of GASB 68 & 75	Yearly Difference
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	1,014,325		1,014,325	904,494	109,830
Cash-Designated for Building Improvement	73		73	4,534	(4,461)
Cash-Operating Reserve	1,658,454		1,658,454	1,574,681	83,773
Cash-Management Reserve	16,213		16,213	110,783	(94,570)
Cash-Greenways Fund	32,714		32,714	32,714	-
Cash-Rapid 5 Project Fund	-		-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	2,619,916		2,619,916	3,354,687	(734,771)
Prepaid Expenses	136,119		136,119	178,238	(42,119)
Total Current Assets	5,477,813		5,477,813	6,160,131	(682,318)
Non-Current Assets					
Forgivable Mortgages	-		-	2,255	(2,255)
Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,485,952		1,485,952	1,533,703	(47,751)
Fixed Assets	2,297,884		2,297,884	2,159,811	138,073
Contributed Assets	229,492		229,492	229,492	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,041,424)		(1,041,424)	(855,600)	(185,824)
Intangible Asset Building/Equipment Lease/IT Subscriptions Net of Accumulated Amortization	5,185,429		5,185,429	5,528,438	(343,009)
Total Non-Current Assets	6,671,381		6,671,381	7,064,396	(393,015)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	1,451,923	1,451,923	1,451,923	-
GASB 68 Pension		1,404,273	1,404,273	1,404,273	-
GASB 75 OPEB		47,650	47,650	47,650	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	1,451,923	1,451,923	1,451,923	-
Total Assets	12,149,194	1,451,923	13,601,117	14,676,450	(1,075,333)
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	367,966		367,966	409,963	(41,998)
Accrued Payroll and Fringe Benefits	455,448		455,448	448,875	6,573
Accrued Payroll	241,756		241,756	227,071	14,685
Accrued Fringe Benefits	78,722		78,722	77,676	1,046
Other Accrued Liabilities	34,969		34,969	44,128	(9,159)
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	100,000		100,000	100,000	-
Unearned Revenue	742,303		742,303	247,487	494,816
Unearned Revenue	869,399		869,399	423,089	446,310
Unearned Revenue-Member Dues	260,247		260,247	102,990	157,257
Unearned Revenue-Indirect Reserve	(229,473)		(229,473)	(150,574)	(78,899)
Unearned Revenue-Fringe Benefit Reserve	(157,870)		(157,870)	(128,018)	(29,852)
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	531,335		531,335	501,688	29,647
Accrued IT Subscriptions	107,289		107,289	-	107,289
Total Current Liabilities	2,204,340		2,204,340	1,608,014	596,326
Non-Current					
Accrued PTO & Sick Leave	475,653		475,653	520,033	(44,380)
Other Mortgages-Deferred Income	-		-	2,255	(2,255)
Accrued Building/Equipment Lease	4,652,080		4,652,080	5,112,316	(460,236)
Accrued SBITA	-		-	-	-
GASB 68 & 75	-	2,000,733	2,000,733	2,000,733	-
Total Non-Current	5,127,734	2,000,733	7,128,467	7,635,338	(506,871)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - GASB 68 & 75	-	4,921,120	4,921,120	4,921,120	4,538,857
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	4,921,120	4,921,120	4,921,120	-
Total Liabilities	7,332,073	6,921,853	14,253,926	14,164,471	89,455
Net Position					
Beginning Net Position	511,977		511,977	(1,400,466)	1,912,443
Current YTD Net Income	(1,164,787)		(1,164,787)	1,912,443	(3,077,230)
Total Net Position	4,817,120	(5,469,930)	(652,810)	511,977	(1,164,787)
Total Liabilities and Net Position	12,149,193	1,451,923	13,601,116	14,676,450	(1,075,334)



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Joseph Garrity
Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations

DATE: January 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 01-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding recently awarded Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator funding via the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program and enter into related subcontracts and additionally authorizes the executive director to create a competitive application process to distribute funds to MORPC members”**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) recently applied for and was awarded \$2,000,000 in funding via the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. The goal of the NEVI program is to make grants to states and localities that require additional assistance to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

These funds may be used to repair existing, but non-operational, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in Central Ohio. MORPC Staff will develop a competitive application process for eligible local public agencies located within MORPC’s member counties. The funding will be available for State Fiscal Years 2025–2026.

MORPC is currently developing a virtual workshop on this grant, application and selection process and will announce the date of said workshop in the coming months. Information on participating in the workshop will be available on the MORPC website soon.

Attachment: Resolution 01-24

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
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Ben Kessler
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RESOLUTION 01-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreements with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding recently awarded funding via the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program and enter into related subcontracts and additionally authorizes the executive director to create a competitive application process to distribute funds to MORPC members”

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) seeks to contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to implement a competitive grant application for MORPC members to repair and maintain EV infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant agreements total \$2,000,000 and will be utilized to hire subcontractors to complete the repairs and maintenance of existing EV infrastructure within 12 months from the date of the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to this contract will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are subcontracted in MORPC's service area; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into an agreement with FHWA for 12 months to utilize Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator grant funds totaling \$2,000,000 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

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

Effective date: February 8, 2024
Submitted by: Joseph Garrity, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
Prepared by: Mike Borger, Regional Engagement Manager
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: February 8, 2024



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Memorandum

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

FROM: Robert Williams
Senior Director of Residential Services

DATE: January 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 02-24: **“To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for up to \$1.874 million through 2026 to perform lead remediation as part of the Lead Safe Ohio Program”**

MORPC has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships utilizing public and private funds. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners will receive a Lead Safe Ohio Grant from the Ohio Department of Development. MORPC will identify and serve homeowners and when practical also complete an inspection for other health and safety issues and structural issues that can be addressed.

Attachment: Resolution 02-24

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Executive Director

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RESOLUTION 02-24

“To authorize the executive director to enter into agreements with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for up to \$1.874 million through 2026 to perform lead remediation as part of the Lead Safe Ohio Program”

WHEREAS, the 134th General Assembly provided funding to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to support lead prevention and mitigation activities through appropriations from state fiscal recovery funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, ODOD created the Lead Safe Ohio Grant program to allocate funding to all 88 counties to address lead prevention and mitigation to single family units, childcare facilities, and congregate shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to approve and execute any subaward agreements with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC); and

WHEREAS, MORPC will administer production elements of the Lead Safe Ohio Grant for ODOD; and

WHEREAS, MORPC has been providing free residential home repairs and energy efficiency services in Franklin County to eligible residents for over 30 years through public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will identify and serve homeowners and when practical also complete an inspection for other health and safety issues and structural issues that can be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the services performed pursuant to properties identified as part of the ODOD grant will be under the oversight of MORPC and be implemented through a combination of MORPC staff and local businesses that are contracted in MORPC's service area; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with the Franklin County Commissioners for work described in the forthcoming contracts to be awarded for the Lead Safe Ohio Program in the amount up to \$1.874 million through 2026 and enter into related subcontracts.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Chris Amorose Groomes, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date:	February 8, 2024
Submitted by:	Robert Williams, Senior Director of Residential Services
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee

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

DATE: January 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution EC-01-24: **“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with the City of Columbus for \$167,500 to conduct a regional greenhouse gas inventory and lead regional engagement for the Columbus MSA as part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant”**

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program that supports strategies for reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality. These efforts are led by Sustainable Columbus, in partnership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO), IMPACT Community Action, and The Ohio State University.

This planning effort covers the 10-county Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA): Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, and Union Counties. Our focus is on pollution-reduction measures that will make Central Ohio healthier and more prepared for an evolving workforce.

MORPC will collaborate with the City of Columbus and the project team to lead regional elements of the CPRG to engage and align our local government members and communities around common goals and deliverables. MORPC has submitted a letter of support on behalf of our 15-county region, and secured letters of support from 14 of its Sustainable2050 members, a network of local governments committed to and engaged around common regional sustainability goals.

MORPC will play a role in this project by participating in the core project team, leading a regional work group, facilitating regional stakeholder awareness and public involvement, and conducting a Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory (R-GHGI) for the 10-county Columbus MSA.

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RESOLUTION EC-01-24

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with the City of Columbus for \$167,500 to conduct a regional greenhouse gas inventory and lead regional engagement for the Columbus MSA as part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant”

WHEREAS, the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant provides \$1 million in funding under the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to the City of Columbus to develop regional climate plans for reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality for the 10-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); and

WHEREAS, MORPC will work in partnership with City of Columbus and the core project team to participate in the project planning, perform the Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the MSA, contribute to the creation of the preliminary and comprehensive climate action plan, lead a regional committee, and facilitate regional stakeholder awareness and public involvement; and

WHEREAS, MORPC secured letters of support from fourteen of its Sustainable2050 member communities, and is engaging members and partners in each of the 10 counties across the MSA to ensure regional participation and input from across the planning area; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will receive up to \$167,500 from the City of Columbus to perform the regional work of the planning grant which will conclude in 2027; now therefore

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

- Section 1. That the executive director is authorized to enter into agreement with the City of Columbus for \$167,500 to conduct a regional greenhouse gas inventory and lead regional engagement for the Columbus MSA as part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this committee.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this 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.

Michelle Crandall, Interim Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective date: February 1, 2024
Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Chief Regional Strategy Officer & Sr. Director of Planning

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